



## **Together to save the world**

### **The categorical imperative in the Anthropocene**

I'm Rodolfo Marusi Guareschi. For almost thirty years I have promoted initiatives to avoid the critical time that science and reason, and had planned to change things before the situation becomes irreversible.

In 1990, [Pentakos](#), I summarized the situation, the problems to be addressed, their origins, causes and possible solutions.

In 1992, *Renewal*, I proposed a project in Italy programmed reform of social, civil, political, economic, moral and religious relations.

In 1994, I promoted a national economic plan for employment.

In 2000, I launched the project with the first steps Holos. The initial project was subsequently implemented by [Holos Global System](#), a program of thirty steps to address most felt and urgent worldwide problems..

The [Republic of the Earth](#) and [Dhana](#) are part of the program.

In a [letter](#) in September 2004, I tried to represent the risks to which we went and the choices we had to make.

But things remained as before, even worse, and we are rapidly descending into chaos.

Even recently, some leading scientists have predicted the extinction of the human species within a hundred years. Some believe that the situation is now irreversible, others will become irreversible by 2012, others by 2014.

So we are already at the last minute. This statement is not dictated by disasters or pessimism, but from pure realism.

At this point, it is no longer to change but to change to improve groped for saving.

This is my modest proposal for groped to save humanity.

I know what reaction I would provoke, but as simply human being of sound mind, I have a moral obligation to say what I believe is true and just and to do what I can.

I carry only a few data without to repeat analysis already widely reported in press releases and documents published on the site [www.unigov.org](http://www.unigov.org) about generally known facts, even if not adequately addressed.

Almost seven billion people live on the Earth today, five billion of which at least sixteen years.

Every human being must satisfy their physiological needs, safety and security, of belonging, independence, freedom and self-realization.

Nature provides sufficient resources to meet the essential needs of all human beings by the job. If well managed, we can have clean water for all. With the current technological progress we can produce, environmentally



friendly, food, clothes, remedies for diseases, housing and other durable goods for all.

But an economic model aimed at profit instead of to the satisfaction of needs has resulted in great social and economic inequalities and to overcome the earth's capacity to dispose of waste and to regenerate the natural resources used.

1% of the human population has 40% of the wealth, another 1% has 10%, 8% has 35%, 40% has 14% and the remaining 50% has only 1%. Thus, 10% of the population has 85% of the wealth and 90% has 15%.

Because of these inequalities, one billion people suffer from hunger and thirst, every three seconds a child dies of hunger and curable diseases, while hundreds of millions of people suffering from obesity and enormous resources are used for completely unproductive operate and increasingly sophisticated weapons with which it is possible to destroy twenty planets like ours.

These conditions are not the result of famine but of over-production or, rather, the under-consumption caused by the subtraction of value to the work and speculations of all kinds with which wealth is transferred from the majority of humanity to a minority.

So while much of human work has been used to produce unproductive goods and create works to satisfy the wishes and whims of a minority, which owns more wealth, the majority of the human population lives, when we can, with great difficulty. On the one hand the pyramids and the other hunger.

The fundamental cause is the iniquitous distribution of wealth, the hierarchical structure in which humans have organized themselves and, with it, a minority has managed to get hold of most natural resources, to leverage the work of the majority and win the dominion over all humanity.

The means to gain power are violence, the cynical use of knowledge, money and states: by violence were excluded from resources, by cynical use of knowledge has been deceived the majority of people, by money was used the work and promoted the consent and by states have established rules to keep this situation.

From over twenty years has passed the sustainability of the planet and then continue, in a few decades, mankind would need two planets.

Over the past thirty years there has been a huge expansion of debt: the states are indebted to maintain consensus, privileges and corruption; the small and medium businesses are indebted because the capital accumulated in the real economy has been designed corporations and financial speculation; households were indebted to compensate, at least partially, the purchasing power removed to work.

These conditions are increasingly intolerable, both for humans and the biosphere.



Almost everyone knows these things and talk about it but nobody can transform the perception of reality and evidence into concrete proposals.

More than four fifths of humanity dominated and the entire planet can not long endure this situation because on the one hand are increasing the concentration of wealth and the other the impoverishment of the large groups of population and pollution of the planet.

But we can still rise up to this expectation and change the future. To do this, it is essential and urgent to eliminate the most damaging effects caused by the way we are organized.

At the same time, so that the past is not repeated, it is necessary that human society is reorganized in new manner and uses best means and ways suited to survival and development of every human being, bringing the planet into a condition of sustainability.

To delete the most peaceful manner effects of the past simply apply the policies rules in force in the interests of the majority.

To prevent that in future we can repeat the current conditions, we must reorganize society in a not hierarchical manner so abolishing domination of one over the other.

The first objective is thus quickly change the current conditions and we can be as follows.

90% of the people should elect their representatives to the government of the states with a clear mandate to make the following choices:

- 1] transfer at least half of the wealth of the richest 10% of the population and distributed equally partly to 50% who have less, partly to remaining 40%, partly to reduce the debts of the states and part to construction of infrastructure and public services;
- 2] delete any use of public resources and wealth is not necessary to the satisfaction of real needs, starting from complete disarmament;
- 3] greatly reduce the taxes on the incomes of workers and enterprises that produce goods and services that meet real needs and recover this reduction with higher taxes on income and financial;
- 4] introduce a tax on non-productive consumption tax in proportion to the degree of importance needs to be met, from a minimum for most essential goods and services to a maximum for the most useless even if desirable;
- 5] recognize by law the right value to the work under the responsibility assumed, the actual performance and results achieved;
- 6] prevent any form of waste of resources and products and establishing effective rules to minimize environmental pollution.

The second objective is to reorganize the society and can be accomplished through a direct democracy from the bottom and cooperating together as follows:



- 1] form a universal political organization to which all the inhabitants of the planet at least sixteen years of age can participate;
- 2] establish a world parliament directly elected by the participants to the new political body and to whom to entrust the task of establishing the fundamental principles of coexistence to be met by all human beings to live in peace as well as possible;
- 3] form local democratic organizations which empower all key decisions in the general interest of its community;
- 4] adopt an economic model aimed at meeting the needs in order of priority and not to profit, excluding all forms of labour exploitation;
- 5] replace the legal tender currencies with a worldwide work currency assigned free in equal parts to each participant of the universal body;
- 6] eliminate as far as consumerism and waste and restore the sustainability of the planet;
- 7] gradually overcoming the employees by involving all the workers to the risks and results of economic activities and encourage people to compete according to their abilities and inclinations by adopting any form of economic and social cooperation;
- 8] guarantee to every human goods and services necessary to meet basic needs, starting with water, food, health, education, information and personal safety.

Who can be interested in this proposal? All those who understand the realities and the likely prospects, not just those who are already worse (50%) but also who will be probably worse in the future (40%) and also those who are now better (10%).

We live in a defining moment in human history. Whatever happens, we are at a point of no back. From the first groups of humans wandering in the savannas tens of thousands of years ago, we reached a global village where everybody knows everyone else how to live.

This is the evolution. And science tells us that when the structure and rules prevent to a majority of people aware of a system to continue to evolve and could cause the extinction of the entire system and its environment, this majority reacting and if can cause the necessary transition phase, with a new structure and new rules.

We are in Anthropocene, the era in which humans can affect the planet as never before. We can destroy it and thus destroy ourselves or groped to save it. In this era, we can give the categorical imperative, that is an absolute duty to act rationally, based on the fact that we know, to improve things, or wait until they change themselves. If so, it would be our end. We must never forget that human beings originated and is part of nature, not vice versa. The human species is a subsystem of the biosphere with which it exchanges energy. And every system is much stronger than all its subsystems.



Never before at this time "acting rationally" means acting in a universal manner, all together, recognizing the rationality of each of us, and given the reason as the source of all law, with all the realism and concreteness of the best as we can.

This initiative is open to all inhabitants of the planet. We need ideas, resources and organization.

Some tools already exist to implement this proposal, others will be designed by the participants themselves.

But most of all is the desire to achieve the common goal of saving the world to improve it in the most possible peaceful manner and is willing to act accordingly. Not only for ourselves. Together we can.

I apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your attention.

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