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BRIGHT FUTURE



The Promised Island

Will the dream come true? Well, yes it will, provided there be Equality and Justice. The old and sorrowful Bonaire is crying. Great waves of change are drowning it.

Is all lost?

He who lives in the past, does not live. The old Bonaire will always live in culture, stories and the character of its people. Only change is permanent. Engage and embrace, don't be a Pillar of Salt.

The Heavens opened and poured down golden drops, wherewith an Invisible Hand is weaving a New Tomorrow. Dry your tears and replace with love, the past will not come back. See the Cross over our Island protecting all, no matter where they are from. Feel its Heart beating with revitalized Trust in Justice, Love and Unity.

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God; and all will be added unto you.

We climb the Ladder and discover a Golden Opportunity.

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Het Beloofde Eiland

Zal de droom uitkomen? Wel, jazeker, mits er Gelijkheid en Recht komt. Het oude droeve Bonaire huilt. Het verdrinkt in hevige golven van verandering. Is dan alles verloren?

Hij die leeft in het verleden, leeft niet. Het oude Bonaire leeft voort in cultuur, verhalen en ons volkskarakter. Alleen verandering is permanent. Doe mee, wees geen Zoutpilaar.

De Hemel opende en regende druppels van goud. De Onzichtbare Hand weeft een Nieuwe Toekomst. Droog je tranen. Denk liefde, het verleden komt niet weer. Ziet het Kruis over ons Eiland. Het beschermt iedereen, ongeacht vanwaar men komt. Ons Hart klopt met nieuw Vertrouwen in Recht, Liefde en Eenheid.

Zoekt eerst het Koninkrijk Gods en alles zal u gegeven worden. We beklimmen de Ladder en ontdekken een Gouden Kans.

COVER ART

Artwork: 'The Promised Island',
by Manuela Winklaar, Bonaire.

This painting was especially
produced for ARCO

THE PROMISE

Empty promises come and go
like tinkling cymbals in the wind.
Without justice it will be so.

Chained by the Foe to bitter sorrow
in one's own dark dungeon.
Without freedom it will be so.

Betrayed and reeling from the blows
dealt by feigning friends.
Without love it will be so.

Truth exploded by lies vile & low,
hope & fraternity broken.
Without Light it will be so.

When the Temple within is all aglow,
the Soul lit & fired by the Spirit,
all this will not be so.

René Cardouze

CHILEAN REFERENDUM

There is a lot going on in Chili. The people have taken to the streets and have made it clear that wealth has to be distributed more fairly. Unfortunately, they want to do that by means of better redistribution of *income*, instead of just redistribution of property rights in capital goods (which is the Synergist way).

No, as usual the protestors go for the only way they know and that is to demand higher wages and lower prices. This is the old 'social-economic way'. It is better than nothing, but it will not solve their problem, because they leave the economic power squarely in the hands of the rich. Tomorrow, they will have to take to the streets again and again and again.

Probably, as is usual also, the protestors have the covert backing of the socialists. They always pop up when the people have reached the boiling point. Socialists want to steal all capital and properties (like companies, shops, all businesses) from the rich and invest them all in the State. That way the problem is *doubled*, because this vests the economic AND the political power in the State, a toxic recipe for totalitarianism.

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Justification and Mission Statement

In this time of glaring 'fake news', which used to be called 'propaganda', it behooves us to justify the re-launch of yet another e-zine. We know we are just one in a million.

Why then? There are **FIVE** good reasons:

1) We refer to our Mission Statement at:

<http://www.arcocarib.com/pages/mission/>

If you are not willing to take the time to check this out, would anything we say here be useful to persuade you?

2) We write from a new political/economic perspective we choose to refer to as 'Synergism, the Just Third Way'. If this is not introduced worldwide, the present wars and confusion will drag on. This perspective is still rare.

3) We write from a mature spiritual perspective, in which all religions are respected, studied, and commented upon.

Simply put: 'Without God, there is Nothing'.

Also: 'Religion is the problem; it is also the solution'.

This thinking was expressed in a song entitled:

'Ring of Unity'. If you are a musician and would want to turn this song into a hit, please contact us.

You can find it here:

<http://www.arcocarib.com/pages/ring-of-unity/>

4) We write from a Caribbean perspective in the sense that we hold that the Caribbean will develop into our hemisphere's third Autonomous Region within the framework of a New Global Democratic Civilization. This will take time and the vision of Caribbean unity is waning. But it is still there. It is time to re-ignite the passion for it. If you are a musician and would want to turn our 'Caribbean Song' into a hit, please contact us. You can find it here:

<http://www.arcocarib.com/pages/caribbean-song/>

5) We are *not* objective. We have an agenda. Yet, we are more objective than all mainstream media, which do not state their ideological perspectives clearly, but whose hidden agendas ooze out of their pores as 'fake news' indeed.

We have just stated ours explicitly.

That is the difference.

ARCO COLOPHON

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WHAT'S NEW?

This edition's theme 'Bright Future' must mean we have to look ahead. So you may expect hopes and visions of a better future tomorrow. And this is always true. Mankind *has* progressed since the days the great ones, such as Buddha, Jesus and Mohammed, roamed the Earth. So nobody should ever be despondent. There is always tomorrow and will be at least a little bit better!

So we see Manuela Winklaar's painting of Bonaire on the front page. Look carefully. There are two Bonaire's on the painting, one crying and inundated by waves and the other rejoicing (see the heart in the Golden Bonaire). The future will be bright, if we make it so.

Read the poem 'Fool's Gold' on the right side of this page. Same theme. Things are not going well, but there is an escape. Seek that. And see what you can do with trash (bottom page). See how poor people can make something beautiful without a penny!

See how the Chilean people are struggling to forge a brighter future (pgs. 2 and 5). We never said it was easy, but it can be done!

If you speak Spanish, read how Pedro el Ranchero fought and conquered (pgs. 7 & 11). He understood economics better than Adam Smith, Maynard Keynes and Karl Marx put together. Pedro relied on his intuition and knew!

Dutch speakers, get your dose of beauty by reading some inspirational poems by Ria Evers-Dokter (pg. 8).

Papiamentu speakers, find out how you may cut the bonds that keep you in wage-slavery (pg. 6). Understand liberty! It will make you happier, despite the extra responsibility it entails.

And in this context, we may not ignore the hardships we will have to endure during this difficult and confusing transitional period. These are but the last convulsions of nationalism (pg. 9), preceding the coming of age of humanity.

And following those hardships we will enter a New Age, or rather we will forge a New Paradigm, politically, economically, environmentally and culturally. If you look carefully, you can see it all around you already. It has always been there, but it was waiting for us to come home. See pages 14 thr. 19.

Humanity is about to be born again, i.e. it will awaken into a more mature consciousness, a new understanding of the purpose of life. Already the New Birth is realized interiorly. In and through all men, the Eternal Soul is working towards this Birth. Soon it will have matured the lives of enough people for the Birth to take place.

Fool's Gold

by Natividad Cartreze

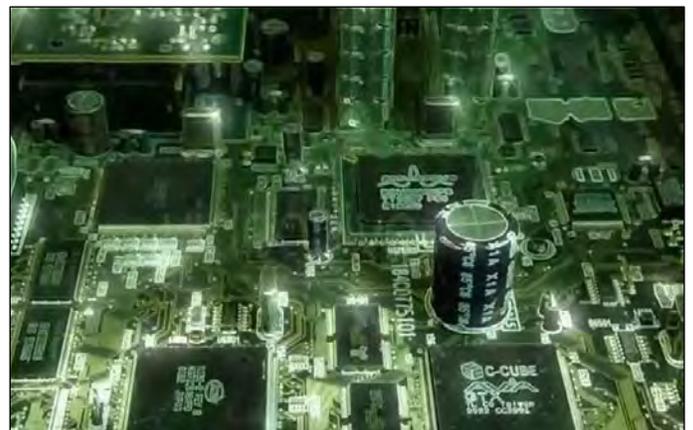
I walked through the valley of the shadow of technology;

There I learned a new kind of alchemy;
Silicone is the new lead of the century.

Snared in a dollar-store economy;
People are a commodity;
While they throw away their privacy;
Believing in an imaginary security;
Hackers can't steal paper money;
Bankers store data in binary;
Like a federal reserve of mp3.

In this culture of filtered individuality;
It's me! Me! Me! Hey look at me!
Measured in followers, likes and paparazzi;
Pavlovian behaviors behind a fake identity;
You have the password and they have the key;
To turn your ego into your enemy.

All we feel is alone, globally;
Disconnected in a virtual reality;
A real force beats within, in its beauty;
Not on a wall but in you&me;
Our strength is in numbers - unity;
Of the living power that was, is and will ever be!



Silicone, the new alchemical lead



How you can re-use empty plastic bottles

DE WavBES: EEN MISDAAD TEGEN DE MENSELIJKHEID

Achtendertigste Open Brief aan de Zittende Magistratuur

De WavBES?? *What the hell* is dat? Laat nu terzijde of men moet zeggen 'mensheid' of 'mensenlijkheid'? Dat is een discussie apart. Wij menen dat er een nuanceverschil in betekenis is tussen de twee. Maar zoek dit verder zelf maar uit. Het is niet essentieel.

But what the heck is de 'WavBES? Nooit van gehoord! Nou, dat is misschien maar goed ook, want het is een misdaad tegen de menselijkheid. Het is niet menselijk. Het is in strijd met het natuurrecht, waar ieders recht op leven zeker deel van uitmaakt. Denkt u van niet?

Niet alleen de eigen (nationale) burger heeft het recht op leven. *Iedereen*, dus ieder *mens*, heeft dat recht. Alleen als men vindt dat vreemdelingen



geen mensen zijn, zou men kunnen beweren dat zij geen recht op leven hebben. En sommigen denken zo helaas. Vreemdelingen zijn immers 'vreemd'!? In het Engels worden zij in de wet zelfs aangeduid als 'aliens', alsof ze van een andere planeet afkomstig zijn!

Maar alleen nationalistische fascistten denken dat vreemdelingen geen mensen zijn. En gelukkig zijn die nog in de minderheid. Maar, pas op! Ze rukken op. Zij zijn ook al geïnfiltrerd in de rechterlijke macht, waar men ze eigenlijk niet zou verwachten en waar ze ook niet thuis horen. Helaas zijn de redelijke rechters niet sterk genoeg om ze in toom te houden, hetgeen logisch is, juist omdat zij redelijk zijn. Zo is het dat de Sluipende Staatsgreep voort kan sluipen en overal zijn tentakels in krijgt.

Over de 'Sluipende Staatsgreep in het Westen' vindt men een artikel in het gratis e-book 'Paleis van Ma'at', blz. 4. Men vindt het hier: www.arcocarib.com

Wij waarschuwen, maar weten ook niet goed wat er tegen deze staatsgreep te doen is, anders dan niet met ze meewerken. Men kan immers redelijke rechters niet aanraden onredelijk te worden alleen maar om de nationalistische fascistten tegen te houden. Maar men hoeft hen niet te faciliteren en zeker niet met ze te collaboreren. Doe dus niet wat de Hoge Raad tijdens de Tweede Wereld-oorlog deed in het Toetsingsarrest van 1942. Daarin collaboreerden de Hoge Raadsleden wel met de Duitse bezetter (zie het artikel 'Met Gelijke Munt

Betalen' in het boek 'Paleis van Ma'at', *Deel 2*, blz. 10 e.v.). Men vindt dit e-book hier: www.arcocarib.com

Terug naar de WavBES. Dit is een afkorting van: 'Wet arbeid Vreemdelingen' voor de BES-eilanden. Deze wet (en dit geldt idem dito voor de Curaçaose Landsverordening arbeid vreemdelingen, de 'Lav') verbiedt werkgevers vreemdelingen in dienst te nemen zonder een tewerkstellingsvergunning (TWV). Dit komt er dus op neer dat het gros van de vreemdelingen niet mag werken zonder vergunning.

De WavBES (en ook de 'Lav'; een *laffe* wet) draait het weliswaar om en zegt dat een *werkgever* de vreemdeling niet mag laten werken zonder een TWV, maar dit is een trucje. Want dit betekent indirect dat de meeste *vreemdelingen* niet kunnen werken zonder vergunning. De meesten zijn immers werknemers en zijn dus afhankelijk van hun werkgevers. Waarom de wetgever zulke trucjes in de wet opneemt, wordt uitgelegd in het slot van dit artikel.

Stelt u zich eens voor dat de regering tegen de eigen nationale burger zou zeggen dat hij niet mag werken zonder vergunning. Dit zou een gerechtvaardigde reden zijn om zo'n regering desnoods met geweld weg te jagen. Want zonder werk kan een mens niet leven. Het recht om te mogen werken en daarmee zijn dagelijks brood te verdienen is een afgeleide van het meest fundamentele mensenrecht dat bestaat, t.w. het recht op leven. Immers zonder werk, geen inkomen en dus geen voedsel. Dan gaat men dood. Een verbod om te mogen werken schendt dus een ieders recht op leven.

Art. 6 Int. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights luidt: *Every human being has the inherent right to life. This right shall be protected by law. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life.*

Het recht op leven moet dus beschermd worden door de wet. Het van het recht op leven afgeleide recht op arbeid dus ook. De WavBES is een wet die dus het recht op leven niet beschermt, maar afbreekt. Ja, alleen voor vreemdelingen dan. Vergeef het ons, lezer. Wij hebben een handicap. We vergeten steeds dat vreemdelingen geen mensen zijn. Wat dom toch van ons!



*No Right to Work
for immigrants*

WavBES: MISDAAD TEGEN DE MENSELIJKHEID

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De WavBES is een misdaad tegen de menselijkheid. Want vreemdelingen zijn wel mensen! En die misdaad kan men niet wegnemen met het trucje om het alleen de *werkgevers* te verbieden om vreemdelingen zonder TWV werk te geven. Dit trucje is bedacht, omdat men het mensen niet kwalijk kan nemen dat ze gaan werken om zich in leven te houden, ook al hebben ze geen werkvergunning. Immers, hoe kan men iemand die werkt nu straffen, omdat hij werkt? Werken is niet alleen een mensenrecht, het is eveneens deel van het natuurrecht.



Maar de werkgever kan men wel straffen. En dat doet de overheid dan ook met flinke boetes. En door de werkgevers te straffen kunnen de meeste vreemdelingen dus ook niet werken. Die moeten dus maar gaan stelen om te leven.

Stelt u zich eens voor dat u moest vluchten naar een ander land om politieke of economische redenen. En dat u dan zo zou worden behandeld. Hoe zou u zich voelen?

Zowel werkgevers als werknemers die de WavBES overtreden, hebben het morele recht aan hun kant. Wij zullen hen altijd verdedigen. Maar ze hebben de wet tegen zich. Het is dus oppassen!

FRENCH IS A CARIBBEAN LANGUAGE

French is spoken in the Caribbean 'Départements d'Outre-Mer' ('Doms') of Guadeloupe, Martinique and Guyane. Also in Haiti and several smaller islands. It definitely is a Caribbean language. That is why we want to include French articles in our e-zine 'ARCO Caribbean', which is or will be published throughout the Caribbean region (which includes the three Guyana's).

However, our editorial collaborators do not speak nor write French. Therefore we are looking for French-language writers who would like to contribute articles in French for publication in ARCO Caribbean.

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CHILEAN REFERENDUM

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What makes the Chilean unrest remarkable and interesting is the way in which the protestors and the government have decided to try and end it. Chilean political parties have agreed to a referendum on replacing the country's Pinochet-era constitution.

The unrest began over subway fares and quickly grew into a broader protest over economic inequality and political exclusion. This the protesters believe is caused by Chile's 1980 constitution, i.e. the neo-liberal model enshrined in it, prioritizing a market-driven economy but failing to adequately guarantee healthcare, education and pensions.

The referendum will ask voters if they want the constitution to be replaced. It will also ask voters to indicate who should be entrusted to draw up a new constitution. The options are 1) a body of fully elected representatives, 2) political appointees or 3) an equal mix of both.

We applaud this peace deal. However, it will not solve the Chilean people's problems, unless the new constitution includes everybody's right to be provided with the means to acquire and own capital goods, i.e. stocks and shares in the country's major corporations. The most direct way to do this is to instruct Chili's Central Bank to extend annual loans to every man, woman and child, which must be used to buy such stocks and shares. These loans may be repaid with the dividends the acquired stocks themselves generate.

We don't expect this to happen. We are just saying ...

BAR AND BAT MITZVAH

You have probably heard about this, but what is it? Bar mitzvah is a Jewish coming of age ritual for boys. Bat mitzvah is a Jewish coming of age ritual for girls.

According to Jewish law, when a Jewish boy is 13 years old, he becomes accountable for his actions and becomes a bar mitzvah. A girl becomes a bat mitzvah at the age of 12 according to Orthodox and Conservative Jews, and at the age of 13 according to Reform Jews.

Before the child reaches bar mitzvah age, parents hold the responsibility for their child's actions. After this age, the boys and girls bear their own responsibility for Jewish ritual law, tradition, and ethics, and are able to participate in all areas of Jewish community life. Traditionally, the father of the bar mitzvah gives thanks to God that he is no longer punished for the child's sins.

E EKSPRESHON 'KATIBU DI SUELDO' PA TRAHADÓ TA OFENSIVO

Terser karta habrí na Sindikato- y Sosialistanan

Primeramente nos ta remarká ku e palabra 'katibu' pa denotá loke na Spañó yama 'esclavo', ta un palabra ku tin un kargo emoshonal fuerte. 'Katibu' ta nifiká un persona ku a ser koutivá. Un sorto di prezu pues. Antes lei tabata permití ku esnan ku a wòrdu koutivá komo prezu durante guernan entre tribu- òf paisnan, por a wòrdu sklabisá. Probablemente e palabra 'katibu' na Papiamentu ta bin di e lei antiguo ei.

Awor nos no ta bai den e diskushon ku mayoria di e 'katibunan' ku a ser transportá for di Afrika na nos islanan a wòrdu koutivá y bendé na Europeonan dor di Afrikanonan mes. Tampoko nos no ta bai defendé e lei di sklabilitut di niun forma. Sklabilitut tabata un sistema malu pa trata hende y no tin èsküs p'é. Sklabilitut komo instituto legal tabata konosí na tur parti di mundu for di e tempu ku nos tin datos históriko (mas òf ménos 6.000 aña pasá). Na China, Hapon, India, Asia, Medio-Oriente, Afrika y Europa tabatin sklabilitut y tambe na e kontinente Amerikano den tempu di Indjannan.

Sklabilitut a yega na su fin komo resultado di e Revolushon Franses y Amerikano, kaminda a introdusí tres kambio fundamental den gobernashon:

- 1) gobièrnu tin ku respetá derecho humano,
- 2) gobièrnu t'ei pa sirbi pueblo, nò pa ser sirbí y
- 3) pueblo ta elegí su gobièrnu pa medio di elekshonnan liber y sekreto.

Pues e klase di 'nobilidat' y privilegio a base di nashon a keda abolí y republikanismo demokrátiko a drenta na su lugá. E impulso históriko ei di e dos revolushonnan a resultá despues di +/- 200 aña den abolishon di sklabilitut rònt mundu. Último pais pa abolí sklabilitut ta e pais Afrikano Mauretania na aña 1981.

"In 1981, Mauritania became the last country in the world to abolish slavery, when a presidential decree abolished the practice. However, no criminal laws were passed to enforce the ban. In 2007, 'under international pressure', the government passed a law allowing slaveholders to be prosecuted. Despite this, the number of slaves in the country has been estimated by Global Slavery Index to be 43,000 [...] in 2015 and by [...] SOS Slavery to be up to 600,000 [...]" (chèk Wikipedia).

Ta di komprondé ku hende den Karibe por sinti nan mes ofendí, ora nos ta usa e ekspreshon 'katibu di sueldo' pa deskribí trahadónan ku ta traha den servisio pa 'doñonan' di trabou kontra pago di un sueldo. Di kon nos ta insistí di usa e ekspreshon aki anto?

Pèrmití nos splika. E diferensia entre un 'katibu' y un trahadó ta relativo. Bèrdat ta ku tin un diferensia di prinsipio y esei ta un paso dilanti importante. E doño di trabou no ta 'doño' (den sentido di *propietario*) di su trahadónan, miéntras den tempu di sklabilitut e doño sí tabata propietario di su katibunan. E katibunan no por a disidí pa nan mes; e doño semper tabatin e último palabra.

Pero di kon nos ta papia ketu bai di 'doño' di trabou? Aparentemente, un òf otro manera, el a keda *doño* tòg. Kende tin e último palabra awendia? E doño òf e trahadó? E lesadó mes sa e kontesta. E doño ketu bai tin hopi poder riba e trahadó. E trahadó su bida mes ta dependé kompletamente di su doño. Si e trahadó ta

Like all wage slaves, he had two crosses to bear: the people he worked for and the people he worked with

— Stephen Vizinczey —

pèrdè su trabou, e y su famia ta kai den miseria mesora. P'esei libertat di un trahadó ta hopi limitá. Den sierto sentido un trahadó moderno a keda un medio-katibu ketu bai. Solamente e doñonan di tra-

bou por disidí realmente liber pa nan mes. Nan libertat tampoko no ta absoluto, pero hopi mas amplio ku e libertat di su trahadónan. Y ketu bai por bisa ku e labor di trahadónan ta wòrdu usá komo medio pa enrikesé e doño di trabou.

Laga nos splik'é na un manera ku bo nunca lo no lubidá. Ban hasi un komparashon ku sex. Un hòmber fuerte òf armá por *forsa* (esta '*rape*') un hende muhé p'e hasi sex kuné. E ta pone un kuchú na su garganta y di e forma ei, e ta fors'é pa hasi sex. E ta posibel.

Asina un *doño di katibu* ta traha ku su katibunan.

Bon, nos tur ta di akuerdo ku esei ta repugnante. Pero ora ta *paga* un muhé pa e hasi sex ku bo, ta hopi mas mihó? Bon, sikiera no tin violencia. Esei ta un paso dilanti importante. Pero sigur si e muhé tin nesesidat finansiero, no ta asina ku e pago ei ta un forma di abuso tòg? Un abuso mas suave sigur. Pero ta abuso a ta keda.

Asina un *doño di trabou* ta traha ku su trahadónan.

Ta kon mester hasi sex anto? Bueno, e úniko manera sano y no-abusivo ta si ta hasi sex a base di boluntat liber kompleto ku un *partner* di bida. Ta mal notisia kisas pa esnan ku ta gusta hasi sex ku prostituta, pero asina e ta. Si nos respetá otro komo hende, e akto di sex no por bai niun otro manera ku a base di boluntat liber entre dos partner- òf esposonan.

Asina un *sosio* ta traha ku su partnernan. *Sigui lesa pg.7*

KATIBU DI SUELDO

Kontinuashon di pg. 6

Kompanianan ku no kier abusá, mester buska un manera pa nan empleadonan optené *akshon* den e kompania kaminda nan ta traha. Y nos NO ta papia di 5%. Nò, un parti *real* den e kompania. Por lo ménos 33%. Asina e trahadónan ta bira sosionan.

E ta posibel. E doño di e kompania lo NO keda perhudiká. E lo risibí un pago hustu pa su akshonnan. Y produktivat di su kompania lo subi ku un averahe di +/- 20% (tin biaha hopi mas).

Nos di ARCO sa kon por hasi esakí. Kualkier kompania ku kier kambia rumbo y stòp di abusá, ounke ta suavemente, di su trahadónan, por tuma kontakto ku nos. Nos lo yud'é pa realisá su deseo y pa di e forma ei sigui traha komo ruman ku su empleadonan. Lo tin reglanan laboral manera semper, pero lo no tin abuso mas. Lo tin respèt.

Nos ta skohe konsientemente pa sigui usa e ekspreshon 'katibu di sueldo', nò pa ofendé, pero pa konsientisá. Tantu doñonan di trabou komo trahadónan tin ku bira konsiente di e abuso suave ku ta e fundamènt di nos relashonnan laboral. E ora ei tin chèns pa nos hasi e paso krusial dilanti akiriba indiká den nos komunitat.

Ménos abuso ta nifiká mas respèt. Y – ohalá – mas pas y amor.

Caribbean unification did you say?

Was that idea not killed in 1962 with the demise of the West Indies Federation? Well, we know it will take time. But we have eternity ahead of us. Literally. Seeds sown today will bear fruit tomorrow. This is not metaphysics, but common knowledge (*but it is metaphysics as well*).

We may expect that the American continent will eventually be divided up into three or four Autonomous Regions, each internally organized along federal lines. These would be:

- 1) North America (USA/Mexico/Canada; Mexico may opt to join Central America);
- 2) Latin America and
- 3) Central America/Caribbean.
- 4) Perhaps Brazil will develop into a fourth Autonomous Region.

To a certain extent this trend is already visible.

When will this happen? We do not know. But the seeds were sown in the past. They will bear fruit. Many things will have to happen first. The Caribbean has to overcome its worst enemy first, i.e. itself. Latin America will have to profoundly re-invent itself. Masters of corruption will not unite. And North-America will have to understand that leadership is service.

So, yes, it will take time ...

La Historia Increíble del Hombre, el Burro y el Camión (3)

Lea episodios 1 y 2 de esta historia en ediciones 2 y 3 de ARCO webzine, www.arcoarib.com

Un día, cuando el odio y envidia de Pedro era bien maduro, Marxoso le dijo que había una manera mejor, que él llamó 'el Socialismo'. Marxoso explicó que el camión de Buck y todos otros 'bienes de capital' - lo que él llamó los 'medios de producción' como la tierra, vacas y caballos, buses, aviones y camiones, maquinarias, fábricas, depósitos, talleres y tiendas, incluso intangibles como las patentes y marcas registradas etc. -, podrían darse al Estado. Entonces todas las ganancias irían al Estado que usaría el dinero para el beneficio de todos.

De esta manera cada persona trabajaría para el Estado y recibiría un sueldo razonable. Nadie tendría que pagar impuestos, o quizás muy pocos impuestos. Los pobres estarían mejor apagados, recibiendo además diferentes golosinas como un almuerzo gratis todos los días, educación, cuidado médico y transporte gratis o, quizás, a un precio nominal. Todos estarían contentos en un estado socialista. Marxoso le aconsejó a Pedro que robara el camión de Buck y todos los otros 'medios de producción' y se los diera todos al Estado.

Pedro discutió esto con sus amigos y decidieron hacerlo. Formaron una banda de 'guerrilleros', dirigida por el Comandante Fidel el Ruso y Dr. Al Cha, y comenzaron una Revolución. Robaron todos los 'medios de producción' que la isla poseía y, siendo Robin Hoods sinceños, le dieron todo al Estado. El único poder que se quedó fue el poder político. Y en este momento Pedro se volvió un socialista *desposeído*. Pero todavía no era consciente de ese hecho.



Pedro abre su segundo ojo

Después de unos 50 años de Revolución, Pedro evaluó su situación. La economía del estado socialista dónde él vivía no estaba muy bien. Los precios habían subido, pero su sueldo no. El gobierno estaba en proceso de desmantelar el programa de '*almuerzo gratis*'. *Cont. pg. 8*

La Historia Increíble del Hombre, el Burro y el Camión (3)

Ciertas personas tenían más riqueza y entrada que otras, pero nadie estaba viviendo en el lujo opulento como su patrón de antes Buck Business. Sin embargo, Pedro mismo era pobre igual que antes de la Revolución. Tenía que hacer todo tipo de trabajitos capitalistas ilegales para sobrevivir. Ilegalmente alquiló habitaciones a los turistas, ilegalmente cambió dinero en las calles, ilegalmente re-vendió mercancías etc. Y si todo falló, él mendigó.

Y entonces un día se topó a un hombre barbudo caminando la carretera con una imagen extraña pintada en su camiseta, algo con tres cruces. Al principio Pedro no entendió, pero este hombre le explicó que le embaucaron desde el principio. Cuando dejó su conuco a trabajar para Buck, él se volvió un capitalista desposeído. Y después que el estado había expropiado todos los medios de producción y recursos naturales, él se volvió un socialista desposeído. En ambos casos igualmente desposeído.

'Debes volverte un poseedor solidarista', le dijo el hombre extraño de una isla dónde el aire es bueno a Pedro. 'He aquí el secreto', dijo: 'Posea o te poseen; ésta es la Norma'. Y continuó: 'Este secreto llegó a mí por un hombre de Normandía que luchó en la Guerra de Corea. Y es a este Normando que nuestro próximo artículo se dedicará (*siguiente leyendo página 11*).

ROSICRUCIAN SPIRITUALITY

More than ever, it is time for us to move from religiosity to spirituality, which means replacing the sole belief in God with the knowledge of divine laws – that is, universal, natural, and spiritual laws. The well-being we seek, including on a material plane, is to be found in this knowledge and in the wisdom that ensues. An ancient Rosicrucian adage says, "It is from ignorance and ignorance alone that humans must free themselves".

Ignorance is at the origin of the worst things a person can do to himself, to others, and to one's environment.



It is also the source of different superstitions that demean humanity and prevent it from finding complete fulfillment.

Therefore give a spiritual direction to your life. **Do not just be a living thing, be a living soul.**

Rosicrucian Manuscript

DRIE JAAR ALWEER

Drie jaar alweer. Wat ging het snel.

Ik lijk nog steeds te dromen.

De wens vervuld, het hart gerust.

En onder kokosboom de zoete rust.

De blauwe baai verbleekt het grijs.

De taal, hij zingt en ik zing mee.

En ik ben thuisgekomen.

Ria Evers-Dokter, mei 2019

Watapana

Trotse divi divi-boom,

met takken in schijnbare wanorde.

Zo staat hij in de achtertuin.

Adem zijn groene tinten in tegen wolkeloze hemel....

Hij staat daar allang.

Gedijend op vulkaansteen

blaast passaatwind door zijn kroon.

In batik gevangen.

Ria Evers-Dokter n.a.v. een batikdoek

door G.G. Gerling. Bonaire 2007.

NACHT

In ijzig koude duisternis koepelt diepblauw de nacht.

Maanlicht wordt versluierd en zacht-

witte Melkweg wijst

waar heelal eindigt

en eeuwigheid begint.

Hollum Ameland, 27 januari 2011

Ria Evers-Dokter

NOTA RIBA USO DI PAPIAMENTU

Pasobra ARCO lo focus mas riba region di Karibe den konteksto mundial, nos lo hasi ménos uso di Papiamentu ku den pasado. Sin embargo, ARCO a nase na Antia. Ta p'esei nos semper lo inkluí 2 artíkulo na Papiamentu den kada edishon.

NOTE ON THE USE OF PAPIAMENTU

As ARCO will focus more on the Caribbean Region within a global context, we will not use Papiamentu as much as in the past. However, ARCO was born in the Antilles. Therefore we will always include 2 articles in Papiamentu in each edition.

THE LAST CONVULSIONS OF NATIONALISM

Nationalism is dying. Trump's frantic attempts to revive it *prove* that it is dying. Trump himself has come to kill it. How? Well, apparently the world needs a lunatic to stir up deadly trouble, so that from the ensuing devastation something better may emerge.

It is abhorrent to admit that there is no other way. And history confirms that up to now there has never been any other way. However, we insist that there is a better way. But unless we start thinking fairly and reasonably and be courageous and compassionate enough to draw the conclusions of the peaceful way and act accordingly, it will go Trump's way. A mendacious, erratic and lethal way, with millions, possibly billions dead and devastating destruction as never seen before.

Now, if this were indeed to occur, the USA would obviously be involved. But that it would actually be caused by the USA, probably nobody had expected. The recent 'storming' by Republican Congressmen of a secure room in the Capitol where impeachment depositions were being taken is not yet equal to the burning of the Reichstag. But the underlying similarities are eerie. The 'storming' took place after Trump had urged Republicans to 'get tough and fight'.

For *him*, presumably.

On the surface, this is an Insignificant incident. But Trump represents the Christian Right in America. They see him as a second King Cyrus, somebody who is above the law.



The month before the 2018 midterm elections, a thousand US-theaters screened "The Trump Prophecy", a film that tells the story of Mark Taylor, a former firefighter who claims that God told him in 2011 that Donald Trump would be elected president. Many evangelical Christians

believe that Trump will be raised a King by God himself. They base this prophecy on the 45th Chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah. Trump is the 45th President of the USA. To the Christian Right the number equivalence is not a coincidence. For them Trump is the new King Cyrus. And Trump himself has come to believe it too. He recently confirmed that he is the 'Chosen One'



Donald Trump's face on Israeli coin marking 70th anniversary of Israel independence, following decision to move US embassy to Jerusalem

Cyrus the Great was a 6th century BC King of Persia who established the first Persian empire and allowed the Jews to return to Israel from their Babylonian captivity. Cyrus was not a religious man, just like Trump. For the Christian Right this confirms that he is indeed the 'Chosen One'.

Now, in Isaiah 45 (King James Version) a number of very interesting things are said by God to King Cyrus:

45:1 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him;

2: I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel.

4: For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5: I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6: That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

7: I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.

8: Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it".

Careful reading of these verses will make you see that what is described therein could conceivably happen again today in the Trump-era. In verse 8 God orders the heavens to drop down and to let the skies pour down righteousness. This could easily be interpreted to mean that bombs will fall down to pour righteousness on evil-doers. And that this will bring salvation.

Some in the Christian Right are known to have taken it upon themselves to help God actively to make such prophecies come true.



Israel had to expel a number of them for stirring up trouble so as to accelerate the coming of the 'end times' (apocalypse) and the ensuing 'Rapture'. And if a critical mass of people do stir up enough trouble, the prophecy may fulfill itself.

Especially if Trump himself believes it. *Continued pg. 10*

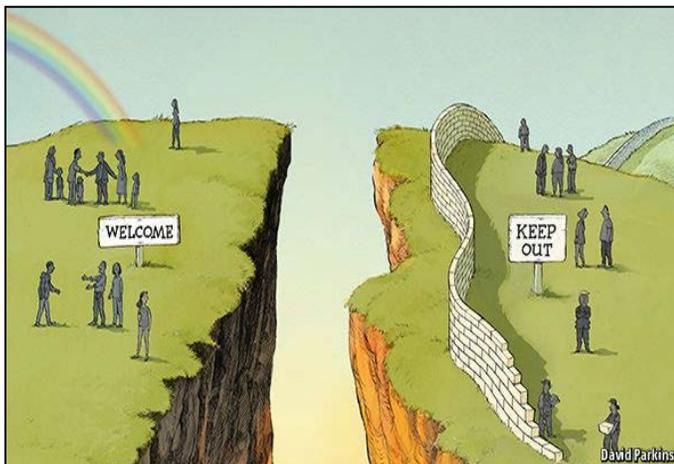
THE LAST CONVULSIONS OF NATIONALISM

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US Democrats are baffled at how the Christian Right keeps on defending Trump despite his extremely unchristian or even anti-christian behavior? Here is the reason. God chose an ungodly man before to do His bidding, namely King Cyrus. The Christian Right knows full well that Trump is a liar, an immoral person and an extreme narcissist. But God must have His reason for choosing him, because He has. This the Christian Right believe. It is not rational. So with reason one cannot understand it. But if you believe to see God's Plan with Trump at the helm unfold before your eyes, then, of course, you are not going to interfere. You will continue to defend the 'Chosen One', no matter what. Because you cannot strive against God's Plan. On the contrary, you have to facilitate it.

So, we must understand that Trump's political 'base' is unshakeable. Not all Christians in the USA see it this way. But a hard core of them do. That is Trump's 'base'. And they have a lot of cash and courage to help him. So they give him *'the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places'* (Isaiah 45:4). And the 'Lord' in these verses is the God of Israel. Therefore, in the mind of the Christian Right, Trump's willingness to support Israel (moving the US-Embassy to Jerusalem and recognizing Israel's sovereignty of the occupied Golan Heights on 25 March, 2019) *proves* that Trump indeed is God's 'Chosen One'. And where God says in Isaiah 45:7 that He is the Creator of Light as well as of Darkness, the Christian Right believes that God needs a person like Trump indeed, because he is capable of spreading Darkness, which at this time in history is necessary for the apocalypse to emerge from the state of confusion the world currently finds itself in.

For the US Christian Right this all makes perfect sense.



This mix of Religion with Politics is extremely toxic and dangerous. We, too, believe that the world will evolve by passing through hard times. It always has. And because modern communication, transportation and aviation have created international interdependence and inter-connectedness (in short '*globalism*'), it stands to reason that the 'hard times' will be global. However, we insist, *first of all*, that there is another much less stressful way. World War is not the only way. *Secondly*, we must first know what we want to achieve before we can decide upon the way to accomplish it. Unfortunately, at this moment, the fires are being stoked to go to war without knowing what we want to achieve.

So, really, we are asking for it.

A World Conflagration can still be avoided, if we accept *now* that wealth and income has to be redistributed globally by swiftly democratizing capital ownership (i.e. ownership in stocks and shares) among *all* people while at the same time raising overall production of goods and services (beginning with food and adequate housing!) at an exponentially increased rate with as little as possible damage to the environment.

This is the much less stressful social-economic way.

Note! We are referring here to 'Synergism', the Just Third Way. It is not Socialism, it is not Capitalism, but a combination of the best features of both. Don't judge before you know! In fact, it is imperative that you seek to know. Begin your research here: www.cesj.org or at our own website www.arcocarib.com For our Caribbean readers we recommend the free e-book: 'Cuba, a New Beginning' in English and Spanish at our website arcocarib.com.

Nationalism is an anachronism in an already interdependent and interconnected world. We cannot untie this knot, not even with a World War. Nationalism will die by natural necessity. But we must make sure we transcend the old right-left divide and build a New Global Civilization on a combination of the best features of both left *and* right. Capitalism cannot carry it. Neither can Socialism. We need Middle Ground.

We need 'Synergism', the Just Third Way.

Globalism vs. Nationalism; the picture on the left

Often the truth does indeed lie between two extreme positions. However, sometimes a half-truth is a complete lie. With facts this is so. They are either true or false. But with respect to political positions there is always middle ground. However, the picture depicts the present sad state of affairs with respect to globalism vs. nationalism. Nobody sees any middle ground. There is just a deep chasm. What is missing in our societies is the third force of spiritual insight.

La Historia Increíble del Hombre, el Burro y el Camión (4)

Lea episodio 3, página 7 y 8 de esta edición

Pedro era un simple campesino, un 'guajiro'. Pero un guajiro inteligente. 'Posea o te poseen', le había dicho el hombre extraño caminando la carretera desde San José a Guïnes. En otras palabras, a menos que tú posees algo de capital y recibes un ingreso independiente de eso, alguien será tu propietario, sea Buck Business o el Estado. En ambos casos, tú estás totalmente dependiente de la persona o la entidad que posee a ti.

Es cierto que hay una diferencia entre un esclavo y un esclavo asalariado. El esclavo legalmente es la propiedad de una persona, mientras que legalmente el esclavo asalariado es libre. Pero económicamente, el esclavo asalariado es la propiedad de su patrón igual que antes el esclavo era la propiedad de su maestro. Esto se ilustra claramente por el hecho de que el típico esclavo asalariado - por miedo de perder su trabajo - hará casi cualquiera cosa que le pide su patrón, incluso si esto significa que él tiene que mentir o tratar a los demás de manera injusta.

¡Por algunos pesos extra el verdugo estaba dispuesto a matar un condenado con una hacha! Un ejemplo extremo, lo admitimos. Pero prueba el punto. Nunca hay una escasez de capataces, soplones o miembros del CDR en Cuba para traicionar a cualquiera persona que está haciendo algo para la mera sobrevivencia, pero que es ilegal en un estado socialista (por ejemplo, la venta callejera sin licencia). Seguramente, si hay una manera de remediar esta situación, sería una afrenta a la libertad, la democracia y la dignidad humana para no hacerlo.

¿Quién realmente hace el trabajo?

'Dime', pidió Pedro que ya era un hombre viejo. 'Durante mi vida tenía el suerte de topar dos eminentes economistas, Adan Smith-Herrero y Carlos Marxoso. Ambos me dijeron que mi productividad aumentó cuando dejé que mi capital hizo cualquier trabajo para mí. En el principio trabajé con un burro, después con un camión. Siempre sentí que fueron el burro y el camión que hicieron el trabajo real. Pero ambos economistas me dijeron que no es así. Me aseguraron que era yo que se puso más productivo. Soy estúpido yo, o son ciegos ellos?'

'Tienes totalmente razón, Pedro. Esto en realidad es un punto ciego en la teoría económica tradicional', el forastero respondió. 'Por supuesto es el capital que hace el trabajo extra. De hecho, cuando estabas trabajando con tu burro, tú fuiste menos productivo que anteriormente. Y cuando estabas conduciendo el camión, tú te

sentaste en su culo, mientras que el camión trabajaba como un burro sin parar, a menos que tú querías un descanso de sentarse'.

'Pero porqué es tan importante corregir este error antropocéntrico?', preguntó Pedro. 'Es porque', contestó el hombre, 'tú tienes que darte cuenta de que tu labor nunca no puede competir con el capital. El error da lugar a la falsa impre-



El camion burro

sión de que la inversión de más capital en el proceso de producción vuelve a ti (es decir, al ser humano) más importante, mientras que en realidad vuelve a ti más dispensable. No estamos muy lejos de la situación en que robots serán capaces de reparar y mantener otros robots y máquinas. Eso te volverá totalmente dispensable. Ya el capital (en la forma de máquinas, computadoras, robots etc.) es responsable para 90% o más de la producción total, mientras que la participación de la labor humana en el proceso de producción está disminuyendo continuamente. Así que debe ser claro que a menos que tú posees algo de capital, vas a ser marginado más y más como ya es el caso con masas de personas pobres en los países del tercer mundo'.

'Por eso', respondió Pedro, 'mejor hagamos la paz con nuestro Gran Hermano al norte. Por dos razones. En primer lugar, los ciudadanos estadounidenses son seres humanos, al igual que nosotros. ¿Por qué querríamos matarles? En segundo lugar, debemos utilizar nuestro tiempo y esfuerzos para incorporar capital en nuestra gente, en lugar de desperdiciar nuestro dinero, inteligencia y recursos en una Guerra Fría (¡que podría convertirse caliente un día!) contra un enemigo que económicamente nos supera con facilidad y por tanto siempre tendrá más recursos que nosotros. Debemos seguir el ejemplo de Costa Rica y dismantelar nuestro ejército y marina. Debemos seguir invirtiendo en la educación y ciencia y hacer nuestra gente económicamente fuerte. Esto lo podemos hacer de la manera más eficaz, si escogemos el camino sinérgico. De esto me has convencido'.

'Como ya te dije: Posea o te poseen – eso es el secreto; eso es la Norma', el forastero respondió.

HUMAN RIGHTS UNDER THE BUS

Thirty-sixth Open Letter to the Judiciary

It cannot be called a deception. That would imply a clear act. The problem is, there is no act. There is the absence of action. There is a vacuum, a hiatus.

It is not even deception by purposely withholding vital information or 'deceptive concealment', for that is still a clear act. In Dutch this is called '*verzwijgen*', for which word there is no good English equivalent. The verb '*zwijgen*' means 'to maintain silence' or 'to keep quiet'. But '*verzwijgen*' has the flavor of killing something by actively and purposely keeping quiet about it, whilst knowing full well that it is illegal or at least immoral.

The Antillean offshore-industry has turned this into a lucrative tax-evasive art, which they are pleased to call mere 'tax avoidance'.

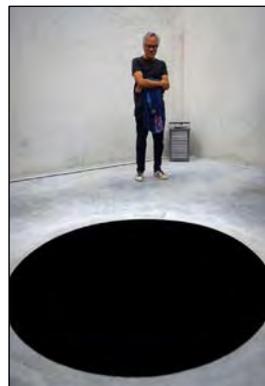
Well, it is none of that. The silence in this instance is not active and not purposeful. They just keep quiet about it. No doubt it has been explained at some time in the past, but thereafter no further mention is made of it.

So what, one may ask? Well, the problem is that the public does not know. They are blissfully unaware of it. Well, maybe that is a good thing? '*Wat niet weet, niet deert*', as the Dutch saying goes (*tr*: 'What one doesn't know, doesn't hurt'). And this is true, of course. Until one finds out. Then it does hurt! It's like falling into a Black Hole, a huge vacuum one did not even know was there ...

Hopefully by now, gentle reader, you are burning to know what we're talking about. Okay, then, we will no longer '*verzwijg*' it.

The International Human Rights Courts throw out thousands of cases without any explanation or reasoning whatsoever. They have been doing so for years, but nobody knows about it.

Neither did we. When we set up our foundation 'Golden Meand Society' (GMS), the aim was to bring human rights cases to the International Human Rights Courts (either the European or International Court). For reasons that are not relevant here, we started at the Int. Court in Geneva. We sent in the first case in 2015. All went well. The Court (or 'Committee', as it's called) functions slowly, but the case was accepted and will be adjudicated. In 2017 we sent in the second case. It was also accepted.



One has to get used to the slow pace, but at least the Court is working. The people of most countries in the world can bring their grievances about human rights violations committed by their government to an Int. Human Rights Court, which will pass judgment. Thus Justice will (eventually) be done. One has to have the patience of a saint, but, well, that's why he is a saint.

The point is that Justice will in the end be done. And it can be seen to be done, because the Court is there and its decisions are published.

This is indeed extremely important. And we were very pleased that we (GMS) could be a part of this.

Until we fell into this Black Hole ...



The third case we sent in was decided upon within two weeks. The verdict: '*non-admissible*'. What!? Non-admissible??? We checked. We hadn't done anything wrong. What the heck is this?

So while falling into this Black Hole, we did some research. Turns out that the Geneva Court receives some 10.000 cases per year, of which only about 250 to 350 (say 5%) are accepted. The European Court is not much better. They only accept about 20% per year.

Now, what's the point in proclaiming human rights, if these rights cannot be enforced by the ultimate (international) Courts especially instituted to that end? And this has been going on for years now, if not from the very beginning these Courts were first instituted.

So we all *think* we have human rights and that there is an International Court of last resort which will eventually adjudicate one's case. But in reality we don't. Of course, this statement is too absolute. But the vacuum we are talking about (95%) is so vast and serious that we let it stand. We all should realize what is going on and understand the urgency of doing something about it.



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Now, of course, the judiciaries of national states should be the first to draw attention to this problem. But, as usual, they don't. They prefer to decide what they themselves believe is just and correct with respect to human rights. God forbid that International Courts would be looking over their shoulders!

So they maintain an active and stony silence. We do not expect any support for this letter from the national Courts, which proves precisely why the population is losing trust in them. The verb *'verzwijgen'* comes to mind again here.

Does this mean that the whole system is a complete sham? No. There is just a 95% Black Hole. And the Int. Courts select their cases carefully, so that their decisions may have maximum impact. And domestic Courts are supposed to follow the Int. Courts' case-law.

So it is still important. But this 95% gaping hole should be covered by a firm LID. The int. community should stop feeding the Demon of Injustice with 95% of all human rights cases and Let Injustice Die.

We at GMS may at least flatter ourselves with the thought that we have an excellent record. After all, so far, the Geneva Court has accepted 66.6% of the cases we brought!

Our legal work must be very good ...

FANJINGSHAN

Fanjingshan is the highest peak of the Wuling Mountains, stretching 8,430 feet above sea level. It is much taller than it is wide, a vertical pinnacle that resembles



a pencil standing on a desk. To reach the top, you have to walk up more than 8,000 steps or take a cable car ride up from the road below.

The two temples atop the mountain were each constructed on separate peaks, and guests must cross a small bridge to traverse the crevice between them.

KUNSTENARES MANUELA WINKLAAR



Manuela Winklaar is een van de bekendste kunstenaars van Bonaireaanse afkomst, geboren in 1960. Zij schildert al van jongs af aan. Zij is autodidact en heeft veel geëxperimenteerd. Zij schildert op van alles: doek, muren (veel in Rincon!), auto's, kleren, vloerbedekking, glas, terracotta potten etc.

Schilderen is voor haar een spirituele bezigheid. Zij bidt om inspiratie en vraagt God haar te helpen steeds mooier te schilderen. Terwijl ze werkt mediteert ze en probeert zo rust en vrede in haar werk aan te brengen. Om goed te kunnen werken moet men zich vrij voelen, in balans tussen God en zichzelf.

Wanneer ze schildert, voelt ze zich gelukkig en vergeet alles om zich heen. Soms gaat ze er helemaal in op en kan dan niet meer ophouden. Ze werkt door zonder eten tot laat in de avond, totdat ze uitgeput is.

Ze heeft wat moeite om zich verbaal uit te drukken. Dit compenseert zij met kunst, waarin zij haar ziel open legt. Alles om haar heen kan haar inspireren, alsook haar dromen.

Ze houdt ervan om oude huizen te schilderen. Het fascineert haar hoe de tijd de kleuren van de muren verandert en hoe de muren scheuren en afbrokkelen. Men voelt de mensen die er gewoond hebben, met al hun lief en leed.

Vlinders zijn voor haar het symbool van de transformatie die iedereen door moet maken tijdens het leven. En tevens symbool van de vrijheid vanwege de wijze waarop ze vliegen. De schoonheid en kleurenrijkdom van vlinders laten zien hoe men het leven door moet gaan. Wel veranderen, maar altijd positief blijven en het beste ervan maken.

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ECONOMIC PERSONALISM

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An economic system (and subset of “Personalism”) centered upon the dignity and economic empowerment of each human person. It recognizes that human life, dignity, and liberty require that each person have the power and independent means to support and sustain one’s own life, dignity and liberty — i.e., through one’s own private property rights (personal or shared control and rights to the full fruits or “profits” in what one owns.

In contrast to monopolistic capitalism, collectivist socialism/communism, and their various forms of state or collective ownership of productive capital assets, economic personalism aims to structurally diffuse economic power by democratizing access to capital ownership for each person.

The Just Third Way version of Economic Personalism recognizes two categories of inputs that each person can contribute to, and gain consumption income from, the production of marketable goods and services. These are (1) one’s labor, including manual, intellectual, managerial, entrepreneurial, etc., and (2) one’s capital, including land, structures, machinery, patents, etc. (See “Binary Economics.”)

The chief institutions for universalizing equal access to the means of acquiring and owning productive capital, while respecting the private property rights of current owners, include a just monetary system, a just tax system and a just inheritance system that remove barriers to equal opportunity for every citizen to become a capital owner in the future.

Economic Personalism holds that the most democratic economic system for determining just wages, just prices and just profits is an open, anti-monopolistic free market that is guided by the three system principles of participative justice, distributive justice and social justice. *End of definition.*

ARCO supports CESJ (Center for Economic & Social Justice). It is the prime research and documentation center on the ‘Just Third Way’, which ARCO calls ‘Synergism’, whereas CESJ has settled on the term ‘Economic Personalism’.

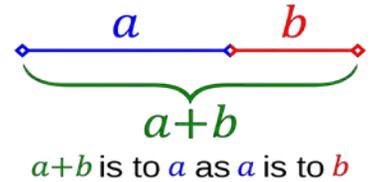
WE ARE NOT JUBILANT YET, BUT ...

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THE GOLDEN SECTION

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Certain proportions of an object - or between objects - people tend to find beautiful. Proportions that have fascinated artists and mathematicians alike for many centuries are summed up in the ‘Golden Ratio’ or ‘Golden Section’. The golden section is there where a line is divided in such a way that the smaller part is to the larger part, as the larger part is to the whole.



That sounds abstract. But when we apply this to our own place in Nature and within the Universe, it may become more tangible: ‘Nature (the smaller part) is to Man (the larger part), as Man is to the Whole Universe’. So the Golden Ratio is an apt way to express the idea that Man’s control over Nature, is comparable to the control of the Whole Universe over Man.

Obviously, religious people would say ‘God’ instead of ‘the Whole Universe’. We could also say ‘the All’ or ‘the Cosmic’. It makes no difference. The thought is the same. This is about proportions and beauty, not about religion. Our hypothesis is that Nature is to Man as Man is to the Universe. Even our secular friends do not doubt that Man is subjected to Universal forces and laws that he may be able to use and direct, but that he has not created.

ARCO has designed a building to symbolize what we call ‘Synergism, the Just Third Way’. We call it ‘Civilization Hall’. Please refer to the e-book Paradigm Regained at www.arcocrib.com

The proportions of Civilization Hall conform to this Golden Ratio or Golden Mean, as it has also been called. The diameters of the Hall’s 3 stories are respectively 3, 5 and 8 times the standard measure. This standard has been set at 1.5m (= the length of the diameter of the lampshade on top of the Hall’s central pillar). We are confident that because of the Golden Mean in its design, people will find the Hall beautiful.



Which leads to Man’s innermost nature. One of the most encouraging thoughts ever expressed is that *Man is not strong enough to be evil*. This goes beyond the perception of good and evil. It is not what we see. This is about what actually *is*. Our innermost nature is noble. That is because a seed has been planted in our hearts. We can transcend the duality of good vs. evil. Not without effort, not without error and pain. But it can be done.

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We are not blind to the weaknesses of Man. In Civilization Hall they are clearly represented. The 3rd story is about money. The 2nd about power and the 1st about prestige. Throughout history the love of these 3 have been the cause of the most horrendous atrocities. However, all 3 can be controlled and turned into tools to build **Arcadia**¹.

We offer no proof of this. It will prove itself.

Footnote 1: 'Arcadia' is the ideal society

UNITED STATES OF ARCADIA

In the history of an alien planet much like our own, there came a time when the nations realized that *you cannot bomb your way to peace*. After many wars it was finally realized that the ends do not justify the means. Unjustifiable means *block* the ends even. Thus it had blocked the cruel attempts by socialists to 'globalize' their planet. And later it had blocked the equally cruel attempts by capitalists trying to impose their will on the planet.

In the end the nations decided to apply what they called 'Peacenik's formula', i.e. Justice (3) + Time (5) = Peace (8). And thus by the force of Stability/Justice and Idealism/Time they formed a new union which they called the 'United States of Arcadia', or 'USA' for short.

That ended all nationalist wars. There simply was no outside enemy left to combat. The resulting peace was the indispensable basis for the emergence of Arcadia's extraordinary and wonderful Civilization.

After the formation of the USA the only enemy left to conquer was the Arcadian population's own lower nature. That was accomplished by means of education and tons of patience. Education was seen as a way of 'leading out' of darkness, i.e. leading to the understanding and practice not only of '*technics*' but first and foremost of *ethics*.

These had been revolutionary changes. It had not been easy for the Arcadians to realize that nationalism was just plain discrimination. And the formation of the the USA had been possible only after they had launched the so-called 'planetarization' process, a consciousness-raising program which steered away from planetary domination and moved toward planetary liberation instead.



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UTOPIAN INSPIRATION



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Another random Utopian picture



AUROVILLE, an actual Utopian city, India

Auroville wants to be a universal town where men and women of all countries are able to live in peace and progressive harmony above all creeds, all politics and all nationalities. The purpose of Auroville is to realize human unity.

THE INNER LIGHT

The need of men today is to find the Inner Light – as it has ever been their need since the beginning. All other objects are but the reflections of this one great object of human existence. Nothing else can give any lasting satisfaction. Nothing else can quench the thirst that drives men to and fro over the earth in search of peace.

This crisis in the history of the world emphasizes the age-old truth. The only solution for the innumerable problems that vex the thinkers of today lies in the awakening of humanity to a realization of the truth about itself.

Consider, for example, the conflict between Capital and Labor. Daily it grows bitterer. Greed sets itself against greed. Envy is pitted against avarice; they who possess the power of wealth are confronted by those who are trusting in the potency of concerted action. Yet both sides are blind to the real truth. The capitalist thinks he owes his power to money; the workingman shares the same belief, and seeks to get more money for himself by threats or violence. Thousands are led astray by a political philosophy founded upon the premises of an exploded materialistic conception of nature and man; and so far have the subtle falsehoods of this evil doctrine spread, that blood must flow before its folly is demonstrated to the world.

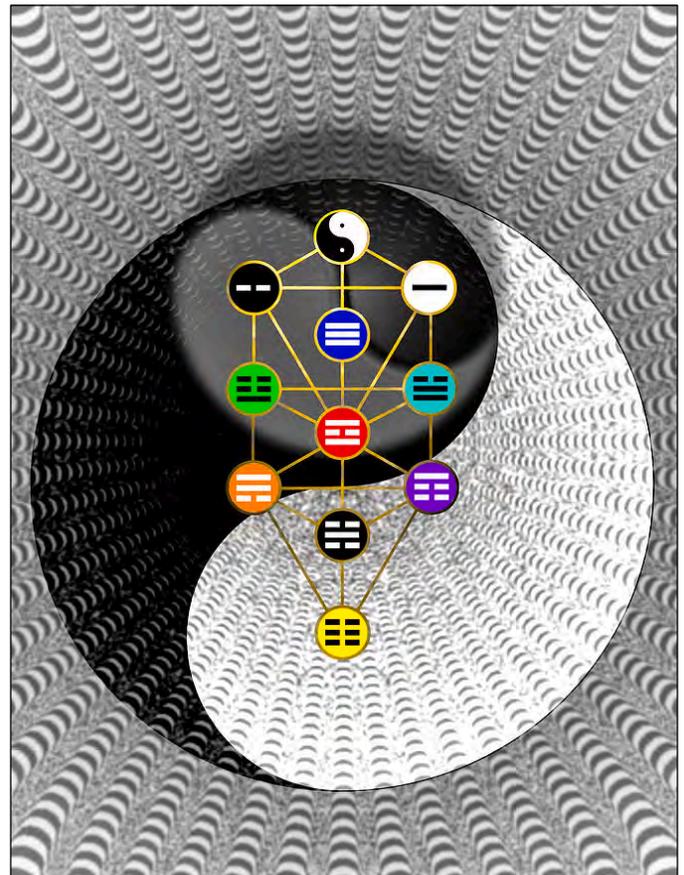
Not until men learn that the only source of freedom is to be found, not in possessions, but in self expression; that joy is not in owning things, but in *being*; that vast estates, costly raiment, and all the pomp and show of wealth are not only needless, but positively harmful and conducive to unhappiness – not until the rich learn the folly of their great possessions, and the poor awaken to the fact that their envy of the rich is a delusion – may we hope for peace.

‘Lay up treasures in heaven’, so long regarded as a beautiful, but impracticable ideal, is the sanest, most workable bit of advice that was ever put into words. For ‘heaven’ is not some far-off spot that we must die to reach. It is a plane of being, a part of every man’s life. Happy, indeed, are they who have found the way that leads thereto, and richer by far than any billionaire who staggers under his burden of gold.

But some may object that things like this have often been said before; that again and again teachers have come into the world to proclaim the vanity of riches, and the futility of envying those who are cursed with a superabundance of the goods of this world. And many will be quick to point out that, in time, those who have

claimed to be the followers of these teachers have been among the most rapacious in their quest for creature-comforts.

Yet this criticism is beside the question. To show that those who preach a doctrine do not put it into practice themselves, is no proof that it is false. Moreover, in the past, there has been more or less of a tendency to undervalue the things of this world in emphasizing the riches of the inner life.



Let no one misunderstand our teaching upon this point. Beautiful homes, tasteful garments, good food, leisure for recreation and study, and all the other comforts of this world that seem now to be denied the poor, are desirable and should be shared by all mankind.

The great error lies in making these the objects of pursuit, when they should be only the byproducts of successful living. So long as men believe they must acquire things, so long will those who have greater talents for accumulation get more than their share, and thus deprive others of what they, too, have the right to enjoy.

But the remedy is not in revolution, whether by bullet or by ballot.

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THE INNER LIGHT

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Neither violence nor legislation can correct the evil. The remedy is spiritual, and consists in a transformation of human thought about what is really worth living and striving for. And, as might be expected, the place to apply it first of all is in the circles of the rich. So long as poor men see the rich apparently happy – often seeming to enjoy manifestly ill-gotten gains – so long will the twin curses of ambition and envy keep alight the fires of discontent and violence among the poor.

Not those who have no opportunity for judging the folly of wealth, but those whose daily experience shows them its vanity, must be reached before the Great Transformation that will establish the Brotherhood of Humanity can be effected. Convince the wealthy people of the world that the ancient doctrine is true; secure their support; enlist them in the Great Work, and you shall see the end of all the bitter struggles that are going on today.

So we say unto you. Labor without ceasing to spread this doctrine of the Inner Light among those who are most ready to receive it. They, like all the rest of the world, are in search of happiness, health, wisdom and peace. And they, more than any other class of men, are ready for the message we are giving; because they, having all that money can buy, know only too well how far short it falls of giving them satisfaction.

Nos is the time when the realization of the Great Work draws nigh, when the first-fruits of the harvest of the Great Awakening are to be gathered. All the fearsome portents of the outer plane, all this class-hatred, all this dissatisfaction have but one meaning. Huamnity is about to be born again – into a new consciousness, into a new understanding of the purpose of life. Already the New Birth is realized on the interior planes, and soon the proofs of it will be abundant in the Outer. In, and through all men, is working the Spirit of the Wisdom and Power of the Lord of the Universe, finding expressio in increasing measure through the lives of thousands. It cannot fail. No power of darkness can defeat it. For it is the Light of lights, bringing to all mankind the glorious Dawn of a New Day.

Note by ARCO. This article was written in +/- 1920 under the pseudonym 'Anael'. The author later set up 'BOTA' = Builders of the Adytum. If this interests you, contact us (M. Bijkerk). We can give you all needed info. **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.**



ON THE OCCASION OF THE INCORPORATION of the Foundation 'Academie Maatschappelijke Ontwikkeling Regio Cariben' (Academy for Community Development in the Caribbean Region'), Curaçao, 4 December 2019.

We live in shifting times indeed. The old order is crumbling and we do not yet know what the new one will look like. What will happen in Venezuela and the rest of Latin America? It's a big mess. And it's just a few kilometers away. We feel the heat too. But, in fact, there is unrest and turbulence everywhere in the world. On our own islands, too, instability and confusion are on the rise.

Nobody seems to know what to do.

Within this state of agitation we have decided to set up an Academy on Curaçao with the ambition to involve other Caribbean islands and countries as well. Are we crazy?

Well, I don't think so. Allow me to explain. In our press-release we said that our initiative is of momentous import. Why? Because mystics work on the causal level or plane. We set things in motion and do not worry about results. The results will inevitably come, if the cause is just and the intent is based on the trinity of light, life and love. It does not matter *when* the results come. They will come at the right moment. Mystics do not worry about that. We worry about causes.

The Academy will help set in motion a system of thought. We will train and teach people from all walks of life to apply mystical principles. And we will also give them the tools *how* they can know what to do and why. Each person decides for himself what his or her contribution will be. But when each one sets out on his or her own mission, great or small, they will have the mental tools to carry them out.

Without any worry about the results.



*It is good to have an end to journey toward,
but it is the journey that matters in the end ...*

First they must know who they really are. Secondly they must know that whatever they set out to do must comply with the test of 'light, life and love'. Cont. pg. 18

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This should be explained in more detail. Some claim that the force employed on the causal plane is neutral. One can use it as a deadly weapon or as a healing balm. It's neutral, just like the force of gravity. Gravity is oblivious of a test such as 'light, life and love'.

Now I personally do not believe that the causal plane force is neutral. I believe it is the *essence* of 'light, life and love'. But I cannot prove that. But if we reason this problem out, we would all agree that, if it were indeed neutral and anybody who has found it could use it as his fancy dictates, the world would soon be turned into chaos. The gods would start fighting each other, so to speak. This may well be what is happening at this moment. But however that may be, it is clear that we need a *standard* or a *test* before using this force.

That test is precisely 'Light, Life and Love'.

And here we will reveal a secret. The Hebrew for the proper name 'Jesus' is 'Yeheshuaha'. It consists of 5 Hebrew letters, 'Yod', 'Heh', 'Shin', 'Vau' and 'Heh'. In biblical Hebrew each letter has a meaning. Yod means Will, Heh means Reason, Shin means Union with God, Vau means Intuition and Heh, as said, means Reason.

So here's the 'Yeheshuaha'-test.

- 1) When you want to set something in motion on the causal plane, start with Yod or your personal will and ask yourself what it is exactly you want to do. So, first know precisely what you want.
- 2) Then continue with the 2nd letter Heh or your Reason, i.e. analyze it and think it through carefully.
- 1) Then continue with the 3rd letter Shin, i.e. check if it resonates with God's Will.

This letter comprises a three-fold test:

A) First, the test of Light. Ask yourself first if what you want to do can see the light of day? If it cannot, don't do it. If you are ashamed of it, something is wrong. It must be transparent as light.

B) Second, the test of Life. Will it be harmful to people or even kill them? Or will it be beneficial and improve their lives? If people's lives are at risk, don't do it.

C) Third, the test of Love. Will it promote harmony and peace? If not, don't do it.



- 4) Then continue with the 4th letter Vau or your Intuition. Listen carefully to know what principles are involved and wait for the creative impulse. Follow that.
- 5) Then finish with the second letter Heh, your Reason again. *Because Intuition is beyond Reason, but never contrary to Reason.* So always stay alert and use your brain to test your intuition, while setting in motion the tested causal actions and thoughts that you have chosen. And adapt whenever necessary.

Then, and only then, will your causal actions inevitably have beautiful and beneficial results, both for yourself and for others. That is, - there is a proviso! - if you work at it with the madness of a saint! No work, no results. The results are not the prime objective and they will come at the right time, provided you work.

If the Academy will work in this way, and we have no doubt it will, then you understand that this initiative is indeed momentous. We did not say too much.

I wish to congratulate all who have worked to make this happen. And there is no doubt that the Executive Board is in good hands with Ron and Merelyn Vonhögen and Telemaque Stoffer. These three people are not allowed to die yet. They have work to do! And the General Board will certainly do what it can to help them.

Curaçao, 4 December 2019

Michiel Bijkerk

Anybody interested in this kind of work may contact the editor, Michiel Bijkerk, tel: 00599-7962650

A more humane face to capitalism

Written by Gregory Wight

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In 1861, when Xzar Alexander II of Russia, signed the law ending serfdom nationwide, he neglected to include a provision in the law which would have handed over legal title to the land being farmed by the Serfs.

This omission caused so much discontent among the masses that it led to 8 attempts on his life, with the 8th attempt finally being successful in 1882, when a bomb was thrown at him as he emerged from his carriage in St Petersburg.

His son Xzar Alexander III then took over and ordered the famous cathedral "Church of The Resurrection" be built on the spot where his father was assassinated. Despite the magnificence of this cathedral, which was completed 27 years later in 1909, the entire Romanov ruling dynasty was executed in the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

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Who knows how history might have turned out had Xzar Alexander II the foresight and kindness to hand over the land being farmed by the Serfs, to the farmers themselves in 1861?

In a similar view, so many Communist regimes have come to power largely because the ruling Government and business leaders of the time foisted dictatorial and largely uncaring regimes on their populations. Look at Batista of Cuba and Somoza of Nicaragua. There are also many similar types of oppressive leaders in countries like El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras where a relatively small group of less than one hundred families control well over 50% of the economy. In such situations, it is almost guaranteed that there will be a flourishing of violent gangs and general lawlessness, which wreaks havoc on most of the poor people living in these countries, who are unable to afford expensive homes and personal protection for them and their families.

However, even in large democracies such as the USA and Brazil, you also have the very unfair situation, where unfettered capitalism has led to the top 1% owning in the region of 40% of the total wealth, while the top 10% own nearly 80% of the country's assets. Indeed, it came to light recently that if an American citizen, whose total assets place him/her in the bottom 40% of wealthiest persons in the USA, was required to fund a sudden expenditure of US\$ 400.-, they would need to raise an emergency loan to do so.

It is this writer's firm view that if capitalism continues in this vein, it will breed a new generation of Bolshevik's, Castro's, Maduro's, Ortega's and Chavez's ad infinitum. Politicians like Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have a good understanding of how this works and the progressive taxation on the wealthy needed to help fund better housing, schooling, health care and recreation facilities for those at the bottom end of the scale, is only fair and very affordable to those at the controlling end of the economy.

I practice what I preach here at the small manufacturing company, where I have been in charge for the past 30 years. Our workers make over \$9,000.- a month and their annual bonus averages around \$20,000.-. I should also point out that I am probably the worst paid CEO in T&T, but I am happy to make that sacrifice, which is part of the mix that produces one of the most contented work environments in the country.

ARCO note. We co-operate with 'My Trinidad' webzine. Find it here: <http://www.mytrinidad.net/> Very interesting mostly cultural magazine. Highly recommended!



Gregory Wight

TALKING ABOUT UTOPIA

What is The Venus Project?

The Venus Project is an organization that proposes a feasible plan of action for social change, one that works towards a peaceful and sustainable global civilization. It outlines an alternative to strive toward where human rights are no longer paper proclamations but a way of life.

We propose a fresh, holistic approach – one that is dedicated to human and environmental concerns. It is a vision of a bright and better future, one that is appropriate to the times in which we live, and both practical and feasible for a positive future for all the world's people.

We advocate an alternative vision unlike any social system that has gone before. Our conclusions are based on years of study and experimental research by many people from various scientific disciplines.



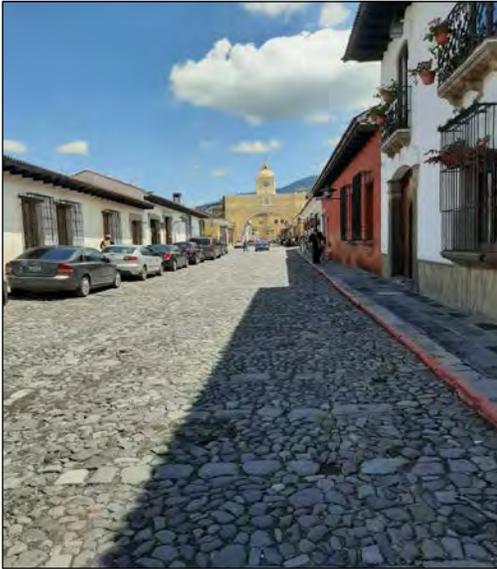
We call for a new approach to the redesign of a culture, in which the age-old inadequacies of war, poverty, hunger, debt, environmental degradation and unnecessary human suffering are viewed as totally unacceptable.

The Venus Project is a veritable blueprint for the genesis of a new world civilization, one that is based on human concern and environmental reclamation. One premise is that we work towards having all of the Earth's resources as the common heritage of all the world's people. Anything less will simply result in a continuation of the same catalog of problems inherent in the present system.

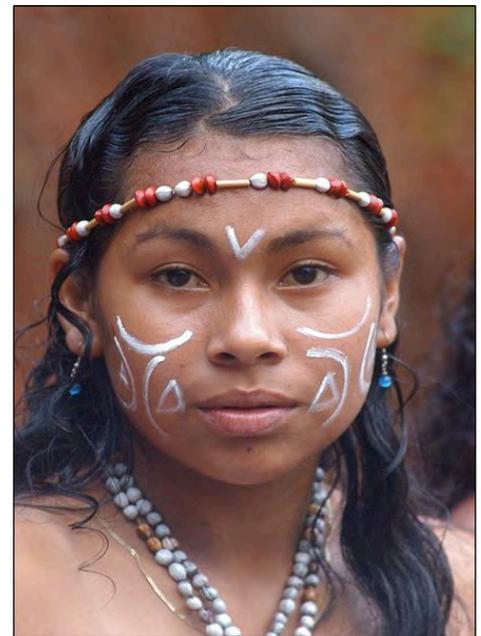
Experience tells us that human behavior can be directed, either toward constructive or destructive activity. This is what The Venus Project is all about – directing our technology and resources toward the positive, for the maximum benefit of people and planet, and seeking out new ways of thinking and living that emphasize and celebrate the vast potential of the human spirit. We have the tools at hand to design and build a future that is worthy of the human potential.

The Venus Project presents a bold, new direction for humanity that entails nothing less than the total redesign of our culture. We do not attempt to predict what will be done, only what could be done. The responsibility for our future is in our hands, and depends on the decisions that we make today. The greatest resource that is available today is our own ingenuity. *Find it here: thevenusproject.com*

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