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THE FIRST ALIGNMENT: WORLD PEACE YOUR FUTURE AND YOU

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Greetings. I will say only this about myself: You can refer to me as Counsel. I will answer no questions as to my identity. Now I will speak of the first alignment.

The first alignment is in process now on your world. It has to do with aligning and stimulating corporate agreements to achieve alliances beyond borders. An even casual examination of your history will show you that nationalistic borders have not brought about peace, no matter how effective a nation's propaganda. The hope for true peace on this planet comes about through a staged progression.

BUSINESS AND CORPORATE ALLIANCES WILL BREAK DOWN BORDERS

The first alignment is based entirely upon self-interest. It is understood that self-interest at this time in your world, although not universal for all individuals, is by and large universal for all corporations and businesses. I will not rationalize why; I think it is understood. So the first alignment for your world is entirely based on business and corporate alliance; it is intended to break down borders entirely.

The alignment, when it is complete, will go largely unnoticed by the bulk of the population. For all intents and purposes, it will appear as if borders are still intact; nothing on the surface will seem to change very much. But the actual alignment will be on a basis of corporate and allied business.

This does not mean that corporations are taking over the world in terms of your daily life. Your daily life will still be regulated by your beliefs, your values, your purposes; it will still be regulated by local governments and, to some degree, national governments. But, in fact, the days of the borders as you've come to know them, meaning each

country attempting to meet its own needs based upon what it can provide—even using trade to provide and therefore be independent—are over. A simple, casual look at your trade policies for the past forty or fifty years would already suggest this; this is not news to you. What is important to know as a citizen of Earth is that these alignments are intended to bring you into global citizenship.

This does not mean that cultures will be lost. If you are Iranian, if you are South African, if you are Italian, if you are American, Canadian and so on, your cultures will not be lost, but they will tend to be shared more freely with the world. You see that now—do you not—with restaurants and literature, the arts and so on. And you will see more of that. These are benevolent expressions of culture.

The less benevolent expressions are based on greed and to a degree—which does not exclude greed—religion. For a time, and this was tried for several thousand years, the attempt to create global unity based on religion was given a chance, but not only has it not worked, it has been a disaster. Granted, some wonderful things have occurred in alignment with religion that will not be lost. But you still have now in the world battles from one religion to another based primarily on religion and very little else. Even people . . . if you stood them side by side, you'd say, "These people look alike; their culture is very similar. Why are they at each other's throats?" It's entirely based on religion—granted, with political attitudes that are fully meshed with that religion. So that's not working, and this is known.

CORPORATE SELF-INTEREST ESTABLISHES UNITY

The unity, then, that can be established without any great problem has been getting established for some time, as you may know. This alignment of business can create working relationships between people who would otherwise be fierce enemies for one political, religious or nationalistic reason or another, to say nothing of personality conflicts. A shared desire for self-interest and to expand self-interest beyond the individual level to include a business or corporation or even a multilayered or leveraged corporation, is still self-interest, regardless. This self-inter-



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THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT IS REALLY HAPPENING

est is going to be the steppingstone that will propel you all into a more benevolent state or condition. Granted, it will turn peoples and nations into something that is generalized.

United States Americans and to a degree Americans north and south, Europeans and so on, have been in a long period of experimentation with consumerism. Consumerism has been such a success that it was a clear indicator that the first alignment had to be based on self-interest. Consumers are interested in their own self, and if they are not, there are products that encourage interest in oneself. These are based upon showing you things about yourself, encouraging you to be interested in yourself, encouraging you to be interested in the appearance and so on of others. In short, consumerism based upon self-identity has been very successful and so have businesses, corporations and multilevel corporations who cater products that in some way—either in the basic way or right down to the product delivered into your hands—are all based on serving self-interested consumers as you have been conditioned to be, all right? And even though this might seem crass, it is actually a solid foundation, proven over time, that works to bring you into a global harmony, though granted, it is a harmony initially based on self-interest.

This might seem unpleasant to some of you, but that might be partly because you are living in a place where you can take the time to consider such philosophies and thoughts. There are people living in other places where they do not know from one minute to the next whether they will be killed, maimed or tortured. It is not acceptable for people to be living in those situations; it is unacceptable. They must be brought out of those conditions, even if it means some degree of sacrifice for the consuming world. There needs to be a unified and, to a degree, regulated system to do this. Most of the pieces for this are in place now.

ANYONE NOT ABSORBED BENEVOLENTLY INTO FIRST ALIGNMENT WILL BE ELIMINATED

You will find gradually increasing involvement by the governments of the world to support this first alignment. Anyone, whether they be world leaders—*especially* world leaders, world governments—or whether they be organizations, even so-called hidden organizations striving for some political or religious gain or simply a self-interested gain in the case of a criminal empire . . . all of these organizations, if they cannot be absorbed in some benevolent expression of themselves into the first alignment, if that cannot happen or if they will not allow that to happen, they will be crushed, they will be eliminated. I am not stating this as some external authority; I am looking at what has happened on your planet. And I'm telling you now, this First Alignment is a critical step toward something that your religions have encouraged you to pray for; that your philosophies have encouraged you to believe is possible if only you'd follow that philosophy; that your hopes, prayers and dreams for years have supported. It is a worthy first step—yes, a worthy first step toward world peace.

World peace is not enough. That's right. You need to go past world peace, but it's important and that's what's going on in the first alignment. What comes past world peace? Of

course, world happiness, world fulfillment, those kinds of things. But one thing at a time. World peace means no people having to worry about being killed, maimed or tortured. That's a big process. You may not see your neighborhood businesses or even the corporation names you're familiar with as brave soldiers toward achieving this task, and I'm not suggesting you do see them that way. I am simply stating that this is, in fact, going on right now. It is well on its way toward achieving that goal.

You will not see at this time the elimination of greed. The fact that greed exists truly allows much of this to take place, because one cannot overlook the things that people feel, partly as a result of their conditioning and partly as a result of what seem to be external events, meaning global events—this happens here, this happens there; you respond, you react. Some people store up groceries, just in case; other people store up money, just in case; some people store up weapons, just in case; some people make arrangements, agreements or organize all kinds of things, just in case. These are all responses, and there are many more. And although they might not at all seem to be greedy—they might very well seem to be prudent, a very good business term—they are, in fact, sharing a common denominator, all of them, no matter what their reaction. The common denominator is self-interest. This is not what they're trying to show the world, but the expression as judged by others—not themselves—still would be greed.

Do you see? Someone's throwing up this, throwing up that, creating these alignments, doing this, doing that. It seems to be prudent to them and might very justifiably seem to be so, but if you see it from the outside in, you are inclined to think of them as greedy. They may not think of themselves as this; they may be able to rationalize it very well. It is not my job to dispute their rationalization. Their rationalization may, in fact, be absolutely true—not only for themselves, for those they are in alignment with, but it might also be true for the general perception that they have of themselves.

WOULD LEADERS KNOW FIRST ALIGNMENT IS TAKING PLACE

Now, all the world's leaders, presidents and so on, they all know that this alignment is taking place. Some of them are more on the forefront of bringing the alignment about. Partially this may have to do with the fact that they have the resources, the wealth, or that they can summon the resources and the wealth to bring this about through alliances. Given their capacity to bring these circumstances about, one might reasonably find that their goals—seemingly immediate to themselves or to their immediate connection to whatever industries seem to fuel the actions—create an underpinning that supports the First Alignment.

I'm talking to you, the public, about this first alignment now, not just because I'm campaigning for something—which I'm not; I'm strictly an historian, you might say, an observer—but because I see how you have moved, from my perspective [from the future], from the First Alignment to the Second Alignment, which takes into account not only peace, but adds happiness to peace. It's a big step. Peace is vital, it is wonderful and it is critical, but happiness involves many,

many more things. Then the third step adds to that fulfillment, meaning not only individual fulfillment, but group fulfillment as well. And I can see how, given all the other things you've tried as an Earth population/civilization.

There have been some small successes; groups who have lasted for a while have achieved wonderful benevolent societies. But even sometimes within those benevolent societies there are practices that are abhorrent. Not every member of the society might know, but they're there—not in every society, but they are there.

THE FIRST ALIGNMENT IS GOING TO WORK!

So I can see what has not worked, and I can see that this First Alignment is going to work. If you, as an individual, feel like some cog in a large machine, think about it this way: Your desires on a personal level can be fulfilled in this First Alignment. Whether those desires are to survive and be free of threat, or whether they are expanded to include your family, your friends, maybe even your neighborhood, it can all happen on the basic level, which has to do with personal security, otherwise known as safety. This is most likely to be achieved in the first alignment. You can, many of you, achieve quite a bit of happiness, relief; you will be able to be conscious that you are safe—not just have some voice come out of the sky or over the airwaves and tell you that you are and say, "All right, we've established the First Alignment," though they won't call it that, but some might. But you might not hear that term in public.

Over time people will notice that the threat level decreases, decreases, decreases; pretty soon there's no threat at all. People can really leave their doors unlocked, and everybody will be secure. That is not now quite obvious, but it will be, and it will be enforced. You will see many more security agencies, even small armies, fielded by corporations. This is already happening to a degree, and some public officials have begun speaking of it openly, mostly to authenticate the validity and the approval of governments here and there. They have begun speaking of the legitimacy of such corporate enterprises as large security agencies—depending on your point of view, you might even say it's something that looks like an army.

Some people will feel that this is a terrible thing, and I can understand that. Keep an eye on the big picture, though. Mistakes will be made, as it is with human beings at this stage of your existence; people will be hurt. There will be worse things. People who happen to be in the crossfire, so to speak, will be killed for no reason. That's why your consciousness is being raised about terrorists. Some of these people were terrorists in the past. However, these people who may have been terrorists in the past, these groups of terrorists, have gone on to establish countries; after all, your own United States was established by what were deemed to be terrorists in England.

So granted, if so-called terrorists do acts of terror on civilians who did them no harm . . . you are being conditioned somewhat so that if one of your enforcing agencies or governments says, "This group is a terrorist group," you will not think of them as they think of themselves, as freedom fighters. It will be hard for many of you, because you have grown up and

been conditioned to different political views. I am not here to campaign, to say that this is bad and so on; I am here simply to let you know that the First Alignment is well under way, that Creator will stand back because Creator recognizes that this is a vital step toward not only world peace but world happiness, then world fulfillment. And it must happen on the basis of things that all people can reasonably believe in—not just by having their arms twisted behind their backs and being asked, "Do you believe?" And then, "No, no, I don't believe," and then a little more twisting, "Oh, yes! See, I believe! I believe!" [Chuckles.] As terrible as that is, I chuckle a little bit because that is the political cartoon one sees down through the ages. You've seen it many times in many cultures.

Creator stands back because Creator knows that to interfere with this process is to interfere with Creator's own intent, which is to align and bring together divergent feelings, capacities and abilities that have been unsolvable in other creations throughout all time and existence. Your Creator of this universe is determined to find a use for the unsolvable—not only that which could be called and deemed unsolvable, discomfort as Zoosh calls it, which can range from minor annoyance to horrible, miserable suffering. Any reasonable person would say, "There's no use for this; let's get rid of it." And yet here it is in your universe. Here on Earth especially, you see it every day, plus you usually experience it in greater or lesser degrees, depending upon your time of life and your circumstances. You might very reasonably say, "What good is it?" And I'm not saying it is; I am simply saying that your Creator of this universe noticed that it existed in other places and that they couldn't find a way to resolve it, to bring it into some expression of itself that is benevolent.

THIS PROCESS IS A LAST RESORT

Now, I am not here to reiterate truths that have already been stated in other documents such as the *Explorer Race* books, the *Shining the Light* books and so on, but I am here to inform you of a process that is going on, that is in motion, that is universal, meaning universal on Earth. No matter what faces you see, no matter who's behind the scenes encouraging and supporting those faces and individuals, no matter what temporary changes you see, the First Alignment is in progress. *Many of the things you see are intended to condition you globally to accept circumstances that you would not accept otherwise.* Sometimes these are terrible things, done with the greatest reluctance and often at great personal sacrifice by the people who order them done. Nevertheless, there are those who, on your world, believe in the ultimate value of this.

You have to look at your history over the long term; I'm not just talking about written history, but beyond. Everything else has been tried. This series of alignments and the process by which it is going on and being brought about is literally a last resort. I'm not saying this as a threat; it's not a threat. But it is a last resort to bring every citizen on the Earth first to peace, then to happiness, then to a fulfillment that is something he or she personally feels—not that other people say, "You're fulfilled now," but something that person personally, individually feels as fulfillment. That alone increases your level of happiness. It is not artificial; it has to be real.

Therefore, I do not see that it fails in any way, but theoretically speaking, if it were to fail (just for the sake of those who would ask that question), it does not mean that some lightning bolt would come out of the sky and destroy your world. It just means that your world would literally be allowed to come to the conclusion that groups of people fighting one another with increasingly larger and more damaging weapons would bring about, which would be the death of your planet as you know it, at least on the surface—and over time, under the surface as well. There are those who believe that the citizens of Earth can not only be saved as a global community, but brought to peace, happiness and fulfillment on both a global basis as well as on a personal, individual basis.

THE THREE ALIGNMENTS

These things will happen over a period of years. Given a full life—meaning so many years, whatever the average is—those of you alive now, especially the young ones in a country with full medical and societal support systems, you will likely live to see the First Alignment. It is very possible that you will live to at least partially experience the Second Alignment, and some of you very young ones who live a long life might even live to experience the Third Alignment. By the time the Second Alignment takes place, it won't take very long to accomplish the Third Alignment. The First Alignment is the hardest one and has been in process now for forty or fifty years.

I'm not going to talk about the steps that led up to it, but over the past forty or fifty years things have been changing. Some things might have seemed alarming to some of you, such as global international corporations taking over your local businesses, which can be alarming. But remember, it is intended to create an overall evenness. Granted, some people will be wealthy and some people will be struggling, but the First Alignment is meant to bring about world peace. It is the Second Alignment that brings about world happiness—not that you're happy with your lot in life, that's not what I mean by happiness; I mean that you are happy.

So the Second Alignment will be about a—how can we say?—an evening off, meaning people will be happy but not through some distorted pursuit that makes them momentarily happy. Rather, you will be happy because your life is going in a way you like; you will have what you want and need. That's what I mean by happiness. It's not just that the different strata of society will be happy within their strata. There will not be strata of society separated as you see now, and it will not come about by some ruthless suppression of this or that. It will come about because of the personal desire of every individual. But it will come about.

The First Alignment is what's most important. You will notice the Second Alignment developing even while the First Alignment is being established; you will notice it here and there. But the First Alignment is what is most important to discuss.

BUSINESSES WILL MERGE

So the trend will continue, the merging of companies of a similar nature, with expansion all over the globe. Correction: The trend will continue until there's only *one* of each. One.

There will be, for a time, individual corporations, even multi-leveled corporations. But eventually both kinds will form up under one for every type of business. Transportation, fuel, resources, chemicals—all of these will tend to form up under one. Other things will be aligned; your own publishing will form up under media and communications resources, other things like that. It will seem almost as if, for a time . . . like your civil servants, they won't be servants, but in time you will all be working for the same company, so to speak. And while that might seem to suppress individual expression, that company will be very versatile, very allowing. If your particular branch wishes to express itself this way or that way, that will be completely acceptable. What was once an individual company will be a branch of something else, but it will not have its personality wiped out; its personality will be encouraged to do more, not less.

Even a little business that has struggled to meet its payroll, for instance, or has been unable to compete with larger businesses or organizations that can provide medical and dental and vacation and stock options and all that, will be able to do that then in alignment with that bigger business. Then individuals will not have to choose to leave a business, even a small business that they enjoy working for, because they need to get ahead for their own sake or for the sake of their families. They will have all of those perks, as you call them, working for a small business, because the small business will be a part of a large business.

And these large businesses will be owned by stockholders or by individuals?

The large businesses are owned by somebody now, even though they may seem . . . even though stockholders have a share in the profit, if they wish it, meaning they can purchase stock and hold it and receive dividends, as compared to, say, buying and selling the stock on the basis of its day-to-day perceived value. But the stockholders, unless they are very large stockholders and even then only to a degree, do not run the business. It is not their business.

But as far as your question goes: Yes, it will be like that for a time. But ultimately it will have less to do with people who buy and sell stock and more to do with people who invest or people who buy stock and hold it, sit on it. And they will get dividends.

THE END OF CORPORATE DIVERSIFICATION

So there's going to be a sorting out. Where one company now may own a dairy company, a music company, a beverage company and an airplane company, in the future all the airplanes will be here, and all the farming will be there, and all the entertainment will be there—like that?

That's right. Right now, you see, corporations diversify with the idea that if one element in the company fails, even if they lose that whole element and have to sell it out at a fire-sale price to whomever will buy it, other elements of the company have no connection to this element and will not be damaged. That's the purpose of diversification.

But in the future, one gradually will see, and we're seeing it right now . . . since you used the airline industry as an

example, we will gradually see that eventually there will be one airline authority. But it will also be associated with some other forms of rapid travel. And it will allow and encourage different brands. One might say that General Mills, for example, produces cereal and all kinds of things, different brands of cereal. The companies that put out those different brands of cereal, they are still companies, but they are under General Mills. Do you understand? One will see something like that in the airline industry, so that if one airline company is struggling but is providing an expression of service that the public gravitates to, if the public gravitates to that struggling company, even if other airlines offer a similar service, that struggling company will not only be nurtured but will be fostered to grow in some way so it can serve that segment of the population who would like to have more of whatever that company is offering that they find so attractive.

So I'm not saying that companies will be crushed; what I am saying is that there will be a realignment based not on diversification but on allied arrangements—that each version of the global corporate entity tends to feed, support and nurture one another, not only for some act of kindness [chuckles], but rather because this feeding and nurturing serves other elements within the global corporation. Therefore, profitability is improved if not in the immediate short run, then in the immediate long run. The immediate long run might be within two or three years.

A BALANCING ACT

So such things will actually foster and encourage individuality, because . . . think about it. Over the years, many years now, agencies—this or that agency or group within a company—have analyzed demographics very well, so that markets are quickly analyzed and served, and this is ongoing. If the group of individuals who like something reject something that's being offered to them, it is quickly discarded. Whatever they do like, they get more of and in different varieties and so on.

I'm not saying that this is something that you build your philosophy, your religion and your beliefs on. Rather, I am saying that it is intended to be a balancing, something to even off—not socialistically speaking, not someone coming into your life and house and family and saying, "Here, we need someone to operate this machine and you're it," but rather something that you want to do. You want to get ahead, you want to have things, you want to improve your lifestyle, you want to improve your family's lifestyle, you want to improve your community—all of these things will come about through the First Alignment, though there will be rough patches. You're going through a rough patch now. There might be more rough patches, but I assure you, even though you are seeing some things that are ugly or terrible, those things will be resolved. It is not intended that you will see something like a political situation, like you've seen in wars where one country spreads out all over, influencing and stamping out all resistance and saying, "You will believe what we believe or we will kill you." Those days are not going to spread into the future, and governments or heads of governments who think that they can make it happen will be crushed.

I am not speaking as some authority. I am speaking as one who has looked back, from my perspective, into your times and seen governments who thought they could stand and function outside of these global corporate approvals intended to bring about world peace through the expression of consumerism based on self-interest. These governments or heads of state or even heads of various groups who thought they could take a little bite here and a little bite there, or a big bite, will be eliminated.

So prices based on competition will be gone.

Yes. Price will be based upon what's needed by the global corporation to establish its goals, to feed its hungry mouths—in short, to establish the satiation of greed. But at some point, even the global corporation realizes, "Now, wait; if we take all the money from the people, there will be no more money to come to us. Plus we won't have anything to purchase the things we want." In short, all global corporations have to come to the realization at some point that they cannot raise their prices arbitrarily to some point where they are out of reach. Even criminal empires have to realize this. They will be absorbed. As I said before, if the criminal empire cannot be absorbed into the First Alignment it will be crushed, it will be eliminated.

But criminal empires will be absorbed. Much of what they provide now illegally will, in time, be made legal in order to increase the value and desirability for those who wish to consume those products or services. Prices will be set based on causing the product or service to be desirable, and various degrees of those products providing various levels of momentary happiness will be made available, just like with other products and services, anything—drugs, food, medicine.

CORPORATE INDIVIDUALS MUST BECOME GLOBAL CITIZENS

Now, these different products will be offered, and as I say, even if the criminal empire is offering these products, they will be made legal. Laws against them will be eliminated. You understand, this will tend to bring about the desire, in time, to go past world peace and bring about happiness. If you are addicted to something and suffering and cannot simply rob, cheat and steal to get the money you need to get it . . . because that won't be allowed anymore, why? World peace! Things will have to change.

Corporations, whether they be criminal or legal or motivated by other basic drives—primarily self-interest, perceived by others as greed (and perhaps that's true; it certainly is in some cases)—these individuals who are involved in this are being forced into a position, but not by having their arms twisted behind their backs (which we know doesn't work; it may work in the short run, but not in the long run). They're being forced by the evidence of their own eyes and perceptions that they must become responsible global citizens, that they are providing valuable services that people want and need, and that they must be responsive to the needs of other large corporations and responsive to the needs of the consumers, which, from the corporation's point of view, includes everyone on the planet, including everyone who works for the corporation.

You all have that in common. If the managing directors and so on are not clear on that point, then they will simply become clear on the fact that you cannot raise your prices beyond the point where people are able to purchase things. You can raise your prices just to the point where you have all that you want and need, but if it gets to the point where others do not, that's going to impinge—in the future, of course—on happiness. It's going to impinge on the practical pursuit of the absolute—no individuals eliminated from it—the absolute intention of the First Alignment, which is world peace that serves consumerism and self-interest. And no exceptions will be allowed.

But aside from that enforcement, it's critically obvious to people who make the decisions at the top, as it's called, that if people can't afford to buy something but they actually want it, that there have to be versions they can afford to buy, just as people might want to improve their conditions if they're living in desperate circumstances. If they're living in desperate circumstances and things get better for them, they can afford a modest apartment. A modest apartment may not be much to people living in a grand apartment or a huge home or some fabulous place, but a modest apartment is pretty fabulous if you've been living in a cardboard shack. So there's different levels, all right? It's all part of peace. All part of peace.

CHINA WILL BE A MAJOR INFLUENCE

What about education?

I will speak of that. In education it will be recognized that initially certain languages need to be spoken in business. One sees this being catered to now. For a long time, English has been a business language. You see in the past, of course, in your history, that other languages were the business language, and French was the diplomatic language for years. But even though English might appear to be the business language now, other languages will emerge and become temporarily dominant. I will not speak of which languages. I will simply say that it will be whatever languages are the most expressive, not only in their mental, linear description (because different words cover different things), but also in their mood, in their way of expressing things. This becomes very important so that subtle messages can be delivered with the same words as absolute messages. These languages will come to be adapted by business—if not as their primary language, then as a secondary language used for negotiating, especially when vast continents such as China, for example, are being encouraged to join the global community to bring about world peace and the First Alignment.

And yet China has a system that is working and, regardless of external perceptions, is a vast improvement over what existed before in terms of it serving the needs of a much greater number of people than were being served in the past. I'm not trying to make heroes out of the government; I'm simply saying that in a few short years they have managed to improve the quality of life for the average citizen in a very big way, so do not expect them to give this up quickly. But as they come to see that the global corporation and self-interest and all of this business is becoming the predominant theme,

and as they notice these qualities in themselves and feel safe with them, over time different elements, different expressions of the community will join.

The self-interest global corporate world is not going to make war on China, though they have in the past through their representatives in the form of various governments. They now know that this does not work, and they will therefore invite China in the most benevolent way to join the system they have to offer. But the only way China is going to consider doing that, even in an incremental way as you see now, is if the government and the political beliefs of China are fostered, encouraged and allowed to exist in some way, at least for a time, and if the improved state of existence for the citizens of China is not turned into the feudal system they struggled under in the past. This is why they are so aggressively antifederal.

If they define something on their borders, a country or its government, as having been supportive of the feudal system in the past and being demonstrative in some way of the feudal system in the present, even if they do not need anything in that country . . . you have seen them demonstrate in the past such a sense of personal and moral (to them) outrage, that they will go and invade this country, and commit all kinds of atrocities to eliminate the feudal system.

Now, I'm not saying "good" or "bad." I'm simply saying that it will take them awhile to embrace the global corporate community, but they will in time, possibly bringing with them the lessons of their history, which they have kept back further than many other nations, and influencing the global corporate community to understand that if you set your prices too high, at some point it doesn't work. They will be a major influence in convincing global corporations that the needs of the people for peace are supported and nurtured by the basic needs of all the people in the country being served, at least in some benchmark way. This is the basis and no worse. Right now in China it's no worse, no better. But the global corporate entity is influencing them now, will influence them more, and they will, in time, not capitulate, not go to war over this—obviously the whole point of your past history, that you've gone to war over this or that, isn't the solution—they will simply join on the basis of seeing many of their values being expressed in this new world alignment, this First Alignment.

So I'm not talking about communism, I'm not talking about capitalism; those ideas will be forgotten in the future. I'm talking about a First Alignment that brings about world peace, a Second Alignment that takes a much shorter time to bring about world happiness (that everyone is going to know for certain whether they're happy or not, all right?), and the Third Alignment, which comes about quicker still, which is world fulfillment.

THE WORLD COMMUNITY WILL KEEP ITS DIVERSITY

What will be the function of national governments and borders, then?

Over time national states and borders will cease to exist, because when people are safe, they will be able to freely flow from one country to another and only be restricted to the

degree that they do not know and understand the culture or local language and customs. So the more that is known and understood about that, the more the world community becomes somewhat homogenized, perhaps for a while, but not ever looking bland, not “A” and “B,” maybe a little “C”; all the letters and all the numbers, all kinds of things will be seen. Individualism will be encouraged as long as it fits into the world alignment, all right?

We'll keep our diversity . . .

You'll keep your diversity; it will be fostered and nurtured because you can see how it has supported business and brought about happiness. You've all experienced this in recent years, most of you to whom I'm speaking in this article: If you have only one or two types of food in your town, the first time some new restaurant opens, isn't it true, that you all beat a path to the restaurant to try it out? Many of you do. Maybe it's not the greatest, but it has one or two things that you really like, and then you go for that. And then other restaurants come and the restaurants you had . . . when people say, “Gosh, I don't care for all of their food, but there's one or two things that are great,” the restaurants in town start making their version of those things. So individuality is still encouraged, especially if it's good for the business community, local and international.

But borders as you've come to know them gradually dissolve so that by the time you're in the midpoint of world happiness and you wish to see a map of the world, there are no political boundaries delineated. However, for those of you who wish to study the past, you might see such political boundaries delineated.

You see maps on the basis of rivers, streams, mountains, cultural diversity. You see that, but it spreads beyond cultural diversity as it has always been in the past; it spreads beyond political boundaries.

BASIC SERVICES WILL BE PRIVATIZED

What about the level of basic services? Will water, trash, police forces, firefighters, everything we know of that are responsibilities of local government, will that all be privatized?

Yes. You will find that police forces will be privatized, and the police forces will at first be uncomfortable with it, but then they will feel much better. Their salaries will improve to some degree, but more to the point, their benefits will vastly improve. And there will be a great deal of attention paid to their safety; it will not just mean wearing bulky things that are hot and uncomfortable, but they will be encouraged to wear or have a lot of safety equipment. If they are not safe to go out . . . it's really outrageous that one police officer should go someplace where if three went, it would be much safer. One does not always know when one is going into a dangerous situation. So there will be more police officers, not less.

There will be levels, meaning one now sees community groups such as the Scouts getting exposed to policing or the fire department as a public service. But you will see, say, in the police, that there will be levels, meaning that there will be something like the youth police, for instance, and they will be supported; they won't get salaries if they're

teenagers—and by teenagers I mean seventeen or under, still in school, you know—but they will get support and training in case they wish to become police officers. It will not be demanded of them, but if they wish to become police officers, they will have the opportunity by going into these programs, not unlike the ROTC program for the military. There will be that for the fire department and other things.

It will be found—even though there will be a lot of resistance—but it will be found by the employees, by the police employees, by the fire department employees and so on, that working for a private corporation gives one a great deal more security, a great deal more safety and the means to interact on the enforcing level, say, for the police, or the means to interact for the fire department, say, to put out fires. The technology will be vastly improved. Obviously, the whole point, from a business point of view, is to make a profit, but also whether you're going to be perceived as a worthy business. You wouldn't buy a cereal that tasted terrible if you could buy a cereal that cost the same or maybe a couple pennies more—by a couple pennies I mean literally two or three cents more—and tasted wonderful. No, no; the fire department will become vastly more efficient because the methods they use to put out fires will become much more universalized.

Many is the time now that a fire department, for example, will go out on a call that they know is a fire for which equipment exists that could put out the fire very quickly—say, an oil fire or a chemical fire or a refinery fire. The equipment actually exists that could put out the fire in half the time or even less, but they don't have that equipment because it's expensive to produce right now. But at some point, when a corporation is running the fire department, everyone will have that equipment and the fire will be put out [snaps fingers] very quickly, saving lives, reducing suffering and saving property.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES BECOME MORE EFFICIENT

So you will see the fire department get more efficient. For starters, the biggest trouble most fire departments have been having over the years is not only a lack of good equipment, but also of good training and, most importantly, full funding. It is almost unheard of for a fire department in your municipalities to be fully funded, but they will be. Over time, when the fire suppressing capacities become greatly improved, then the fire departments will get smaller; people won't get fired, but people will retire and so on. There will be less necessity for vast fire departments and thousands of firefighters fighting an individual fire, as you see now in a forest fire. When the equipment is much better, when new technologies are employed and when fires are put out almost immediately . . . This is not going to happen instantaneously, but it will happen over time. It's a similar situation with the police.

Fire departments will have youngsters, teenagers seventeen and younger and right on down to thirteen; they'll have some educational things that twelve-year-olds can be exposed to—and they are exposed to it now to some degree. Whole schools will be given a stipend. By stipend I do not mean that individual payments will go to individual students or teachers, but

there will be a stipend to fully fund a program in schools not unlike the ROTC. It will not be militaristic—not demands and commands—but rather will involve exposure to firefighting techniques: “Would you be interested in this?” Part of the reason it will be attractive, of course, is that they will have the uniforms. The uniforms won’t look the same as the uniforms firefighters wear, but they will be similar, perhaps a lighter color or in some cases a darker color, so that you will be able to say, “Well, these people are in the firefighting club.” This will be very attractive to a lot of youngsters.

You will see privatization for the police, and you will certainly see it for other types of what are now recognized as municipal chores as well. Of course, you will see this in transportation in many communities, whether they have cabs or buses. It will happen with buses—it will all be privatized. At first there will be some resistance, but the bus drivers themselves are the most likely people to want it, because even if their salaries do not go up right away, their benefits will be vastly improved. And benefits, especially if you have been on the job for a while, really make a big difference. You don’t want to have to pay 20 percent of your dental bill if the dental bill is a thousand dollars—two hundred dollars is a lot of money. You want that dental bill to be covered 100 percent. Things like that will occur. It will make a big difference to individuals, to say nothing of families.

THE PLANET WILL BE PROTECTED

Who will protect the planet from mining, logging, oil drilling and such?

You have to remember that the purpose of global corporations is not only to make a profit, but also to take the long view, as they are discovering now in the First Alignment. The long view is, “What about fifty years from now? We have a responsibility to this global corporation past ourselves.” It won’t just be a committee in the corporation, but those at the top will see clearly, “What are we going to do in twenty years? What are we going to do in fifty years? We are going to run out!” Obviously, there are going to be efforts to explore the Moon and so on, but that is not practical in terms of transiting the materials, no. That is why they will start to look at other technologies, some of which have already been invented but are being held—how can we say?—behind the scenes until they are needed. And they will pour money into that and development into that, and someday oil will not be necessary.

And they will look also at forests, for how much wood do we need? We know how long a tree takes to grow, even if we encourage it. So at some point other materials will happen. Some day all wood furniture will be considered antique and valuable and people will want it. Right now, it is not really seen that way, but [laughs] look differently at your wood furniture now, especially hardwood. Someday the corporations will say, “No, no, no! Trees are needed for other things, not the least of which is that they exhale the air that we breathe and we need lots more of them, not less of them.” There will be no allowance to cut down the trees. Vast areas will be considered to be off-limits to human beings because they are tree land.

This won’t be a national forest. Tree land will show up all over the world, and it will be for beauty, granted. Campers will still be encouraged; there will be small areas that will serve the campers, which will be profitable. But tree land will not be allowed to be damaged. So, for instance, in tree land you will not find fires, even casual fires, that are lit with twigs. If you are going to light a fire, it is going to be in an improved, built brick oven of some sort or something like that, and it will be fired by gas or something else. Especially the global corporations in general are crystal clear that what you are seeing now—drilling for oil, taking out coal and all of that—cannot go on forever. So don’t worry; they have plans.

AN ENFORCEMENT ARM ENSURES THAT RESOURCES ARE SHARED

So who is going to be the referee if, say, a global car company and some other global corporation both want a territory or the same resources?

You can see this actually developing now, with the World Trade Organization. Granted, it is slow and ponderous at the moment, but it is feeling its way. At some point, the WTO will have an enforcement arm, and that enforcement arm will be provided by all of the different global corporations that cover particular fields. They will all contribute to it. If only one global corporation happens to be near something that is an outbreak of damaging activity to the First Alignment, then that one corporation will simply provide the enforcement arm for the WTO or some other group who says, “This is not acceptable.” And if that anomaly—as it will come to be referred to—takes place, it will be shut down.

Of course, initially “How about this? How about that?” will be offered; some negotiation will take place. But if they who are doing something are stubborn and determined and will not negotiate, they will be crushed. The enforcement branch will have absolutely no qualms about telling them the degree to which they will be crushed: “You will be wiped out, and everything you care about will be wiped out. All of your property will be seized and will go to others. Maybe we won’t kill you; maybe we will just let you suffer for the rest of your life, seeing your mistake. Maybe we feel that you have rehabilitated yourself; maybe we will let you express yourself in some other way. Maybe you are in the wrong business. Maybe this business doesn’t satisfy you and the reason you wanted more that wasn’t in your alignment, that wasn’t part of your corporate alignment, is because you are not happy in the business you are in. Maybe you would be happier doing something else.” They might be offered that. Or they might simply be killed.

That sounds brutal.

The purpose is world peace. Suppose this imaginary car company you mentioned says it wants this and it wants that, and it spreads out and goes for it against the alignment of corporations (as is already being done), meaning it does something that amounts to a criminal enterprise because it is outside its boundaries of expression. Not only is it not efficient in these other areas, but it is doing something that isn’t acceptable.

VARIOUS POWERS WILL DEFINE BOUNDARIES OF EXPRESSION

Who defines the “boundaries of expression”?

That will be defined by the various powers of the First Alignment. The alignment groups will have representatives, and now you see the budding versions of this in the WTO and so on. If you look at the philosophy of the WTO, you will see the nucleus of everything I am talking about right now. This doesn't mean the WTO ought to be perceived as the enemy; it is simply the visible version of what is intended to be a benevolent benefactor resolving international business problems.

But sometimes these things cannot be resolved with words and binding agreements. There must be an enforcement branch. You cannot expect nationalistic political enforcement; you will have to have international private enforcement. Nationalistic political enforcement may be compromised due to bribes or other factors, threats, to say nothing of the fact that nationalism tends to support from the outside in—meaning from the borders, the outside of the borders, in, and then out and in that circuit. Global, on the other hand, is always thinking in terms of the whole picture, the circle, the complete. And that is how the circle takes you from world peace to world happiness to world fulfillment—because it is complete, not based on political borders.

THE IDENTITY CHIP IS ESSENTIAL

Do you see the identity chip as required in this scenario?

Yes, it is essential. Define identity chip for the reader who may not know what you are talking about.

It is a computer chip inserted into your body that has your identity and various data about you available.

Yes, including, of course, your medical information in case anything should happen to you . . . you are unconscious, maybe in a car crash, you may or may not have your wallet on you, nobody knows who you are. Think how invaluable it will be to have your identity, your address, your family, your blood type and so forth on you. Lives will be saved. Plus to also know whether or not you have allergies as well as lots of other factors—maybe your likes and dislikes so that when you are recovering in your room, it can be your favorite color, pink or perhaps green . . . all kinds of things like that.

You have to let go of having too many secrets, because sometimes you are keeping something a secret only because your culture or your immediate family culture has conditioned you to believe that something is shameful, whereas many, many other people like it and it is not shameful at all. Many, many things that are now considered illegal will be fostered and encouraged as long as they are not harmful and destructive to others in ways that interfere with peace, world peace, you understand?

If, say, your neighbors down the street are of different sexual orientation, if that doesn't interfere with your safety, okay, then it will be encouraged. If your neighbor down the street has cats and you have dogs and you can't stand cats, so what as long as it doesn't interfere with your peace. A lot of things

like that . . . that is the First Alignment based on self-interest consumerism, with the goal of absolutely unwavering world peace for all citizens.

RECONDITIONING WILL REPLACE PUNISHMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE

A lot of laws will simply be considered irrelevant. It will take awhile to establish that, because some people will consider some things to be sacrosanct. But it is all conditioning. If it doesn't interfere with your peace and safety, so what?

I am not talking about child molesters; obviously, that interferes with people's peace and safety. People like that will be reconditioned. Techniques exist to condition them to bring them to a state of greater balance so that they no longer wish to molest children and probably won't remember that they ever did. That is the key. If it is so enmeshed in their personality—which it usually is because they have been damaged, usually having been molested themselves—then they will essentially be served. They will be given a treatment whereby the personality they know themselves as will be eliminated (this is for severe cases where people cannot be treated otherwise) and a new personality will be encouraged; they will then become peaceful citizens. By peaceful I mean they can go and have fun and go skydiving if they want to; I don't mean they can do nothing. But they will not be impinging on the safety of others. If for some reason those techniques fail, they will be eliminated. There will be no exceptions. That's why I say that personal sacrifices will be made.

It may not happen immediately, but think of how often people in the past had a loved one . . . you might be wealthy and influential and that loved one commits a terrible crime, perhaps in your own family, where crimes like that tend to occur first. And you are heartsick, but you love this person, so you protect him or her. In the distant past, people like this were shut up in towers somewhere. In your more modern society, they go through various therapies. Electroshock was initially tried for such things, but it was too terrible. It had vast impacts, not the least of which was destruction to internal organs. There are other therapies, though. But what I am saying is that protecting these people can still bring about disasters. I am not picking out just child molesters; there are others—murderers and so on.

In the future society, if therapy doesn't work, they are not going to wait for the person to molest someone again and say, “Oh, the therapy didn't work.” They will have ways of keeping an eye on you if you are a molester. If you exhibit those tendencies and are incorrigible in exhibiting them, and no matter what therapy they use that they have at that time works, you will be eliminated—no exceptions.

This will apply to leaders as well as citizens. You are becoming Earth citizens. Certain behaviors are unacceptable. The First Alignment means world peace.

A GIFT FROM GOD

How will this play out for the heads of government across the world now? Are they aware of this process?

Once a premier is elected (or a prime minister or a president or those in other offices like that), once they are elected, if they do not already know about these things—they may

have some vague idea or even more of an idea about these world alignments—then someone will sit them down and slowly and patiently explain it to them. Some of this has gone on in the past. Most world leaders now—meaning elected leaders—know this, and they know they can go this far and no further. They might also be called upon to perform certain tasks that might seem to be nationalistic but are not really; these tasks are more in alignment with certain corporate entities, and by “corporate” I mean “global corporate entities.” People might easily be able to perceive this by looking around in your culture from day to day—not just those associated with the United States, but those in other countries as well, because in other countries they are not so self-absorbed as in the United States. They will be self-absorbed in their country and about what is going on in their country, and they will be able to see the things that I am talking about emerging in their countries, too.

And as I say, to some people it will seem excessive and ruthless; but other people, who are suffering right now, will think of it as a gift from God. They are suffering. At any moment they could be killed, maimed or tortured, or their loved ones could have that happen to them. You will agree, of course, that that is intolerable. Therefore, those people must be brought to the point where they feel safe. Other people’s safety is the first goal, which, as I said, helps bring about the First Alignment. It is essential. From the corporate point of view, you might say, “Well, these people are all future customers.” Now, that might sound very ruthless. But it is true, and I assure you that if you are worried about being killed, maimed or tortured, the idea of having the option of being a consumer and being a customer will seem like a gift from God. It is a vast improvement over living in a war zone. So—I speak to the reader now—don’t be so quick to judge.

CHANGE WILL HAPPEN FROM THE BOTTOM DOWN

I just don’t see how it is going to begin. How are you going to get every state to give up its highway patrol, every mayor to give up his police force and every country’s government to give up its control over its borders?

Oh, it doesn’t happen from the bottom up; it happens from the top down.

Please explain.

There are certain industries for which it is crystal clear that as a small, struggling business they can only do so much. And many is the time, especially if they are dealing with a corrupt local government—which is a global fact, not just in a community here and there—they may have to be paying to this one and paying to that one, to say nothing of paying to criminal enterprises . . . paying and paying and paying. How much can you pay?

If you either align yourself by being purchased as a company or align yourself in some way with a bigger version of what you might see as a competitor (but that competitor, that bigger version, doesn’t see you as a competitor), then you are a fly, a gnat. But you are on a competitive level, from their point of view, and you are also serving a segment of the community that their product has not appealed to, and they are

going to say, “Well, this is good.” Then you become more powerful, then the mayor wants to make you happy, then the criminals are either frightened of you or they want to be your friends. In short, suddenly you have more power. That example at the corporate level goes from the top down, not from the bottom up. It is very clear, is it not? Of course, this is just a small case of a little business and a bigger business. But the further you go globally looking at businesses that you can think of in a moment, you can easily see how even a big business can sometimes be threatened by a big government.

It’s different if the business is international and global and all the elements of that business are totally together, saying, “If we as the different elements of a business are strong and want more elements and want to get stronger in our own field, but someone threatens us, then we draw in our resources. We don’t necessarily send out our enforcement, but we say, ‘Okay, if you are going to push around our business, then we will just raise what we are charging you for something.’” I will give you an example: Maybe the guys who are trying to push are advocating consumer protection for this and that and it might seem to make a great deal of sense, but a lot of it is ahead of its time, meaning that other things need to be accomplished first before you as a municipal government or even a state government can crush corporations and force them into providing services (given all of their other expenses) that will drain them of all of their capacity to provide the services that you and the citizens themselves desire. So if that takes place, eventually revenge happens. And revenge happens. Now I will get there. I will use California as an example.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE GOVERNMENT IS AT ODDS WITH THE CORPORATE COMMUNITY

Now, this was well before the First Alignment was under way. Years ago California was known as a place where the consumer was protected. It was known as a place where municipal, county, state and even at times federal enforcement branches could literally bring a corporation to its knees, could say, “You will do this, and you *will* do it. Otherwise, we will make your life miserable, and we will stop at nothing.” Why? On the one hand, there were people who were altruistic who asked the government to do something. Granted, something terrible was happening to the public—maybe there was a dangerous product or a chemical. I’m not saying that these things weren’t worthwhile; somebody had to do something to bring about greater safety, as you have seen with the Consumer Products Safety Commission in the United States. A lot of good has been done.

But some corporations that were very good, that were budding, that had good services to offer, were destroyed, even when they were perfectly happy to change something in their products. But they were destroyed by fines and restrictions that destroyed an otherwise viable company, and then the people all dispersed and went different places, lost their enthusiasm and that was the end. Twenty, thirty, forty years later, maybe those ideas are picked up and a company develops a product that everyone loves and wants. This could have happened earlier, but you had to wait thirty or forty years for that to come down the road.

I am not saying that the altruistic individuals who were attempting to protect themselves and the public were wrong. And I am not saying that the government was wrong. I am just saying that on the basis of the First Alignment, everyone can agree to self-interest, and self-interest in this case has to do with peace expressed as safety. You can walk out of your house, walk safely to your car. You do not have to use a key; just get in, press the button to start the ignition (no ignition key necessary), drive safely to work, park your car on the street or wherever and go—in short, in complete safety. That wasn't the case. So the First Alignment, from my point of view, is a good thing, looking back on it.

I am not picking on California; I am simply stating that California and other municipalities were known to be protective of the consumer, and not everyone could agree—the corporations couldn't agree, many other people in the country couldn't agree—that this was a good thing. A lot of people agreed, and California became known as a place that nurtured some businesses, but only to a degree and if the businesses did something that one of the government regulating concerns felt was a problem, the government would after a while begin to serve itself and would bring about enforcement, no matter whether a complaint was made or not. Now, I am not saying that this is bad. I am being very diplomatic here; I do not wish to step on the toes of these good intentions. But sometimes good intentions go wrong, and that is what happened in the past, the recent past . . . some of it.

Corporations got their revenge. Corporations can't usually get their revenge, meaning that the company that is crushed, all right, what can they do? Nothing. It's over for them. They try to pick up the pieces of their lives and go on, or maybe they pick up a few bits of the corporation and try and start it up someplace else. But other corporations say, "Well, this represents a serious threat to what we're doing. How can we affect them? We must do something that will change the public's perception of this government entity that was originally established to protect the public but has now become a vast bureaucracy—yes, protecting the public; yes, sometimes encouraging change that we wish we would have seen ourselves, that created a problem in our products, but other times creating vastly more of a problem just by its existence due to over-enforcement or over-regulation that creates conflicting regulations so that no matter what we do, we are wrong. How can we bring about a change? We need to bring about a change in the average California citizen's perception of his or her government. And that change was brought about over time by increasing the cost of something that everyone uses. All right? I am not going to go into all of that; you all know what happened there with the cost of electricity, the cost of gasoline, the cost of fuel. I am not trying to say that the oil companies all put their heads together and said, "How can we crush California?"

The whole point is . . . alignment. Granted, some of this took place in a sort of a loose-cannon situation so that some corporations and some companies were fostering and encouraging things for California to sort of say, "Okay, take that—pow! Take that—pow!" So some of it wasn't in alignment with the global corporate intention.

But if you pull back, you can see that the citizens of California now, although they might be mad at the corporations that have cost them a lot of money, are actually mad at the government and say, "Why didn't you see this coming?" Not all citizens are thinking this, but these are general things that all citizens might agree with. "Why didn't you see this coming? Why didn't you see this in some way so that we don't have to go through all of this and pay and pay and pay because you made a mistake?"

You can see what is going on in California right now, and that is a change of government—which will happen either sooner, if there is some change between terms, or later. Eventually, it will bring the California government to something that is not at odds with the corporate community, that will continue to regulate it to a point but not attempt to create a war zone between the government and the corporate community. In short, it will be something that works in concert rather than in conflict and that will help bring about and support the goal of the First Alignment—world peace. Not just because it is California, but it will fall into concert because it works with rather than against to bring about . . . yes, protection for the citizens of California, but also overall peace, safety for all. This will not happen immediately, but over time.

REGULATORY AGENCIES WON'T CHANGE MUCH INITIALLY

What happens to federal government regulatory agencies like the FCC, FAA, IRS and so on?

It won't be much different than what has been happening for a long time. You see, organizations like that must hire people who know and understand the businesses that are being regulated. They don't hire someone who knows and understands the automobile business to regulate the medical community; you have to hire someone who knows and understands the medical community. People have to understand what they are regulating. And this has been the case in these organizations for a long time.

People are hired who have expertise in these situations, and once they leave that situation, that government service, they often go to work in the community they were regulating—not only because of their even greater expertise in those areas, but because of their capacity to communicate with people who are still in service in those fields on perhaps a friendly first-name basis. So not that much changes. The intention still is there. The intention to keep things from going too extreme one way or the other—too extreme meaning too much regulation and the other extreme meaning not enough. So things go on pretty much the same for a time.

Then what?

Well, eventually things have to change. Eventually, you move into happiness, and then things have to change.

FOCUS ON THE FIRST ALIGNMENT

But I am not going to talk about that. I am going to talk about the First Alignment and what takes place to bring about the First Alignment. I'm not going to talk about the

Second, which is world happiness. What's the point? The point is, you are *living* in the time of the First Alignment and I am going to talk about things that are affecting you as a citizen and the other citizens who are reading this, who are now citizens of Australia, citizens of America, citizens of England, citizens of France or Germany (if they can read this language) and other places. I am going to talk to you about what is going on for you *now* so you know and understand what is going on; I am not going to talk about things that may go on for your children.

If you think about it . . . even though there may be things you don't like about it, you can also think of things that you do like about it. Many of you in European communities don't have to go back too far to get to a time when terrible wars were being fought on your soil, when people were suffering. What if world peace is established as an absolute and you didn't have to worry about that anymore? Well, I don't have to tell you—I can feel your hearts uplifting just now while saying that. Marvelous! Other places in the world are going through that kind of struggle now. We need to bring the world to peace first before we can talk about things having to do with happiness. Peace first, happiness next, fulfillment after that. That's the order: First Alignment, Second Alignment, Third Alignment.

I'm not speaking as an authority; I am not telling you how you must do it. I'm simply saying that this is what I have seen that you have done. This is what you do. When you think about it, it makes complete sense.

If you think of more questions, ask for me. And may you experience the best life you can.

Thank you.



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[Publisher's note: I was a bit upset with Counsel's presentation—with the authoritarian "you will be crushed and eliminated" statements. Evidently, Zoosh and/or Isis and others counseled the Counsel. —Melody]

I would like to say something. In the area of existence where I function, my quality of existence is based largely upon observation, research, technical matters and the application of those to other civilizations. My job then is to help prepare civilizations—meaning in terms of your time, over the next ten to twelve thousand years—for temporary shifts and changes. So given that, great decisiveness is a quality I must demonstrate in order to be precise and clear to the representative of any given civilization to whom I speak. Now, I have been informed that my personality is not fully harmonious with your own based upon wisdom and life experience. I wish to apologize for that, but I must explain that normally when I speak to representatives of a civilization, they are political, meaning they are conscious that they are a representative of their civilization. I have not spoken before in such a way as you are doing here, strictly to disseminate information to whoever can find it.

So my personality is geared toward the way one might speak to someone from the diplomatic corp. You will have to excuse me for my delivery if it sounds very firm or strict sometimes, but in diplomatic relations, politics you know, one must be very clear. Friendship comes after the talks. You do that, I think on your planet; people negotiate and they are very firm and clear, sometimes a little strong and edgy, and then afterward everybody goes out for food. But that entertainment comes after the communication. I am saying this so you will understand that my communication to you is based on that level. My tendency is to report on what I see and have seen in that kind of crisp language.

You have to understand that when I spoke about those who could not be rehabilitated, you have to remember what you and your societies do with people who cannot be rehabilitated. You know what you do. And the worst of it is that people give up. You either send them to prison where they suffer and inflict suffering on others, or they are released after a time with the full knowledge of those who have held them that they will go right back to doing what they have always done. Do you think it is worse to eliminate them, or to let them wreak havoc?

You don't have to answer that question, because it is not stated only to you. Please remember that as a representative of the human culture on Earth, you are often expressing the concerns of other human beings, and that is why sometimes you will hang up on a point that you understand intellectually. Others might find what I am saying to be very firm, authoritarian, but I am not speaking about something I am going to do or anyone I know is going to do; I am talking about history as it develops and when things change. I will give you an example.

HISTORICAL HINDSIGHT INFORMS THIS PROCESS

Many, many periods of time ago—it can't be measured in years—on the Pleiades there was a planet that culturally experimented with discomfort and extremes, some of them more extreme than your own in certain areas, others much less so compared to your own. And it was understood by the overall culture of that galaxy, as you say, that this must be stopped. Out of kindness, they took—let's say in your terminology—about three hundred to three thousand years to bring it down slowly—depending upon what was being expressed, you understand, long for some things, less for others—so it could get to a stop in that expression.

Over that time—and this is why I think you have oversight councils and oversight committees—other individuals in that culture formed what amounted to an oversight council of the process that was going on to shut down that extreme behavior. And it was noticed that during that lengthy period of time, many, many people suffered who didn't have to, from the Counsel's point of view. Therefore, they recommended that, if this should ever happen again, though they would not foster it—one does not know what might occur in the future for certain—that they would never take so long to slow down a destructive process like that because so much extra destruction took place.

So that's why these lessons, learned in one place, became common knowledge amongst travelers to the stars, and as a result—through inspiration, dreams, visions and practical wisdom and knowledge on your own planet as well as occasional contact by some means with visitors from afar—this wisdom accumulated over time. Then the decision was made and as I reported to you, the First Alignment taking perhaps a hundred years and is done as gently as possible but firmly where necessary, and where absolutely necessary, ruthlessly. Because if you let it go out of the kindness of your heart: "Ah, he is a nice guy. He did these terrible things, but he seems to be okay now. We can let go; maybe he will be all right." Maybe he will be all right isn't good enough. He goes out, kills, and maims, tortures five, six, seven more people. Then everybody feels bad. They take him back and lock him up and maim and torture him while he is there; perhaps he kills, maims and tortures a few more in prison before someone finally kills him. So that cannot be allowed, you see. It is not my advocacy, but rather something that has been discovered over years, and I think that it is loosely under consequences that happen when you do things, but sometimes consequences happen even when you don't do things. There still are consequences. Let us proceed with your questions.

DISCOMFORT LEVELS WILL DROP

You're saying that the First Alignment will effectively reduce the level of discomfort we have now down to 2 percent at the end of about fifty years?

That's right. The First Alignment is intended to create peace for the individual, and by peace I do not simply mean that people are not fighting and killing each other in the streets. What I mean is, on the practical level, as I said before, that you know that you can walk out of the house, walk up to the school and meet your children—your little children, of course; older children don't need that—saying, "Happy to see you! What was your day like? Let's go home," feeling completely safe, not looking over your shoulder, "Don't look at those people! Don't look them in the eye!" None of that. Safe.

So that itself, when that level is reached, you will find that discomfort on its representative basis will drop, but it will be in a range. Given that you are in a shift, what they call a transition, discomfort will drop, but not immediately while that is going on. The First Alignment has been going on now for a time. Sometimes things get worse before they get better. You're in that kind of space right now, but once the First Alignment is realized—let me say it that way rather than incrementally—then you will find that discomfort levels drop in terms of percentage of the average situation. We can't be precise for each individual, but the average discomfort level drops to somewhere between 30 to 31 percent for some people, up to as much as 35 percent for others, but no more than that. Of course, there is such a tremendous improvement and people luxuriate in that, and then, of course, they want it to get better. So it builds a groundswell. Even though it is planned to put in the Second and Third Alignment, a groundswell is built pretty

much on its own with relatively little leadership toward that end, to bring about the Second Alignment, which by that time, of course, once the people see and experience personally how much better things are, they want it. There is no resistance to speak of, and the Second Alignment happens very quickly [snaps fingers]. I like this. What is this called?

Snapping your fingers.

I like that. It is fascinating. The Second Alignment being happiness, in terms of your years, might take no more than five to seventeen years. It is much quicker. And the Third Alignment, fulfillment, is really a short step, a year or two, possibly three years tops. So it is the First Alignment that takes a while because it represents a truly radical change from what was.

It started about fifty years ago?

It started about forty-five years ago, but for some people it started about fifty years ago.

And we have about fifty years to go?

You have forty-five to fifty years to go—it depends how it goes. It's not precisely timed, meaning a hundred years from x we reach y—its not like that. At the current moment measurement, I would say around fifty years is a good estimate.

NEWS WILL BE EASIER TO ACCESS

Will there be just one corporation globally for news, one communication company?

One overall company, yes, but you will have individual companies developing different stories that they are good at. Some will develop feature stories. People are always interested in what other people are doing or what people are doing together. There will be whole segments of media that work on that, and there will be other segments that work on reporting global priority kind of news, which might be a bit more precise, intellectual. There will all of these different types of news voices, perhaps a little more news voices than you have today. Right now you have news voices in individual cultures, or what you call political boundary areas, that tend to follow fairly general, somewhat predictable policy in what they report. In the future society, which nourishes and fosters individual expression, you will have other news sources, but you will have to seek those out. They may not be quickly available on your television, but you can seek them out. You can go and read the news you want on the Internet, but you have to go and find it.

But if you are asking about popular news in the future that can be easily accessed—the difference will be that you will tend to hear, in your own language, more the point of view of people of other countries, not just people who speak your own language, but there will be a translation so the international viewpoint will be more readily accessible. This helps bring more people into greater alignment, because you can develop some compassion for people who are currently perhaps faceless. You see them on the news when they are angry and unhappy, but you don't know why.

So you find out why in future news broadcasts, and then you as a fellow human being can identify with some of that and say, "Oh well, we need to make changes." or, "The changes that are being made now make sense to me." In the past it would just be, "They're bad." So this is something that is more accessible and is intended to show a mutual condition between all people, and then people will be able to understand why something happens, and it isn't just some ruthless or authoritarian action.

So from my perspective, the news will be more varied, more accessible. It will be the same news you have now, but accessibility will be there. Now you have to hunt for it. The information can be found if you have an interest in something, but sometimes it may not be in your language, so it doesn't really help you. The nucleus of what will be the news in the future is here now; it just needs to be more accessible, which will happen.

LESS CENSORSHIP IN THE FUTURE

I was more concerned about who was controlling the news—controlling what is published and what is held back and not published.

The control of the news, that is the editorial policy with the news that gets reported. I took that to mean that. That was my answer, that the news that is still available you can find, but you have to look for it in your time, and sometimes it is hard to find and sometimes it is judged by others and so on, but you can find it. Also, people are helping that to take place in your time now, with what you call political advocacy groups, which are usually made up of the individuals who are advocating something but sometimes also and even instead made up by professional advocates promoting the cause of those who have hired them. So perhaps you could rephrase your question, if this isn't helping.

I am asking about the level of censorship. If only one company controls the publishing of all of the news on the planet, that company can pretty much control what is printed and what is reported, how it is reported . . .

You mean the way it is today, in your time. This is why you are asking this question, because you see this in your time. It is much better in your future—much better, because corporations are not threatened by the same things that governments are, or religions, or philosophies. A corporation is completely objective and is not conditioned to this bias or that bias.

All right, here is an example. Particularly and specifically right now, news about any off-planet contact with anyone on this planet is totally censored by various levels of most governments? Is that going to change?

Completely. As I said, access to information will not be considered a threat. Corporations will understand, "Well, if visitors are going to come from other places, if they do not threaten us, we are anxious to meet them. Perhaps they will have something to share with us. Perhaps we can share with them. Perhaps we can start trading." If other parts of the alignment see it as a threat, they will check that out first. That would come under the heading of security or protection.

If the security/protection people for the planet feel that it is a threat, they will check it out first and make sure it is safe. Of course, most of the time it will be, and then you begin to have more interplanetary trade. It's good for business.

Who will the security people work for?

They will be just like media. You can understand media as an overall group. When I talk about security, I'm referring to what now might be called armies, although armies' jobs will change once the First Alignment is accomplished. Armies will become more like police, helpers, and assist in rescues—you know, people lost at sea, ships sinking and so on. In short, armies and militaries will slip into the more benevolent activities that they are even now trained to do. You are familiar with perhaps certain aspects of the military that are identified quite often with rescues at sea and other things. . . . And police forces, which are now largely a representation of the government, they are civil servants, yes. That will all be privatized; all of that will come under the heading of security.

Intelligence will change. The intelligence community will shift from keeping an eye on a political rival or even a political enemy—that will no longer be a factor—it will shift as a planet. Intelligence will become more information gatherers, interpreting as contact is made with other planets. Intelligence's job will be to learn to understand who these people from other planets are socially, and these people from other planets will bring people who will want to talk and explain who they are socially. The intelligence people will be the obvious people to talk to—and so will teachers—because their job will be to inform the various corporations on the basis of their specific fields of interest, not on the basis of need to know, but on the basis of their fields of interest.

Obviously, if you are producing automobiles, you might be interested in how the ship is made when it flies from place to place, but if you are producing automobiles, you have no particular interest in what they serve to eat in the vehicle.

So the intelligence community serves privately, and it is part of the security community. This all happens also to maintain the peace, so the intelligence community, the enforcement community, the military community, all of these join in order to maintain peace, help people out in emergency situations that might still develop—hurricanes, tornados, things like that—and also to enforce the peace. And by enforcing the peace, I mean if it happens that someone has a violent outburst, perhaps that person has some disease that causes him or her to be violent. Representatives will be sent, usually two or three, from the security corporate entity and they will go out and capture the person, bring him or her into custody. Other elements of the security community might help out at the scene of the violence.

The medical community will be different. You will find your fire department and your emergency medical people—doctors, acupuncturist, herbalist, all of these people—generally under the health community; it is not going to be the disease community. All that supports health will be unified into one corporate entity, like that.

FOCUS WILL BE ON REHABILITATING CRIMINALS

What about the judicial department, the courts?

The judicial will change, because the whole point will be to bring about peace and ultimately happiness and ultimately fulfillment. Initially, for the First Alignment, the judicial will change, because the point is to literally take criminals as you have today, and to rehabilitate them, to bring them around to being good citizens, and whatever is necessary will be used, with the exception of torturing them, making them suffer (which happens now, by the way, in your prisons or even in your holding cells). People are often beaten and tortured for whatever they did and are often beaten and tortured for stuff they didn't do. That's why when prisoners come out of jail they are either crushed personally or they want revenge. That has to change.

So the system is set up strictly for rehabilitation. Drug therapies might be used, other therapies, in extreme cases perhaps surgical therapies. In the rare and unusual case where destructive persons who have killed or maimed others, caused great harm to others, cannot be rehabilitated, they will be eliminated as gently as possible. Some drug or some other technique will be used that will allow them to have a peaceful death. Much better than what you have now, I assure you!

But enforcement is not going to go into—I think you were concerned about this the other day—they are not going to barge into artistic communities and say, “You're different, you're dead.” Nothing like that. All of those things will be encouraged—artistic things to do will be good for business. I know that sounds very crass, but you have to recognize that the business community is your best opportunity to bring about the goal of the First Alignment, which is peace, as I say, experienced right down on the individual level as “I'm safe. And the evidence of my eyes and my experience and my daily life tell me I am safe, not just because other people tell me I am safe and I can go out now, but I'm literally safe, and all of my stuff is safe, too.” This is better, don't you think?

What about the cultural diversity we have now?

There will be more culture than you have now; culture will be encouraged.

It is hard to imagine.

Of course it is. It is hard to imagine from where you are, from how you were raised—in the society you were raised in, the conditioning and other influences you might have been exposed to. It is hard to imagine how you are going to get from where you are now, let's call that A, to Z. Of course it is hard, because you won't be able to identify all of the steps on the path. But you will, from time to time, be able to look back on your life as an individual or look back on your life as a citizen of a given culture, even a family, and see how things have improved by looking back. Sometimes looking back is easier, because you can see that there is a trend, that things are going this way. Sometimes you thought something was going to be terrible and it turned out to be mostly good and just a little bit terrible.

Now I want to bring up something you said about culture, and that is that an interesting thing will happen. There will be an education department and cultures of the past will be thoroughly studied. Much of this work has already been done. And if a culture has died out, is no longer represented but has many good aspects to it and is interesting, and if it might be possible to create products that people will want and services that people will want that represent the good qualities of this community, then people will be educated about this culture that has died out. They will be encouraged and nurtured to try different parts of it to see if this is something they would be interested in. So there will be more culture, not less.

And you see how this prepares you very nicely for being exposed to cultures of beings from other planets. Their cultures, their foods, what they are interested in sometimes won't be compatible with you, and other times you will say, “This is fantastic! This is an entirely new spice that has a completely different flavor and effect that we have never experience before.” Or “Here is something in behavior or medicine or science that we never considered. It will be fabulous!” So you see, culture is encouraged. And then it allows you to flow very nicely as an earth society into embracing and welcoming visitors from other planets once your security department—as you call it now, but it would not be a department—once your security group has overseen them and checked them out to make sure they do not represent a threat, that they're not bringing any weapons in that they are going to share with others.

So how does this play out? First large companies buy small companies until there is only one left of each kind?

Only one global one. You have seen this happen on a smaller level—auto makers and cereal makers find themselves under one general umbrella to a degree where they initially give up personality, but after a while the corporation that is wise realizes that they want to nurture and encourage their individual expression: “They were doing this thing when we bought them and we didn't at that time realize how valuable it was. But now look—they were ahead of their time, and because they did all of that work, we can catch up quickly and bring out that product for that segment of the market we completely overlooked.” So the smart corporation does that even in your own time.

This will happen more and more. Yes, the buying and the selling is happening now, the consolidation is happening now, and all that has been happening for quite a while. It became a matter of public knowledge in the past twenty, twenty-five years and even more so now. Now it makes big news if some big company is going to buy some big company, but it often creates more efficiency. Sometimes it doesn't work, for there are problems. That is why the First Alignment takes time. Aligning things that don't normally mesh well or haven't been meshing well in the past takes time and effort and patience, and sometimes the cogs in the gears have to be reshaped so that alignment takes place.

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One element of the corporate community can help another, and not just as a personal sacrifice. If a bank were to give a loan to another part of its corporate community although it wanted to use that money for its own expansion, to hire more employees and so on, that would be a personal sacrifice for the bank in this example.

But in the future, the bank doesn't have to make a personal sacrifice. Yes, it contributes some monies toward this other part of its corporation, but this pays off for the bank, meaning that it not only gets that money returned, but things the bank might now be paying for as an expense to the bank, if that is being done by some other part of the corporation, then that service is provided to the bank at a greatly discounted rate. And that might happen, that different parts of the corporation support and nurture one another. That will become standard practice.

But who is going to be the ombudsman for the people?

This is a problem we are having; I am not expressing myself well. The way you see it . . . you don't understand that everyone is part of one of these systems. Ombudsmen are not needed, but if they are perceived to be needed, then they will be recruited. You are seeing it as some thing *over* the people, and that the ombudsman is needed because the people are being ruled by this thing over them. That is a misperception on your part.

Everyone is in one system or another, and in the big picture it is only *one* system. That is how you get to be Earth citizens—not Americans or Canadians or Argentineans. You are Earth people. "Who are you? Where are you from?" you're asked at this planetary conference. "Oh, I am from Earth." "That is such a pretty planet from space." Like that, not "I'm from Earth, from the Americas." No, not like that, because everyone is included. The whole point is inclusion, and things work better when everyone is included. No one, without exception, is not included, and if one person . . . Think about it: The First Alignment is peace and safety, and if one person's peace and safety are threatened, then the First Alignment hasn't taken place yet, see? So no one is excluded. Not one.

EVERY INDIVIDUAL WILL BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

So you're saying that everyone who works at Wal-Mart is part of the retail corporation, every individual chiropractor is part of the health corporation, like that?

Absolutely. Every person who may be a dishwasher today in a restaurant is part of the food industry, and the food industry will include many things, not just restaurants and farmers, but might also include nutritionists and dietitians and so on. The latter two are part of the medical community, but they also have an interconnectedness with the food industry. That is a good example of how an individual community—which they will probably be called, not corporations—an individual community serves its own community but also has interconnectedness. No one is left out. Everyone is part of one com-

munity and some people, at various times, are part of another community. The nutritionists and the dieticians—this is the medical community but also the food industry.

So someone, a youngster perhaps, starts out as a dishwasher, she will tend to move upward in that community, not just to be the head dishwasher, but she moves up to something in that community where they have what you call upward mobility, and she moves up along that line. Say she is a dishwasher, but she is going to college and want to be a scientist. Fine. Even though she is working in one community, she goes to college, gets an education, and then she shifts to the science and technology community, for example. So the whole idea of corporations, stocks and all of that, eventually disappears—not during the First Alignment, but it eventually disappears, unless it contributes to happiness or fulfillment, which it might. . . . It will; let me look at this now. I've been looking mostly at the First Alignment . . . No, no, I see stocks and bonds and all of that still survive for some people who like them, because for some people that is happiness and fulfillment.

So what we can look forward to is no homeless, no unemployed, no starving people . . .

That's right, a starvation, period, is unknown.

No selling of female babies in China . . .

All of that stops, but it doesn't just stop; it is replaced with better things. Certainly the scientific and genetic community will have something to do with it. People want to get together, and sometimes babies come unintentionally. However, things will change there so you can still have a baby intentionally, but contraception will become very easy, very gentle—no side effects that harm you and anybody else; no venereal diseases, none of that. You don't have a baby until you want to. This is not an ending so much as a happy beginning.

We must stop now. Goodnight.



THERE IS A PLAN IN EFFECT AND IT IS INTENDED TO BRING ABOUT BENEVOLENCE

Zoosh through Robert Shapiro

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All right, Zoosh speaking. Greetings. What's up?

Tell me about Counsel.

He is from a benevolent existence, but that existence does not generally have contact with human beings directly. And so you might say . . . I will just define him/her this way. (I will say "him.") He is a scholar and as a scholar, he understands his field very thoroughly. But as a scholar he also

doesn't necessarily have much contact, so his social skills are not as polished as they could be. Everything he said was absolutely true.

Your complaint was very clear. The first time you found listening to him to be authoritarian and uncomfortable, and the second time he sounded kind of bland. But you understand, after the first time he was consulted with and told, "You don't talk to human beings like that. She was obviously frightened, upset and intimidated, and next time you talk to her you be very gentle." So it was the extremes, one time this way and next time that way. If he got enough training and fine-tuning, it would be different. But what he had to say I find no fault with. Just chalk him up to someone who needs to get out more often, personality-wise. Your feeling reaction was vitally important to him to learn how to communicate with a species who he has not communicated with before.

But what he said was a gift. His technique was a little rough coming through the channel—rough on you, rough on the channel—but I find no fault with what he said. Perhaps I can be a little critical with *how* he said it, but that is his socialization skills you pick up.

CREATOR DOES NOT WISH TO HAVE WW III

Okay. Why did the Aide to the Creator come through and say, "This is urgent. Please get this out right away"? What is really going on here? Why does this need to go out right now?

I feel Creator wants this out, because Creator feels that an Earth conflict could erupt from people not understanding that what's going on is intended to be benevolent, even though sometimes it might show a malevolent face. Creator does not wish to have World War III over something that is intended to serve every last person on Earth in a benevolent way—and not just is *intended*, but it will do that, even though some individuals might suffer. Meaning people who are self-destructive—and you know my definition of self-destructive, that it means hurting yourself or hurting others—some of those individuals (be it very few), as he explained, might have to be eliminated if necessary. I am not heartless, but my feeling is if someone is killing, maiming, injuring others and nothing can be done to stop that person, what do you do? Just sit back and say, "Oh, dearie me"? What do you as an individual personality do?

Recommend that he be helped in some way, and if he can't be, then he leaves this body, is taught and counseled between lives and tries over again.

That's close. That's progress. What do you do if you are there? You are not in danger, but you are there and you see someone running around, killing, stabbing, murdering other people, torturing other people, people crying out for help. There you are and there is a rifle next to you. What do you do? I say this to the reader. Sometimes I need to be confrontative, because there are people who have good hearts, and because they have good hearts they want to say, "Well, never give up. We will keep trying to rehabilitate him." How many times have you heard that a person comes out of prison and the social scientist says she is completely rehabilitated, or comes out of a mental hospital completely rehabilitated and she will be just fine—and what?

"As long as he takes his medication." How many times have you heard that? And maybe sometimes people can be resistant to taking medication. He doesn't take his medication and he has a psychotic break, grabs whatever weapon is handy, kills, maims, injures, tortures, kidnaps, rapes. And that is the problem. It is not an exception. As described by Counsel, in the future and even now, techniques are being developed to transform individuals, and only as a last resort will an individual be killed.

FROM GREED TO BENEVOLENCE

So this system is to be run by greed and self-interest. How do we get from the greed and self-interest of these leaders to the promised altruistic heads of corporations? How do we get from here to there?

That would take an incredibly long answer, and I feel Counsel has covered this. I will say that the short answer is that you get there entirely out of self-interest. Corporations make mistakes and as long as the same board is in power, they go back and say, "Boy, that was stupid."

To pick an example: A branch of a corporation that sells canned fish has years and years of going out and gathering tuna, killing dolphins—not wanting to kill dolphins, but after a while the people fishing say, "Well, it just happens. We don't want to kill the dolphins, but it just happens, because the dolphins are with the tuna." In fact, what doesn't get out is that the dolphins lead the tuna to the fishing boats, because the dolphins are trying to help you. But they're not doing it on a suicidal basis. A few years ago, this became more public knowledge, partly because the fishermen on the boats were disgusted by the fact that the dolphins were treated as if they were just some kind of garbage.

And so it comes out. And then the corporation says, "We must be idiots. We could have been doing this in a completely different way. How many years have environmentalists and animal rights people been telling us, 'Stop this, stop this, stop this?' And because we are idiots . . ." You understand I am not saying they were idiots, but this was their attitude about themselves, ". . . because we are idiots, we do not make the slight change, increase the expense just a little bit and make a big campaign about how our brand protects dolphins, that no dolphins will be killed in any way. Thereby do we not only look good in the public's eye, but everybody who loves dolphins, which nowadays is almost everyone, would see us as the good guys. Now, because we didn't do that, we look like the jerks." And what happens? When the information came out, you can look at it, sales of tuna went down. People got mad. They ate something else for a while. The corporations got over it, but there were big profit losses.

CORPORATIONS BECOME ALTRUISTIC OUT OF SELF-INTEREST

So I bring this up, because corporations that are wise learn from their mistakes. After that, every corporation that had any brains at all bent over backwards to make sure that dolphins would be safe. They even came up with a symbol and put it right on the can so you knew that they were keeping dolphins safe, and the corporations knew that the animal

rights people and the environmentalists were going to keep an eagle eye on them, which they have. So they had to deliver. What I am saying is this: that the corporation in that case (you can see clearly, yes!) becomes altruistic about dolphins out of self-interest. So take that right on to affect everything. That kind of experience, the dolphin-safe experience, is not only not lost on that segment of global corporate decision making, but lives on well past the time.

Granted, corporations still make mistakes. They try to improve their product, they say “new and improved.” Everybody says, “Ugh, bring back the old stuff.” So profits crash for a few months until they bring back the old stuff and people walk around in the corporate head office examining the carpet for a few months, not looking one another in the eye—“Oops, we goofed.” But they learn and make less mistakes, meaning . . . self-interest—it will come about initially.

TRUE SELF-INTEREST DEFINED

What’s the goal of the First Alignment? Peace! And that will be experienced right down to the level of the individual being safe. So it will come about by self-interest. How do we not only keep the peace, but how does peace come about? “How do I feel safe?”—safe not only on the individual level, but let’s look at it on the corporate level.

How does peace affect the corporation? Well, it means we don’t have to worry about fighting, battling. We don’t have to pay some warlord a million dollars just so he won’t attack our pipeline or something like that, blow it up, create a big problem. In short, there is peace, plus there has to be the feeling of safety. How does a corporation feel safe? A corporation feels safe by acting in its own self-interest, and many corporations have discovered this in your time, right now.

It takes a while to perk down through the ranks, but many of them have discovered—and they will all discover it in the future if they expect to not only survive but thrive—that self-interest involves *true self-interest*. Now, what did I say before about the definition of “self-destructive”? Self-destructive means harming yourself or harming another; self-interest means looking after your own needs and looking after the needs of others. See, add a definition there and suddenly the fog lifts.

SELF-INTEREST LOOKS AFTER OTHERS’ NEEDS

So this great clearing now, this great exposure of the excesses and scandals of large corporations is . . .

Exposing the underside, and clearing the way for them to take off in a different way, meaning they can’t be self-destructive, they can’t harm themselves and they can’t harm others if they expect to thrive. In the past, that wasn’t true in the short run as corporations perceived it. The robber barons, while they weren’t corporations, would get what they could get, any way they could get it—“And the public be damned.” You’ve read about that.

But what happened to those people? They discovered with competition . . . when competitors came along and said, “No, no. Not the public be damned; let’s serve the public, we’ll give them what they want. We will put a bar car on the

train, a smoking car; we’ll put in comfortable seats and so on.” And the other guy says, “The public be damned,” and has wooden seats on the train and open windows to create ventilation. But what if it rains? Too bad, get wet! The competitor says, “No, no. Comfortable seats, windows that open and close; ventilation, yes, but if it rains, close the windows and you stay dry.” In short, with the competitor—the corporation, let’s call it—bringing it up to modern times, the one that is involved in self-interest, looking after its own needs, looking after the needs of others, which is self-interest, everybody wins, eh?

But there won’t be any competition?

There will still be self-interest involved, because you will want to expand your market. For example, some people like sushi, some people don’t. If you were involved and you had a chain of restaurants that served sushi, you would not only want to serve sushi in the most beautiful way, which is part of the tradition, and in the most healthful way, which is also part of the tradition, but also in a way that is filled with variety. In short, you want to please your customers and have comfortable seats and a happy atmosphere. You want them to come to your restaurant. But what else do you want to do? You want to expand your market! So instead of competition, what you have is corporations wanting to expand their market. That’s why they foster and stimulate variety, new ideas, new types of things. That’s why you have restaurants serving food you never heard of in most parts of the world but are crazy about all of a sudden. They’ll do it because they will recognize that it is in their own interest to look after others, because others will not just think well of them—“That’s nice.”—but will also say, “Well, this is a good thing. Maybe I will try sushi.” And they try it and say, “Oh, this is wonderful!”

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Okay, what can our readers take from this? What can they do to facilitate this process?

Just live your lives as well as possible, and recognize that some of the things going on in the world are not as menacing as you think. The overall intent—not only by people behind the scenes, but by many people who understand and can look at the big picture—is that there is something good happening. But it doesn’t always show a good face, also because of resistance and misconceptions and misperceptions and misunderstandings and simply a lack of knowledge and wisdom about what is going on for the other guy and why he is acting that way and all this business that needs to all be corrected. The overall intent is that something good is going to come out of it.

Don’t be alarmed if your favorite little local bank changes its name and becomes Big Corporation Bank. Don’t be too alarmed, okay? And you might say, “Oh, too bad.” And someday the bank name gets changed back, ostensibly for nostalgic reasons, to Local Bank, but in fact, it also causes people to feel better about the bank. They say, “Gosh, I remember when it used to be Local Bank, and it’s Local Bank again, and I feel better about it. I forgive them for being Big

Corporation Bank, and now that it's Local Bank again, I'm going to bring my business back."

Will all of the local banks be individual units within one bank, or will there be one bank?

PEOPLE DON'T WANT "ONE THING"

You've seen the banking community, how it changes. It is this, it is that, then it becomes bigger and bigger. For a while you will see that—*one* thing, *one* thing—but this is a period of adjustment. Corporations will realize that people don't like *one thing*, and they will be quick to realize that. Do you know who will remind them of that? Advertising agencies.

They're going to tell them, "Hey, if people only wanted one thing, they would only eat McDonald's hamburgers and not desire Burger King. It is beef, it is bread, it is condiments, but they like Burger King, too. It is different in its own way." If they forget, their advertising agencies will remind them and present it to them in a way they cannot deny—not just because it is rational, okay, you understand the rational, but because it is more profitable. As a business person, one must think of profit. One can be as altruistic as possible, one can serve the community as much as possible, but one cannot serve the community very well if one is bankrupt. So you have to make a profit that covers not only your expenses, but covers at least what you would make if you were working for someone else so you can live your life. And hopefully you will make more than that so you can expand and grow and do more things.

How is this information—that things look pretty bad but are not quite what they seem—going to get out around the world?

Well, for starters, you're publishing it. Maybe you will take quotes that you feel are significant and post them on the web, and people will pass it around to their friends. And other people will channel on it with their version and it will add to the pie and circulate around, and it will get near and far and other people will write about it and opine about it. Don't worry. Do your part and let it go on.

GOVERNMENTS WON'T BE NEEDED

So what happens to governments as we know them now?

The government becomes . . . you understand, the whole point is to globalize things, so the government shifts over time. The government of the U.S. and the governments of all other places, the government of England, the government of Peru—it all shifts over time, in every place, to being a global government, one that has the best qualities.

How do we define the "best qualities"? This will go through some confusion for a while, but after a while people will say, "Wait, it is very simple. The best qualities of any government will be qualities that will lead us toward the objective of the First Alignment—peace, safety, like that." And they will say, "Okay, let's pull out all of those things in this government and we will contribute and offer these to the global government, because we feel that they will lead to peace as experienced in safety. We feel it will, and this is why we feel it will; this is what we believe."

And you will find that most governments will contribute just about the same things.

But there will be a group of global representatives from each country?

What you will see is essentially a large group of citizens globally, whose number one objective is to improve the lot of all people on Earth, striving toward that first goal of the First Alignment. As a result of so many people being involved and saying, "Well, this group isn't being served," initially advocating their own group but after a while advocating other groups and then everybody advocating everybody else, working within that structure like that, they will all be very clear what needs to be done, what needs to be served and how the global community can come to be resolved—everyone with everyone else—on the basis of their own personal experience within this global government, becoming resolved with everybody else. In short, they will learn from their own mistakes, and they learn from their own successes.

GLOBAL GOVERNMENT WILL COOPERATE WITH GLOBAL CORPORATIONS

So there will be a global government that will cooperate with the global multinational corporations?

Yes, it will be cooperative. This does not mean that it is perfectly all right to use some horrible poison in your factory that will destroy people. It means, rather, that you don't have to file fifteen hundred different documents to accomplish something. (By the time you've filed all of the documents, you can't accomplish it any more, because the time to do it is past.) In short, the government will not try to trip the corporations. Rather, it will oversee the corporations so that the corporations do not—either for expediency or the sake of profit or simply because of ignorance, because that corporation does not have all of the knowledge it needs to make the best decision . . . The government will help that corporation get that knowledge, because all of the corporations will share information—not everything—but share the basic information with the global government, and the global government will share with others and so on, so that everyone can make an informed decision. And if a corporation makes a mistake, it will be corrected. And if a corporation, in the early years, becomes stubborn and balky about correcting it, the process will go forward to help it make that correction.

WORKERS LEARN FROM CORPORATION'S MISTAKES

You are seeing that nowadays. Sometimes corporations have been brought to their knees because they continued to make the same mistake. Maybe they didn't see it as a mistake, but they continued to make the same mistake, which was very destructive to other people, and they ultimately became self-destructive to themselves (separating those two things), continuing to make self-destructive errors. So the corporation was essentially banished, one might say using a medieval term, from its existence and its corporate charter vacated, in that sense, to use a legal term.

And the workers learned from that lesson: "If we do that, we know what will happen in the future." They go off to get their next job, and even if the bosses tell them, "Well, you got to do that same thing, only we can hide it this way and hide it that way," they are going to protect themselves a little bit. So those kinds of mistakes that hurt the public and hurt the corporation are more likely to be revealed, especially if someone has worked for that corporation before and is going to keep a personal record saying, "So and so told me to do this on this day. I am writing this down and making a document of it so it is clear that I didn't do this on my own." In short—self-interest. I'm covering a lot in a short time, so that's why I'm jumping around quite a bit.

You said something important—that there will be a global oversight group over the corporations, that they are not all-powerful.

What I am saying is this. The global government will be there for a while and then will simply become . . . it will evolve into something that primarily functions at diplomatic levels, meeting and greeting civilizations from other planets in the far-flung future (not that far-flung—a few hundred years off).

After a while the system will run so smoothly you won't need to have an authoritarian government, okay? You won't need to have a fed come around, as you might say or as the people in municipal government say; no feds coming around telling you what to do and telling you that you will do it: "You will like it or you'll be sorry." If people are being threatened, why is the government good? So the global government will be temporary. As people change, it won't be needed. We are talking about a long period of time. People come and go. This is not to be threatening, but rather to simply state a fact.

THINGS DO GET BETTER—COUNT ON IT

I want to close by saying that your world is changing. I don't want you to assume automatically that something bad is happening to you or loved ones or friends or even those people you talk with on the other side of the world. What I am saying is that there is a plan in effect, and the plan is intended to bring about an improved benevolence over time, and it is being done in three stages. The first stage takes a long time, because there are lots of problems. The second stage doesn't take as long, and the third stage is even shorter. As has been discussed, these are the First Alignment, Second Alignment, Third Alignment.

The plan is intended to bring this about in the most benevolent way possible. But for the First Alignment, things are not always benevolent, because you've got warlords, you've got people shooting one another, you've got people angry—in short you've got a society that you're dealing with right now with all of its problems. It takes a while to sort all that out. But it does get sorted out. Things get better. It takes a while. Some things might get worse before they get better, *but they do get better*. Count on it.



YOU MUST ADD THE LOVE TO THE FIRST ALIGNMENT

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This is Isis. I have come through for a time to comment on this Counsel. The first day Counsel talked, you heard him as his normal personality. The second time he talked, he was shifted to another extreme, as one might talk to a youngster—not because of having anything to do with mental capacity, but entirely because he was instructed that the impact on your feelings was not right, that you might be offended. So the second day didn't feel exactly right. It actually felt better, but it just felt odd.

And you will note that no matter how much was discussed about the First Alignment ultimately leading to happiness and fulfillment, the word *love* didn't come up, if you recall. My feeling is this: For those of you who are reading this, perhaps in a fuller context than you might normally read it, know that the human feelings you have every day are important, a vitally important factor in all things here on Earth. So rather than talk about how you can resist what seems to be the ruthless nature of the First Alignment, let's talk about how you can influence it.

USE HEART WARMTH/PHYSICAL WARMTH TO SUPPORT THE FIRST ALIGNMENT

This is what I recommend: The heart warmth/physical warmth is something you can do, meaning more of you experiencing what we are calling the heart warmth/physical warmth, although you might very well feel it in your belly or some other part of your body, and if it comes up there, don't try to move it to your heart, but just go into it and feel the warmth more. That is the best single thing you can do. The more people are doing that, the more likely all life will be affected more benevolently.

Remember, don't send it out as you've sent out light and other things like that. Just feel it for yourself and know that it will naturally radiate. If you send it out, it will not work as well, because that is a willful act. Yes, even in a benignly willful act you will tend to send it to this person and that place, and when you do that, even if you send it in the most benevolent way you can imagine, it will still be something that you are *doing*. I would prefer that you, in feeling the heart warmth/physical warmth for yourself, act as a foundational block to support and sustain it. It will be good for you, yes, but by simply radiating, which love or heat naturally do, it will tend to create more benevolence in the world.

If you know other people who are doing it, you can get together and do it as a group if you feel like it, just for fun. But remember, never send it or direct it; let it naturally radiate on its own. That will make it easier and it will also keep even good intentions out of the restrictor role. We don't want to restrict it, we want it to radiate and go where it is

needed. It will know where it is needed. [Chuckles.] I know you mean well, but I want to give you all these fine points. Now, that's what you can do, possibly. Plus I am sure that others of you will suggest other things.

COMMUNICATE ACROSS THE GLOBE

Now, for those of you in a position to do something active, I feel that the best thing right now is to communicate as much as possible with people all over the world. When I say communicate, you'll notice that sounds vague. What I mean by that is, talk about anything you are interested in that friends on the other side of the world or friends down the street or even neighbors might want to talk about. People-to-people contact these days is vitally important, because it reassures human beings that they are not alone, that there are other people who agree with them. That's important so you don't feel isolated and that no matter where people are living, they are not just faceless. So write, call, email or whatever. Stay in touch with people as much as you can. That is something active you can do that is also benevolent. I am sure you can think of other things. The point is so that you can be forming, on your part, the Earth humanity experience so that each individual is important; groups of individuals are important, yes; and Earth people are important. But what is most important now is for each individual to know that he or she is important and has something to offer, even if it is an opinion. Many of you have more than that to offer, but this is critical these days.

So the love is up to you. Counsel spoke as one who studies other civilizations and who is essentially a scholar. He wasn't making proclamations, but it sounded like proclamations, just like any scholar or instructor—you've all been to school, most of you, and you know how teachers will talk about something in the past when they are presenting facts to you. So please forgive Counsel for his factual point of view as he expressed it. His intention was good.

For my part, what I say is to add love yourselves, the love you have for one another, friendship and the love warmth you can feel in your own bodies, as I discussed. This is what you can do no matter where you are, no matter who you are, no matter what you are doing. I hope it will improve your lives; it might very well. It will certainly cumulatively improve the situation. So just because Counsel didn't talk about love doesn't mean that there isn't love, but you have to add it.

MOVING THROUGH THE THREE ALIGNMENTS

If you ask if I approve of the concept of the First Alignment, I will say this: I can think of any number of ways peace could be brought about that I would like better, but in fact, all of those ways have been tried more than once—so as to factor in variables and possibilities—and they didn't work here on Earth. Do you understand? So my feeling is that I am not exactly thrilled [chuckles] with the way the First Alignment will be brought about, but I honor that it is an attempt to bring about a worthy goal.

It will take perhaps a generation or so *after* it is accomplished for people to feel at peace with the way it came about, because to create peace, you understand, as Zoosh and Counsel were talking about a state of being, meaning safety—Counsel

talked about peace as safety, and that is an important aspect of it—but to bring about “individually felt” peace, where you feel peaceful; that will take a while. You have to be at peace for twenty to thirty years and to feel like this is a good thing, building up a groundswell. Of course, there will be happiness, but building up a groundswell to have more and more happiness requires a little sorting out, as some people who will be doing some things would rather be doing others and so on; that will take some sorting out. And then before you know it, as you are sorting things out so that people can do other things that they would rather do and so on; you will be in the Second Alignment before you fully realize that that is what you are doing.

By the time the Second Alignment is achieved and you are experiencing it, you will enjoy that for a time. Then before you know it, people will start feeling fulfilled, and then everyone will want to feel fulfilled. And then you will find yourself in the Third Alignment and realize that you are there after the fact. By the time that is accomplished, things will be in balance, in love and harmonious and will be a little more like things were always intended to be.

EVERYTHING ELSE WAS TRIED FIRST

When was this decision made to create this First Alignment? Did they watch businesses and watch what was happening?

It wasn't made in a linear way. All decisions like this . . . are you talking about when humans made the decision?

Creator and His advisers.

It was always there as a possibility, but it was deemed to be of value to try everything else first, because in order to spur the First Alignment or to support it or to sustain it or even to get out of the way and let it take place—because different beings would react in different ways, I am giving those examples—in order for that to take place, the consensus was that it would be better to try everything else first more than once, so that everyone could be sure that there wasn't some more benevolent way to establish it. That was done and everyone is now quite clear that this is not something that can be done *and* sustained. You see, that is just it—to bring it about and sustain it is the hard part. So the First Alignment process as it is done will be able to bring it about and sustain it. That is the key.

What was tried before beside religion?

Think of anything: love, joy, happiness. Think of anything: relationships, friendships, kinships. I cannot explain it to you, because these are all one thing, you understand. It is not something that relates in a way you can understand, but picture it like a formula, a molecular formula where there are three or four thousand components for each thing that was done. This doesn't mean three or four thousand individuals; it means three or four thousand component parts, so to speak, to put it simply. But I don't want to bring those things up, because if I talk about them, you will say, “Well, that is worth trying again,” and so will everybody else. But it is quite clear that, as I said, everything else was tried more than once and didn't work.

But I don't understand. We are going onto another timeline. Are we going to be doing this on the new timeline?

It is part of the transition to the timeline. You understand, your magazine and these instructions reach only so many people. For the people who can make the connection to that benevolent future timeline, that will be wonderful and it will be helpful and supportive. But the vast majority of people will not read this or ever hear about it, so there needs to be more.

What about the rest of the people who don't hear about it or don't feel good doing the methods to get to the future timeline? It's not about just a small amount of people doing this, there needs to be another method that brings everyone on board. Remember what Counsel said: *No one is left behind.* Every single individual is included. So for people who make the connections to the benevolent future timeline, it will be more benevolent and it will be gentle, of course, and it will help others. But how many people do you have on Earth? Lots of people, right? But this information or word of mouth cannot reach this many people in time.

When was this decision made?

You keep asking. The decision was made before this creation. All decisions having to do with creation are made before creation, so the question is a perfectly reasonable one but is not synchronized to your linear time in any way, so I cannot explain it. That is why I went around it before. You have to understand that even though you are living on Earth in linear time as you experience it, it is just a way to live, but it is not *the* way. Spirits do not sit back and say, "Okay, let's wait 'til tomorrow." [Chuckles.]

An Aide to the Creator doesn't usually come in and say, "It is important to get this into the next issue of the Journal. So this must be urgent?"

It is urgent.

And from your point of view, if people understand what is happening, will they be more allowing of the process?

They won't be quite as panicky about the process. That is just it. We want to keep the panic level down. By panic, I mean, I am not talking of people in war zones; for people in war zones, panic is completely understandable there. I am talking about situations where people—how can we say?—are just worried and upset about the way things are going, the way life is going.

Think about it: You are a human being and you think about the way things were before in the past, in some ways not so good and in some ways, you might think nostalgically, like any normal human being, sometimes you wish that some things were still like they used to be. Do you understand? Everyone is like that. And therefore, when things change and contemporary things occur that are upsetting, if you don't understand it, if you don't have the big picture, it then tends to create anger, frustration—"Why is it that way?" "Why can't it be the other way?" It creates resistance.

The more resistance there is to it, the more difficulty and struggle is involved. It is just like if a boat is traveling through water slowly, someone is paddling perhaps, and the water parts

to get out of the way; the oars are thrust gently but firmly into the water, and the water is pushed to thrust the boat forward. But this is acceptable. There are no big propellers thrashing through the water killing fish and other sea creatures. Do you understand? Paddling, gently, nicely.

RESISTANCE CREATES A BARRIER

But think about it if the water were resistant, if it was difficult to paddle. Think about it if the water wasn't water, but ice. You could do it, but if you had to get your oars into the water, you would have to break through the ice: struggle, crash, boom, crush, struggle. Now the reason I am saying this—obviously, you wouldn't be doing that—but when many people are resisting, it creates a genuine barrier. You can go through that barrier, but it takes a great deal of time to get through it, and given the world situation, I feel that we do not have an infinite amount of time to bring about resolution.

Think of it as an earthquake, The Earth rumbles and cracks and moves and "Aah." Just like you if you move your body around suddenly to a more comfortable position—you feel better. She feels better. So it's like you are making a sudden move, but for every sudden move there need to be some compensating factors: heart warmth/physical warmth, gentleness. It's like putting your paddles in the water gently, but thrusting forward firmly; that's all right.

My analogy is not intended to be vague; it is intended to reach many others in other ways. The reason I am talking about it in this way is that the panic I am referring to involves people who are resisting change because they want it to be how it was. But the way the memory functions is that your memories will often remember things affectionately in the past and blot out things that were horrible for you then.

Memory functions with a filter so that life doesn't become one misery after another, which would make like unbearable. Memory is intended to do that. It isn't a conscious, selective memory; memory is intended to filter out the traumas, at least as best as possible from the past. Yes, enough recollection exists so you can learn and have discernment, but not so much recollection that you continue to relive it in your dreams and suffer, and you are overwhelmed by the memory of some past traumas, or whatever they were to you or others.

You are intended to remember good things about life in the past. Sometimes this creates an affection for the past, because remember that today and everything that is going on today for you readers who are reading this right now—today is your past when you are in tomorrow or the next day. And all of the discomforts you had today, most of them, other than ones that are intended to bring you discernment so you will learn, become street smart, as you say, and just learn about things that you will retain as motivation . . . but it is not intended that you remember every discomfort. So today is just as much the past, in this moment now. See, we have spoken for a few moments—that was the past, yes? And as you are reading this, you can laugh a little bit, because every moment is the present but then you are off to the next moment and the previous one is the past. It is important to bring this up from time to time; it is easy to forget.

You're saying that in the same way that a lot of people resisted the WTO, NAFTA and so forth, they are going to resist what is going to happen in the future?

No, I am saying that a lot of people are resisting now. I am not saying this will happen in the future; I'm saying that the resistance is happening now. I think that the example was brought up about the bank of Home Town; compound that times everything that you wish was the way it used to be, remembering only the good parts.

TRUE PEACE IS A GOOD THING TO BRING ABOUT

In closing, I wanted to add these comments so you do not feel that this was some ruthless hatchet falling from the sky above, intended to destroy you at all cost and to bring about peace at any price. It is not peace at any price, but when you look back even on the history that you can recall or read about, you might reasonably say that a lot of it is about strife and struggle and suffering. So true peace might be a good thing to bring about, even if it has to be enforced for a time by those who would enforce it. And all who do not embrace it . . . meaning that as you are created to feel safe as individuals, you have to allow other people to feel safe as individuals, and if you are doing something as an individual that prompts others to feel unsafe, then you will not be allowed to do it anymore.

Think about that. How might this play out? For example, one of the ways it will play out is when the First Alignment is accomplished, it is unlikely that individuals who can now obtain a driver's license will be allowed to do that, as licensing arrangements will change. Transportation will change; it

will become much more of a community transportation system and it will be very finely tuned—not just a bus that gets you from here to there, but transit systems that are very complex so that they can take you directly from your home to where you want to go, just like a cab. And they will not be that expensive. You can afford it. This is not an attempt to make you a prisoner, but if your freedom and joy involve tearing through the streets at seventy miles an hour with your friends for fun, don't you just know that that is going to be stopped because it causes other people to feel unsafe?

I give you an example, something you can look at. I realize this is going to cause you to say, "Oh no, you're not going to take my driver's license away!" But think about the things that happen. I know they seem to happen to others, but those of you reading this can think about things that happened either to you or people you know or care about. What are you willing to do to make it possible for others to feel safe? And what do you need to ask of other people so that *you* will feel safe? If you want extra credit, you can make a list like that.

It is something to think about, your list of what you would do so that others would feel safe, and your list of what you would need other people to do so you would feel safe. And if others feel safe, the tension level relaxes and you feel safer. Oh yes, it is good homework to do, something kind of fun. If you know others doing it, you can compare lists; you can talk it up. Talking it up might be good. Think about these things openly, chat about it and so on. It could be a good thing. So on that note of extra-credit homework, I will say good night. ✨