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Title

Humanity and Economy at the crossroads

Abstract

The opportunity for Humanity to turn in the right direction at the next crossroad has never been better. Never in history were the signs so clear and the knowledge so vast leading us to acknowledge the indications given by top scientists, politicians, economists, theologians, etc., that we can be optimistic and change our direction today. It requires the wisdom of leaders, it requires authentic leadership, it calls for a holistic concept, where the importance of the five domains of sustainability (by Michael U. Ben-Eli),

The Material Domain: Constitutes the basis for regulating the flow of materials and energy that underlie existence. *The Economic Domain:* Provides a guiding framework for creating and managing wealth. *The Domain of Life:* Provides the basis for appropriate behavior in the biosphere. *The Social Domain:* Provides the basis for social interactions. *The Spiritual Domain:* Identifies the necessary attitudinal orientation and provides the basis for a universal code of ethics, are recognized and followed, and humanity will find its way through today's turbulences.

Economy has shown its capability of reacting quickly to all kind of problems. There are voices and conscious leaders showing the way. We can look at these examples to turn at the next crossroad in the right direction – yet we need the courage to do so, and we will have the courage...Regional currencies and new financial systems are emerging and can lead the way for future generations to neutralize the process of today's unsustainable system.

I will show in my paper the good examples that already exist and give the impulse for all of us to start "NOW" and to act in unison at the next crossroad.

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