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Agenda 21:

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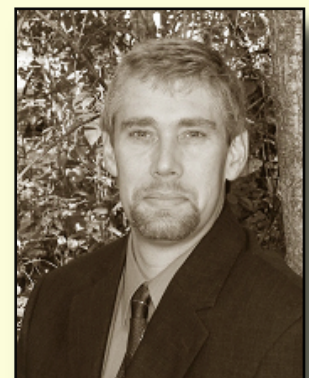
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"...current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class - involving high meat intake use of fossil fuels, appliances, home and **work-place air-conditioning, and suburban housing - are not sustainable. A shift is necessary.** which will require a vast strengthening of the multilateral system, including the United Nations..."
- Maurice Strong.¹



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Agenda Now

In only a few weeks time, June 20-22, world leaders, key environmentalists, and a host of non-government organizations - global special interest groups - will converge on Rio de Janeiro.

The purpose: To celebrate the 20th anniversary of the United Nations Earth Summit which took place in that same city in 1992, and to strengthen the call for international environmental governance.

What emerged from Rio '92 was a set of core documents. *Agenda 21* and the *Convention on Biodiversity* being the two most famous texts. A set of "alternative NGO treaties" also emerged, calling for a radical restructuring of the global system - from nation states to your neighborhood. And the Earth Charter process blossomed from the Rio event. However, before the United Nations conference ever took place, a host of special meetings and consultations occurred around the world. Interesting, my province's capital, Winnipeg, hosted one of those preliminary events: the World Environment Energy and Economic Conference (October 17-20, 1990), which boasted over 3000 delegates and was co-hosted by UNESCO and the Province of Manitoba. The official theme for the WEEEC was "Sustainable Development Strategies and the New World Order." [see page 20].

In reality the WEEEC theme should have been the official title for the Rio Earth Summit, for that was the point. Now, twenty years after Rio '92, the world is poised to gather once again and seek common ground on global environmental governance - including a proposed Rights of Mother Earth.

In order to understand what's taking place at Rio+20, this edition of *Forcing Change* will look back on Rio '92 and how it shaped the Western process.

For the 1992 program is the agenda for *now*.

NOTE: This article was originally written a number of years ago, and some slight changes have been made to reflect certain tenses. Other changes have been made to clarify a few technical issues, and some editorial notes have been added to elucidate different points. That said, Berit's information is as important today as it was when first published.

Agenda 21, the UN blueprint for global transformation, sounds good to many well meaning people. Drafted for the purpose of creating "sustainable societies," it has been welcomed by nations around the world. Political, cultural, and media leaders have embraced its alluring visions of social justice and a healthy planet. They hide the lies behind its doomsday scenarios and fraudulent science. Relatively few consider the contrary facts and colossal costs.

After all, what could be wrong with preserving resources for the next generation? Why not limit consumption and reduce energy use? Why not abolish poverty and establish a global welfare system to train parents, monitor intolerance, and meet all our needs? Why not save the planet by trading cars for bikes, an open market for "self-sustaining communities," and single dwellings for dense "human settlements" (located on transit lines) where everyone would dialogue, share common ground, and be equal?

The answer is simple: Marxist economics has never worked. Socialism produces poverty, not prosperity. Collectivism creates oppression, not freedom. Trusting environmental "scientists"

who depend on government funding and must produce politically useful “information” will lead to economic and social disaster.²

Even so, local and national leaders around the world are following the UN blueprint for global management and “sustainable communities,” and President Clinton led the way in the mid-1990s. A letter I received from The President’s Council on Sustainable Development states that,

“In April 1997, President Clinton asked the council to advise him on: next steps in building a new environmental management system for the 21st century... and policies that foster U.S. leadership on sustainable development internationally. The council was also charged to ensure that social equity issues are fully integrated...”

Many of our representatives backed his plan. In a 1997 letter congratulating the Local Agenda 21 Advisory Board in Santa Cruz for completing their Action Plan, Congressman Sam Farr wrote,

“The Local Agenda 21 Action Plan not only has local significance, it also will have regional and national impacts. As you know, the *President’s Council on Sustainable Development* is beginning Phase III of its work with an emphasis on *sustainable communities*.”³

This agenda may already be driving your community “development,” so be alert to the clues. Notice buzzwords such as “visioning,” “partners,” and “stakeholders.” Know how to resist the consensus process. Ask questions, but don’t always trust the answers. Remember, political activists, like self-proclaimed education “change agents,” have put expediency above integrity. **[Editor’s Note:** practically speaking, this is the case throughout the West World and in many developing countries]

As North Carolina school superintendent Jim Causby said at a 1994 international model school conference,

“We have actually been given a course in how not to tell the truth. You’ve had that course in public relations where you learn to put the best spin on things.”⁴

To recognize and resist this unconstitutional shadow government of laws and regulations being imposed on our nation without congressional approval, take a closer look at its history and nature.

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Agenda 21

Agenda 21 is a type of global contract binding governments around the world to the UN plan for changing the ways we live, eat, learn, and communicate - all under the noble banner of saving the earth. Its regulations would severely limit water, electricity, and transportation - even deny human access to our most treasured wilderness areas. If fully implemented, it would manage and monitor all lands and people. No one would be free from the watchful eye of the new global tracking and information system.

[Editor's Note: Technically *Agenda 21* is non-binding, that is, it was not a hard treaty but rather sold as a "soft-law" document or a "general plan." However, for the past twenty years, scores of federal, state/provincial, and local governments have introduced copious regulations to fit within the *Agenda 21*-Rio Earth Summit context, especially in relationship to land use management and resource extraction, the creation of "environmental action plans," the greening of industries - and subsidies to "green energy," and wilderness/park development. All of this has made the spirit of the "general plan" binding, to one point or another, on citizenry and constituents through the action of lawmakers and federal/state regulatory agencies].



This agenda for the 21st Century was signed by 179 nations at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

Besides *Agenda 21*, the *Convention on Biodiversity* was also introduced as part of the Rio package. Among other things, the *Convention* called for a "Global Biodiversity Assessment" regarding the state of the planet. The *Global Biodiversity Assessment* (GBA) once complete, was published by the UN Environmental Programme (UNEP), and armed UN leaders with the "information" and "science" they needed to validate their global management system. Its doomsday predictions were designed to excuse radical population reduction, oppressive life-style regulations, and a coercive return to earth-centered religions as the basis for environmental values and self-sustaining human settlements.

The GBA reported on page 763 that "the root causes of the loss of biodiversity are embedded in the way societies use resources."⁵ The main culprit? Judeo-Christian values. Chapter 12.2.3 states that,

"This world view is characteristic of large scale societies, heavily dependent on resources brought from considerable distances. It is a world view that is characterized by the denial of sacred attributes in nature, a characteristic that became firmly established about 2000 years ago with the Judeo-Christian-Islamic religious traditions."⁶

"Eastern cultures with religious traditions such as Buddhism, Jainism and Hinduism did not depart as drastically from the perspective of humans as members of a community of beings including other living and non-living elements."⁷

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The Rio Family of Documents

The 1992 United Nations Earth Summit, officially titled the UN Conference on Environment and Development, produced a number of documents and initiatives. Here is a brief accounting of the Rio “green” family born through the event. Take note of how some of these “children of Rio” have grown.

- **Agenda 21:** A guiding document for sustainable development. *Agenda 21* birthed hundreds of government, NGO, and corporate action plans for going green. It also produced the Local Agenda 21 program, resulting in swaths of green community programming, and more ominously, mountains of land use management regulations. The rise of “sustainable development” planning and programming, visible in governments and agencies at all levels, is deeply connected to the historical *Agenda 21* process.

- **Rio Declaration on Environment and Development:** A short, 27-point proclamation meant to stress the solidarity needed for a “new and equitable global partnership” and the “interdependent nature of the Earth.”

- **Forest Principles:** A short, non-binding statement meant to guide forestry and forest development. This was the “first global consensus on forests” and it kick-started the Montreal Process - a multinational working group on forest management.

- **Framework Convention on Climate Change:** This treaty was opened for signatures at the Rio Earth Summit. Its significance lies in what it birthed: the *Kyoto Protocol*, and the fact that the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change was placed in charge of its implementation. The multitude of declarations, action plans, statements and initiatives from government and the private sector in response to “climate change” is staggering, let alone the reams of legislation that’s emerged from lawmakers - thanks, for the most part, to the *Framework Convention on Climate Change*.

- **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD):** The entire text of this binding treaty can easily be placed on 18 letter-sized pages. But in its preamble we find this line, “Aware of the general lack of information and knowledge regarding biological diversity...” That partial sentence formed the basis for creating a body of knowledge meant to flesh out the contextual background for the CBD. The result was monumental; the publication of the *Global Biodiversity Assessment* - 1140 pages long, printed on oversized paper. But wait, there’s more. In the process of putting the *GBA* together, it was noted that a separate volume was needed to address the human values component. Therefore, in 1999, UNEP released its 731 page report, *Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity*, and in its pages Christianity was chastised while upholding the pagan worldview. Remember, these combined 1871 pages were meant to address the informational context of the 18 page *Convention on Biological Diversity*.

Moreover, the CBD treaty emphasized the “precautionary principle” in environmental management, and called for “protected areas.” Federal and state/provincial governments, in turn, created special wilderness areas with buffer zones, sometimes connected with heritage water ways. Many of these core areas were deemed off-use for human development, and human activity in the buffer was to be tightly managed. Today, 756.102 square kilometers of land is “protected” under the CBD umbrella.

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This CBD-protected zone concept was bridged with the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve network. And the protected area program has not been without controversy as established landowners, farmers/ranchers, and resource companies have, on different occasions, witnessed their holdings diminish or vanish under the guise of ecosystem protection and natural park enhancement.

In my own province of Manitoba this has become a recent issue with a massive hydro-line project called BiPole III, which is slated to travel hundreds of miles further around the province in order to not interfere with a forested region that, while not yet “protected,” may become designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site - another branch of the protected area network. In the US, the Greater Yellowstone area has been impacted by protected designations, and in parts of the developing world the use of protected zones has fermented abuses against local populations. In fact, an African Development Bank report, *Guidelines on Involuntary Displacement and Resettlement in Development Projects*, noted the following: “The establishment of nature parks or protected areas usually takes away the livelihood of the local population.” (p.11). **FC**

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Maurice Strong, who led the Rio '92 conference, seems to agree with the stance taken by the GBA. His ranch in Colorado is a gathering place for Buddhist, Bahai, Native American, and other earth-centered religions. Yet, while spearheading the restructuring of the United Nations in the 1990s, he also helped design the blueprint for the transformation of our communities. In his introduction to *The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide*, he called local leaders around the world to “undertake a consultative process with their populations and achieve a consensus on 'Local Agenda 21' for their communities.”

Achieving that consensus meant painting scary scenarios of a hurting, dying planet - scenarios that frighten children, anger youth, and persuade adults to submit to previously unthinkable regulations. It means blaming climate change on human activities and ignoring the natural factors that have - throughout time - brought cyclical changes in climate, storm patterns, wildlife migration, and ozone thinning (there has never been a "hole"). Here are some natural factors you rarely hear about in the mainstream press,

- the earth's orbit around the sun.
- the gravitational pull of the moon.
- major volcanic eruptions which affect the ozone layer far more than all human activity
- sunspot activity (times of great solar turbulence which heat the earth and recurs every nine to thirteen years)
- the earth's relationship to other stars and planets
- storm tracks
- the earth's magnetic field (deflects storm tracks)
- the annual decrease of stratospheric ozone each southern winter (our summer) when the sun's seasonal absence prevents ultraviolet rays from interacting with oxygen and producing ozone.

Local Agenda 21

Chapter 28 of *Agenda 21* specifically calls for each community to formulate its own Local Agenda 21 program:

"Each local authority should enter into a dialogue with its citizens, local organizations, and private enterprises and adopt 'a local Agenda 21.' Through consultation and consensus-building, local authorities would learn from citizens and from local, civic, community, business and industrial organizations and acquire the information needed for formulating the best strategies." (*Agenda 21*, Chapter 28, sec 1,3.)

This tactic may sound reasonable until you realize that the dedicated "Stakeholder Group" that organizes and oversees local transformation is not elected by the public. And the people selected to represent the 'citizens' in your community will not present your interests. The chosen 'partners,' professional staff, and working groups are implementing a new system of governance without asking your opinion.

They probably don't even want you to know what they are doing until the regulatory framework is well under way. You may read in your local paper about "visioning," working groups, Total Quality Management, and partnership between churches, welfare and social service agencies, and other community groups. These are clues that, behind the scenes, the plan is moving forward.

[Editor's Note: I know from first hand experience that many who engage in local and regional Agenda 21-type programs do not understand the process they're involved with - and this is especially the case for those brought in at the "grassroots" level].

The goals and strategies are outlined in *Sustainable America*, the report from our President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD). When President Clinton's PCSD was operating, it was merely one of about 150 similar councils established by nations around the world, all following guidelines from the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development.

The same steps and strategies are detailed in *The Local Agenda 21 Planning Guide: An introduction to Sustainable Development*. This "planning framework for sustainable development at the local level" was prepared by The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) in partnership with UNEP and the International Development Research Centre of Canada. Remember, UNEP also prepared the GBA which supposedly proves the environmental "crisis." Could there be a conflict of interest here?

ICLEI's step-by-step plan for transforming communities was made available to reporters during the 1996 UN Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II). Attending this event, I started to read my bulky copy on the flight home from Istanbul. I soon learned how Stakeholders can broaden their working base and still maintain the original consensus: they simply seek partners who share their vision. After all, partners who challenge the Stakeholders' ideology would cause gridlock and slow progress. (Such gridlock is one of many criticism of the American political system voiced at various global conferences.)

The ICLEI Planning Guide suggests that Stakeholders select two kinds of people to serve their agenda: (1) ordinary people who don't have "a stake" in the old system and would expect

to gain power by establishing a new political system, and (2) media, business, political, church, and education leaders who must be wooed and persuaded to promote the transformation within their sphere of influence. The following ICLEI list includes both:

- A. **Community Residents:** women, youth, indigenous people, community leaders, teachers
- B. **Community-Based Organizations:** churches, formal women's groups, traditional social groups, special interest groups
- C. **Independent Sector:** Non-governmental organizations (NGO). academia, media
- D. **Private/Entrepreneurial Sector:** environmental service agencies, small business/cooperatives, banks
- E. **Local Government and Associations:** elected officials, management staff, regional associations
- F. **National/Regional Government:** planning commission, utilities, service agencies, financial agencies.⁸

All participants must embrace the collective vision of a “sustainable community.” They must commit to pursue the three E's of “sustainable development” - Environment, Economy and Equity, referring to the UN blueprint for environmental regulations, economic controls, and social equity. On page 21 of the ICLEID's Agenda 21 Planning Guide we read the following,

“Sustainable development is a process of bringing these three development processes into balance with each other... The implementation of a sustainable development strategy therefore involves negotiation among the primary interest groups (stakeholders) involved in these development processes. Once an Action Plan for balancing these development processes is established, these stakeholders must each take responsibility and leadership to implement the plan.”

Meanwhile, opposing voices must be silenced. “Implementing the 'sustainable agenda' requires marginalizing critics,” says Craig Rucker, Executive Director of CFACT, a conservative public interest group in Washington, D.C. dealing with consumer and environmental issues. He explains,

“Distinguished scientists who disagree with the globalist agenda are ridiculed and said to speak for conservative interests or industry (whether or not they receive industry funding) and their scientific arguments are never heard. Some of these marginalized critics are very distinguished scientists, like Dr. Frederic Seitz, former president of the National Academies of Science and a sharp critic of ozone depletion and global warming theories, Dr. S. Fred Singer, who help establish the satellite and balloon measuring devices to track global warming, and Dr. Edward Krug, who served on NAPAAP, among others. Some, like Dr. William Happer were even fired from their jobs questioning environmental dogma (in his case, on the issue of ozone depletion).”⁹

Ignoring these facts, nearly two thousand communities around the world are following this UN blueprint for change with support from ICLEID - and subject to its tracking system. Apparently the Santa Cruz model is leading the way in the United States.

Agenda Santa Cruz

Local Agenda 21-Santa Cruz was birthed in 1993 by the local chapters of the United Nations Association and ACTION (Agenda 21 Community Team Work in Operation). The original stakeholders began to “envision a sustainable future,” choose compatible “partners,” and organize the twelve Round Tables which evolved into twelve Special Focus Areas (for summaries of each plan,

Agriculture
Biodiversity & Ecosystem Management
Education
Energy
Housing
Population
Public Health
Resources and Recycling
Social Justice
Toxic Technology & Waste Management
Transportation
Viable Economy

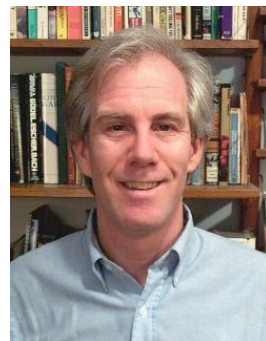
Each item is linked to special interest groups, non-governmental organizations, and globalist advocates who have been given authority (by no elected official) to plan the regulations that will control our lives.

Would you like a glimpse of the special interest groups that guide this Agenda?

Its list of donors and supporters includes feminist, globalist, environmental, and welfare organizations such as the Sierra Club, Earthlinks, Women's International League

Mark's Story

Mark Edward Vande Pol was the “principle author of the Santa Cruz County Local Agenda 21 Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management Plan.”



In his words, he volunteered in “an effort to see that objective science was respected in the formulation of policy.” And he tried. However, after witnessing what he did while in this position, he knew the prevailing consensus process was grossly flawed; “a process all about power, money, and emotions, not the environment.”

Mark's observations are eye-opening, revealing that the Agenda 21 plan and affiliated “save the earth” programs are systems of greed,

“The greed they cannot see is their own:

- **The greed for power to control how other people's lands are managed.**
- **The greed for free-access to the use of other people's land as a park.**
- **The greed for public accolade as saviors of The Environment... They want it all and they want to pay nothing. It is greed.**
- ...The temptation to play God with other people's property is endemic to democracy because it is a way to acquire the control of wealth without having to pay for it.”**

*The above quotes and points were extracted from Mark's book, *Natural Process: That Environmental Laws May Serve the Laws of Nature* (Wildergarten Press, 2001).

Mark's websites are www.wildergarten.com and www.shemitta.com. Here you can find essays on liberty and environmental issues, alone with information about his two major works: *Natural Process*, and his visually stunning and provocative commentary on Exodus 23, *Shemitta: For The Land Is Mind*.

for Peace and Freedom, Greener Alternatives, Pacific Bell, Peace Child, United Nations Association-USA, Environmental Ecological Services, Change Management System, Countywide Joint Task Force on Sexual Harassment, Prevention and Education, and the Human Care Alliance (about 80 service providers and community groups), and the Welfare and Low-Income Support Network. Remember, “welfare” means far more than caring for the needy. Social service leaders tend to push a socialist agenda and many have little tolerance for Christians who resist their intrusive family policies.

The National Organization for Women (NOW), The Regional Alliance for Progressive Policy, Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, and Beyond Beijing (primarily feminists who attended the 1995 UN Conference on Women) were all part of a Task Force helping establish the guidelines for the Social Justice (Equity) and welfare branch of the Agenda. According to Local Agenda 21-Santa Cruz, their focus is the exploration of viable means to “alleviate the violence of poverty.”

To eliminate poverty and to create the laws and incentives that will establish environmental, social and economic “equity,” the people must embrace the new paradigm (or world view). They must accept the new global values touted by the GBA and learn to see social issues from a global perspective.

“Local efforts should focus on community education and outreach, grassroots organizing, and monitoring the impacts of federal welfare reform implementation,” states Santa Cruz' *Local Agenda 21 Action Plan*. Indeed, life-long education is the heart of the agenda. Who would willingly give up cars, private back yards, and freedom to hike in local forests unless they share a vision that's worth the sacrifice?

The Agenda for Education

In the fall of 1994, President Clinton's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) came to the Presidio, the former army base in San Francisco that now houses the Gorbachev Foundation USA and dozens of other globalist and environmental organizations networking with the United Nations. Here, overlooking the Golden Gate Bridge, they met with The National Forum on Partnerships supporting “Education about the Environment.”

Their joint report, *Education for Sustainability*, became a model for sustainable education. According to the Santa Cruz Action Plan, it focused on 6 themes:

- Interdisciplinary approaches
- Lifelong Learning
- Systems thinking
- Partnerships
- Multicultural perspectives
- Empowerment

To understand these terms and the new international education system they represent, you may want to read my book, *Brave New Schools* (**Editor's Note:** This is an excellent resource and can be purchased directly through Berit at bookorder@crossroad.to. The cost is \$11 plus postage.)

Those who don't realize that today's change agents hide globalist ideology behind traditional words, can easily be drawn into the web of deception by the noble sentiments. These arguments from the Education section of *Santa Cruz Local Agenda 21* show how persuasive their propaganda can be to an unsuspecting public:

"In light of the current world situation, including the obvious degradation of the global ecosystem, population crisis, outbreaks of violence... there is an obvious need for education that puts forth a clear vision of a whole system of ecological thinking. In recent years, there has been a great deal of emphasis on environmental education and nature studies, but little has been done to teach about eco-efficiency, sustainable lifestyle practices, and the worldwide movement concerning sustainable development."

"The overall understanding is that we must learn from nature how to create sustainable communities - observing: interdependence and organization, form and substance, the pattern of life, cooperation and partnership, and diversity... A broader perspective (beyond schools) must be encouraged, including proactive learning opportunities throughout the community."

"Educational and rewarding volunteer opportunities exist throughout SCC. Most Americans are ill equipped to make the lifestyle changes necessary to turn the degradation around. Our collective experience over time has shown that knowledge alone does not necessarily change behavior and incite people to action. Support structures and incentives are also needed."

This UN directed education plan has already become familiar to many of us. The international system - built on the UNESCO goals that our government embraced with the introduction of America 2000 and the adoption of Goals 2000 - has already transformed our schools. Listen to these familiar policies listed in the Local Agenda 21.

"Educational systems encourage relevant, experiential learning and promote a sustainable, healthy life for all beings. Students embrace global interdependence and the need to adopt fully sustainable practices locally and globally.... Focus is placed on teaching how to learn and how to enjoy learning. This involves:

1. Cooperative learning in groups which is learner-directed, empowering and participatory
2. Development of an integrated core curriculum at all levels which emphasized the theme of unity and interdependence of humanity, all species and the Earth.
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4. Student participation in developing their own curriculum.
5. Mixed age groups in the learning process."

Learning that seems "democratic" (in contrast to authoritative) and cooperative (in contrast to individual) is key to winning the consent of the masses. All ages must participate, and each group member becomes accountable to the group - and to the politically correct "science" information used by the trained facilitator to move the dialogue toward the "right" choices and actions. Few realize the extent of the manipulation.

In the Soviet Union, this Hegelian dialectic (consensus) process was used to shift the loyalties of Soviet children from absolute truths to the evolving soviet ideology. Today it is used in American schools, communities, and workplaces - and was supported by the President's Council on Sustainable Development, and continues to be advanced by NGOs who share the global vision.

Far-reaching Networks

Are you confused by all the organizations, programs, and buzzwords that fit into the big picture? Do you find it hard to match the pieces in this immense puzzle? I do. One reason so few people try to understand the patterns of change is its complexity. And it gets worse.

"Encourage networking," states the Santa Cruz Action Plan. You saw the links between feminist, environmental, welfare, and government groups. But countless other groups and organizations are also involved in the endless web of deception. No wonder, since networking, like dialogue, helps spread the nets that will pull in the masses.

Consider the PCSD report titled *Public Linkage, Dialogue, and Education*. It was prepared by the PCSD Task Force on Public Linkage, Dialogue, and Education. To plan the initial draft, this group met in the Officers Club at the Presidio with various global, UN, and environmental leaders housed at the former armor base. This draft included a call for a linkage between "job opportunities" and education standards for politically correct "understanding" of environmental, economic, and social issues from a global perspective:

"Develop essential learning standards on sustainable development for all students in order to promote a basic understanding of the interrelationship between environmental, economic and equity issues and a basic competency in sustainable living. Meeting learning performance standards will help ensure job opportunities in an emerging sustainable economy and promote responsible citizenry in a global, interdependent society."¹⁰

Considering the background of this "international roundtable," it's no wonder the final report calls for a shift in public consciousness from the old nationalistic-free enterprise system to the new globalist-socialist paradigm. Its main objectives were,

- "Ensure that awareness, knowledge, and understanding of sustainability become part of the mainstream consciousness, both nationally and internationally.
- Awareness and concern about environmental, economic, and equity issues must become firmly rooted in public consciousness.
Engage key domestic constituencies in a dialogue about sustainability to produce consensus.

- Foster the skills, attitudes, motivation, and values that will redirect action to sustainable practices and produce the commitment to work individually and collectively toward a sustainable world.
- Individuals must bring their actions into accord with a sustainable future. Conflict resolution skills must be applied to organize groups to act on issues related to sustainability.”¹¹

Remember, those who define the terms will write the rules. Those whose “science” will “educate” the masses, will control public beliefs and behavior.

In Santa Cruz, the PCSD Task Force on Linkage, Dialogue, and Education helped launch The Household EcoTeam Program and Sustainable Lifestyle Campaign in Santa Cruz County. Household EcoTeam? Sustainable Lifestyle Campaign? We know the government wants to train parents in politically correct child-raising. Do they also want to train households in politically correct lifestyles?

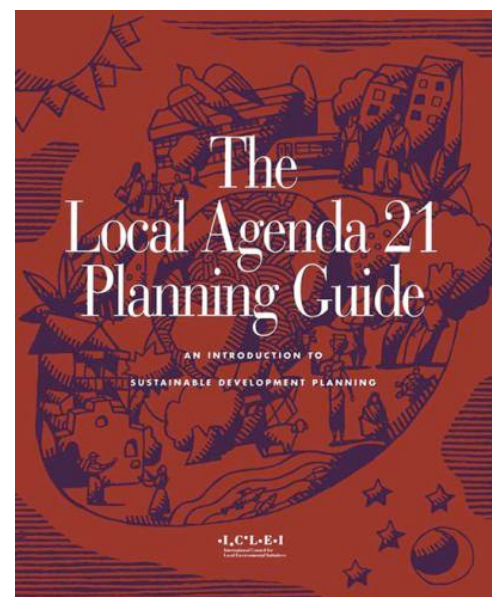
They certainly do. In partnership with Global Action Plan and ACTION-Santa Cruz, the above PCSD Task Force “helped participants implement sustainable lifestyle practices in their own households as they worked together on a team with a trained coach and followed a workbook focusing in 6 action areas” (reducing garbage, water efficiency, home energy efficiency, transportation, eco-wise consuming, & empowering others).¹²

Other links include the National Association of Counties and the U.S. Council of Mayors. Following recommendations from the PCSD, they “established a Joint Center for Sustainable Communities to facilitate collaborative planning.”

Remember, the PCSD is linked to the UNCSD (UN Commission on Sustainable Development), which is linked to more than 150 other nations implementing Agenda 21, which are linked to ICLEID, which is linked to the Canadian government, which is linked to the United Nations, which is linked to the Presidio, which is linked to ACTION-Santa Cruz, which is linked to Global Rivers Environmental Network, which is linked to the American Heritage Rivers Initiative, which is linked to the White House, which is linked to the Department of Education, and on and on.

Everything is linked to Total Quality Management, the process for managing and monitoring the development of human and natural resources as well as commercial products. Schools, corporations, and government are adopting TQM management, and Santa Clara County is no exception. The concept of “continual change” is central to TQM, and the Santa Cruz Action Plan follows suit. Every part of this list from its education plan relates to TQM:

“Continue to prepare students for rapid change by teaching: ...critical thinking, creative thinking, problem solving, cooperative learning, student self assessment, multi-cultural equity, the use of interactive technologies to foster learning & collaborative problem solving.”



Social Justice

Remember the stakeholders that are defining social justice and preparing its standards? They include NOW, Beyond Beijing, social welfare leaders, environmental groups - all the voices that demand the abolition of Western culture, male leadership, and biblical absolutes. Look at their vision for Santa Cruz County,

“Desired State: A Paradigm Shift... We envision a community that stretches itself from its historical conditioning and ethnocentric comfort zones to increased cross-cultural empathy and understanding - a community that avoids oppressive hierarchies, but instead passionately advocates for inclusion, respect and cooperation with all members.”

Politically correct tolerance sets a new standard for communication and inclusiveness. It immediately disqualifies biblical Christianity as exclusive, hateful, patriarchal, and intolerant. Their list of practical suggestions for change matches their vision:

- Train facilitators for the "paradigm shift" to be wholistic supporters of the value of diversity
- Develop an interagency approach to intolerance abatement
- Encourage the business sector to hold managers accountable for promoting minorities and women into management.
- Create a design for teaching the principle of universal security
- Continue with forums, meetings, events, and expand our social justice library with books, tapes, video tapes for community TV, and literature available for interested people...
- Involve college students and professors in social justice issues
- Bring in speakers; support individual clubs.

Of course, their utopian plan won't work. People aren't naturally good. Fifty years ago, the Holocaust opened our eyes to human depravity, but many have forgotten its message.

Modern socialist leaders claim to know how to manipulate human nature. "We have to make better people," urged Shirley McCune at the 1989 Governors Conference on Education. Nineteen years earlier, the ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the curriculum branch of the NEA) published *To Nurture Humaneness* in which Professor Raymond Houghton wrote,

“The critical point of behavior control, in effect, is sneaking up on mankind without his self-conscious realization that a crisis is at hand. Man will not even know that it is about to happen.”¹³

This horrendous mission is now pressing forward under the banners of Agenda 21 and its partners around the world. Only a solid, unshakable commitment to truth will enable us to stand our ground. Only a clear understanding of the evil forces driving this agenda will enable us to resist the mental manipulation used to induce compliance.

If we didn't know that our God has the future well under His control, we would have every reason to fear. Many live in denial, refusing to face the painful facts that expose this covert revolution and the gradual loss of our freedoms - including the freedom to express our faith and share the gospel.

I don't know when my Lord will return, but I have no doubt that Americans will soon face the hostilities that are part of the normal Christian life. "If they persecute me, they will persecute you," said Jesus - and there is no reason to believe that Americans has somehow earned the right to escape the suffering that has molded faithful, single-minded, pure-hearted Christian for almost 2000 years.

As we stand together against the forces of evil, let's pray that God show each of us how we can best serve His plan and purpose.

Let's not get sidetracked by peripheral issues, but "let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus." (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Remember, when Jesus told His disciples about the hard times ahead, He added these words of comfort, *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33). **FC**

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¹ Henry Lamb, "Meet Maurice Strong," *Eco-Logic*, November/December 1995.

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Agenda 21's Role in America's Financial Breakdown

By Henry Lamb (<http://freedom21.org>)

Editor's Note on Henry Lamb: For the last couple of decades, Mr. Lamb has been recognized as an outstanding researcher, columnist, and author on the issue of environmentalism, *Agenda 21*, sustainable development, and global governance.

I first met Mr. Lamb in the spring of 1997 while attending a Sovereignty International conference in Washington, DC, with the initial connection made through our mutual friend, Berit Kjos. I met him twice after that event; once at a meeting on the attempted designation of the Kankakee River as a special protected zone, and then in the summer of 2001 at the St. Louis Freedom 21 Conference. In St. Louis he had given a younger man the opportunity to speak on "collective security" - a talk that, many years later, turned into an essay series in *Forcing Change*. Although we phoned and emailed only occasionally, often just bouncing articles or posing questions about a piece of research, when we did he was always supportive and encouraging.



Mr. Lamb's research work was highly involved. He was one-of-a-few who would go to United Nations events and global environmental conferences, scour through reams of reports and documents, and pull out the most important nuggets while keeping tabs on how the global impacted the local. He also recognized the spiritual heartbeat of the global collectivist agenda - an act against God's special order. In October, 2001, he wrote,

"'In the beginning, God created...' is the assumption on which western culture has advanced for more than two millennia. This assumption is now obsolete - in the minds of the world's policy makers. Western civilizations have believed that man was created in 'God's image,' and is the crown jewel in all of God's creation. This belief too, is obsolete in the minds of many people who implement public policy...

...We have seen how what once was called 'paganism' has been renamed and assigned a new respectability as the gaia hypothesis. We have seen how the hated idea of world government has been renamed and assigned a new respectability as global governance. We are seeing the concept of national sovereignty eroding into the concept of sovereign equality. Most Americans have no idea this is happening. Many don't want to know...

...The problem in Congress is that there are too many people who believe this green-religion propaganda, and too few who believe that 'In the beginning, God created....'."

I'm thankful to count Mr. Lamb as a friend and colleague. Henry passed away on May 23, 2012.

Article Note: In this article by Henry Lamb, chairman of Sovereignty International, the term “sustainable development” is explored, as is the relationship between *Agenda 21* and the current administration. Mr. Lamb also provides a connection between *Agenda 21*, “sustainable development,” and the housing finance crisis.

For more than 20 years, now, the most powerful word in advertising has been “sustainable.” This term sells everything from toilet paper to spark plugs.

This same term is even more powerful when applied to public policies such as: “sustainable” energy; transportation; agriculture; development; housing, and almost every other policy considered by government. When the term “sustainable” is used to sell a product, the product will be more expensive and less efficient than it has to be. When the term “sustainable” is used to sell a public policy, the policy will not only be more expensive and less efficient, it will be controlled by the government, and it will ultimately fail.

Before 1990, the term “sustainable” was rarely heard. Today, the term saturates all media every day. Everyone knows the term; few people know what sustainable development is, or the effect it is having on communities, or the ultimate goal of its proponents, or how it gets into public policy.

Agenda 21 is a document adopted by 179 nations at the 1992 U.N. Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro. Its 40 chapters contain specific recommendations, which, when adopted and implemented by governments, will result in sustainable development, according to its proponents. Since 1993, the US federal government has been promoting and funding the implementation of *Agenda 21* recommendations throughout the country.

The Obama administration has picked up where the Clinton administration left off, advancing the implementation of *Agenda 21*. The U.S. State Department has been preparing to support the U.N.’s effort to convert the non-binding *Agenda 21*, into a legally binding *Covenant on Environment and Development*, enforceable by the International Criminal Court. Furthermore, there will be a flurry of activity leading up to, and after the Rio+20 conference scheduled for June.

The U.S. State Department began leading this campaign last year. Two examples come to mind. The first comes from Lawrence J. Gumbiner, Deputy Assistant Secretary, while at the Second PrepCom of UNCED in Washington DC, March 7, 2011.

Notice the global-national-local roadmap for *Agenda 21* and sustainable development.

“The United States is pleased to participate in the PrepCom and to contribute to a successful Rio 2012 Conference on Sustainable Development. We have developed a robust process within our government to evaluate how far we have come since Rio, and to identify gaps that we need to address and emerging issues where we need to make progress...

Good governance at all levels is critical to our ability to make good on our Agenda 21 commitments. While national governments will make the political



commitments, we rely upon regional and local governments to implement new policies in the context of local situations, to enforce environmental regulations, to innovate and adapt solutions that will succeed in unique environmental, social, and political realities. Some of the most creative solutions to our sustainable development challenges are emerging in the U.S. from our state, regional and local governments. We should encourage communities to do integrated planning, to develop sustainability plans and a local Agenda 21.”

A few months later, Kerri-Ann Jones, Assistant Secretary with the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, US State Department, said the following during a High Level Dialogue on the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development, in Solo, Indonesia.

“The inclusion of the Institutional Framework for Sustainable Development as a theme of the Rio +20 Conference has provided the international community with an important opportunity. How can we strengthen the commitment to sustainable development at all levels of government and by all parts of society?...

Thinking vertically, to achieve sustainable development we must address it at all levels. Action on Sustainable development must begin with grassroots action by local governments, non-governmental organizations, businesses scientists and citizens. The role of national governments and intergovernmental organizations should be to facilitate and catalyze their efforts.

Thinking horizontally, the international sustainable development dialogue cannot just be a discussion of environment ministries. It should include finance, development and planning ministries. It needs to be a discussion among representatives of ministries responsible for agriculture, water, forests, health, infrastructure and commerce.

Multilaterally, our efforts at the global, national and local levels need to complement each other. The ‘Delivering as One’ UN pilot initiative seeks to coordinate, at national and local levels, the actions and efforts of the UN on the ground and to rationalize them with the actions of other donors and the priorities of the host countries. This also needs to take place at the global level involving the headquarters of various UN bodies and their governing bodies, as well as those of other donors and the efforts of the major groups – scientists, NGOs, businesses and others...

In the United States we are looking across the board at what we can do to facilitate the implementation of sustainable development at all levels and especially at how intergovernmental discussions can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the work the UN does in support of country priorities and commitments to sustainable development.”

With the presidential campaign gaining more attention, it will be increasingly difficult to get elected officials, or anyone else, to pay attention to what is happening at the international level. The Obama administration has already made its commitments to the U.N. and will seek every opportunity to make good on as many of those commitments as possible - before the elec-

tion. Should he be re-elected, the only hope of stopping this march toward global governance is for Republicans to capture control of the Senate. Obama has said he will bring the Convention on the Law of the Sea to the Senate for ratification. Secretary Clinton has already endorsed the U.N. Small Arms Treaty. Both of these treaties will have to be ratified by the Senate. These are just a few of the events that, should Obama prevail, will extinguish national sovereignty and transform the United States into just another administrative unit of global governance. If he is not re-elected, there is a much better chance of shutting down the U.N.'s power grab, and salvaging our national sovereignty.

In November 6, 2012, America will choose to continue down the current path toward global governance, or to unseat the current administration in favor of returning to the U.S. Constitution as the foundation of government.

Obama and his colleagues are quick to claim that a vote for a Republican is a vote to return to the same old "Bush" policies that resulted in the worst recession since the Roosevelt era. Do not be misguided by this statement. Here is a little history, shared by Ken Freeman, President of the Alliance for Citizens Rights that the media and the Obama administration don't want people to remember:

"The day the Democrats took over was not January 22nd, 2009; it was actually January 3rd 2007, the day the Democrats took over the House of Representatives and the Senate, at the very start of the 110th Congress. The Democrat Party controlled a majority in both chambers for the first time since the end of the 103rd Congress, in 1995."

The day the Democrats took over the Senate and the Congress:

- The DOW Jones closed at 12,621.77
- The GDP for the previous quarter was 3.5%
- The Unemployment rate was 4.6%

It was the day that Barney Frank took over the House Financial Services Committee, and Chris Dodd took over the Senate Banking Committee.

"The economic meltdown that happened 15 months later was in what part of the economy? That's right, it was Banking and Financial services caused by trillions of dollars of toxic loans (sub-prime mortgages) from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac fiascos.

Bush asked Congress 17 times to stop Fannie & Freddie – starting in 2001, because it was financially risky for the U.S. economy. The Democrats said no. And who took the third highest pay-off from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac? Obama.¹ And who fought against reform of Fannie and Freddie? It was Obama and the Democrat Congress."

The term "Agenda 21" did not come up during the Congressional hearings. It is no coincidence, however, the very first element of Chapter 7 in *Agenda 21*, titled Promoting Sustainable Human Settlement Development, is: 7.5. (a) Providing adequate shelter for all.

And President Clinton revised the Community Reinvestment Act in 1995 to help achieve this goal.

For a quarter-century, sustainable development as defined in *Agenda 21* has been at the root of America's financial problems. This fact is denied and ridiculed by many who know it is true. Far too many others are completely unaware of Agenda 21, and do not want to learn the real reasons for the nation's plight. The next election will determine the future of the next several generations, who may never know what freedom was. **FC**

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In Their Own Words: TOWARDS A GLOBAL GREEN CONSTITUTION

NOTE: The following is from chapter two of the final report from World Environment Energy and Economic Conference held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 17-20, 1990. Sponsored by UNESCO and the Manitoba government, this event was one of many that helped set the stage for the 1992 UN Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. The WEEEC report was titled, Sustainable Development for a New World Agenda, and the official conference theme was: "Sustainable Development and the New World Order."

"The debate has been prompted by evidence that the survival of the planet is in doubt. The issues are not about if a global politics is necessary. The question is how do we achieve binding agreements in Law complete with effective programs for applying sanctions against non-compliance that would oblige each nation, regardless of size, to abide by a set of principles that are required to guarantee the survival of life on this earth. Perhaps we will find that there is no other alternative to a system of rigid controls that some would equate to a police state. Unfortunately, in order to save the planet from biocide, there have to be very powerful constraints from doing the 'wrong' things. The constraints must transcend national boundaries, be world-around and enforceable. There would be a need for an agency for preventing eco-vandals from acting unilaterally.

Enforcement agencies would need the power to act without being invited by the offending nation. Therefore, there needs to be an agency that is acceptable to all nation states on the planet. We can probably accept the fact that there will always be one or more nations that will not go along but there must be effective sanctions in place. If sanctions do not work, then physical occupation and the installation of a World Trusteeship would be imposed upon the offending nations. This need not be a feared legislative measure, for once in place nations considering violations would be deterred just from the 'knowing' that they will not be tolerated. Offenders would face collective opposition of the other nations. The principle is that no one nation would be more powerful than the coalition of nations that would oppose any abrogation of a Global Survival Law.

Basic Objectives

The Constitution would need to be the world-around political expression of a radical new value system; values that ensure a sustainable society rather than economic opportunity. It means an end to governments having arbitrary power to act unilaterally. Instead, governments would come to power that could most effectively formulate national policy implications of a Global Green Constitution.

Jurisdiction

The UN would be a signator and take responsibility for the global commons such as offshore fisheries, seamounts, Antarctica, any lands not in National inventories, and transboundary movement of fresh water, air, and space.

Nation states would each be signators and take responsibility for the impacts of industrial and commercial activities that occur within territorial boundaries. A Global Environmental Congress having Constitutional authority and responsibility would inspect and determine the degree of compliance of each signator nation. Where abrogation persistently occurs this Congress could initiate appropriate sanctions.

Doing It

A massive and persuasive educational effort is required to develop a global perspective among the people of each nation state. Each nation's degree of dedication to educating the people would be the first indication of green government. The education process would centre on the need for a Global Green Constitution. It would emphasize security of person as well as planet. Eventually, a public referendum would be held in each nation state with the objective of obtaining a simple majority in favour of enshrining a Global Green Constitution. Those nation's governments where a majority have declared for a Global Green Constitution in referendum vote would indicate that they are prepared to attend a Global Green Constitutional Congress. The Constitutional document that emerges from the Congress would be distributed to the people of each nation and ratification would be sought by holding another national referendum. Every nation's government would ultimately be a signator to the Global Green Constitution. Obligation to do so would come from grass roots pressure within democratic societies. Less democratic nations or dictatorships would be brought on side through sanction, as have against South Africa, for example.

Timing

The Global Green Constitution, ratified by the people of all nations, would be in place by the last day of the year 2000. Its adoption would enable people everywhere to enter the 21st century on an optimistic note (with apology to those who measure time by a different calendar).

Chances for Success

If a referendum vote were to be taken now, prior to an intensive education program, the effort would fail. It will require five years of education to bring about a universal understanding that we will either live in one world or none. Utopia or Oblivion is our choice. The Global Green Constitution ought to stimulate the world's nation states to move in the direction of sustainability by osmosis, if not purposefully.

It is my opinion that a Global Green Constitution is necessary. However, if the same objectives can be achieved without having to enshrine another set of Laws to regulate human activity, then so much the better. As matters stand now, from the perspective of being involved in coping with the global nature of the problem we are facing, I can only visualize a Global Green Constitution that has legal standing and the collective support required to enforce compliance. What I hope to achieve by presenting this paper to educators, government representatives, and interested persons is the planting of a SEED from which, hopefully, an initiative will develop that will be nurtured and in turn sown about the globe and rooted everywhere.” *FC*

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