

OCCUPY EARTH - OUR EMERGING SPIDERWEB OF TRANSFORMATION

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The "Occupy" Movement has wisely kept its focus on [the 1%](#) exploitation of the 99%. That issue is core, and they are very successfully expanding awareness of it. The [complicity of banks, government, and corporations](#) is so universal that resolving it is both simple and complicated. Simple - we just have to acknowledge its fundamental wrongness and end it. Complicated - *everything* has to change. The good news is that wonderful transformation is involved in everyone's lives. And we DO know what and how to change. The process of getting there is already irreversible, and unfolding as we watch!

A couple of personal background overviews: "[Stop Being So Gullible.](#)" [Shedding A Skin That No Longer Fits](#), [The Five Horsemen of OUR Apocalypse](#), [A Different World Awaits](#).

What follows are some essential pieces of that spiderweb, what they involve, and some resources. Like any ecosystem, it is an interweaving of connected things. Add your own - this is just a start, to show the picture. Others, like Bob Bowman, have published lots more details of needed changes - [A Patriot's Agenda, Nov 2010](#)

DEMOCRACY/TRUE SECURITY: Here's what we (the 99%) need, demand, and have rights to:

- FREE ELECTIONS – To get anywhere, we need government that represents *us*. That requires *free* and *honest* elections with free and equal candidate access to public media, paper voting records, corruption-free courts, community ownership of media, add-free TV. Details: [First Things First](#)
- FULL EMPLOYMENT, 32 HOUR WORK WEEK – Less junk, less work needed, shorten work week, work for all. Details: [Ban Billboards](#), [Buy Less](#), [Work Less](#)
- LIVING WAGES – Nobody mentions that a number of cities already require this. Think how many tokenistic government programs could be eliminated by just this one action! Details: [US Berkeley Labor Center](#)
- SINGLE PAYER MEDICARE FOR ALL – Cut costs in half, make available to all. Do what other countries successfully do. Details: [Real Health Care](#)
- SECURE RETIREMENT – Yes, this is part of the worldwide Universal Declaration of Human Rights. For a broad, non-employment-tied viewpoint, see [Wiki – Social Security](#)
- FREEDOM TO TRAVEL/LIVE – This doesn't even need a link. Consider the "immigration" smokestorm. Seems to me WE are the illegal immigrants in North America. And if "Free Trade" wasn't BS, *it* would allow free movement of "labor"!
- EQUITY OF WEALTH AND POWER – Vital. If you don't think this is essential, try to convince your local McDonalds to pay you a living wage. Britain went from an inequitable aristocracy to a democracy solely through progressive taxation. Details: [Wealth and Democracy](#). An inequitable, complex, technological society is terminally vulnerable if not accepted by ALL its members. Here's 9/11 predicted 15 years before: [The End of Nuclear War](#).
- FOSSIL-FUEL-FREE FUTURE / GLOBAL NON-WARMING – **If you check out nothing else in this list, check this.** Simple, multiple, and redundant ways to reduce our energy use by 90%. Break free from the delusionary falsehood of conventional "economics". Details: [Quick and Simple Answers](#). For more detail, see [Reinvent Fire](#).

- SUSTAINABILITY – Belief that we have no responsibility for impact of our numbers, and consumption of [non-renewable resources](#) are obvious core sources of world problems. We now spend 33-40% of our national income just to pay for growth. Think what a difference those resources can make in people's lives. The biggest and easiest shifts are simple value changes mentioned in "Quick and Simple Answers" above!
- END TERRORISM – It should be obvious to all by now – drone killing of citizens, wars based on totally fabricated hysteria, pepper-spraying of seated protestors. Murders of Democratic presidents, Martin Luther King. Even 9/11. Our government is the greatest terrorist on Earth. Just one detail: [We Have Found the Terrorist – It is U.S.](#)

MONEY: Money is not material wealth or real economics. It is merely a media of exchange and an overlay for shifting "ownership". All the trillions of dollars stolen by Wall Street and the Banks still exist, and can be recovered through appropriate taxation. Money rules are twisted enough to need special focus for change, but have little to do with our real economic wealth.

Someone tried, a few years ago, to figure out what the total wealth was of our country. Difficult, considering that our true wealth is intangible – health, love, being of value to others. But what they came up with was interesting. Only 2% of our national wealth was consumer *durable* goods! 8% was real estate, 16% financial wealth. The remaining 75%? "Human capital" – the precious skills and capabilities of every one of us.

- RECOVER \$\$\$ FROM WEALTHY, BANKS, CORPS - [Tax Wealth](#)
- PAY AS WE GO – Of course we can – and should. [Paying for Change](#)
- TAX RICH AND CORPORATIONS – [Tax the Super-Rich Now](#), [Unnecessary Austerity](#)
- END SUBSIDIES TO CORPORATIONS, FOSSIL FUELS, WAR – This is all "pork-barrel"
- STOP CORPORATE WARS – Details: [Shame and Outrage](#)
- ABANDON BIG BANKS – Details: [Nationalize the Federal Reserve Bank](#), [Move Money to Local Banks](#), [Develop State Banks](#)
- TAX STOCK TRANSFERS – Details: [Stock Transfer Taxes](#).
- TAX FOSSIL FUELS, ENERGY USE, RESOURCE EXTRACTION – Details: [Cosmic Economics](#)
- BAN/TAX ADVERTISING – Consider this source, but it indicates strong interest by states in taxing advertising, a big element causing economic centralization. Advertising concentrates economic power. Time to get it off our highways and TV. Details: [Tax Advertising](#), [Ad-Free TV](#).
- INTANGIBLE PROPERTY TAX – Property taxes are a tax on wealth; a means for improving democratic equity. Intangible taxes are taxes primarily on stocks and bonds – a form of wealth now far exceeding physical property. Florida and Kentucky were two states that maintained such taxes until recently. [Intangible property taxes](#)
- GET OUT OF PERSONAL DEBT / CREDIT CARDS / AUTO-HOME- EDUCATION LOAN DEBT Details: [Debt Traps](#), [Borrowing Trouble](#), [Forgiving Student Loans](#)
- PAY OFF OUR NATIONAL DEBT – [Now!](#)
- DEBT FORGIVENESS JUBILEE – Our major global debts are fraud-based, and more than repaid. IMF loans, student loans, credit card debts, national debts for wars of global dominance. Debt forgiveness is a liberating act of grace. Details: [Debt Forgiveness](#).

MATERIAL WORLD: Let go of this obsession. Let go of greed as a guiding light, and the institutional structures based on it. What does that mean? Chaos. Hooray! Only way to get the juices going again. Let go of the rule-books that squish all life. International trade, advertising, corporations, television, insurance companies, lawyers, non-durables, too much *stuff*? Growth, debt, inequity? The good news is that what we have is hugely more adaptable than we first think. What already exists around us is FREE. Adaptation is *employment*, not resource, intensive.

- FACTOR-10 ECONOMICS OF TRUTH, NOT AUSTERITY – Current economics is not a science, but a fraud to mask exploitation. The good news is that true economics shows we can do things *ten times* better, making enough available for all. There is plenty for the *needs* of all. Details: [Truth and Consequences in Economics](#), [The Economics of Wholeness, A New Housing Paradigm](#).
- FAIR TRADE [Fair Trade Towns](#), [Good Work](#), [Stolen Goods](#).
- ENERGY RETROFIT OUR HOMES – 80% reduction in energy use possible in existing homes. Local employment. Common sense. [Our Homes Are A Goldmine](#), [Require Net-Zero-Energy Homes](#).
- LOCAL FOOD - Huge things are happening in this area. 100 Mile Thanksgivings, big shifts to better food. [Food Roots](#), for example publishes a guide to local farms and food sources on the North Oregon Coast.
- TRANSPORT TAX / REFORM – There are lots of cars available with more than 100mpg mileage. But not in the US. Feebates, CarShare, Smart Jitneys – lots of new possibilities. [Double Vehicle Mileage NOW](#)
- RESTORATIVE JUSTICE – Higher percentage of the population in prison in the US than elsewhere. Why? It's profitable. Details: [Prison Bait](#), [Restorative Justice Online](#)
- EDUCATIONAL REFORM – Non-required, free education, reducing costs by 90%. It's time for change, we have models that work. Details: [Higher Education](#), [Terminal Ed: Our Schools Are Dead](#).
- REAWAKENING OUR SCIENCES – Our sciences have been crippled by timidity and "for profit" research. Acknowledging the energetic nature of our cosmos - plasma physics and qi energy (core to at least 65 cultures worldwide) holds profound transformations for our sciences and culture, linking us back into primal unitary consciousness, multiple realms of existence, knowing what is best for all of creation, truth not lies. See [Reawakening Our Sciences](#).
- REDUCING *NEED* FOR GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRACY – *Need* for government (ie. regulations) arises from imbalance of power and abusive organization. Regulations, of course, then get twisted. Unions arise because of corporate abuse, etc. Systemic changes are needed. Details: [True Security](#), [Time to Rethink Affordable Housing](#)
- END CORPORATE "PERSONHOOD" - Resolutions have been passed in nearly thirty cities and counties. [Goodbye Inc.](#) and [movetoamend amendment](#)

RESTORING THE SACRED: Our deepest goals, and the roots of sustainability, are rarely material or economic. They include love and being loved, feeling of value to others, knowing we have something to contribute. They embrace friendship, peace, security, health, well-being, adventure, joy, passion and connection with the sacred. They encompass meaningfulness and purpose of our life; growth, fullness, and experience; successful meeting of challenges; knowledge and expansion of our own capabilities. What's worth putting our energy into achieving? All of these are possible and achievable. They can, and will, change the world:

- SEX, MONEY, DEATH, are the three "no's" we're not supposed to talk about. Which means there's real power and wrongness to be released. We **DO** live forever. Money **ISN'T** where it's at. Our culture and religions are perverts relative to the power and use of sexual energy. Wait 'til you see what releases here! One small detail: [Gateways of Life and Death](#)
- RAGE AND VIOLENCE – Deep rage from all kinds of suppression and domination seethes in our culture, and will explode and destroy it if its core causes are not eliminated. [Violence/Non-violence](#)
- FEAR – Listen to the news on TV, with your eyes closed. The tension, fear in the announcers' voices. Brainwashing. Fear is core to our cultural entrapment. Let go. [A Prayer](#)

- NEW VALUES – Values underlying operation of a sustainable society are absolutely the reverse of those of a growth society, and the fastest route to change. *Giving*, for example, rewards both the giver and the receiver. [New Values](#).
- FROM LEGAL TO SPIRITUAL BASE – This is a core – and wonderful - shift, moving into sustainability. Some intro: [In Beauty We Walk](#), [Spiritual Heart of Sustainable Communities](#), [Ending the Silences](#)
- MEANINGFUL WORK – Nobody explains it better than Fritz Schumacher in "[Buddhist Economics](#)". Real work gives us community, self-esteem, real skills. Also, [Work and Leisure](#).
- STOP KILLING – Not just war, but our fantasy that killing can achieve important ends permeates our agriculture, "[medicine](#)", etc.
- LIVING FROM LOVE AND COMPASSION – These are truly wonderful but [Unexpected Gifts](#).

ACTION: The actions bringing this change are unprecedented and impossible to predict. The creative resources of our planet's population are unimaginable. With the need for and the power of change more deeply felt every day, change is inevitable.

- BEING IN TRUE – Some changes, such as being and speaking our own truth, are so simple, yet freeing, it's hard to imagine not doing: Details: [Simple Prices](#)
- PERSONAL – Together, the impacts of every thing we do or don't do present amazing power for change. For example, the personal food, housing, transportation actions in [First Things First](#).
- LOCAL, STATE ACTIONS – We tend to accept that we have no local power. But California has led with energy efficiency; Massachusetts attorney general sues the big banks; cities, local institutions have more power than we think. [Leadership](#) and [Columns on local actions](#).
- NATIONAL, GLOBAL STRATEGIES – These are as likely today to come from other countries. Arab Spring, for example. Expect the unexpected here. Even individual creativity can crack apart rotten things, so what happens when an entire planet focuses? Free the UN.
- CONSTITUTIONAL AMMENDMENTS – Down the line, clean-up from a true representative congress may implement formal constitutional amendments. But there are informal and more immediate options: judicial interpretations, executive action, recalls, changing the courts, passing new laws. See [Sen. Bernie Sander's Anti-Corporate Amendment proposal](#).
- HOW TO GET IT MOVING – Expect the unexpected here. [Radical Center](#), [Popular Voting](#), [Los Angeles Vote](#). Join together. Find unexpected partners. See, for example, [World Economic Forum Initiatives](#).
- INFORMATION - PUBLICIZE/SHARE - The [Thrive website](#) and [YES! Magazine](#), for example, attempt to share examples that have worked.
- HEALING – Actions in our own lives and communities to heal the wounds of an immoral and perverted society are as vital, and achievable as institutional changes. PTSD of warriors, from sex abuse, soullessness living are powerfully healed with shamanic healing tools: [Homecoming](#), [Mankind Project](#), [Shamanic Healing](#).
- BUT DON'T FORGET – [Have Fun](#)

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