

Very degraded soil Degraded soil Stable soil Without vegetation

Source: UNEP 1992 and GRID Arendal 2001



Ecological Degradation:

“Land degradation costs an estimated \$40 billion USD annually worldwide” - *UNFAO*

The estimated cost of the mismanagement of all natural assets to the world economy today at around \$6.6 trillion USD a year, equal to 11 percent of global GDP - *UNCCD*

The annual loss of 75 billion tons of soil costs the world about \$400 billion USD per year.

- *Dr. Rattan Lal*

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YOUR
DREAMS

CANCELLED



Social Degradation:

"The fall of the Roman Empire, and the equally (if not more) advanced Han, Mauryan, and Gupta Empires, as well as so many advanced Mesopotamian Empires, are all testimony to the fact that advanced, sophisticated, complex, and creative civilizations can be both fragile and impermanent."

Two Critical Factors to Collapse:

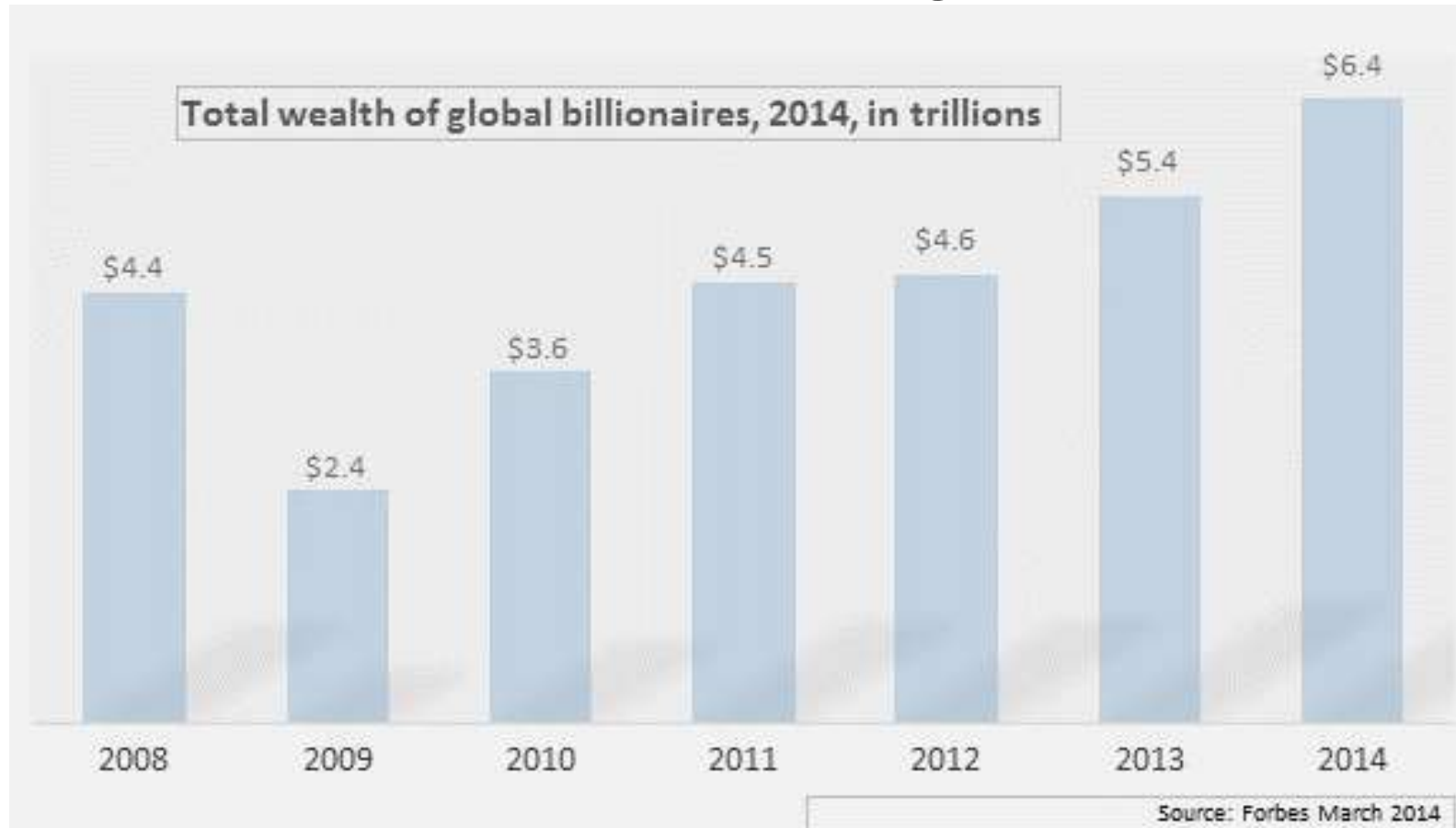
- 1. The stretching of resources due to the strain placed on the ecological carrying capacity;*
- 2. The economic stratification of society into Elites [rich] and Masses (or "Commoners") [poor]*

These social phenomena have played "a central role in the character or in the process of the collapse," in all such cases over "the last five thousand years."



Wealth Inequality:

1. Forbes reported, 1,645 billionaires represented 6.4 Trillion in wealth,
2. 3.3 billion adults have less than \$10,000 each. Credit Suisse noted in October 2014, together hold \$7.6 trillion





Preparation:

“The true contemplative is not one who prepares his mind for a particular message that he wants or expects to hear, but is one who remains empty because he knows that he can never expect to anticipate the words that will transform his darkness into light. He does not even anticipate a special kind of transformation. He does not demand light instead of darkness. He waits on the Word of God in silence, and, when he is answered it is not so much by a word that bursts into his silence. It is by his silence itself, suddenly, inexplicably revealing itself to him as a word of great power, full of the voice of God.”

Thomas Merton



Igniting Transformation:

“Certain bodies... become luminous when heated. Their luminosity disappears after some time, but the capacity of becoming luminous afresh through heat is restored to them by the action of a spark...”

Marie Curie

A movement...

1. *Revolution not Reservation*
2. *Complexity not Capitalism*
3. *Holism not Isolationism*



Revolution not Reservation:

“I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical.”

Thomas Jefferson to James Madison in 1782

NO RESERVATION

“We do not live merely in order to vegetate through our days until we die. Nor do we live merely in order to take part in the routines of work and amusement that go on around us. We are not just machines that have to be cared for and driven carefully until they run down. In other words, life is not a straight horizontal line between two points, birth and death. Life curves upward to a peak of intensity, a high point of value and meaning, at which all its latent creative possibilities go into action and the person transcends himself or herself in encounter, response, and communion with one another...it is for this that we came into this world.”

Thomas Merton



Complexity not capitalism

“The ‘developed’ nations had given to the ‘free market’ the status of god, and were sacrificing to it their farmers, farmlands, and communities, their forests, wetlands, and prairies, their ecosystems and watersheds.”

Wendell Berry



Complexity not capitalism

“...there is the immediate question of whether “modernization”, as currently practiced without regard to religious and spiritual values, is actually producing agreeable results. And as the masses are concerned, the results appear to be disastrous—a collapse of the rural economy, a rising tide of unemployment in town and country, and the growth of a city proletariat without nourishment for either body and soul.”

E.F. Schumacher



Holism not Isolationism:

“The reality is that the division of knowledge into feudal fiefdoms of expertise has made general understanding and coordinated action not simply impossible but despised and distrusted.”

John Raulston Saul

“If man is to recover his sanity and spiritual balance, there must be a renewal of communion between the traditional, contemplative disciplines and those of science, between the poet and the physicist, the priest and the ... psychologist, the monk and the politician.”

Thomas Merton

Posture of a Holistic Society:

“And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the skins burst, the wine spills out, and the skins are ruined. But they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”

Bible, Matthew 9.17

The Rhythms:

1. *Sacredness*
2. *Intelligence*
3. *Regeneration*



Sacredness

“This is a good world. We need not approve of all the items in it, nor of all the individuals in it; but the world itself—which is more than its parts or individuals; which has a soul, a spirit, a fundamental relation to each of us deeper than all other relations...”

Jan Smuts, 1927



Intelligence

“The reduction of politics, economics, social problems and the arts to mathematical visions and obscure, hermetically sealed vocabularies may well be looked by those who come after us as one of the greatest follies of our civilization.”

John Raulston Saul



A different kind of intelligence:

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Definition of Intelligence

“a capacity for learning, reasoning, understanding and similar forms of mental activity; aptitude in grasping truths, relationships, facts & meanings, etc...”



Types of Intelligence

Intelligence Quotient (IQ)

- is a score derived from one of several standardized tests designed to assess human intelligence.

Emotional Quotient (EQ)

- is the ability to recognize one's own and other people's emotions, to discriminate between different feelings and label them appropriately, and to use emotional information to guide thinking and behavior.

Holistic Quotient (HQ)

- An ability to recognize the relationship between the parts within a complex system and the whole. Understanding that the parts and the whole cannot be separated without changing the meaning and essence of the whole and parts.



Regeneration

“Ultimately, the only wealth that can sustain any community, economy or nation is derived from the photosynthetic process—green plants growing on regenerating soil.”

Allan Savory



REGENERATION









Photo of Exact Location - Zimbabwe After 2 Growing Seasons

Left: Late 2006 - Low numbers of mismanaged livestock

Right: Early 2009 - Properly managed using Holistic Management

(400% increase in livestock numbers)







Karoo, South Africa

Grassland

Desert

Carbon

Water

Carbon

Water









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What if...

What if there was a place where farmers, ranchers and pastoralists could come together to learn a better way to manage their land? A way built upon ancient wisdom informed by nature's patterns. A way that restores the integrity of the ecological capital upon which our existence depends?



What if this place embraced and celebrated individual initiative and the entrepreneurial spirit, with results so dramatic that the momentum began to spread among neighbors?





What if this place was one of many in a global network working together to grow beyond self-sufficiency under an intentionally different business model?

“What if” has already begun




71

new communities
ready to commit

10

will be chosen

30
Communities
changing the world

-  Over 20 Million Hectares Influenced
-  2.5 Million Hectares Influenced in 2014
-  Over 1800 people trained in 2014









Accredited Savory Network Hubs



-  Argentina
-  Chile
-  Mexico (Multiple)
-  United States
(Multiple)
-  South Africa
-  Turkey
-  Zimbabwe
-  Australia
-  Canada
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A Holistic Revolution

Regenerating Soils, Souls and Society

“We will not transform as a society until we recognize the essential connection and need for one another.”



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