

From the Phoenix to the Balance Point

Changing the Plan for 2018

A Transformational Response to War, Financial Collapse, and Natural Disaster

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A late February thaw warmed the Earth in the Taghkanic Hills above the Hudson River. A flock of celebrating geese expectantly crested the hill over the valley one sunny morning, only to hunker down that evening in a late winter storm. Geopolitical, financial, and social events ricochet back and forth between similar extremes. Ominous signs of war, financial collapse, and natural disaster require authentic response. Then we can we relax, and fully receive the new light of Spring.

Introduction - Purpose, Paradigm and Intent

To every observer falls a responsibility to declare the intent with which he describes what he sees. Ever since quantum physics proved that events are affected by their observers, it has no longer been enough to strive for objectivity, but is necessary to declare one's intentions when seeking to reveal matters of fact or spirit. I have declared my own intentions in my manifesto *The Balance Point*, below, but briefly, it is to see Earth and Humanity safely and peacefully through a particularly difficult patch of time. At the present moment, various troubled global actors thrash about in a death rattle of militarism, imperialism and spiritual denial. Everyone is involved, everyone is at risk.

In addition, a writer must openly reveal and adhere to some parameter of success or failure. In my own case, having cautioned numerous times over the last three years regarding the potential for a repeat of the 2008 financial crisis perhaps synchronized with a 9/11 type performance leading to problematic global experiences, the fact that we have not yet seen such a crisis warrants an explanation of just why I would continue to point out the creeping and critical dangers.

Every schoolchild learns early not to cry wolf, and I am often cautious in my remarks and their distribution. In this case, I have moved from cautious warnings to more urgent ones as the year 2018 approached. There are many reasons for this, but perhaps the most recurring and specific one is that 2018 is the year the Economist called for the introduction of a single global currency, then called the Phoenix:

"THIRTY years from now (written Jan. 9, 1988) Americans, Japanese, Europeans, and people in many other rich countries, and some relatively poor ones will probably be paying for their shopping with the same currency."

No one with any grasp of modern history could possibly imagine that such words from the house organ of the modern establishment can safely be forgotten. And they haven't.

To be fair, the words used in the concluding sentence of the article were "Pencil in the Phoenix for around 2018, and welcome it when it comes," which may mean they were giving themselves some leeway. But the ongoing rise of an International Monetary Fund currency called SDRs, Bitcoin and other types of "asset digitization" suggests the plan is basically on track.

I've published warnings about these issues starting at least as early as March of 2013, for example in a white paper entitled, "The Seven Year Plan." This document described the curious correlation of the seven year cycle of stock market collapses and recessions with the biblical jubilee year rhythm, and the seven year crop failure rhythm in the story of Joseph and Pharaoh (Genesis Chapter 47). Based on what looked to me like nearly fifty years of clear seven year activity back to 1966, I started warning more earnestly with each passing year. Here's what I said then:

"The period 2014 -2018 (seven years after the 2007-8 crash) and beyond is likely to be the most dangerous period in human history since the second world war."

I assumed then that the crash would have to take place several years prior to 2018 in order that sufficient "austerity" would be experienced by the populace to make us willing to give up national sovereignty and independent national currencies in exchange for a "reinvigorated" economy under the Phoenix. This too was a guesstimate based on the language in the article:

"Governments are far from ready to subordinate their domestic objectives to the goal of international stability. Several bigger exchange-rate upsets, a few more stock market crashes and probably a slump or two will be needed before politicians are willing to face squarely up to that choice."

Reading between the lines, with this much hindsight, someone might get the eerie feeling that another alternative might be to create such crashes and slumps if necessary. This concern will not be hard to understand for students of economic history, wherein political manipulation has played a dominant role - if not always in the day to day activity of the economy - but in the major changes to the status quo of its operating system and principles, such as the choice of fiat or gold backing, fractional reserve regulations and interest rate / government bond market interventions.

But there is another way to roll out a single global currency after all: stealth. This appears to be at least part of the strategy. Instead of crashing things to manipulate the

aftermath, in the same time period I was warning about, the cryptocurrency craze - which has problematic security agency fingerprints on it - is sucking people in, making what would otherwise have seemed undesirable to the point of inconceivable into something people actually think they want: a global digital currency that replaces national sovereignty, physical assets and cash.

Keep this in mind as you read on.

North Korea, Iran and the Middle East

Korean peninsula relations are moving to a thaw, especially following the emotional reconciliation at the Pyeongchang Olympics. Both South and North Korea are asking the US to back off its recent nuclear and sanctions rhetoric. Despite the fact that China can ill afford to lose the United States as a trading and investment partner (China owns \$1.2T in US bonds) and is ideally positioned on North Korea's borders if ever that country should need restraint, the United States appears to remain committed to a belligerent position on North Korea with little apparent rationale. Perhaps that's because the real reason why North Korea is such a problem is less known. US and global war hawks are often united in targeting North Korea and Iran because North Korea could do something these hawks cannot abide: give Iran a nuclear weapon. Recent media reports suggest that the real *causis belli* for war against North Korea is the nuclear weapons issue.¹

The United States and Israel appear to have determined that the North Korean nuclear capability could be put to use by Iran in the prevention of a key tenet of Israeli and globalist strategy in the region: Israeli control from the Nile to the Euphrates rivers with no possible opposition. This strategy has been pursued with American political and corporate support for decades, and the insertion of war hawks into key national security and defense positions under Trump is very similar to the sudden neoconservative power grab leading up to the promotion and prosecution of the War in Iraq.² The key documents describing the US-Israeli strategy in the Middle East are Richard Perle et al: *A Clean Break, a New Strategy for Securing the Realm*³ and the Ralph Peters map.⁴ A brief look at them will make clear how threatening a nuclear armed Iran must seem to those planning on dominating the Middle East without peaceful relations in mind. Recent Israeli moves to criminalize internal criticism of its military suggests its leaders are in no mood to change course.

1 [Iranian-North Korean talks raise specter of cooperation on military, ballistic missile technology](#)

2 [Neoconservatives may finally get their war with Iran, from Donald Trump](#)

3 [Clean Break to Dirty Wars](#)

4 [Peters' "Blood borders" map](#)

The only reasonable, popular, and legitimate foreign policy in the modern global age is a peaceful one. Furthermore most Americans and Israelis have no idea what North Korea experienced in the Korean War, in which every structure in Pyongyang was flattened to the point that US bombing missions were "...running low on urban targets... [and] destroyed hydroelectric and irrigation dams in the later stages of the war, flooding farmland and destroying crops."⁵

The suffering in the Middle East is much more well-known, and is now starting to be felt acutely in Europe as traumatized and radicalized survivors end up deported to EU quota regions for more social experimentation and political manipulation. Such a predictable flashpoint has led to the most unstable situation in Europe since the end of the Cold War.

At the recent annual NATO gathering in Munich, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu again declared hostile intentions towards the Iranians who, along with the US, Russia, and Turkey have responded to open and overt Israeli military activity throughout the Syrian war theater with support for their own interests in the region.⁶

None of this would warrant particularly high states of alarm, however, were it not for a few other details. One is that credible foreign policy journals have reported CIA sources stating that the agency has been put on a war footing with respect to North Korea.⁷ It's worth quoting the insider sources to get a feel for what that really means:

"America's spies are pivoting the magnifying glass, funneling much of the weight of billions of dollars in technical infrastructure and trained professionals toward Pyongyang, current and former intelligence officials told Foreign Policy.

"The national technical focus is being switched," one former intelligence official with knowledge of the developments told FP. "The national technical focus is being switched," one former intelligence official with knowledge of the developments told FP. There are "wholesale" shifts worth billions of dollars redirecting signals intelligence, overhead imagery, geospatial intelligence, and other technical capabilities, toward Pyongyang."

Most recently, chemical weapons attacks in Syria have been doubtfully blamed on the Syrian regime by major US media.⁸ These headlines are dubiously reminiscent of the false allegations of chemical weapons in Iraq that led to that war. Syria, Russia and much of the rest of the world always deny these allegations, suggesting very

5 [Americans have forgotten what we did to North Korea](#)

6 [Netanyahu to Iran: 'Do Not Test Israel's Resolve'](#)

7 [All Eyes on North Korea: Intelligence agencies are surging resources to focus on the Korean Peninsula.](#)

8 [U.N. Links North Korea to Syria's Chemical Weapons Program](#)

convincingly that the attacks are instead engineered provocations designed to legitimate predetermined western military activity in the region. As Israel celebrates Purim on February 28th and March 1st in 2018, it is worth noting that this holiday, which historically commemorates the launch of Israeli military activity, also heralded the beginning of the War in Iraq.⁹

Another cause for concern is that although Russia sometimes appears to be acting to neutralize NATO-Israeli plans for Middle East domination through endless war, Vladimir Putin has very close relations with Israeli and Russian-Jewish oligarchs. His recent meetings with Netanyahu have appeared to result in tactical Russian stand-down when Israeli jets flew active missions against targets in Syria. The apparent animosity between the US and Russia could well be low-level show, a situation that was well-practiced during the Cold War in order to yield specific geopolitical results of interest to the operators of the Capitalist Communist International. Air Force Colonel Fletcher Prouty's famous role in the JFK movie as "X" is outdone only by his revelations regarding the hotline between the Dulles brothers in Washington and the Soviet Union Politburo by which a coordinated foreign policy was covertly conducted.¹⁰ His work as Chief of Special Operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President John F. Kennedy makes it hard to ridicule his revelations.

Finally, my concern has now risen to acute because of the 2018 timing issue for the *seemingly inevitable*¹¹ global financial collapse I mentioned in my introduction. *Seemingly* because a stealth strategy for single global currency deployment has recently become more visible with the rise of government-connected cryptocurrencies. Instead of collapse and restructure, as in 2008, The Great Depression et al, we may see a Fabian, boil the frog slowly type of single global currency takeover. I say *inevitable* because financial collapses are a regular occurrence throughout history, are controllable at the Central Bank level, are rhythmic typically on a seven to fourteen year basis going back into ancient history and ***are often coordinated with geopolitical or domestic changes considered desirable by those in control.*** The confluence and coordination of Anglo-American and Israeli geostrategic power with global central bank and financial power has been clearly evident at least since World War I when the modern contours of central planning began to take shape. The establishment of British Palestine, the Federal Reserve, massive US overseas military involvement, global communism as a useful antithesis to freedom, and accelerating federalization in Europe define this period. These trends continued to dominate headlines and geopolitics through WWII and the Cold War,

9 Purim celebrates the beginning of Jewish military action against certain Persians. Details can be found in the explanations at Chabad.org.

10 See Fletcher Prouty's book on the Kennedy Assassination: [JFK: The CIA, Vietnam, and the Plot to Assassinate John F. Kennedy](#)

11 Note that its inevitability has been rendered somewhat less necessary based on the apparent success of the stealth global currency through blockchain project. See Karen Mutton's article in Nexus Magazine: [Blockchain Cryptocurrencies: A Tool to Save, or Enslave?](#)

after which Communist China emerged (or was chosen¹²) as the economically viable antithesis to freedom. Russia had been murdered and then collapsed under a Communism that was invented in and sponsored by the West.¹³

Anything But Dull

2018 promises to be anything but dull. Already the Ring of Fire seismic and volcanic regions of the Pacific are moving into major activity with several eruptions and earthquakes signaling the awakening of Earth's own response to the situation. In addition, astrological conditions - much studied by the esoterically adept leaders of certain ancient and modern political movements - are particularly revolutionary. I will highlight only a few, but recommend works by Rick Tarnas and William Stickevers¹⁴ for more detail.

I take this short excursion into astrology not because I believe in it or wish to insult the reader's intelligence, but because the esoteric leaders of the power elite are known to employ astrologers. Since ancient times, leaders good and bad have ubiquitously used astrologers and their knowledge for strategic planning purposes. They are not likely to try anything unless they believe the stellar alignments are supportive of their goals. Working forward from observed patterns in the past, we can guess when they might think the stars will be favorable based on the timing of their previous actions.¹⁵ In this sense, astrology provides an empirical, historically verifiable correlative framework independent of opinions regarding its legitimacy for other purposes.

From the perspective of those using astrology for political purposes, Jupiter's move into Scorpio from October 2017-November 2018 might suggest a natural time for engagement with the shadow and death aspects of Scorpio. Saturn's recent conjunction with the Galactic Core in early December 2017 may suggest to them a favorable moment for **supermajor** realignment of global governance. These alignments do appear to correspond with heightened global political activity as can be readily observed.

In addition, the Pluto-Saturn conjunction beginning now and climaxing in 2020 is noteworthy in the context of some of its previous major alignments: 9/11, the beginning of the Cold War¹⁶, the Great Depression and outbreak of World War I.

12 David Rockefeller's [remarks on China in the New York Times of 1973](#) are strangely coincident with the beginning of a US policy to move our manufacturing to China. The famous quote is "Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering high morale and community of purpose."

13 For details on the sponsorship of communism by the West, please see Antony Sutton, *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution* et al.

14 William Stickevers website is <http://williamstickevers.com>. See below footnote regarding Rick Tarnas.

15 For more information on the upcoming conjunction of Saturn-Pluto and other astrological events associated with geopolitical changes see Rick Tarnas' book [Cosmos and Psyche](#), p. 226-238 and throughout.

Enter The Phoenix

The choice of an ancient Egyptian symbol to represent the single global currency basically proves esoteric involvement in the planning for the Phoenix. Perhaps the reader will no longer be skeptical when I suggest that the Economist article - unattributed as usual - is in fact a statement of intent.

These are but a few of the most pressing facts and issues suggesting that war and financial collapse (or stealth takeover) are on the globalist agenda for 2018, largely as a method to consolidate a global technocratic state. The continuing march of technology in society, media, education, and now finance and governance flies in the face of clear evidence of its unhealthy effects, physical, mental and social.¹⁷

Although the situation is serious, there are outlier events and butterfly effects associated with a parallel rise in global self-consciousness¹⁸. One of these is The Balance Point, described in my manifesto below.

Collapse Could Lead to a Better World

In addition it is with some hope that I here point out, and not for the first time, that there are at least two ways in which financial collapse can be good.

For one, a market collapse does tend to reduce strain on natural resources as consumption and growth decrease, leaving the environment to recover and revitalize. In fact, it is **very important** for people to understand that in the financial ecology context, down is often up. In other words, the collapsing stock price of a coal or weapons company is a net benefit to the health of the world. For this reason, investors focused on human and natural values must completely forget about traditional investment approaches and focus on how best to achieve their overall life goals, to include healthy financial returns, in up, down, and sideways markets. Sideways markets may require different strategies (although trading costs continue to decrease) such as sustainable fixed income investments which would maintain both financial performance and positive impact until a clear market direction makes equities, either long or short, attractive again.

For two, in down markets investors can profitably divest from or short bad actor companies and countries in ways similar to the global divestment campaign that resulted

16 The Cold War turned out to be a sophisticated and deadly ruse managed by the supranational power brokers. It is interesting and instructive to see this same ruse returning in the new Russia vs US, Putin / Trump narrative.

17 The rising chorus of anti-technology voices has reached a crescendo with multiple defections from inside the Google, Facebook and Apple camps, and now include activist investors like JANA and pension funds such as CalSTRS who are focused in particular on the issue of teen smartphone addiction and depression issues.

18 To quote Dostoevsky, this consciousness is often linked to suffering, of which we have had quite enough.

in the end of apartheid South Africa. This has a two-fold benefit yielding financial return while reducing the power of the bad actor. Proceeds from such investment earnings can later be reinvested in sustainable and social companies at the market bottom. In time, such a trend would result in the complete reconfiguration of the world.

In addition, a controlled financial collapse associated with war, cyberdominance, nuclear proliferation, and global instability could easily spiral out of control and result in a totally unforeseen Earthly development wherein a mass exodus from the dystopian status quo leaves the New World Order holding a bag in which there is nothing of value. This is already happening to some extent in the media where established brands with costly infrastructure have lost their power to independent investigators tired of propaganda and politically correct globalism.

A clearly visible dystopian global state will immediately supercharge efforts to launch new sovereign jurisdictions. In the same way political and spiritual persecution led to the United States and its evolutionary governance model, dystopian globalism has already resulted in backlash from the rapidly evolving and often indigenous nations of Ecuador, Bolivia, Bhutan, Puerto Rico, and other island nations. It has also, of course, led to the reemergence of ancient national and spiritual heritage affiliations, which, if suffused with new spirit, can provide the basis for very capable self-governance outside the global superstructure.

The Hegelian Dialectic - Weaponized

Another thing to watch for is the use of two main parties (or any "adversaries") in succession to accomplish different but complementary objectives. This is the infamous, weaponized version of the Hegelian dialectic: thesis, antithesis, synthesis. As Trump's first term comes to an apex, there is a lot of noise against him, but he appears to have retained sufficient global support to maneuver privately and publicly. But perhaps this will only last so long as he continues to support the US and globalist military strategy: denuclearization of North Korea and Iran. Although he may infuriate **everyone** on domestic policy issues or with his personality and character, his messianic Christian-Zionist militarism and the frightening coincidence of his bankruptcy lawyer as Ambassador to Israel, suggest that Trump's usefulness and survivability within the Establishment may only be assured as long as he will do what Democratic Presidents often seek to avoid: enter a major war on a concocted, "preemptive" basis.

However, serious preparations are underway internationally to move the US balance of power to the left in the mid-term elections. This is of course in part organic and understandable. But one of the particular issues the left is being programmed to prioritize is citizen gun control, leaving aside the question of why we continue to support massive military budgets and expect somehow to get a peaceful nation at home.

Gun control is well known to be a high priority of every dictatorship, but it is something that only the Democrats can deliver in the US.

The manipulation of the political process by using both sides for different purposes was, to my research, first cited by the brilliant Austrian spiritual scientist Rudolf Steiner. He showed that at least since the French Revolution, Illuminist Freemasons and Jesuit propagandists have worked together to obscure the origins and aims of the revolution, despite the apparent animosity between the two.¹⁹

Conclusion

The current volatile situation in the early part of 2018 is uniquely dangerous and opportune. In all my life I have never been so frightened or hopeful at the same time. In such times it is worth remembering that the Chinese character for "crisis" consists of two other characters brought together: "danger" and "opportunity." While this coincidence can be cynically manipulated, it is also timely to consider how *we* will respond to such events. Let the benefits not accrue simply to global control masterminds. It is time once again to take up the sacred call of political evolution. We must put to ourselves the hard questions, those left unanswered by the founding fathers and mothers in bygone revolutionary times.

I see this same danger and opportunity again in the cryptocurrency world. New models of sovereignty, nationhood and value-sharing are emerging with speed and flash that could either make a world based on heartfelt parameters for success, or contribute to the digital dystopia about which we have been warned for at least two thousand years.

To the extent that human cryptocurrency developers come back down to Earth with the results of their experiments, and focus holistically on the healthy development of human potential *independent of technology* - with moral and spiritual relations founded on the precautionary principle and total personal and planetary responsibility - we can be hopeful it may bear good fruit for the future.

I have taken great hope from the initiatives of Ecuador, Bolivia, Bhutan and the Islands to declare for the rights of nature and indigenous culture. I have also found much to inspire in the political and social work of Rudolf Steiner, whose Threefold Commonwealth is such a beautiful, organic and cosmic political expression. Exactly one hundred years ago, this situationally responsive and evolutionary document burst onto the world stage from the heart of one of humanity's best friends.²⁰ Separating the

19 See *The Karma of Untruthfulness* by Rudolf Steiner. This inconvenient need for apparent animosity between covert esoteric manipulators may have been obviated by the Vatican II conference and other subsequent deconstructions of what was left of the true heart of the Catholic Church. See the work of Malachi Martin.

20 See *The Threefold Commonwealth* and related material by Rudolf Steiner, (1861-1925)

state into three separate, sovereign but linked institutions with flexible geographic boundaries, Steiner's political philosophy creates three fundamental separations of human governance: a Cultural Commonwealth, a Political or Rights Commonwealth and an Economic Commonwealth. This separation continues the process of disentangling the various aspects of human governance that began with the separation of Church and State, and takes on some of the other unruly actors: monopolistic economic powers and totalitarian political states.

The continuing success of the ecovillage and the sustainable, climate-friendly movements also inspires. All our relations in the indigenous world and intentional communities do as well. In *The Balance Point*, set forth below, I begin to describe a vision of an underground railroad of such communities. Here, the real world living solutions developed in such communities - in loving relationship with Earth and Sky, the Goddess and God - would be offered to all, very much similar to the decentralized ideas of cryptocurrency pioneers, ***but without the crutch and chain of technology!***

Humanity wants to move towards healing and maturity, and away from the indiscriminate growth of the worst of our follies. Perhaps the largest folly of all remains that there might be something outside us - whether technology, wealth, idea, or magic - that could ever mean more than what lies within.

The Balance Point

A Universal Manifesto

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The Balance Point is the point; the point of Creation. It is the desire of the heart, which is itself the balance between the head and the tail, the spirit and the will, vision and desire, the God and the Goddess. As such it can be an idea or take any form. It is the essence of evolution, as well as its goal; its means and end.

The Balance Point is loving. It is also conscious and sensitive, and finally, active. It is a place and the essence of that place, a time and the essence of that time.

Together with my wife, Vera Hanakova, I discovered The Balance Point in the course of the initiatory trials of life. Among a great many other honors, Vera deserves the credit for asking the question that gave it birth.

"But what is the point of it all?" she asked me that day, with that especially intense frustration I had heard so many times before. She, after all, has to *feel* so acutely all the many inadequacies in me, our life, and the world.

To which I answered rather glibly and ritualistically, not feeling any better at the time:

"The point is the balance;" I started, pulling up midsentence, dismayed at the lifeless quality of my words. I quickly checked internally to see if there wasn't something more relevant to say under the circumstances.

Vera did know what I mean. She had heard it often enough before. The balance between the God and Goddess plays the lead role in the evolution of Creation within the cosmology we both study. However we were both used to this answer feeling dogmatic and sterile, especially in the experience of adversity.

But on that sunny day, in the heat of months-long passionate arguments over our relationship and life direction, some angel's wing beat life into my words.

In that forlorn, paradoxical state of hopeful resignation I sometimes find myself in, I suddenly had a flash of insight.

Feeling amazed, I heard the next words bubbling up within me. Taking risk and courage, I started to open my mouth while listening to a suddenly active inner voice.

After speaking the above sentence, "The point is the balance;" I then rephrased it according to the joking enthusiasm of this childlike angel who was demanding expression. With a smile of mischievous, fun-loving creativity, I dropped it on Vera.

"The Balance Point," I finished, hoping the value of the idea wasn't lost in the pun. Vera wasn't fully satisfied, but gave it room to grow.

I didn't hesitate and wasted no time. For I was now *seeing* The Balance Point, architecture, landscape and all. Vera began to join in conversation. As it tumbled out of our mouths, we worked together on the vision, stitching it together from remnants of hopes and dreams that stretch into forever.

This conversation with Vera was a rambling one, spoken during a car-ride to Ithaca, New York in the summer of 2016 or so. The bulk of the revelation emerged during a hundred mile wrong turn into the Adirondacks. It was as though the visions I had been nursing of a future civilization began falling onto my parched soul like raindrops. At the time, my principal focus had been on the aggregation of spiritual communities, ecovillages, indigenous societies and fellow travelers into a kind of underground railroad type of new cosmic nation. Decentralized, sovereign, and desiring to provide refuge, healing and vision for the future, The Balance Point sees that people are again moving to unite under banners different from and outside the dominant ideologies and jurisdictions. Scientistic modernism, nationalism, and internationalism are dead or dying.

I had a marriage of indigenous and modern in mind, where technological convenience was tempered by love for the Earth and a sensitive appreciation for the benefits of living not only in community but in an ecological communion with Earth and Cosmos. This concept was well-expressed in the Old Religion of Europe and other indigenous cultures who regard the fertility of the Earth as corresponding to the extent to which human beings live in balance with the God and Goddess. It is also well-expressed in Ursula Leguin's famous novel, Always Coming Home and other philosophies like Christopher Alexander's A Pattern Language and Ernest Callenbach's Ecotopia.

The essential psychological and social soul of the vision was also born of this marriage. The developments of modern psychology and spiritual science come back into an appreciative embrace of the ancient indigenous wisdom of the human family. In particular, the emphasis on the healing of trauma is paramount. The focus of this healing is on self-actualization in life and relationship, with particular attention paid to romance and sexuality. Here lie the deepest wounds in Creation, in desperate need of the healing attention so necessary to the development of peaceful, happy people, communities, nations and worlds.

My wife and I are, and had been at the time, especially active in the healing work of Stanislav Grof, inheritor of one branch of the Jungian traditions as elaborated by Abraham Maslow. Maslow is famous for many things, but in particular as the creator of his "hierarchy of needs," and as a scientific advocate of the "self-actualization" principle so long extolled by the Eastern cultures under the words "self-realization." In Maslow's hands, however, self-actualization did not entail renunciation, but rather an embrace of the full wisdom of the inner desire of human beings to fully express themselves romantically, spiritually, culturally, politically and economically.

In this context, the early visions of The Balance Point included retreat centers like those where the holotropic breathwork of Stan Grof is practiced, as well as ecotourism and spa destinations worldwide that are or could be linked to these purposes and communities.

The fundamental advance made in The Balance Point as a worldview and blueprint for civilization is the integration of the awareness of Right Use of Will. These are a series of eight books and a sequel, Feelings Matter written by or under the stewardship of Ceanne de Rohan. The message of these books fundamentally alters the priority of the present. It articulates an incontestable insistence that the healing of the Feminine Principle, the Mother of Everything, is the indispensable key to the health of the future and to the manifestation of a true balance point. Not surprisingly, it also provides the most intricate detail and instruction regarding how to accomplish this. I have tested its principles in my life and found them to work with far deeper consequence than anything else.

I have been preoccupied for some time by the problem of the developing global government. So the idea that a decentralized network of organically self-healing communities could ultimately form the mother seed of an alternative to global totalitarianism is exciting to me. I saw in The Balance Point an action plan that may satisfy the well-known criteria of Buckminster Fuller that it not oppose the status quo, but rather make it obsolete – irrelevant and uncool in contemporary language. Maybe too it could satisfy Victor Hugo's argument that nothing is more powerful than an idea whose time has come.

So I began to imagine the issuance of a passport to this new nation, with rights and responsibilities, a constitution and a currency. Everything will be based on a loving relationship with Earth and Community. The new health-care system will use the holistic biophysics and functional systems medicine principles developed by Wayne Miller and others. In parallel collaboration with Travis Henry and Jordan Walker, I made a concerted effort to integrate the Threefold Commonwealth social ideas of Rudolf Steiner, whose Waldorf Schools and Camphill Communities form part of the core of The Balance Point's plausible international constituency.

I was triggered by the remarkable human potential movement described by the Superlearning book series. Gopi Krishna's critique of the philosophy of technology also moved me deeply, so I began focusing on the difference between technologically and philosophically mediated human potential. The Balance Point argues that the current technological development model is empowering those who would lead us to enslavement in a soulless and Earth-devouring dystopia. Technology requires complete revision and overhaul along lines proposed by Paul Emberson and the Anthro-Tech Institute. There can be awareness of unintended consequences, and these can be considered in the process of technological development, rather than afterwards while cleaning up the mess and healing the broken lives. Better still, in The Balance Point, the focus of culture rests once again on the organic, magical, and spiritual human being, with healing and potential expression as its goal.

Before I go on, let me be clear that some of these ideas, while not my own in the technical sense that ideas are not property, are still only that: ideas. I have no formal relationships with any of the above named people or organizations dedicated to the development of this vision in practice. But the development and communication of the initial vision has led to interest from colleagues in diverse contexts. They feel it has some applicability to their own vision and work. This enthusiastic reception makes me hopeful that there is a timely place for The Balance Point in the soul of the world today.

There are two specific new applications of The Balance Point idea that bring me great hope and challenge. One is its application to a large community of workforce housing developments in the south-central United States. The other is a crypto-currency. If The Balance Point is in fact a fertile, powerful and timely philosophy, it should be able to enlighten the endeavors of today *and* tomorrow. For now, I will be sharing ideas related to its application in these two specific cases with the leaders of the two initiatives. Later, should their permission be forthcoming, I will share our experience and lessons learned as amendments to this manifesto.

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