

PART 2



To begin the construction of this Ecological Civilization, we are in front of **Three Systems of Law**.

Yes, the **GOVERNANCE** structure of this Civilization must seat on the thrown of these Three Systems of Law.

I say this, because the present paradigm of growth and development has been based only on one system of laws, and has disregarded the other systems.

The present paradigm has been based on our "Human Laws", including competition and exclusion.

Based on facts, we all know that Human Laws have clashed with another system of laws.

It has clashed with the Second System of Laws, which is configured and governed by "Natural Laws", "The Laws of Nature", as we witness the ecological crisis on the planet.

These two systems of laws – Human and Natural--are not talking to each other.

Just see how difficult is to reach agreements around Climate Change.

This is why, in many countries, traditional economic growth is translating into great natural disasters, via pollution, resource depletion, ecological imbalances, etc.

We must bridge the gap between Human Law and Natural Law.



To me, the **BRIDGE** between Human and Natural Law, will surge from a Third System of Laws.

This is configured and governed by our "Spiritual Laws".

Laws that surge from our human collective consciousness.

Today's Collective Consciousness does not possess the attributes of an Ecological Civilization.

An Ecological Civilization is based on a different type of wisdom.

This is the wisdom that we must embrace now.

A wisdom where the world is in sync with **The Co-Equality of all Forms** of Life!

Human beings, sentient beings and nature.

This co-equality must be the fundamental pillar of the Ethics and new Eco-Morality within the World Growth Forum.

This demands a complete change of narratives within the Forum.

In addition, this event today must push the existing political limits to better manage our Global Commons.

Here, the Private Sector plays a fundamental role.

Furthermore,

Global Governance is weak or non-existent, demanding real reform of the United Nations System and the Bretton Woods Institutions.



THE NEW GOVERNANCE MUST ENSURE A HIGH-QUALITY GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFORMATION FOR ALL FORMS OF LIFE.

Planetary Governance must go beyond the self-interest of individual countries, and allow the construction of an **ECO-PLANETARY DEMOCRACY**.

This will ensure Eco-Efficiency, Eco-Competitiveness, and Eco-Accounting in an economic system.

This **ECO-DEMOCRACY** must empower the rights of citizens, everywhere, and empower grassroots movements and institutions.

Thus, a new economics must emerge: "CARE ECONOMICS".

Let me **SUM UP** by saying that:

- 1.- An ECOLOGICAL CIVILIZATION is the only destiny of humanity.
- 2.- We do not need to destroy nature to do human good.
- 3.- It is the relationship between nature and human consciousness which will determine the future of the human race.
- 4.- To talk about peace, love, compassion and wisdom is not an esoteric proposition, as they are linked to the foundations of all forms of rights and responsibilities.
- **5.- We need an enlightened way to experience reality** and, thus, assume the full responsibility for all actions and outcomes.
- 6.- Those civilizations that only have human focus have failed.

We are already experiencing a great civilizational change, either by design or by default.



RELEVANT ECO-SPIRITUAL PRINCIPLES EBODIED IN THE SYSTEM OF SPIRITUAL LAWS.

I feel we are longing for an ECO-SPIRITUALITY.

- **ECO-SPIRITUALITY** as 'an important decree' within the path of being.
- ECO-SPIRITUALITY will awaken us to several self-realizations:

This means that **THE TRANSITION** towards an Ecological Civilization requires much deeper inner-transformations than most people realize.

The Totality of Life. All forms of life have an inherent right, not just human beings. This right is given only by the fact that they are part of the matrix of life of this planet.

Total interdependence. All beings and all forms of life on our planet are interdependent. They are not independent. This type of interdependence has purpose and meaning; in other words, it is not random or spurious. Therefore, breaking the chain of interdependence means that many forms of life will not be able to evolve and transform as they initially correspond.

Take care of what is created. We have received the planet in a very well defined way, in terms of quantity and quality. We have received a portfolio of species and life forms. We cannot deliver to others a planet whose state of life and well-being is inferior to the one that has been delivered to us. Human beings have an obligation to care for and preserve creation.

We do not own the planet. We are part of the planet, with rights and responsibilities over everything that exists here. To conquer the planet is to conquer ourselves. Conquer higher levels of consciousness and responsibility. It does not mean enslaving other sentient beings.

The Rights of Future Generations. Future generations are intimately linked to us, as are past generations. We, the present generations,



cannot limit the possibilities or the abilities of self-realization of said future generations. It is a violation of their development and transformation rights. And, it is in this sense that these generations are subjects of law.

There has never been the Right to Destroy. There is no right to destroy. There is no civilization, unless it has been sick, that accepts destruction for destruction's sake. We must all be in favor of life with diversity and the great identity that it has.

The Spiritual Being Lives for Himself and Others. Many of us wonder how to achieve salvation, or how to achieve enlightenment. The most accurate recipe is to dedicate oneself to the service of the other. And if it is a spiritual service, even better. In Buddhism this is called being a Bodhisattva: for whom his Buddhist path is the Buddha of all, including all life forms.

The World as A Collective. We are not an island. We are a WHOLE. The world is not the sum of individuals. We are more than that. We are a collective of life, including human life. But it is very difficult for us to identify, design, evaluate, and implement the collective. Today is the era of collective spirituality. The spirituality of the other. Where my spiritual path is defined with and through the path of the other.

Spiritual Values Matter. Everything needs a great revolution of values. Moving from individualistic and materialistic values to spiritual, humanistic, and collective values: love, compassion, cooperation, solidarity, interdependence, justice, etc. These values are not words but states of being. You have to do it yourself. The bird learned them without having gone to university.

All Sentient Beings Are on the Path of Enlightenment. Not only the human being is on the path of enlightenment; of the maximum expression of him in this earthly experience. All forms of life are in the same process. Everything is a collective illumination. We are all on that path. A path of total mutuality: I am because you are, you are because I am. You have to walk together, without inflicting suffering.



The Law of Karma. The Law of Karma is generally identified with the law of cause and effect. However, this law is also defined as the law of infinite equilibria; that is, 'in the end' all accounts must be settled. Therefore, the destruction of the planet, or of lives within the planet, has to be addressed. It is not a phenomenon outside of us but a reality within us. This is part of a new Eco-Morality and making peace with the environment.

Spiritual Justice. Human justice is not like the so-called divine justice. But there is also a spiritual justice: entering the process of self-realization of the opposite. If I cause damage with the extraction I must self-preserve. If I cause damage, death causes damage, I must self-realize life.

If these principles are adopted, a new policy decision making framework will emerge for growth and sustainable development.

One of the policies will entail avoiding unacceptable forms of theft, through the unnecessary over exploitation of nature.

Another policy entails a shift from a market-designed and governed-led, to a nature-designed and governed economic systems and principles.

The essential importance of the Spiritual Laws is given by the fact that Life, in all its forms, is **AN ACT OF MUTUALITY**, which enables us to withstand a shared planetary future.

We must integrate:

SOME FINAL THOUGHTS

I am not suggesting a purely Nature-Centered Paradigm.

An Ecological Civilization is not totally founded on a Nature-Centered-Approach.

Thus, the dilemma cannot be expressed as choosing between a human-centered and a nature-centered approach.



That is Ecological Falsehood.

Our great mistake has been to separate spirituality from ecology, and live a 'veiled form' of environmental capitalism.

The debate presented here is not just an economic problem.

This is also an ethical and moral problem.

The greatest step we may take is to embrace **The Right to Nature** in all our constitutions.

To deny **The Right to Nature** is tantamount of validating irresponsible ecological and environmental behavior.

Economic growth will greatly suffer.

THE FUTURE RESTS ON LOVE AND MUTALITY.

In my experience, without loving Mother Nature, it will make it impossible **TO LOVE OTHER HUMAN BEINGS**.

Mutuality and the Communion with all forms of life are the fundamental scaffold of true **GLOBAL JUSTICE** in all its dimensions.

Justice must WORK FOR ALL FORMS OF LIFE.

A "new path demands nothing less than a consciousness shift".

The issue is not "to know" more or "to have" more.

The real issue is "to be" and "to become" more.

Thank you very much!

