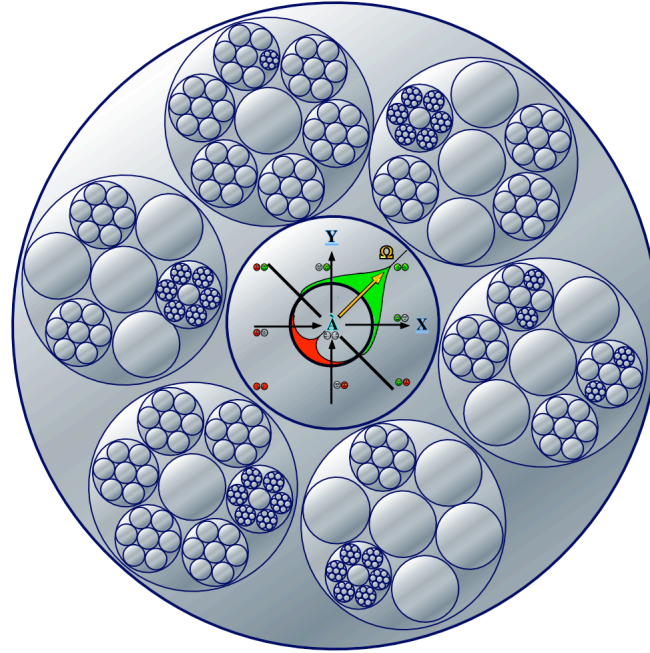


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The study of how systems *work together* — physical systems, biological systems, and social systems.

“Synergy means behavior of whole systems unpredicted by the behavior of their parts taken separately. ... Synergy is the only word that means this.”

—R. Buckminster Fuller

Three Classes of Life

Energy-binders — The Plants

Space-binders — The Animals

Time-binders — We Humans

Three Natural Laws

Neutrality — The Law of Energy-binders

Adversity — The Law of Space-binders

Synergy — The Law of Time-binders

Three Ways

When we examine the relationship between self and other, we discover that we can choose actions that result in our being worse off, actions that result in our being unchanged, or actions that result in our being better off.

We can choose to hurt each other, we can choose to ignore each other, or we can choose to help each other. The results of our interactions may be **negative**, **neutral** or **positive**. We can **lose**, **draw**, or **win**. 1) When we *lose*, we are *hurt* by the experience, and are *less* after the experience than before. 2) When we *draw*, we are *ignored* by the experience, and will be the *same* after the experience as before. 3) When we *win*, we are *helped* by the experience, and are *more* after the experience than before.

The Relationship Continuum

From the point of view of the individual joining in relationship, I can be hurt, I can be ignored, or I can be helped by the relationship.

Relationships that **hurt** are **adversary**. Relationships that **ignore** are **neutral**. Relationships that **help** are **synergic**.

Therefore all human choices and all human relationships can be described as falling on a continuum.

Adversity — • — ***Neutrality*** — • — ***Synergy***

Adversity — • — *Neutrality* — • — *Synergy*

If our relationship is *adversary*, then we will *lose*. We will be *less* because of our relationship with each other. We will be less happy, less effective and less productive. Our reality will be hurtful, negative and painful.

If our relationship is *neutral*, then we will experience a *draw*. We will be *unchanged* by our relationship with each other. Our happiness, effectiveness, and productivity will be unaffected by our relationship. Our reality will be ignoring, meaningless and indifferent.

If our relationship is *synergic*, then we will *win*. We will be *more* because of our relationship with each other. We will be more happy, more effective, and more productive. Our reality will be helpful, positive and pleasurable.

Co-OPERATION** –def→ **Operating together to insure that both parties are helped and neither party is hurt.

Co-Operation is the mechanism of action necessary whenever an individual desires to accomplish a task beyond his individual abilities.

Imagine, you and a friend are moving a heavy piece of furniture. You operate together during the lifting. You would negotiate to insure the win – to insure being helped. The conversation might go like this: "Are you ready?" "Ok." "Ready, 1.. 2.. 3.. lift!" "Whoops! Set it down."

This is the true meaning of co-Operation – the negotiation to insure that both individuals win – and that neither individual loses.

A Synergic Future

Synergy literally means "*working together*", operating together as in Co-Operation, laboring together as in Co-Laboration, acting together as in Co-Action. The goal of synergic union is to accomplish a larger or more difficult task than can be accomplished by individuals working separately. By working together, we humans can insure that everyone wins, and that no one loses--we can insure that everyone is helped, and that no one is hurt. A synergic human seeks a world that works for each of us and for all of us. This includes all Living Things and the very Earth itself.

WIN-WIN-WIN-WIN

Evolutionary Crisis

We humans are both too powerful and too weak to use the strategies of the simpler classes of life. While we retain significant space-binding power, we are not as physically powerful as the tiger or elephant. But couple our time-binding power with adversity, and we become a danger to ourselves, all life, and the Earth itself. We also retain some energy-binding power, we can not synthesize carbohydrates from the unlimited solar energy that falls on the earth from the sun. Neutrality requires unlimited resources, and so it is not the human way.

Solving our crisis requires that we grow up. We must move beyond the neutrality of energy-binding, beyond the adversity of space-binding, and adopt the synergy of time-binding.

Taking the Moral High Ground Requires that We Face the Truth

If we humans are going to solve our evolutionary crisis, it will require that we take action. We can expect no help from big government nor big business. Big government's only goal is to be re-elected so they can retain political power, and the only goal of big business is to make money. These two forces have combined to create the present law of society *one dollar = one vote*.

If we humans with no political or economic power want to solve our problems, then we will have to take charge of our society. What is our authority for taking such action? We must begin by seizing the moral high ground. And, taking the moral high ground requires that we face the truth.

Truth # 1

The possession of an object does not mean that the possessor has a moral or rational claim to ownership of the object. The political, economic, and social structures of our present world are all based on our concept of ‘property’ and property rights. Recall from the Basics section, my discussion of the shifting of human values as humanity evolves from adversary processing to neutral processing to synergic processing. Adversary wealth is physical force. Neutral wealth is money. And, synergic wealth is mutual life support. Therefore adversary ‘property’ is property obtained by force or fraud, and then held with physical force. Neutral ‘property’ is property purchased in the fair market, and held by right of law enforced by neutral government.

Possession is 9/10 of the Law

Remember Neutrality was an evolutionary advance from Adversity, at the time of Neutrality's inception most possessions were adversary. They had been obtained through force or fraud and held with physical force. The new institutions of Neutrality never made any attempt to correct what by the new values of Neutrality would be past injustices. Neutral values would prevail in future, but the past was left alone.

This resulted in the legal precedent wherein *possession is 9/10 of the law*. In other words, at the time Neutrality was institutionalized, all existing 'property' whether adversary or neutral was made legal 'property'. However, all new 'property' was required to be neutral 'property'— that is 'property' acquired by paying a fair price in a free market to the rightful owner, or that 'property' which is created directly by the mind and labor of the owner.

Finders Keepers Losers Weepers

Most of the founding fathers of Neutrality were beneficiaries of ‘adversary’ property and in no hurry to give it up. They also believed that in the long run these injustices would slowly be corrected, and all property would eventually come to be ‘neutral’ property. We will see later that this was not the case.

While synergic ‘property’ is not yet defined, it would have to be property that was obtained without hurting or ignoring anyone, and even more importantly, it would have to be property that was mutually life supporting – that is it would have to be property that had a beneficial effect for self and others. If humanity is to advance to Synergy, our concept of ‘property’ and property rights must change radically in the future.

The Territorial Imperative

The need to control land begins in the Adversary world as Robert Ardrey explains: “A territory is an area of space, whether of water or earth or air, which an animal or group of animals defends as an exclusive preserve. The word is also used to describe the inward compulsion in animate beings to possess and defend such a space. A territorial species of animals, therefore, is one in which all males, and sometimes females too, bear an inherent drive to gain and defend an exclusive property.

“Observations of twenty-four different hunting peoples ... revealed all formed social bands occupying exclusive, permanent domains.

“Lions, eagles, wolves, great-horned owls are all hunters, and all guard exclusive hunting territories. The lions and wolves, besides, hunt in cooperative prides and packs differing little from the bands of primitive man.”

Concept of Property

Law Professor Frederick G. Kempin, Jr., explains: “The concept of property goes far back into history. Records of primitive societies indicate a degree of private ownership of personal property. Private ownership of real property – the land itself – is apparently a much later concept, one that evolved after nomadic tribes settled down in permanent agricultural communities. Even in agricultural societies the land was often considered the property of the tribe or of a clan within the tribe and was rarely privately owned. Even as late as the Middle Ages the absolute ownership of the land by its individual occupants was unusual. Under feudalism, for example, land was held subject to obligations to a superior lord. The breakdown of the feudal system gradually destroyed the feudal relationship between lord and vassal, and the settlement of the New World increased by millions of acres the available land. In the Western Hemisphere absolute ownership of the land became the norm.”

Foundation of Neutrality

Institutional Neutrality seeks to protect the free and independent citizens from loss. The escape from the Adversary way is the escape from losing. This fact makes property, private ownership of property, and property rights the very foundation of Institutional Neutrality.

Professor Kempin continues, “Property is anything that can be possessed and disposed of in a legal manner. Running water in a stream is not anyone’s property, because no one possesses it. If one, however, lawfully takes water from a stream in a container, the water in the container becomes property. In a legal sense property is the aggregate of legal rights of individuals with respect to objects and obligations owed to them by others that are guaranteed and protected by the government. Ownership of property is classified as either private or public.”

Real and Personal Property

Professor Kempin continues, “In another sense property is classified as either real or personal. Real property, also known as realty, is land, any buildings that may be on the land, any mineral rights under the land, and anything that is attached to the land or buildings with the intention that it remain there permanently. Personal property is simply defined as any property that is not real property.

“During most of human history, real property – the land itself – was considered the greatest source of wealth. With the coming of the Industrial Revolution, however, personal property – especially in the form of stocks and bonds – gradually outstripped land as the basis of the industrial nations’ wealth.

Transfer of Property

Professor Kempin continues, “Perhaps because land was traditionally the main source of wealth, the transfer of real property from one owner to another used to be much more complicated than the transfer of personal property. Since the Middle Ages this difference has diminished. Two basic instruments of transfer are used: the deed and the will. The government may cause land to pass from some form of public ownership to private ownership by a grant (and reclaim private land for public use by eminent domain). Much of the land in the American West, for example, was granted by the government to the original settlers.”

Who has the Right of Ownership?

When children sit down to play the board game *Monopoly*, the first step after choosing your game piece is to count carefully so all players begin with exactly the same amount of play money. That is the only fair way to begin.

The control of property did not begin with the institutionalization of Neutrality. The players of Neutrality did not start out as equals. The adversary way dominated all human relations until 1776. It continues to dominate most human relationships throughout the rest of the world.

However, in the United States in 1776, the empty continent with its seemingly unlimited resources allowed the new players of Neutrality access to land that could be turned into private property by simple occupation. If you didn't have what you needed here – you just moved west. There appeared to be land enough for all.

Stolen Property?

However even in America in 1776, the empty continent of North America was not as empty as it appeared. The native Americans were simply swept aside by the American colonists. The lands they occupied were seized by force and fraud.

“In 1851, Chief Seattle and the Suquamish and other Indian tribes around Washington’s Puget Sound, were “persuaded” to sell two million acres of land for \$150,000 or seven and one half cents per acre.”

And what of the large plantations in the South that were build on the backs of ~12 million negro slaves? Did those land owners have a moral claim to their ‘property’? And, what of the “carpet baggers” who stole the same lands after the Civil War, did they then represent the rightful owners?

The Adversary Way

Even those who settled in empty spaces did not pay any price for the land. They either just took it or received as a grant from the government.



That is certainly not a fair exchange. And, who gave the land to the government in the first place? Of course, the Government had simply seized the land. After all, might made right. The strong dominated the weak – it was the adversary way.

Galambos Redefines ‘Property’

Today ‘*property*’ clearly has many different meanings. In the early 1960s, one capitalistic theorist, Andrew J. Galambos proposed an advanced capitalistic system which was non-coercive. Galambos’ *Moral Capitalism* was based on a new definition of ‘property’ designed to eliminate and prohibit loss. *Moral Capitalism* promised to eliminate losing relationships.

In Galambos’ own words: “Most people think of Property in terms of material possessions. ... This is a restricted and erroneous point of view on Property. A more satisfying and total concept arises from the following definition: *Property is individual man’s life and all non-procreative derivatives of his life*. Children – being young human beings – have Property rights of their own and cannot themselves be owned; children are not property.”

Andrew J. Galambos (1924-1997)

- “Property is the basis of ownership because to own means to have and hold Property. From the definition of Property, it follows that man must first own his life before he can own anything else. Life itself is defined as *primordial Property*.
- “No one may own any man but himself. Thus, Property excludes slavery at the outset.
- “The first derivatives of man’s life are his thoughts and ideas. Thoughts and ideas are defined as *primary Property*.
- “From the definition, man owns primary Property and, through this ownership, intellectual freedom arises and inspires knowledge and production.

Actions and Liberty

“From primary Property (ideas) stem actions. Ownership of one’s own actions (clearly a Property right) is commonly called liberty.

“Liberty, then, as well as life itself, is a Property right. Since all so-called human rights depend upon man’s liberty, it follows that all human rights are Property rights. There can be no conflict!

“Your ownership of Property is the basis of all you are, all you have, and all you can hope to achieve. Therefore, protect your property as though your life depended upon it. It does!”

Secondary Property

- “Ideas and actions produce further, or secondary, derivatives. These include the access to and use of land and the production, utilization, enjoyment, and disposal of material, tangible goods of all kinds from ash trays to television sets, from log cabins to skyscrapers, from oxcarts to jet planes.
- “These are called *secondary Property*. They are secondary both logically and chronologically. In all instances, their existence is antedated by primary Property which led to their generation and employment.
- “Further derivatives of man’s life lead to voluntary transactions involving Property transfers (sales, trades, gifts, etc.).

Plunder

“Involuntary Property transfers are derivative not from the property owner’s life but from the life of the coercer. Therefore, Property ceases to remain Property and is converted to Plunder when subjected to involuntary (coercive) transfer.”

Galambos acknowledged French political philosopher Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850) as his antecedent in recognizing the distinction between property and plunder.

It is enormously important to distinguish between property and plunder because to do so is to distinguish between morality and immorality — to distinguish between right and wrong.

Frederick Bastiat (1801-1850)

“Self-preservation and self-development are common aspirations among all people. And if everyone enjoyed the unrestricted use of his faculties and the free disposition of the fruits of his labor, social progress would be ceaseless, uninterrupted, and unfailing.

“But there is also another tendency that is common among people. When they can, they wish to live and prosper at the expense of others. This is no rash accusation. Nor does it come from a gloomy and uncharitable spirit. The annals of history bear witness to the truth of it: the incessant wars, mass migrations, religious persecutions, universal slavery, dishonesty in commerce, and monopolies. This fatal desire has its origin in the very nature of man – in that primitive, universal, and insuppressible instinct that impels him to satisfy his desires with the least possible pain.”

Property and Plunder

- “Man can live and satisfy his wants only by ceaseless labor; by the ceaseless application of his faculties to natural resources. This process is the origin of *property*.
- “But it is also true that a man may live and satisfy his wants by seizing and consuming the products of the labor of others. This process is the origin of *plunder*.
- “Now since man is naturally inclined to avoid pain – and since labor is pain in itself – it follows that men will resort to plunder whenever plunder is easier than work. History shows this quite clearly. And under these conditions, neither religion nor morality can stop it.
- “When, then, does plunder stop? It stops when it becomes more painful and more dangerous than labor. It is evident, then, that the proper purpose of law is to use the power of its collective force to stop this fatal tendency to plunder instead of to work. All the measures of the law should protect property and punish plunder.”

Fatal Confusion

This then is one of the major problems with human society even in today's world. It is based on a definition of 'property' which makes no distinction between possessions held through honesty and possessions held through thievery – possession and ownership have long been considered synonymous. This is a belief that persists even in our present world. Our failure to distinguish property from plunder — moral from immoral — right from wrong is a fatal confusion for civilization.

Galambos reserved the word property for those possessions that were acquired by 1) either paying a fair price in a free market to the rightful owner, or 2) that which is produced by the mind and hands of the owner. Using this definition, most of today's possessions are plunder and not property.

Moral Capitalism

“Moral Capitalism is the societal structure that produces freedom by ensuring that each individual is fully (100%) in control of his own property (property being individual man’s life and all non-procreative derivatives of his life). ”

Galambos’ *Moral Capitalism* offers us better protection of property, increased human freedom, and a fairer concept of justice.

However while, *Moral Capitalism* prohibits hurting others, it does not require helping others. Thus, *Moral Capitalism* is a neutral and not a synergic system. *Moral Capitalism* is a type of Super-neutrality. It prohibits loss, and allows win-win relationships. But, it also allows win-draw, draw-win, and draw-draw relationships.

Facing the Truth

In today's world plunder is common and property is rare.

The truth is especially hard to believe if it requires that we take action – if it requires that we change. If humanity is to have a future, we must take action – we must change. If humanity is to have a future, we must believe the truth.

Then we can build a future where the very opposite is true – a future where property is common and plunder is rare.

Truth #2

The vast majority of human wealth is a gift free for the taking, and cannot be morally or rationally claimed as property by any individual. Alfred Korzybski explains: “In the earliest times, humans knew that they did not create nature. They did not feel it “proper” to “expropriate the creator” and legalistically appropriate the earth and its treasure for themselves.

“Early man felt, in their unsophisticated morale, that being called into existence they had a natural right to exist and to use freely the gifts of nature in the preservation of their life; and that is what they did.”

Privare

Property, ownership of land and the control of natural resources by individuals comes later in the human story. Hazel Henderson, a Futurist and Economist, explains:

“Private property is another good example. The word ‘private’ comes from the Latin *privare* – ‘to deprive’ – which shows you the widespread ancient view that property was first and foremost communal. It was only with the rise of individualism in the Renaissance that people no longer thought of private property as those goods that individuals deprived the group from using.

“Today we have completely inverted the meaning of the term. We believe that property should be private in the first place, and that society should not deprive the individual without due process of law.”

A Gift

Land and natural resources are wealth provided to us by God and Nature. The sunshine, air, water, land, minerals, and the earth itself all come to us freely.

The Earth's land and natural resources are not products of the human mind or body. They existed long before life and humankind even emerged on our planet. There exists no moral or rational basis for any individual to claim them as Property.

If a claim of ownership can be made at all, it must be a claim on behalf of all life including humanity both the living and those yet unborn. This is a truth that has been known and ignored for hundreds of years.

The Truth

“God gave the world in common to all mankind.”

—John Locke (1632 - 1704)

“The earth is given as a common stock for men to labor and live on.”

—Thomas Jefferson (1743 - 1826)

“The earth ... and all things therein, are the general property of all mankind, from the immediate gift of the creator.”

—William Blackstone (1723 - 1780)

“Men did not make the earth.... It is the value of the improvement only, and not the earth itself, that is individual property.... Every proprietor owes to the community a ground rent for the land which he holds.”

—Tom Paine (1737 - 1809)

Truth

“The land, the earth God gave man for his home, sustenance, and support, should never be the possession of any man, corporation, society, or unfriendly government, any more than the air or water.”

—Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865)

“Equity does not permit property in land ... The world is God’s bequest to mankind. All men are joint heirs to it.”

—Herbert Spencer (1820 - 1903)

“How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them? . . . This we know: the earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. ”

—Chief Seattle (~ 1854)

Reductio Ad Absurdum

“LAND, n. A part of the earth’s surface, considered as property. The theory that land is property subject to private ownership and control is the foundation of modern society, and is eminently worthy of the superstructure. Carried to its logical conclusion, it means that some have the right to prevent others from living; for the right to own implies the right exclusively to occupy; and in fact laws of trespass are enacted wherever property in land is recognized. It follows that if the whole area of terra firma is owned by A, B and C, there will be no place for D, E, F and G to be born, or, born as trespassers, to exist.”

—Ambrose Bierce (~1911)

Galambos on Land

Ownership of land and of natural resources was a question that Galambos did not directly address in his model of *Moral Capitalism*. However his basic definition of property: “*Property is individual man’s life and all non-procreative derivatives of his life,*” would exclude land and natural resources since they are clearly not derivatives of any individual’s life.

Elsewhere, Galambos said: “*Ideas and actions produce further, or secondary, derivatives. These include the access to and use of land.*” Further he explained that an individual who builds a road to access land, who cultivates a field to grow crops, or who constructs a mine to remove metal ore, is entitled to some property rights related to those modifications and improvements. However nowhere does Galambos state that an individual can claim personal ownership of the land itself, or to the raw natural resources that are found on that land.

Henry George

Galambos admitted that a better answer was needed, and felt that answer might lie in a modification of the work of Henry George, a nineteenth century social scientist. However, Galambos' interests took him elsewhere and he died before offering us a better answer.

Henry George writing in 1879: “All persons have a right to the use of the earth and all have a right to the fruits of their labor. To implement these rights it is proposed that the rent of land be taken by the community as public revenue, and that all taxes on labor and the fruits of labor be abolished. Liberty means justice and justice is the natural law. The social and economic ills besetting the world today are the result of non-conformance to natural law.”

Progress — Another Gift

Much of today's wealth is not in the land and natural resources, nor is it found in cash, stocks or bonds, nor is it in all the personal possessions that we all hold so dear. It is in the evermore powerful tools and technology that results from the *accumulation of our human Time-binding power*.

Present humanity is always the inheritor of the knowledge and technology of past humanity. Our quality of life is always richer, better, safer, healthier, simply because we are later. But present humans pay nothing for this rich inheritance. We take our wonderful inheritance and accept it as our due. We are not even aware that it is an inheritance.

We simply call it *progress*.

Alfred Korzybski

“Our primitive forefather’s first acquaintance with fire was probably through lightning; he discovered, probably by chance, the possibility of making fire by rubbing together two pieces of wood and by striking together two pieces of stone; he established one of the first facts in technology; he felt the warm effect of fire and also the good effect of broiling his food by finding some roasted animals in a fire.

“Thus nature revealed to him one of its great gifts, the stored-up energy of the sun in vegetation and its primitive beneficial use. He was already a time-binder; evolution had brought him to that level. Being a product of nature, he was reflecting those natural laws that belong to his class of life; he had ceased to be static – he had become dynamic – *progressiveness* had got into his blood he was above the estate of animals.

Not Starting Over

“We also observe that primitive man produced commodities, acquired experiences, made observations, and that some of the produced commodities had a use-value for other people and remained good for use, even after his death. ...

“Generally speaking, each successor did not start his life at the point where his father started; he started somewhere near where his father left off. His father gave, say, fifty years to discover two truths in nature and succeeded in making two or three simple objects; but the son does not need to give fifty years to discover and create the same achievements, and so he has time to achieve something new. He thus adds his own achievements to those of his father in tools and experience; this is mathematical equivalent of adding his parent's years of life to his own. His mother's work and experience are of course included the name father and son being only used representatively.”

Time-binding

“In political economy , we have not yet grasped the obvious fact — a fact of immeasurable import for all of the social sciences — that with little exception the wealth and capital possessed by a given generation are not produced by its own toil but are the inherited fruit of dead men’s toil — a free gift of the past. We have yet to learn and apply the lesson that not only our material wealth and capital but our science and art and learning and wisdom — all that goes to constitute our civilization — were produced, not by our own labor, but by the time-binding energies of past generations.

“This stupendous fact is the definitive mark of humanity — the power to roll up continuously the ever-increasing achievements of generation after generation endlessly. Such simple facts are the corner stones of our whole civilization and they are the direct result of the HUMAN CAPACITY OF TIME-BINDING.”

The Gift of Progress

My grandmother was born in a house without telephone, radio, television, electricity, running water or toilet. My mother was born in the same house with the addition of electricity, running water, and radio. I was born in a modern hospital, my mother was put to sleep for the delivery and I grew up in a house with electricity, running water, flush toilets, radio, and telephone, and when I was eight, we got a television – Progress.

My daughters were born in a hospital “home birth center” with my wife awake and participating. My daughters live with us in a house with three televisions, two stereos, three radios, many telephones, three video recorders, and a three personal computers – Progress.

Later

I am no smarter than my grandparents. I do not work harder. I am do more deserving. But I am richer. I have a better quality of life. I am healthier. Why? simply because, I am later. Human knowledge and technology continuously results form the continuing use of our Time-binding power – Progress.

Progress is the mark of Time-binding power. As we humans look around us things are always advancing. Three hundred years ago we cooked our food over wood fires. One hundred years ago we cooked with piped in gas. Fifty years ago, we cooked with wired in electricity. And, today we cook with microwave – Progress.

Three hundred years ago we traveled by foot, or rode on the back of an animal. One hundred years ago, we moved by steam powered train. Fifty years ago, came the car and plane. And today, we jet from New York to London in three hours – Progress.

Understanding Progress

We humans need to understand progress. We know today's automobiles are much safer, more comfortable, more efficient than yesterday's models. We know today's power tools are, stronger, lighter, and cheaper than yesterday's. We know that today's computers are unbelievable faster and more powerful than those made five years ago, and they are much cheaper – Progress.

Modern humans are not smarter, they are not better, they are just later. Humans began first making tools ~2.5 million years ago. Humans began using and controlling fire ~1.5 million years ago. The wheel was invented ~6000 years ago. Each generation of humans inherits the accumulated knowledge and technology created by previous generations.

Progress is Inherited Knowing

When we purchase the newest model of automobile, or the newest model of computer, or the newest invention of any kind, we are getting an object that is filled with knowing. Some of that knowing is the result of humans living and thinking. These individuals can certainly claim some property rights in the creation of the new tool or product. But the vast majority of the knowing within that product was created by humans who lived and thought in the past.

Can you make a automobile without wheels? Can you make a computer without mathematics, arithmetic, and electronics? Present humanity could not even communicate with each other if we didn't use the languages created by our ancestors. Progress is the result of not having to start over. Humans are time-binders. We begin with the knowing achieved by the last generation that lived.

To Whom Does It Belong?

Korzybski asks, “And here arises a most important question: since the wealth of the world is in the main the free gift of the past — the fruit of the labor of the dead to whom does it of right belong?”

My answer: It belongs to no one — *progress is not property*. It is not ownable. Progress can not be owned by any individual nor group of individuals. It cannot be owned by any corporation nor any government.

We didn't pay a fair price in a free market for this knowledge and technology. It comes to us as a human legacy – a free gift of the past – the resultant of human Time-binding Power.

Progress is a gift passed in trust from all the humans who have ever lived in the past to those of us living today, and to those humans that will be born in the future.

Two Gifts

It should now be clear that the vast majority of human wealth is a gift. No individual, group, corporation, or government has any moral or rational basis to claim ownership of these gifts.

The land and natural resources of the Earth are not ownable. Progress is not ownable. They are not property. Unfortunately, today these great gifts are possessed and controlled by a handful individuals at great cost to the Earth, all Life and the remaining 95% of humanity.

The truth is especially hard to believe if it requires that we take action – if it requires that we change. If humanity is to have a future, we must take action – we must change. If humanity is to have a future, we must believe the truth.

Believing the Truth

If we humans synergically reorganized our world, we would all be wealthy beyond our wildest dreams. Today in 2005, if we were to reclaim the gift of all the land and natural resources presently held on planet Earth as property. And if we were to further reclaim the gift of progress from those few who control it today, and then divided these two gifts equally among the 6+ billions of us living on the planet, we would discover to our surprise and amazement that every man, woman, and child is wealthy beyond their dreams.

With synergic organization, and careful utilization of the planet's total wealth for the benefit of all humanity, the carrying capacity of the Earth could be maximized to solve all our human problems and meet our all our needs. And this is without any need to damage the Earth, or degrade our environment.

Wealthy Beyond Belief

There would never be any need for humans to *earn* their livings again. Our livings have already been earned by all those humans who lived and died to give us the great gift of progress. Then all humans would be free to spend their time making their lives meaningful by creating more wealth to be gifted to living and future humanity.

To better understand my proposal for a synergic future, it is important to understand what I mean by wealth. The collective term we humans use to describe what we value is ‘wealth’.

Bad Space

The human species emerged in the world of space-binding. Here the rule of survival was fight or flight. The values in this world were adversarial. Adversary relationship originates on earth in the animal world. Good Space is limited. There is only so much good water, so much good grazing land, so much good shelter, and so much good food. There is not enough to go around. The space-binders must compete for good space. They compete adversarially. They compete by fighting and flighting. They compete by attacking and killing other space-binders. Humans living as space-binders follow the adversarial rule. They compete by fighting and flighting. They compete by attacking and killing their enemies. In this world survival depends on securing good space and avoiding bad space. Bad space is where the predators live — bad space is where you lose — bad space is where you die.

Most of History was Adversary

Bad space has threatened humans for a very long time as Jared Diamond explains: "For most of the time since the ancestors of modern humans diverged from the ancestors of the living great apes, around 7 million years ago, all humans on Earth fed themselves exclusively by hunting wild animals and gathering wild plants, as the Blackfeet still did in the 19th century. It was only within the last 11,000 years that some peoples turned to what is termed food production: that is, domesticating wild animals and plants and eating the resulting livestock and crops."

Jared Diamond makes the point, that for 99.9% of the seven-million-years that our species has existed, we have been hunter-gatherers. And, for that same period, our species has been dominated by the adversary way, and all human values have been adversarial values.

Adversarial Wealth

Coercive force is what adversarial humans value most. The force to physically control other humans. Adversarial wealth is fighting men, weapons, horses, fortresses, that which gives me the adversarial advantage. Adversarial humanity uses force and coercion to protect life, to promote human well being and satisfy human needs.

The adversary world is a game of with losers and winners. This is a world of fighting and flighting — of pain and dying. To win in this game someone must lose. Winning is always at the cost of another.

All humans living in the adversarial world are struggling to avoid losing — struggling to avoid being hurt.

CONFLICT —def—> The struggle to avoid loss — the struggle to avoid being hurt.

Coercive Force

Here humans must fight and flee to stay alive, and they do. Always ready at a moments notice to go tooth and nail to avoid losing — to avoid death. Losers/winners is the harshest of games. Winning is always at the cost of another's life. The loser tends to resist with all of his might occasionally prevailing by killing or wounding his attacker. So both parties can lose, turning the game — losers/winners into losers/losers.

The adversarial value system is much intact in our present world. Much of today's wealth is weapons. Nearly all of today's nations maintain large armies, navies, and airforces. The number of weapons in private hands is equally enormous. Adversary wealth is coercive force.

Neutral Wealth

With the emergence of Neutrality which became institutionalized in 1776, came a new option for humanity. And with this option came a new set of values — neutral values.

Neutral relationships originated in the plant world. Sunlight provides unlimited energy for the plants. Each individual plant needs only the sun, and adequate water and minerals to survive. Plant survival does not require any relationship with other. This fact makes plants the independent class of life — independent of other.

Humans living in the world of Institutional Neutrality view themselves as independent of others. They should not deliberately hurt another human, but they are also never required to help another human. Their success or failure depends solely on their own efforts and talents.

Independence

Individuals have no relationship with each other. Individuals have no awareness of each other, they ignore each other. To survive in the neutral world, you must be self-sufficient. If we analyze neutral relationships, we discover that individuals are unchanged by their relationship. They are neither less or more after the relationship. They are the same. $1+1=2$.

Choices which do not hurt or help are neutral. Actions which do not hurt or help are neutral. Relationships which do not hurt or help are neutral. The mechanism of relationship is conducted through a free and fair market with the honest exchange of merchandise of good value at a fair price.

FAIR TRADE —def—> The bartering to insure that the exchange is fair — to insure that the price is not too high or too low — to insure that neither party loses.

Money

Institutional Neutrality is about fairness. The market place is a fair and safe place to exchange goods and services. Neither seller nor buyer should be injured in the exchange. Products should represent a good value and be sold at a fair price. All citizens are guaranteed freedom from loss.

The medium of exchange in the neutral world is money. Money is used as symbolic representation of all real wealth. For all intensive purposes in the Neutral world money and real wealth are the same.

Money is what neutral humans most value. The money to purchase help. Neutral wealth is any negotiable security — cash, stocks, bonds, Certificates of Deposit, that which can be exchanged in the fair market. Neutral humanity uses money to buy life protection, to buy human well being and satisfy human needs.

Synergic Wealth

Today, humanity has the option for synergic relationship. If we choose synergy we will adopt a new set of values — synergic values.

In a synergic culture wealth is defined very differently. Synergic wealth is that which supports life for both self and others. It is mutually life affirming. This by definition excludes adversary wealth — physical force that hurts other human beings, and neutral wealth — money that ignores other human beings.

Synergic humans recognize that interdependence is the human condition. They recognize that all humans need help unless they wish to live at the level of animal subsistence.

They know that adversarial humans make people help them. This is help obtained with coercion — force or fraud. Those providing the help are losing. When you force others to help you, they do the least they possibly can. Because the helper is hurt, adversary help produces the lowest quality help.

INTERdependence

They know that neutral humans purchase help through the open market place. This is help purchased from others. This is the way most of us living in the free world get help today. We hire it or we buy it in the market place. When I go to McDonald's, I pay them five dollars to help feed me. The focus in the market place is on a fair price. Because the helper is ignored, neutral help is of average quality.

They understand that synergic humans attract help by helping others. This is help attracted by helping others — when another individual understands that by helping you, they will also be helped, they will automatically help you. When others understand that when you win, they win, they will support and celebrate your success. This is the power of the win-win relationship. Show those who can help you, how they will win by doing so. Show them how they will be helped by helping you. Because the helper is helped, synergic help is of highest quality.

Mutual Life Support

Co-OPERATION — def — > Operating together to insure that both parties win and that neither party loses. The negotiation to insure that both parties are helped and neither party is hurt.

Synergic relationships are mutually helpful. Both parties in the relationship experience a gain. In Synergic relationships, one individual plus another individual is more after their relationship than before: $1+1>>2$. Synergic relationships are marked by low conflict with high effectiveness and enormous productivity.

The wealth available to humanity in a synergic future is mutual life support. Synergic wealth resulting from Synergic Organization and Synergic Government can produce a high quality of life for all humanity.

Wealth Re-examined

Wealth is that which humans value. We see then the three paradigms of **independence**, **dependence** and **interdependence** with their three laws of life **neutrality**, **adversity** and **synergy**. We further see the emergence of adversary wealth—**coercive force**, neutral wealth—**money**, and synergic wealth—**mutual life support**.

Property begins as an invention of **neutrality** to escape the world of **adversity**.

Plunder is just another word for stolen **property**, and clearly apart of the world of **adversity**.

Property in a Synergic World

Plunder disappears all together in a synergic world. **Property** survives, but with some important changes.

Synergic Economics accepts that wealth produced from human action and from human leverage is property. Therefore, wealth created by human action and leverage is owned by the individual(s) acting and the individual(s) leveraging.

The animal has action, but only we humans have leverage. While our human action can be applied directly to solving problems and meeting our needs, the labor of our backs does not take advantage of our Time-binding power. We humans owe our great success not to our muscular strength, but to the intelligence we can use to guide that strength, and the leverage we gain by using tools. Remember, we humans are the tool makers and tool users.

Action and Leverage

If I am a skilled tool user, I can use my skilled *action* to serve myself and others. If I am a skilled tool maker, I can *leverage* my action and the action of others to serve myself and others.

Thinking is recognized as a powerful form of action. Ideas, hypotheses, theories, and discoveries are therefore property. Synergic Economics recognizes Galambos' definition of ***primary property*** and fully accepts intellectual property rights. Primary Property — Ideas, hypotheses, theories, and discoveries, and technology designs can be used to develop ***secondary property*** — technology artifacts or tools which leverage further action. Therefore, synergic science recognizes property rights based on two forms of human behavior — *Action* and *Leverage*.

Synergic Property

Synergic Property —def—> Wealth created by human action and leverage. It belongs to the individual(s) whose action and leverage created it. All humans are entitled to the fruits of their action and leverage. All human-made wealth is property, and all property has an owner. The owners of property have 100% control over their property *as long as such control does not injure others*, this prohibition of injury includes protection for other individuals' property, and for the synergic trusts.

Synergic Property Rights —> Owner(s) may transfer partial or complete control of their own property to others as they choose. They may sell, trade, rent, lease, license, gift, or donate their property as they please. This includes both primary property and secondary property.

But **property**, even **synergic property** is not the right term for those gifts from God, Nature, Life and the humans that have lived and died before us.

Synergic Trust

Synergic Trust is defined as all wealth that is provided as a gift.

The *Life Trust* includes our bodies as provided by God, Nature, and our Parents in addition to all other forms of life — the plants and animals provided by God and Nature.

The *Earth Trust* includes the Earth itself and all Natural Resources — the sunshine, air, water, land, minerals, all of which come to us freely provided by God and Nature.

And, the *Time Trust* includes all the accumulated knowing and technology from the mental and physical labor of all those humans who lived and died before us. Our inherited Wisdom, Knowledge, and Information including Architecture, Art, Literature, Music, Science, and Technology. It is the Time Trust that forms the basis of all human progress. These three trusts can be referred to together as the *Synergic Trusts*.

Synergic Trusts are Not Property

We humans are the beneficiaries then of three major trusts — the *Life Trust*, the *Earth Trust* and the *Time Trust*. We, humans can not and do not own these trusts. They are not derived of our lives. They are not the product of our mind or labor. We have not paid for them. There is no moral or rational basis for us to claim ownership. They are not property.

If we wish to use and control these trusts, then we must act as trustees, and then only if we act responsibly. As responsible trustees, we must *preserve* and *protect* these trusts. We must act as *conservationists*.

Conservation

“Conservation is the sustainable use of natural resources — soils, water, plants, animals, and minerals. The natural resources of any area constitute its basic capital, and wasteful use of those resources constitutes an economic loss. From the aesthetic viewpoint, conservation also includes the maintenance of national parks, wilderness areas, historic sites, and wildlife.

“Natural resources are of two main types, renewable and nonrenewable. Renewable resources include wildlife and natural vegetation of all kinds. The soil itself can be considered a renewable resource, although severe damage is difficult to repair because of the slow rate of soil-forming processes. The natural drainage of waters from the watershed of a region can be maintained indefinitely by careful management of vegetation and soils, and the quality of water can be controlled through pollution control.

“Nonrenewable resources are those that cannot be replaced or that can be replaced only over extremely long periods of time. Such resources include the fossil fuels (coal, petroleum, and natural gas) and the metallic and other ores.”

—Reference: Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2000

Synergic Trustees

The *Life* and *Earth Trusts* are perishable. They must be protected for our children, and for all future children.

The *Time-binding Trust* is less susceptible to damage by the user. Using knowledge or technology designs does not diminish their future value, but they must be used responsibly. We must not hurt others with any trusts that we control. In fact, we should help others to whatever the extent we are capable.

All humans are trustees. We are of course the *Life Trustees* of our own bodies. We should take good care of ourselves. Take care with our health and nutrition. We are also the *Time-binding Trustees* of all the knowledge and skills that we personally have mastered from our study of the past. We must strive not to hurt others with this knowledge and skill. We should try and help others to whatever extent we are capable.

Reproduction

Galambos taught: “Children—being young human beings—have Property rights of their own and cannot themselves be owned; children are not property.

Children receive their bodies as *Synergic Trusts* from God, Nature, and their Parents. In synergic culture, the parents are the trustees for infants and young children, as children grow they gain more and more control over their bodies and eventually are invested with Trusteeship of their bodies and Property rights for their actions and behavior.

Reproduction is not a property right. Reproduction is a *Trust Privilege*. No individual has the right to reproduce if that reproduction would injure humanity as Community.

Mixing Property and Trust

There is often an area of overlap with Synergic Trusts and Property being mixed.

For example, animals trained as security agents would be a blend of Life Trust (the animal) + Property (the training and care).

Also Synergic Trusts often require property to make them valuable. As example, Earth Trust (crude oil under the ground) has no value until property (oil well technology — finding, drilling, pumping, transporting) is added.

Who Speaks for the Earth, for Life & for Humanity?

In our present world of nations and national leaders, no one speaks for planet Earth, nor for Life on the Earth, nor for Humanity as a whole. While Time-binding grants us the power to understand, it does not insure that we will use our understanding wisely.

Much of our knowledge is embedded in our tools. Human knowledge grows continuously and without limit. As we incorporate evermore powerful knowledge into artifacts, we create evermore powerful tools. When we use tools to hurt others, they are called weapons.

If we incorporate evermore powerful knowledge into the tools we use to hurt others, we will create evermore powerful weapons. This pathway leads inevitably to the destruction of all humanity.

Taking the Moral High Road

At the beginning of this lecture, I said we humans must take the Moral High Ground. We must begin to regain control and possession of the *Synergic Trusts*, not for our personal use and advantage, but for the benefit of all humanity — for all those living today and for all those yet unborn.

We humans have a choice. We can choose humility with our gift of Time-binding. We can choose responsibility as the moral requirement for using our power of understanding. We can choose to join together and protect our *Synergic Trusts*. Only this pathway will guarantee us a future.

Taking Responsibility

In our present Adversary-Neutral Culture with its Pseudo-Independence, it is too common to boast that “I don’t owe anybody anything.” This could hardly be farther from the truth. Without our gifts from the Synergic Trust, we humans would have nothing, not even our lives. Without the gifts from the Time Trust, we would achieve nothing, each generation trapped at the subsistence level of the animal fighting and flighting to survive.

The scientific reality is that we humans owe nearly everything we are or have to God, Nature, and those humans who have lived and died before us. We are dependent on others. And sometimes others can depend on us. We humans are the INTERdependent class of life.

Because Trusts are not property, control of Trust is a privilege and not a right. In synergic culture, humans may control Trusts as long as they exercise Synergic Responsibility.

Synergic Responsibility

- 1) Trustees must help others through their control and use of the *Synergic Trusts*.
- 2) Trustees should not hurt others through their control and use of the *Synergic Trusts*.
- 3) Trustees should preserve and protect the *Synergic Trusts* they use and control. They should not damage the Synergic Trusts.

Synergic Responsibility is an obligation that is incurred by all Trustees of the Synergic Trusts. Any Trustee who violates their Synergic Responsibilities would lose their Trustee privileges. Synergic Trusts are a gift for all humanity both the living and those waiting to be born. They must be shared equitably and in perpetuity. Synergic Trusts and the mechanisms to preserve, protect and administer them for the benefit and weal of all humanity must be developed now. They will play a crucial role in a synergic future.

The End of Plunder

In a synergic world, *Synergic Property* or *Synergic Trust* acquired with coercive force or fraud is **plunder**. Stolen property is **plunder**. Exploited Trust is **plunder**.

Trust that is used or controlled in violation of the Synergic Trust Responsibility is **plunder**. Synergic Trust that is used without helping others is **plunder**. Synergic Trust that is used to hurt others is **plunder**. Causing damage to the Life, Earth, or Time Trusts is **plunder**. And, using Time Trust to hurt others is also **plunder**.

Any individual who steals property with force or fraud is accorded no property rights. Plunder cannot be sold, traded, rented, leased, licensed, gifted, or donated to anyone. Possession of plunder even when obtained innocently does not entitle the possessor to property rights.

Synergic Justice

Plunder is not Synergic Wealth. As stolen Property or exploited Trust it has been removed from the Synergic Wealth pool to serve the criminals' needs.

If and when stolen Property is rescued by synergic justice, then it is returned to its rightful owners, or if that is not possible it is placed in the protective custody of the appropriate Trustees.

If and when exploited Trust is rescued by synergic justice, it is returned to the Protective custody of the appropriate Trustees.

Synergic Future

I propose the creation of synergic trustee organizations charged with the responsibility of protecting, conserving and administering the synergic trusts for the benefit of all humanity — both the living and the unborn.

These organizations could be structured as true *humanitarian* organizations serving humanity as community and humanity as individuals.

They would also acknowledge the primacy of the Earth and of Life before the emergence of Humanity.

Synergic Trustegrities

These Synergic Trust Organizations will be designed as “win-win” systems using an advanced structure I have developed called organizational tensegrity. That structure is discussed elsewhere. I call them the “Trustegrities” (a combination of the words Trust and Tensegrity).

The Trustegrities could form the basis for a synergic government in the future. They could perform all the positive functions of present government with none of the negative consequences. The Trustegrities would exist to serve humanity as community as well as humanity as individual. They would further serve to protect the Earth and all Life. The Trustegrities will be three with separate but complimentary missions in service to humankind.

Earth Trustegrity

The *Earth Trustegrity* could provide:

- 1) Access to land and natural resources for personal use at minimal or no cost, and
- 2) Access to land and natural resources for synergic production with appropriate charges payable to the *Earth Trustegrity* in lease or rental fees, licensing fees, and/or revenue shares. All rental fees, licensing fees, and/or revenue shares are entrusted to the *Earth Trustegrity for Humanity as Community*.

Life Trustegrity

The *Life Trustegrity* could provide:

- 3) Safety from crime and war, and full access to:
- 4) Comfortable, safe, healthy housing.
- 5) Good nutritious food
- 6) Good preventative health services and comprehensive cradle to grave medical care, and access to the *privilege* of Reproduction based on fairness, equality, and mutual benefit to both humanity as Individuals and humanity as Community. This would include monitoring administering, adjudicating the *Trust privilege of Reproduction*.
- 7) Access to animals and plants including native flora and wildlife for personal use at minimum or no cost.
- 8) Access to animals and plants including native flora and wildlife for synergic production with appropriate charges payable to the Life Trustegrity in rental fees, licensing fees and/or revenue shares. All payments made are entrusted to the *Life Trustegrity for Humanity as Community*.

Time-binding Trustegritty

The *Time-binding Trustegritty* could provide:

- 9) Access to knowing and technology in the *Time Trust* for personal use at no cost, and full education to an individual's ability and interest regardless of age,
- 10) The opportunity to participate in synergic organization and invest their action and leverage to earn revenue shares and acquire property throughout their full lifetime. Access to knowing and technology in the *Time Trust* for synergic production with appropriate revenue shares payable to the *Time-binding Trustegritty for Humanity as Community*.
- 11) Access to communication with humanity as individuals and to humanity as community for personal reasons, for synergic production and consumption, and for synergic consensus utilizing *Unanimous Rule Democracy*.
- 12) Protection and preservation of the intellectual discoveries and inventions of Time-binding whether they be in the *Time-binding Trust*, or the *Intellectual Property* of living humans.

To Be Continued ...

This lecture can only serve as the brief introduction to the opportunity for a synergic future. There are more subjects to discuss and explore, but all of the tools necessary for creating a Future Positive exist now.

The only question , first asked by Korzybski in 1921, is: “Do we humans want to grow up?”

Today, it's up to us. You and me. Big government and big business can't help us they don't understand the problem. We can only rely on ourselves. Individuals of integrity will need to join together to form a new society that depends on co-Operation and abundance. And, by abundance I am referring to an abundance of *integrity*, *intelligence* and *responsibility*. Then we can begin restructuring our society in ways that will lead to a *relative abundance* even within the *finite world* we inhabit.

Develop Calmness for Self

Practice Unconditional Respect for Other

Be Ready, Able, and Willing to Change

Live your Life Intelligently and Wisely

Live by Reality's Rules

Balance is the Key to Validation

Obtain Meaningful Survival by seeking Pleasure and Satisfaction

Make True Progress by Could-ing on Each Other

Forgive our Selves and Others & Learn from our Mistakes

Master Calmness

Understand the Three Games of Live

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