

The FAMILY Global Positioning System



In 1970, Arnold Toynbee, the historian of world civilizations, warned: "Mankind is surely going to destroy itself unless it succeeds in growing together into something like a single family." World events have been continually changing since then, but even in the shocks of natural or human disasters, or the dislocations of national and global turmoil, photographs of planet Earth should always remind us that all 7.4 billion of us are living together on this beautiful planet, our home. Wherever we are on earth, we are **one interdependent family**.

This declaration is a biological fact. Human life revolves around relationships - our relationships to each other, to our world, and to the interconnected universe beyond. We believe that **our bodies provide the perfect model for the way society should function: Society's systems should always interact in harmony with each other for the common good, as do the systems of our bodies.** The organ systems of our bodies - nervous system, cardiovascular system, digestive system, and all of the others - are interconnected and interdependent. When we are healthy, they work together in harmony in order to maintain our well-being. And so it should be with society: A society is healthy only to the degree to which all of its organ systems - systems of government, education systems, health care systems, economic systems, and all others - are working together in mutual support for the common good. Currently, our societies are failing this test to a perilous degree.

Our illness. Our illness is systemic. Instead of society's systems working smoothly together for the benefit of all, ours are misaligned, helping some, and hurting others. The symptoms of our debilitating illness - terrorism and other forms of violence, poverty, unemployment, rising disparity of income, political turbulence, racism, hunger, pollution - vary from one nation to another. These and many other signs or symptoms of illness are evidence that in no nation are all systems interacting in harmony with each other for the benefit of everyone.

Diagnosis. Our diagnosis is Tunnel Vision - the veil that prevents us from seeing each other as members of one family.

The Call to Action

Lift the Veil! Then we will see clearly - We ARE One Family!

Our Mission: Create a caring culture in which all children and youth and communities can thrive

- 1. Mobilize all sectors of society! Create public-private partnerships that will connect all effective programs directly to the people with bonds of mutual support.**
- 2. Integrate the actions of all partners, using the FAMILY Global Positioning System to envision how society should function:**
 - **Enlightened people of good will**, with diverse religions, cultures, races, and nations, should unite, energized by the powerful spiritual bond that will join them together to create a culture in which all care for each other - as one family.
 - **Government systems** should be cured from corruption by money and purged from poisonous polarized politics, cleansed by citizens who are empowered by voting and enlightened by bonds that connect them together, seeking the common good.
 - **Health care systems** should promote preventive health practices, and health care should be organized so that it will be appropriate, effective, affordable, and accessible for everyone, from the prenatal period to the end of life.
 - **Child care and public education systems** should respond effectively and adaptively to the evolving developmental needs of all children and youth in their care, preparing them intellectually, physically, emotionally, socially, and experientially for the jobs that will be needed for the sustainable development of society and for fruitful lives as nurturers of future generations.
 - **The economic and financial systems** should invest effectively in the public education systems through public-private partnerships that spark economic development that will provide meaningful training, employment and economic support.
 - **The justice systems** should ensure justice for all.
 - **The security and defense systems** should protect and defend the innocent from those who would cause harm.
 - **The environment** should be unpolluted and wholesome, and its connecting infrastructure systems should be safe, attractive, and efficiently operating, preserving its natural beauty as the secure home for this and future generations of our human family.
- 3. Create linked regional FAMILY Centers for Sustainable Development: *The FAMILY Global Positioning System*.**

These linked centers should coordinate the integration of society and serve as replicable models for sustainable development. Wherever we create regions in which all children and youth can thrive, all society will thrive there because people in caring cultures help each other. This is what will realign all of society's systems to function as they should - for the benefit of everyone,

WE must do this! Our society must learn how to develop as a healthy family. How? By acting like one - wherever we are.

Always act as though we are all members of one family -- because we are

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