

Preface

We can have the future we want. Certainly, our future will be different from the present. And people will be the factor that will contribute most to create our future. Therefore, to bring the future we want it is necessary for people to modify the present. Most of the persons and / or organizations only talk about it. But it is not enough to say to everyone: *this is the future we want!* Reading this book we come to the conclusion that will be needed deep reforms in our society. This means that we cannot sit down relaxed and wait for the future to fall from the sky. If we want a specific future we will have to work and build it. Every person or organization has a different opinion about what should be done. And each one thinks their ideas are the right ones and each one thinks that his organization is the only one that is right. This book is not intended to tell

people what to think. The purpose of this book is to awaken people to these matters. We have to decide what future we want and we have to think of ways to get there. In nature, we have a wide diversity of living species. As the nature tries all possible solutions, this book advises all people to seek to have their own opinion and to create their own solutions. The more proposals we have the more probably is that we find one that works. And if we find a solution that does not work that's no reason to give up this idea - not always an idea results the first time around - maybe you can find a way to put it to work. And it's easier to solve a problem if several people think about it. No one has all the answers. Although one person is enough to build a prototype, in practice we will require the cooperation of thousands of people to build the final version. And even that final version will continue to be subject to continuous improvements. In addition, we may be forced to reform society at an unexpected time and in a hurried manner. Therefore, this book advises the creation of alternative prototypes for us to be prepared for the unexpected. Say it's impossible is not an option. Any silly proposal is better than none. The biggest mistake is not to try.

This book presents a project to reform the organization of society. Most children can realize that the ideas contained in this book make sense. Unfortunately, things change when people grow up. Most adults think only about their daily routine, have fun with football or soap opera,

blame the boss or colleagues for their problems on the job, blame the politicians for the country's problems, etc. Or, they are so focused to solve increasingly difficult problems that do not realize they are playing a game they cannot win. The purpose of this book is to appeal to reflection. If people stop blaming others and start thinking, then, it will not be difficult to find solutions.

Is it necessary to reform the society? Yes. The path we travel leads to nowhere. As technology evolves, more waste is generated. We get more and more material waste (waste products, pollution, etc.) and increasing waste of human resources (unemployment, crime, etc.). Thus, we cannot maintain social and technological evolution for much longer.

Is there any solution to solve this problem? Yes. Things were not always like this and things will not be like this forever. Who thinks we have already reached the maximum of social evolution is very naive. Until now, we lived in a society of free *competition*. This means that there are always people wanting to have more than others and, thus, there is always someone who gets insufficient goods. So, the solution is to abandon this society of free competition and opt for a society of free *cooperation*. In a cooperative society everybody is rich.

Can we create a society of free cooperation? Yes, there are already thousands of communities of free cooperation.

However this was only tried on a small scale. It's rare to have such a community of over 1,500 people. But, using computers and internet to manage human and material resources, we can achieve this nationwide or even worldwide. Note that the construction and maintenance of a cooperative society is a collective work, everyone must contribute. There is no person on the planet that has all the answers. This book should be considered only a small contribution and not the final design.

Our society has thousands of problems, how can we solve them all? Right now we have a society with a competition structure that creates a society of free competition. If we change the structure of society to a structure of cooperation then we'll get a society of free cooperation. In a free cooperation society all problems can be solved easily because all citizens will work in favor of the society.

Deep down, all we want is to guarantee human rights for all people on the planet. And now we already have enough technology to easily build a society of free cooperation. Unfortunately, people are not interested in this subject – due to selfishness, indifference, ignorance, etc. So, people will only demand change when they feel very affected - ie, when most people will be in misery. That means a century more of unnecessary suffering... So, when people hear about this subject always say that the solution will not

work. But, it is better try a thousand years and do not succeed than to spend that thousand years in wars.

If you do not have the patience to read this book, then you should play the videogame *Human Evolution* at www.uniorder.org. This game features a simplified simulation of human evolution from primitive man to a global fellowship. It is a game recommended for educational institutions - for example, for classes of *Citizenship Education* or classes of *Philosophy*.

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