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Moving to a higher level of existence:

The great discovery of science during the past century or more has been holism. The Cosmos is one holistic reality, the Earth and its ecosystem one holistic reality, and humanity—one holistic reality. The Earth Constitution is founded on this paradigm shift from early-modern fragmentation (of sovereign nation-states) to unity in diversity (all nations and peoples embraced by the unity of humanity and civilization). Its Preamble is thoroughly holistic and makes this clear. Because we are one holistic reality, the Constitution recognizes humanity as sovereign and derives all government and law from this premise. Nations are not abolished but are recognized as administrative units within the whole as well as wonderful sources of cultural, social, religious, and linguistic diversity within the whole.

The holism of the cosmos revealed by science must be actualized in our living human experience. As numerous contemporary philosophers and thinkers have proclaimed: “The universe has become conscious of itself in us.” We encounter here the immense dignity of our humanity that is underlined in the Preamble of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a dignity that is the “foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world.” This dignity, as Immanuel Kant pointed out, reveals the infinity that intersects the finite lives of each person: a human person is “inviolable,” “infinitely valuable.” The great challenge of our day, in the face of our seriously endangered future, is how we can create global political and economic

institutions grounded in human dignity and no longer on wealth and power?

As Kant and many subsequent thinkers have underlined, dignity is not simply a characteristic of individuals. It is the deepest quality of our common humanity: “Humanity itself is a dignity.” The universe has become conscious of itself in our humanity. Hence, “freedom, justice, and peace” require a world-system that actualizes our common dignity. War arises from the fragmentation of humanity into “sovereign” territorial silos. Peace can only result from a truly united humanity with institutions premised on our priceless human dignity. The Earth Constitution changes the paradigm of governing from political forces vying for power to a synergistic union of the whole of humanity. With this fundamental paradigm-shift, human consciousness will also transform. Humanity will begin to flourish on Earth as a worldcentric and cosmocentric dignity-based community of unity in diversity.

The Earth Constitution does not define what a nation is, leaving open the option for creating new nations or for the division of existing nations into parts as the World Parliament in concert with the nations may decide. In either case the authority of national governments over internal affairs is respected insofar as this does not contradict world law that applies to all. However, its most basic thrust is that the Constitution joins humanity to itself as humanity. Therefore, the Earth Federation is necessarily a federation of all persons with one another, a holistic union that includes all nations and peoples and is open to including new nations.

The need for being an autonomous “sovereign” nation, so fanatically important today, will no longer be felt. People will be in solidarity with one another under the principle of unity in diversity. Both Albert Einstein and Carl Jung correctly declared that we will only solve our most fundamental problems through moving

to a higher level of existence in which those problems simply disappear by themselves. For example, if humanity is united (as it is under the Earth Constitution) the idea of having a military for defense will simply evaporate as a useless or nonsensical idea and “politics” will no longer be a vying for power but rather informed debate about how to best actualize the common good.

Regarding persons in relation to society

There are some who say that the Western Nations developed an orientation around individual rights and grounded their governments on this principle while the Eastern Nations developed collective forms of government that emphasize the social whole above and beyond the individual. The presuppositions behind the Earth Constitution transcend both these points of view and affirm what is positive in each of them. Many contemporary theorists today (such as German thinker Jürgen Habermas) affirm the “social construction” of the human personality and deny an orientation claiming that rights are unique to autonomous individuals. They point out that individual maturity and autonomy arise from the social matrix and do not exist apart from it. A “person” is not the same as an individual. Persons participate in one another. The I and the Thou are equally primordial. Human dignity and human rights belong to all persons, that is to humanity, not to individuals. If humanity is truly united, as under the Earth Constitution, the problem of “universal human rights” will no longer be a dilemma as it is today.

In addition, Habermas and a host of social psychologists and developmental thinkers (such as Lawrence Kohlberg, Carol Gilligan, Clare Graves, James Fowler, Abraham Maslow, and Ken Wilber) outline a progressive developmental process for persons and peoples that moves from an immature “egocentric” orientation through an “ethnocentric” orientation toward a mature “worldcentric” and ultimately (with several of

these thinkers) to a “cosmocentric” orientation. Humanity, like individuals, is growing through these developmental stages. Many thinkers today have called for “conscious evolution.” We need to consciously develop worldcentric and cosmocentric modes of thinking and being.

The Earth Constitution presupposes and structurally promotes this growth process. It puts the federation of people and nations in charge, assuming that they will largely have grown beyond the ethnocentrism that today infects nationalisms around the world into a worldcentric maturity that puts the common good of the whole first before private national and personal interests and ethnocentric perspectives. The present system of militarized sovereign states discourages this process while cultivating national egoisms and ethnocentrism. The “Planetary Citizen” presupposed by the Earth Constitution recognizes the inseparability of the individual and the collective within each person.

The fact that the people of Earth are sovereign is reflected in the composition of the World Parliament in which the people are represented from some 1000 World Electoral and Administrative Districts (WEADS), making the vote of the people significantly larger than the vote of the House of Counselors (200 representatives) and the House of Nations (about 300 representatives). The Federation of Earth is a federation of peoples and nations, not nations alone. It flows from the unity of humanity and is reflected in the diversity of the Parliament and other institutions of the Earth Federation, a diversity explicitly required by the Earth Constitution.

The history of the Earth Federation Movement (EFM) behind the Earth Constitution bears out the fact that people from East Asia countries respond positively to the Constitution as do many from the collective West. There have been many supporters from Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh,

India, and Japan throughout the history of this movement. And today, by far the most supporters of the Earth Constitution live in India. Under the Constitution, representatives from all three houses must take a pledge of “service to humanity.” The orientation of the Constitution is not primarily to promote the diverse interests of the various parts (whether nations or WEADs) but rather to serve the common good of the whole. This feature should appeal strongly to those who prefer collectivism. Similarly, the extensive freedoms protected by Article 12 should appeal strongly to those who prefer western individualism, while the extensive collective rights protected by Article 13 should appeal to those who affirm the priority of the community. The Constitution represents a synthesis of the “East/West problem” on a higher level, uniting individual freedoms and community imperatives.

Administrative Structure through World Electoral and Administrative Districts

For many places in the world today, governmental authority is present at different levels simultaneously. At the local level of towns, villages, and counties, there are often local police, courts, and other governmental institutions. There are also state or regional police, courts, and institutions. More dispersed, but nevertheless present within each area are national police, national courts, and national institutions. The Earth Constitution simply places another layer of government within this pattern.

However, rather than imposing this additional layer of democratic world government directly into each government within the federation (which would be necessary if the federation were one of nations only), the Earth Constitution establishes the Earth Federation government worldwide through the mechanism of the World Electoral and Administrative District. The world is divided into 1000 WEADs substantially equal in

population and hence these exist within any and all countries. The Earth Federation government is present everywhere as a complement to the three national levels of governmental presence. The mechanisms of the Earth Federation described by the Constitution are not “reproduced” in additive fashion in 1000 different local governments. Rather, the Earth Federation is itself directly present everywhere in concert with local, regional, and national levels. This is simply a commonsense result if humanity is truly united. The whole is necessarily always present in the parts; it is holism actualized in human affairs.

There need be no conflict of jurisdiction or authority between the various levels of government, just as there need be no conflict in the current world system between local, state, and national government. Law enforcement agencies often work together harmoniously, and this can surely also be the case if the planetary level is also represented for every WEAD on Earth. The government of the federation is not “outside” of national governments but rather everywhere on Earth within the WEADs, working with national governments cooperatively. The people and nations of Earth are truly united in this way. This is not a weak federation with limited powers externally modifying national sovereignties (as is often advocated by world federalist groups today). It is a “strong federation” uniting all peoples and nations for the common good of the whole and thereby transcending the petty parochialisms and national rivalries that have hitherto plagued humankind. It is truly a new level and a new holistic paradigm of governing.

Is there a danger of totalitarianism? Checks and Balances

By organizing global society according to holistic principles, the Earth Constitution removes the fragmentation of unrestrained capitalism and militarized sovereign states and, therefore,

much of the danger of totalitarianism. Under the militarized nation-state system, there is little transparency of government for “national security” reasons. Under the unrestrained capitalism rampant today, the vast disparities of wealth must be shielded by police protection of private property and by private ownership of the mass media that promotes the ideological lies necessary to justify this monstrous situation. Hence, lies, manipulation, and strategic uses of language become rampant, covering the hidden greed and special interests (like the war industries). Big money buys both elections and governmental representatives, all hidden within a context that makes transparency next to impossible.

All this is changed by the holism of the Earth Constitution in which the vast wealth disparities will be systematically reduced, private banking exploiting all financial transactions for the benefit of the few will be replaced by global public banking dedicated to the common good, and government will not only be transparent but mandated to transparently serve the universal common good. This is reflected in Article 10, for example, where the World Police are directed to reduce violence and even to engage in “conflict resolution.” It is reflected in Article 11 where the World Ombudsmus will press for reasonable global economic equity and will serve as a watch dog on the police and other governmental agencies, and so on, throughout the Constitution.

The three houses of Parliament clearly function to check and balance one another. In addition, the World Supreme Court has the power to check the World Parliament or any governmental agency concerning issues coming before it. The Executive Branch under the nation-state system is often the most dangerous because of its power to act and its control of the police and military. Under the Earth Constitution, the Executive branch has no police powers, nor military. It is responsible to the Parliament. It has no ability not to implement

the budget allocated by Parliament and has no authority to call a state of emergency or suspend any aspect of the Constitution. Hence, what is the biggest danger to democracy for sovereign nation-states is non-existent for the Federation under the Earth Constitution.

The Earth Federation will create a disarmed world, protecting universal human rights and reducing social disparities. It will unite the world in fighting climate change. It will also have global educational policies directed toward creating holistic world citizens in future generations. It features the World Ombudsmus as a global force not only serving as a watchdog on the government but pursuing social and economic changes to create a just and equitable world system. All this reduces the threat of tyranny and creates government as something substantially different from what exists among today’s fragmented system of sovereign nations. Government premised on human dignity and the universal common good raises human existence to a higher level—worldcentric and cosmic. The holistic telos of the cosmos becomes operative in us.

Political theorists have long pondered how to get wise people into government to mitigate the terrible ignorance that now often characterizes voters worldwide who often elect people like themselves into office. Jean-Jacques Rousseau distinguished “the general will” from the “will of all.” Any majority, even the “will of all,” he said, can be dead wrong. The Earth Constitution addresses this problem brilliantly through empowering the students and faculty worldwide to vote for persons who will be nominees for the House of Counselors.

From the 20 world regions as defined by the Constitution, a substantial number will be nominated from each region, 10 of which will be elected by the other two Houses of Parliament from that region. A main function of the House of

Counselors, elected through this process, will be nominations. They will know and research who is the most capable and place them in nomination to be elected by the Parliament for key government posts. In other words, wise people responsible for nominating other wise people for possible election into positions of authority. In this and other ways, the “general will” is given institutional embodiment in preference to the “will of all.”

This process will be powerfully assisted by the World Civil Service Administration, which will compile lists specifying competency qualifications for the various roles in each of the government’s agencies. This agency and others in the Integrative Complex and Ministries of the World Administration will be run not exclusively by Executive Cabinet members (themselves Members of Parliament) but by a team of professional civil service administrators who lend continuity and professional expertise to the ministries and agencies. However, this arrangement of Ministers being members of Parliament creates direct links between Parliament and the agencies supervised by Parliament, giving further coherence and holism to the governmental system. The Constitution thus creates a unique blend of checks and balances integrated within a framework of holistic integration.

Unity in Diversity as the basis for good government. Diversity is built into each agency or ministry. The Presidium, the Enforcement System, the Ombudsmus and the Judiciary must each be headed by 5 persons, one from each continental division. Even the World Parliament itself has 5 Co-chairs. Agencies in the Integrative Complex must be run by Commissions of 10 members with a broad diversity of constituencies specified. All of this solidifies the new holistic governmental paradigm emerging with the Earth Constitution while simultaneously reducing the threat of totalitarianism or injustices.

The Earth Constitution has no “President.” The

concept of one person popularly elected has been a curse on good government for more than a century. Look at some the pathological morons in power or recently in power today: career criminal Donald Trump then succeeded by genocidal war-monger Joe Biden in the USA, wealthy ideolog Emmanuel Macron in France who has antagonized the vast majority of French citizens, imperial strong man Victor Orban in Hungary, fanatical neo-Nazi Volodymyr Zelensky in Ukraine, oligarchical dictator Vladimir Putin in Russia, or genocidal mass murderer Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel. The Earth Constitution puts an end to this illusion and ensures that no one person can ever assume these kinds of criminalized power.

How do we organize planet Earth so that the morally grounded “general will” prevails rather than the “will of all”? We have seen that under the Constitution the World Parliament has a panel of five Chairpersons, one from each continental division. The same pattern exists for the World Executive, the Enforcement System, the Ombudsmus, etc. Government is therefore truly a cooperative affair premised on the common good and not a matter of popular personalities who represent the worst qualities of the electorate: nationalism, ethnocentrism, militarism, hatred for the Other, power politics, personal greed, etc. The “President” of the World Executive is not the president of the Earth Federation, only of the Executive in concert with four other rotating co-presidents. The police, the judiciary, the Ombudsmus, and the Parliament are all separate and independent of the Executive. The Earth Federation consists in a cooperative synergy of complementary organs creating a whole that transcends any and all of its parts.

Ratification of the Constitution in Article 17 allows for three options: (1) 25 nations can initiate it, requiring a referendum from their populations to confirm this, (2) 10 nations of a certain population size and 50 World Electoral Districts,

or 100 World Electoral Districts independently of nations. The ratification process here involves voting affirmatively by a simple majority of the population. However, once in force, the World Parliament may easily adopt more sensitive and equitable voting procedures (not simply “winner take all”). Regional or continental federations could clearly help with this process. The issue of how they might integrate within governing under the Constitution is not addressed by the Constitution but could well be worked out by the representatives attending the 16th session of the Provisional World Parliament (PWP) in December 2025. Continental federations appear to correspond to the “magna-regions” called for by the Constitution.

Overall, the Earth Constitution ushers in a system of collective wisdom in which people with worldcentric consciousness cooperatively work for the common good of all persons and civilization as a whole—eliminating war, protecting universal individual rights, ensuring collective rights, restoring and protecting the environment, and initiating a flourishing, harmonious human civilization for our endangered planet. People begin to think and live from the principle of unity in diversity. The Constitution truly embodies the new holistic paradigm raising humanity to a higher level of consciousness and existence, a holistic paradigm that is inseparable from the recognition of our inviolable human dignity.

Nations under the Earth Federation are no longer the central (fragmenting) force. For the first time, they begin to “derive their just authority from the consent of the governed,” since the governed are the people of Earth and all nations derive their legitimate authority from this source as governing districts within the whole. The holism of humanity now begins to resonate with the holism of the cosmos and the holism of our planetary biosphere. This is why there will be no fundamental conflicts between the whole and its parts. The whole is

integral to each of the parts. And the parts find their true place and their true self-realization only within the embrace of the whole.

World Democracy Campaign (WDC)

The World Democracy campaign brings together world-federalist, peace, human rights, and environmental groups into a coalition directed toward a 16th session of the Provisional World Parliament (PWP16) that significantly expands the scope and base of the PWP. The projected result of this Parliament session (scheduled for 7-10 December 2025 in Pondicherry, India) will be a permanent Secretariat in India that promotes Earth Federation as well as revisions to the Earth Constitution under which this process is taking place. This entire process is meant to move the world much more rapidly toward Earth Federation and to a dialogue about ways to achieve Earth Federation before it is too late and humanity has made itself extinct.

Representatives of organizations participating in PWP16 can be elected to this Permanent Secretariat and will therefore have influence on the direction and activities of this Earth Federation movement. We seek a broad coalition of people of goodwill to empower and govern the Secretariat with its global voice concerning the future of humanity. Groups joining the Supporters’ Coalition are swelling the movement behind this initiative that will be bringing the idea of Earth Federation before the people of Earth. We invite your participation in this process—

<https://www.earthconstitution.world>.

