

26 example tweets from my Twitter Account

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 (4 pages; July 24, 2022)

[Note:

- a) 280 character limit in a tweet, so links often provided
- b) as mentioned at <https://www.cpcsi.org/cpcs-at-twitter>, many of my tweets were accompanied by a text box --a snipping tool picture of a text box (jpeg), which is added to the tweet using the "add photo" feature
- c) just recently, I used the ALT feature (meant for describing who in a picture) as a way to add more text]

1.

1000s of positive tipping point orgs, institutions worldwide
 provide 5-10 p advice on Zero Carbon etc ASAP

- + Even one (1) university creates clearinghouse
- = catalyze exponentially accelerated solutions

Letter currently being sent by email

<https://bit.ly/3PPkLvD>

2.

"Large Cities are Not Sustainable
 and will not help us get to #ZeroCarbon ASAP"

148p <https://bit.ly/3PPsfzC>

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“Nature’s Dangerous Decline ‘Unprecedented’”

<https://bit.ly/3aX0iGb>

“humanity’s increasing destruction of nature having catastrophic impacts”

<https://bit.ly/3O47Zs8>

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The Community Peacebuilding and Cultural Sustainability (CPCS) Initiative (www.cpcsi.org) believes that priority actions—for urgently and drastically cutting Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions—would be more constructive if they were focused on small cities, towns, and villages, which--

- 1) are more sustainable-friendly in the long run
- 2) have less complex vulnerabilities
- 3) create more emphasis on downsizing and focusing on what basic necessities are most needed
and
- 4) where it is easier to see the results of our actions
- 5) where a truly natural circular economy (sewage treatment; food miles; less packaging; zero waste; etc.) is much easier to implement, and more likely to actually happen.

The CPCS Initiative also believes that it is possible for local communities and regions to include the recommendations of the CPCS Initiative (<https://www.cpcsi.org/recommendations>) into their local specific “constellation of initiatives”, and for all continents, countries, regions, and local communities to achieve Zero Carbon in ten years.

5.

Surveys of key local leaders

Community visioning

Neighborhood learning centers

Time/energy/money (“votes”) each of us make

can support Zero Carbon supply chains

Downsizing human habitats

p. iv, v, Section C of

“Do We Have Moral Compasses We Can Rely On?”

<https://bit.ly/3taM4F9>

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#limitingdesires redistrib
 = higher probability of #humanfuture

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Ex <http://bit.ly/2uE1XX5>

Think of what you buy and use in any given day... now multiply these everyday actions by all the days in the year, and by the billions of other consumers worldwide.

"... every article in the bazaar has moral and spiritual values attached to it.... Hence it behooves us to enquire into the antecedents of every article we buy." (p. 53)

"If we feel it is beyond us to guarantee the concomitant results of all our transactions, it necessarily follows that we must limit our transactions to a circle well within our control. This is the bed rock of swadeshi... The smaller the circumference, the more accurately can we gauge the results of our actions, and (the) more conscientiously shall we be able to fulfill our obligations as trustees." (p. 60)

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(also "Vote With Your Dollar Toolkit" at <https://www.greenamerica.org/vote-with-your-dollar-toolkit>)

Once it becomes clear that local residents are "getting together" on purchasing, and that many local communities are going to "drive" economies from global to local-and-regional, changes may come more quickly in the upper echelons of governments, international corporations, international banks, etc., which have been--thus far--slow to respond to the Climate Emergency (and other challenges).

9.

More discussion needed on
 kind of habitats best suited
 for Zero Carbon ASAP, EcoRestore

Ex:

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Introduction

A. Context: Many Unprecedented Challenges Ahead

B. Large Cities are not sustainable, and will not help us get to Zero Carbon ASAP

C. Visualizing a Reversal of the Urbanization Trend: 572 large cities to 41,700 ecologically sustainable small cities and towns [41,700 = how many small cities and towns would have to add 50,000 people (and still remain on track for Zero Carbon, and Ecological Sustainability, if there was a significant migration from megacities to small cities and towns.) (2.085 billion people relocating in such a migration)

D. A Table with "Currently" and "in your Zero Carbon town" (key appropriate technology and culture change highlighted in the latter)-- to help people visualize that the habitats we must discover have many positive features (Crowdsourcing to make this Table into a Visual Aid--not yet underway)

E. The entire Section C. from "Do We Have Moral Compasses We Can Rely On?" (April, 2021) There are many movements and organizations--and much urgency. Here are some examples of positive tipping point activity working along similar lines.

F. Logistics--Cultural Transitions and Transformations can be accelerated with "constellation of initiatives" approaches (overview of one such approach)

G. Cost of Community Visioning Initiatives--rough estimate: \$10 billion for 1000 time-intensive Community Visioning Initiatives (with Preliminary Surveys, supported by many Neighborhood Learning Centers)--compared to many other kinds of wealth accumulation and human expenditures

10.

“The Battle for Chili’s Critical Minerals”

<https://bit.ly/3bNUor2>

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vimeo.com

Chattanooga: Community With A Vision

A brief description of Chattanooga Venture.

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<https://bit.ly/3a8k5IW>

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Therefore

SectionF

#MarshallPlan alliance below

in 148ppaper

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From "Why the Village Movement?" by J.C. Kumarappa (at Internet Archive) (p. 60, # in book)

"Becoming a Greater Force Than the Challenges We Are Facing" (6 pages) at <https://www.cpcsi.org/recommendations> is an overview of The CPCS Initiatives' "constellation of initiatives" approach to the wide range of unprecedented challenges we face at this time.

"Large Cities are Not Sustainable--and will not help us to achieve Zero Carbon ASAP" (148 pages) is featured on www.cpcsi.org homepage, and is the culmination of a lifetime of research and life experiences.

"I believe it will be possible for educators and activists to use this "Large Cities...." report to

- a) catalyze public discussion on this very topic--what kind of habitats are best suited for the Zero Carbon ASAP, Ecosystem Restoration, biodiversity regeneration all around, and peaceful relations among all cultures and societies?
- b) catalyze local Community Visioning and other local collaborative problem solving approaches," said Mr. Pasti. (from the introduction, p. v)

Educational institutions, and other organizations, could increase their existing efforts, or take up the call, to develop related curriculum and offer classes, workshops, and teacher training, to support the development of Neighborhood Learning Centers. If many colleges and universities assisted with carrying out local Community Visioning Initiatives--with many supporting Neighborhood Learning Centers--the positive multiplier effects would be visible around the world.

13.

There are large groups in cultures, societies worldwide, making decisions based on non-quantifiable sources (deliberate news misinformation, talk-radio, advertising, social media, etc).

How do we define success at problem solving existential crises, in such circumstances?

Even if we--collectively--succeed in limiting Global Heating to 1.5C, there will be many serious disruptions ahead, associated with both our efforts to adapt to what kind of habitats and resources we must have to achieve Zero Carbon, and Sustainable BioDiversity--and our efforts to resolve many other emergencies and challenges still not resolved (see p. ii-iv in "Large Cities are Not Sustainable..."). One way or another, there will be significant changes in energy accessibility; food production; transportation options; migration and displacement; the nature of local, regional, and international economies; employment opportunities; water accessibility; waste disposal; etc.

We need to think about the people we will need to cooperate with in our local communities, and how likely it is that our fellow human beings will think carefully, act honestly, work diligently, and have compassion for their fellow human beings for the duration of the emergencies. Hopefully, the 14 questions in this survey can contribute to re-defining and clarifying our understandings about community resilience, cultural sustainability--and what will be necessary for us to "hold together" during what could be *decades of cultural transformation*.

[from introduction to "Section H. The kind of truthful public discussion we really need to be having" in "Large Cities are Not Sustainable--and will not help us to achieve Zero Carbon ASAP" (148 pages) is featured on www.cpci.org homepage]

14.

Accelerate the downsizing of
overdeveloped countries and regions,

and accelerate the establishment of

realistic and practical Zero Carbon
--*and sustainable*--habitats,

and we will believe in your leadership.

"Large Cities are Not Sustainable..."

148p <https://bit.ly/3PPsfzC>

1. "Were I to have the least bit of knowledge, in walking on a Great Road,
it's only going astray that I would fear.

The Great Way is very level,
but people greatly delight in tortuous paths."

[From Chapter 53 of "Te-Tao Ching" (by Lao Tzu) (possibly 6th Century BCE) translation by Robert G. Hendricks Ballantine Books 1992]

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3. "... there are truths which none can be free to ignore, if one is to have that wisdom through which life can become useful. **These are the truths concerning the structures of the good life and concerning the factual conditions by which it may be achieved...."**

[From "General Education in a Free Society" (The Harvard Committee, 1945)] (accessible in "American Higher Education Transformed 1940-2005: Documenting the National Discourse" Ed. Wilson Smith and Thomas Bender (accessible at google books through key word search, or see p. 20)]

15a.

Let's do a "start over from here"

(those who refer to this kind of community regeneration as a ceremonial event, and an opportunity to re-kindle the council fire with the most inspiring spiritual features of their culture, can expand on this idea in many creative ways).



Black Elk prays on Harney Peak, 1931

Grandfather, Great Spirit, once more behold me on earth
and lean to hear my feeble voice...

At the center of the sacred hoop
You have said that I should make the tree to bloom.
With tears running, O Great Spirit, my Grandfather,
with running eyes I must say--the tree has never bloomed.
Here I stand, and the tree is withered.

Again, I recall the great vision you gave me.
It may be that some little root of the sacred tree still lives.
Nourish it then, that it may leaf and bloom
And fill with singing birds!
Hear me, that the people may once again
Find the good road
And the shielding tree.

15b.

"The Spirit of the Sacred Hoop" (11p)

<http://bit.ly/2v1oO2t>

a way of remembering

there are many ways to re-kindle the council fire

where sits the sources and origins of the peaceful and happy way of life...

Long ago

we were sown

Now we're here

Hear our Song

#singingbirds

From "The Spirit of the Sacred Hoop" (11 pages)

And then a bird had landed on a rock quite near to where she was standing,
and spoke to her.

The bird said this:

You must all leave where you are, and travel to a place far away. There you will find an earth
which is filled with all the necessary requirements for a peaceful and happy way of life;
and, if you live in accordance with the spiritual gifts you will be given there, the earth will
nurture, support, and sustain your peaceful and happy way of life. This is the spirit of the
sacred hoop, and you have seen it work. It is working even now as you listening to me speak.

16.

“Do We Have Moral Compasses We Can Rely On?” 147p

<https://bit.ly/3taM4F9>

(re Section C below)

+ “What are Cultural and Spiritual Tipping Points?”

<https://bit.ly/3J9AwdC> Op-Ed

= “Growing Wisdom and Compassion

in Small Communities (13 Steps)” 78p

<https://bit.ly/3rxOTCu>

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#ClimateEmergency

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18.

Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution

(film from NGO Local Futures)

50:28 <https://bit.ly/3HXKUpd>

Localization

highly recommended as

a good path for us

for the natural world

and for peace among all nations

#wecanbethesolution



youtube.com

Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution (English)

Planet Local: A Quiet Revolution, a film by the international NGO Local Futures, shows a quiet an...

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Section F = #citizenparticipation

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The Brainstorming Zero Carbon ASAP Project (currently on hold) advocates for seeking 5-10p overviews on how to achieve Zero Carbon ASAP (in their specific field)--and also how their field of activity can contribute to resolving other critical challenges--from thousands of positive tipping point organizations and institutions. A well-organized clearinghouse of such 5-10 page overviews can serve as input for surveys of key local leaders (on local specific challenges and solutions), the results of which can be made accessible to local residents in many ways--and lead to local stakeholder engagement and collaborative problem solving, using online engagement with features such as described at <https://engagementhub.com.au/software-features>).

(Brainstorming Zero Carbon "Initial Contact Letter" <https://bit.ly/3ciTWPW> lists 74 ptp orgs)

21.

Community Visioning

(local collab prob solving)

= community meetings designed to
max #citizenparticipation in identifying challenges,
solutions
(13 min doc <https://vimeo.com/9653090>)

Community Visioning

in 1000 communities around the world

= cost \$10 billion

(comparisons below)

Here's 6 different ways of looking at where 10 billion dollars might come from,
so that 1000 communities could carry out Community Visioning Initiatives.

- a) \$10 billion is only .0028% of the \$355 trillion in personal wealth held by the richest 12.2 %.
- b) \$10 billion is only .005% of \$1,981 billion in world military expenditures in 2020.
- c) \$10 billion is .014% of \$700 billion in worldwide advertising spending in 2021.
- d) \$10 billion is .018% of the \$546.2 billion spent worldwide on alcoholic beverages in 2021.
- e) \$10 billion is .021% of the \$465.76 billion of worldwide gambling revenues in 2020.
- f) \$10 billion is .056% of \$177 billion spent by Pay TV subscribers in the world in 2020.

Source References in

"Large Cities are Not Sustainable--and will not help us get to #ZeroCarbon ASAP" (p. 86-89)
<https://bit.ly/3PPsfzC> and featured on homepage of website for

The Community Peacebuilding and Cultural Sustainability (CPCS) Initiative (www.cpcsi.org)

22.

“It should be possible to design land use systems which approach the solar energy harvesting capacities of natural systems while providing humanity with its needs. This was the original premise of the permaculture concept.”

by David Holmgren

in <https://www.resilience.org/stories/1994-04-29/energy-and-permaculture/>

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- a) “If we feel it is beyond us to guarantee the concomitant results of all our transactions, it necessarily follows that we must limit our transactions to a circle well within our control. This is the bed rock of swadeshi... The smaller the circumference, the more accurately can we gauge the results of our actions, (the) more conscientiously shall we be able to fulfill our obligations as trustees.” (J.C. Kumarappa)
- b) “It’s not a single idea, but many ideas and attitudes, including a reverence for nature and a preference for country life; a desire for maximum personal self-reliance and creative leisure; a concern for family nurture and community cohesion; a certain hostility toward luxury; a belief that the primary reward of work should be well-being rather than money; a certain nostalgia for the supposed simplicities of the past and an anxiety about the technological and bureaucratic complexities of the present and the future; and a taste for the plain and functional. Countryside reflects and supports the simple life, and calls its practitioners homesteaders.” (Jd Belanger)
- c) “The transition from an unsustainable fossil fuel-based economy back to a solar-based (agriculture and forestry) economy will involve the application of the embodied energy that we inherit from industrial culture: This embodied energy is contained within a vast array of things, infrastructure, cultural processes and ideas, mostly inappropriately configured for the ‘solar’ economy. It is the task of our age to take this great wealth, reconfigure and apply it to the development of sustainable systems.” (David Holmgren)

23.

“Large Cities are Not Sustainable:
and will not help us get to #ZeroCarbon ASAP”
148p <https://bit.ly/3sHYAye>

Accelerating Positive Indicators

=#downsize

Exec Sum=Appendix5

short T of C below

Section F. Logistics

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Introduction

- A. Context: Many Unprecedented Challenges Ahead
- B. Large Cities are not sustainable, and will not help us get to Zero Carbon ASAP
- C. Visualizing a Reversal of the Urbanization Trend: 572 large cities to 41,700 ecologically sustainable small cities and towns [41,700 = how many small cities and towns would have to add 50,000 people (and still remain on track for Zero Carbon, and Ecological Sustainability, if there was a significant migration from megacities to small cities and towns.) (2.085 billion people relocating in such a migration)]
- D. A Table with “Currently” and “in your Zero Carbon town” (key appropriate technology and culture change highlighted in the latter)— to help people visualize that the habitats we must discover have many positive features (Crowdsourcing to make this Table into a Visual Aid—not yet underway)
- E. The entire Section C. from “Do We Have Moral Compasses We Can Rely On?” (April, 2021) There are many movements and organizations—and much urgency. Here are some examples of positive tipping point activity working along similar lines.
- F. Logistics—Cultural Transitions and Transformations can be accelerated with “constellation of initiatives” approaches (overview of one such approach)
- G. Cost of Community Visioning Initiatives—rough estimate: \$10 billion for 1000 time-intensive Community Visioning Initiatives (with Preliminary Surveys, supported by many Neighborhood Learning Centers)—compared to many other kinds of wealth accumulation and human expenditures

24.

“The Great Way is very level,
but people greatly delight in tortuous paths.”

[from Chapter 53, “Te-Tao Ching” by Lao Tzu
(trans. Robert G. Hendricks)]

“Growing Wisdom and Compassion in Small Communities” (SP) (78 p.)

<http://bit.ly/2JOpI7N>

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The Great Way is very level,
but people greatly delight in tortuous paths.”
[From Chapter 53 of “Te-Tao Ching” (by Lao Tzu) (possibly 6th Century BCE) translation by Robert G. Hendricks Ballantine Books 1992]
2. “If we feel it is beyond us to guarantee the concomitant results of all our transactions, it necessarily follows that we must limit our transactions to a circle well within our control. This is the bed rock of swadeshi... **The smaller the circumference, the more accurately can we gauge the results of our actions, and (the) more conscientiously shall we be able to fulfill our obligations as trustees.**” (p. 60)
[From “Why the Village Movement?” by J.C. Kumarappa The All India Village Industries Wardha, C.P., 1946 (at <https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.118819>) (using page numbers in the book)]
3. “... there are truths which none can be free to ignore, if one is to have that wisdom through which life can become useful. **These are the truths concerning the structures of the good life and concerning the factual conditions by which it may be achieved....**”
[From “General Education in a Free Society” (The Harvard Committee, 1945)] (accessible in “American Higher Education Transformed 1940-2005: Documenting the National Discourse” Ed. Wilson Smith and Thomas Bender (accessible at google books through key word search, or see p. 20)]

25.

Sometimes intuition must suggest pathways
which cannot be proved by rational intellectual analysis.

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<http://bit.ly/2JOpl7N>

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26.

The investments of time, energy, and money
that each of us make in our everyday circumstances
becomes the larger economy.

So...

Identify and withhold support from
bad actors in local supply chains
Identify, support, and sustain
good actors in local supply chains

Think of what you buy and use in any given day... now multiply these everyday actions by all the days in the year, and by the billions of other consumers worldwide.
“... every article in the bazaar has moral and spiritual values attached to it... Hence it behooves us to enquire into the antecedents of every article we buy.” (p. 53)
“If we feel it is beyond us to guarantee the concomitant results of all our transactions, it necessarily follows that we must limit our transactions to a circle well within our control. This is the bed rock of swadeshi... The smaller the circumference, the more accurately can we gauge the results of our actions, and (the) more conscientiously shall we be able to fulfill our obligations as trustees.” (p. 60)
[From “Why the Village Movement?” by J.C. Kumarappa (All India Village Industries Association, 1946) accessible at Internet Archives <https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.118819/mode/2up> (also “Vote With Your Dollar Toolkit” at <https://www.greenamerica.org/vote-with-your-dollar-toolkit>)
Once it becomes clear that local residents are “getting together” on purchasing, and that many local communities are going to “drive” economies from global to local-and-regional, changes may come more quickly in the upper echelons of governments, international corporations, international banks, etc., which have been—thus far—slow to respond to the Climate Emergency (and other challenges).