

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 7.5 billion of us are living together on this beautiful planet, our home. **We are all members of one family.**

Human life revolves around relationships - our relationships to each other, to our world, and to the universe beyond. **We believe that our bodies are 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 the others - are interconnected and interdependent. When we are healthy, they work together in harmony 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 systems - political, education, health care, economic, 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 diagnosis: Tunnel Vision, a 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 for peace! Create public-private partnerships of mutual trust that will connect all effective programs directly to the people, with bonds of mutual support.
2. Integrate the actions of all partners, thereby creating the FAMILY Global Positioning System to envision and guide how society should function, starting at the local and regional levels.
 - Enlightened people of good will, with diverse belief systems, cultures, races, and nationalities should unite, energized by fusion power, as we help each other as one family.
 - Government systems should not be corrupted by money or other selfish considerations.
 - Health care systems should promote preventive health practices and provide effective, accessible, and affordable health care for everyone.
 - Child care and public education systems should respond effectively and adaptively to the evolving developmental needs of all children and youth.
 - The economic and financial systems should invest generously to create highly effective public education systems through public-private partnerships.
 - 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.
3. Develop regional Centers for Sustainable Development, linked to create the *FAMILY Global Positioning System*. These Centers should coordinate the integration of regional support systems while developing, strengthening, and integrating the interdisciplinary university support programs.

Lift the veil! Let the light shine where you are!

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

