



Part 1

Global Issues, **S**ustainability, and **L**earning

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After created the world, God realized he made a huge mistake. Adam and Eve were illiterates, barely remembering what they were ordered to obey. Concerned with the 'tree of knowledge' happening again, He decided to educate them.

In the beginning, God created education. The education was formless and empty.

The first day, God said "Let there be letters", and there were letters. So the people were divided into the literates and the illiterates.

The second day, God created Eden of education to be a holy place ceremonial by learning and teaching. God saw that it was good.

The third day, God called the Eden 'school' and separated the form of learning into formal, non-formal, and informal. And it was so.

The fourth day, God upgraded 'the tree of knowledge (of good and evil)' at the center of the Eden, to produce various fruits of knowledge. He called it 'university'.

The fifth day, God so loved those who cannot read and write with compassion, so he sent his only begotten Son, 'adult education', to save them.

The sixth day, God finally finished his work by making the whole world full of education, so He ordered "all life should live long in learning and education", which today we call it 'lifelong learning and lifelong education'.

The seventh day, God rested.



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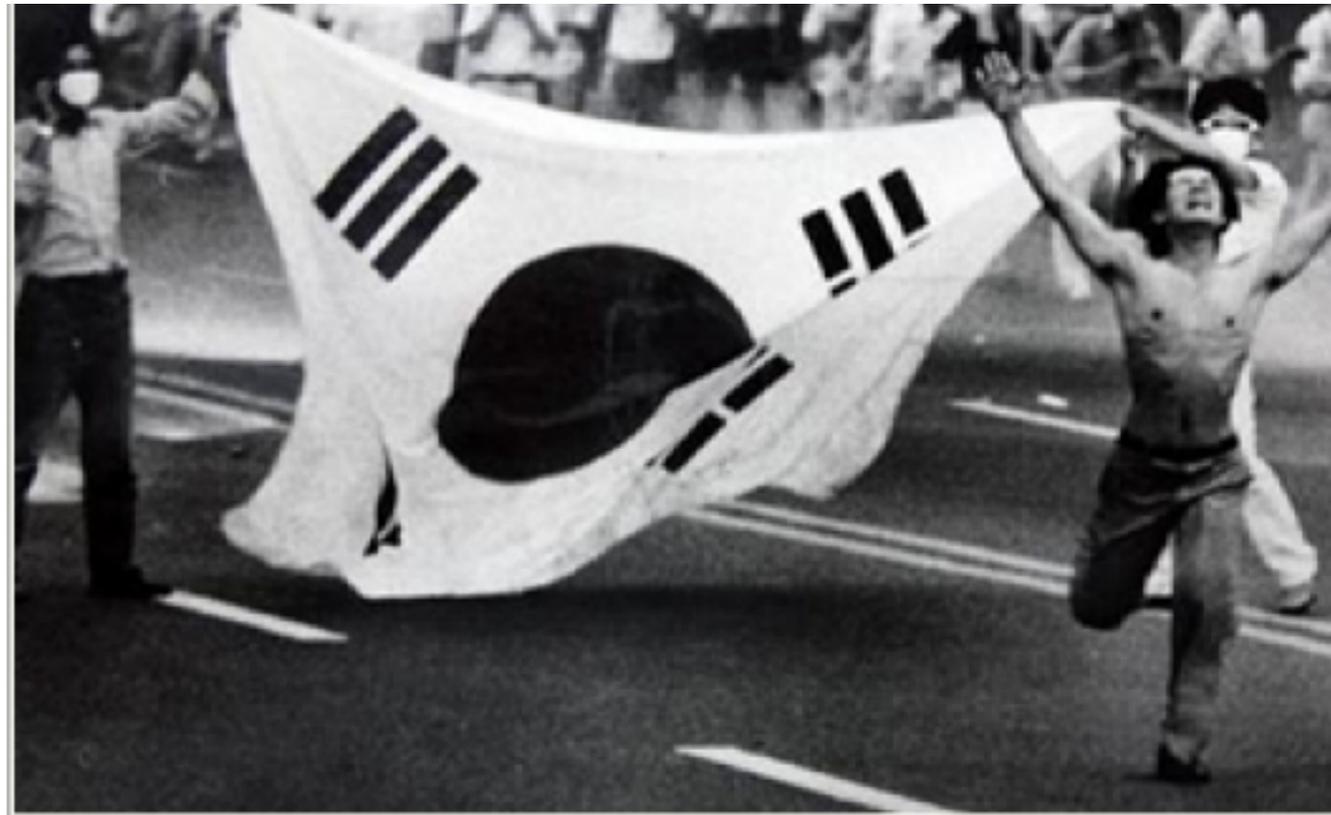
**Sustainability and Re-shaping
the Concept of Learning Society**

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Learning



The Most Difficult Task . . . Sustainability



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Enjoy what?



Delusion, Sensitivity to Change, Reification



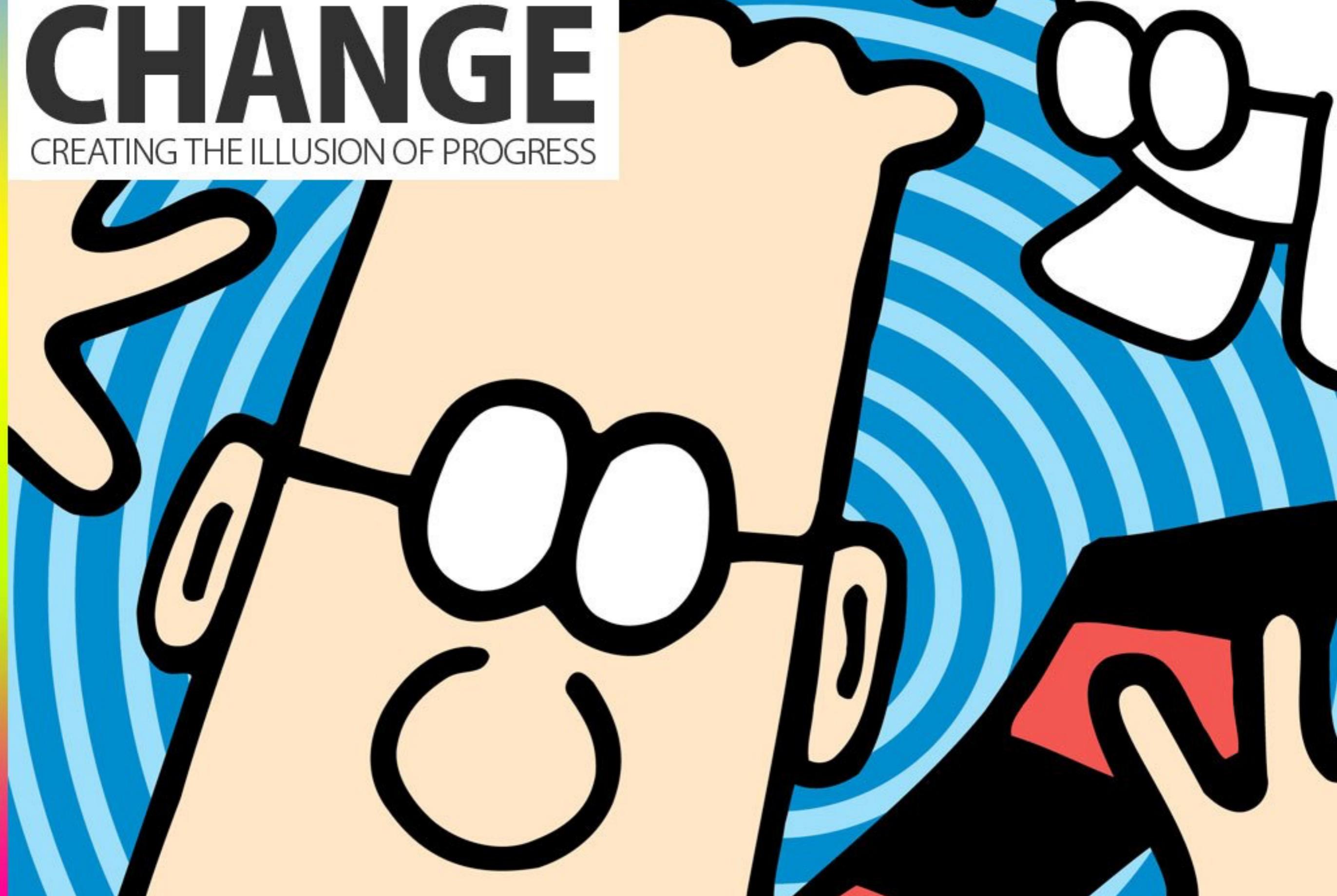


SNOWPIERCER

Imprisoned.... Locked Up

CHANGE

CREATING THE ILLUSION OF PROGRESS



Reified Delusion or Sustainable Future?



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	



Beyond the Modern Development Framework



Sustainability vs. Modern Frame of Development



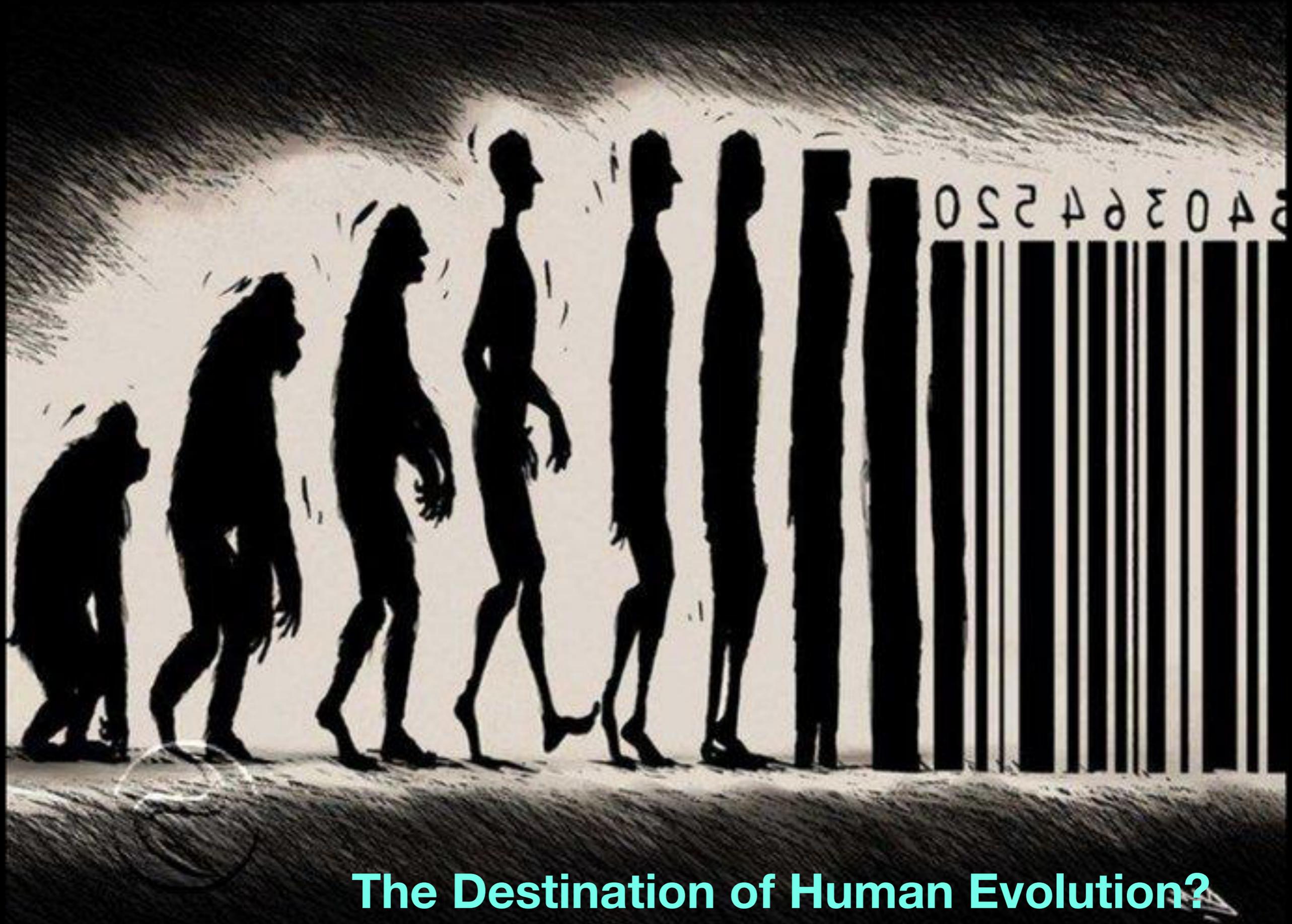


"Biological desire vs. Learned desire"



Desire as Collective Madness

LIFE



The Destination of Human Evolution?



mass consumerism
is a
DISEASE



Sustainability is a combination of social device and collective learning



We began to get a few social devices

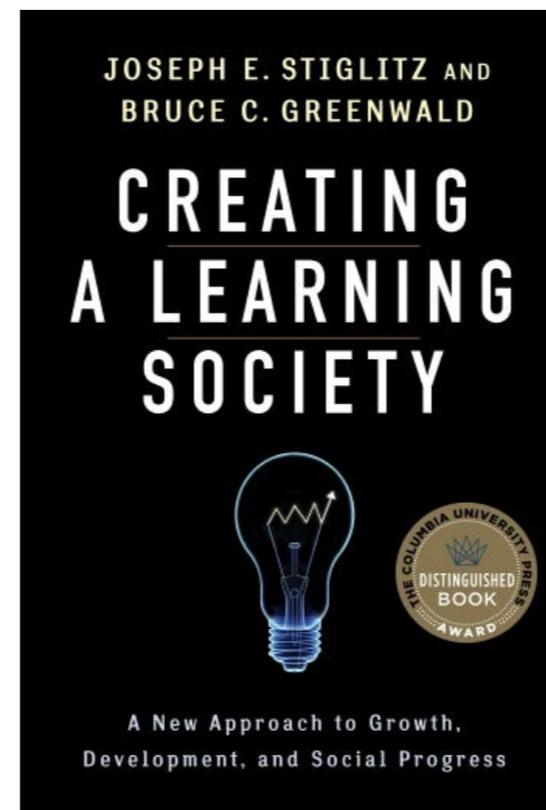
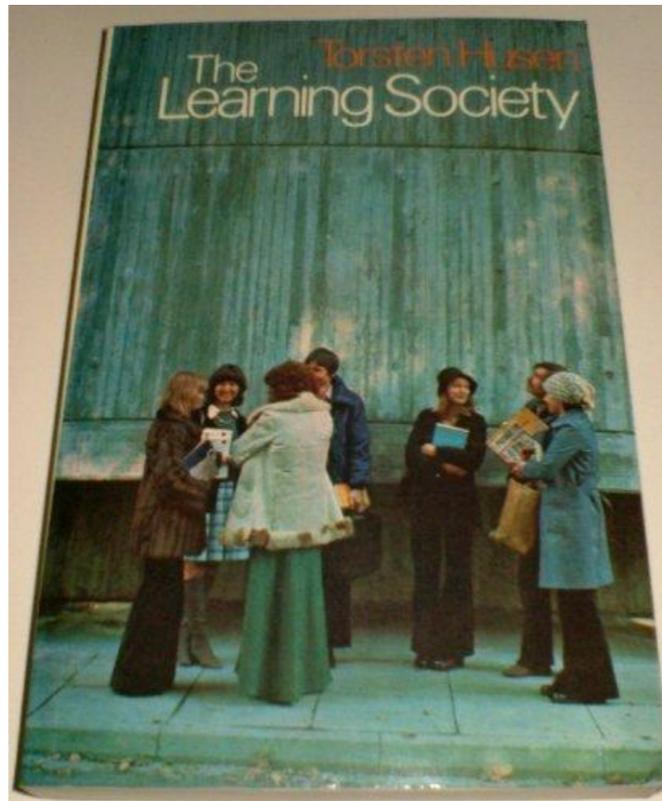
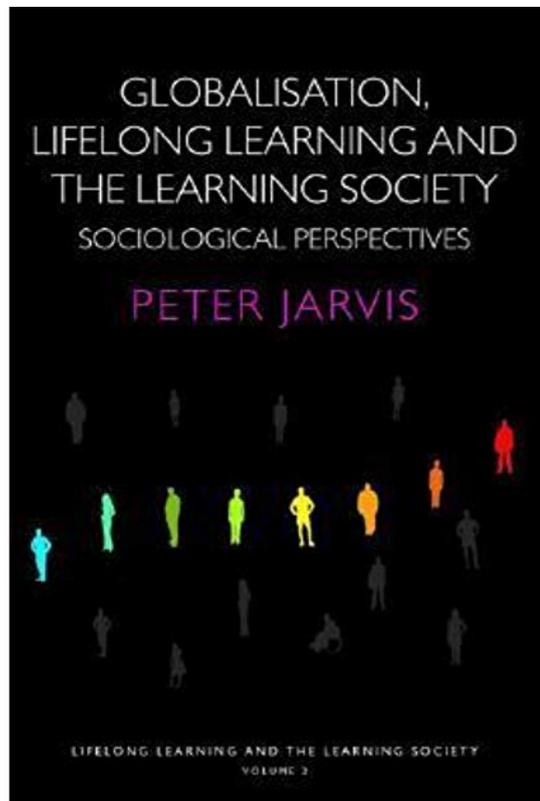


**CHANGE
AHEAD**

Social evolution
is a theory that is
concerned with
the evolution of
social behavior
over successive
generations.

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**Now we need to make the device evolved, which we call
learning.....for "Real Change"**



Learning Society is a pedagogical Framework to create social devices and adaptive learning



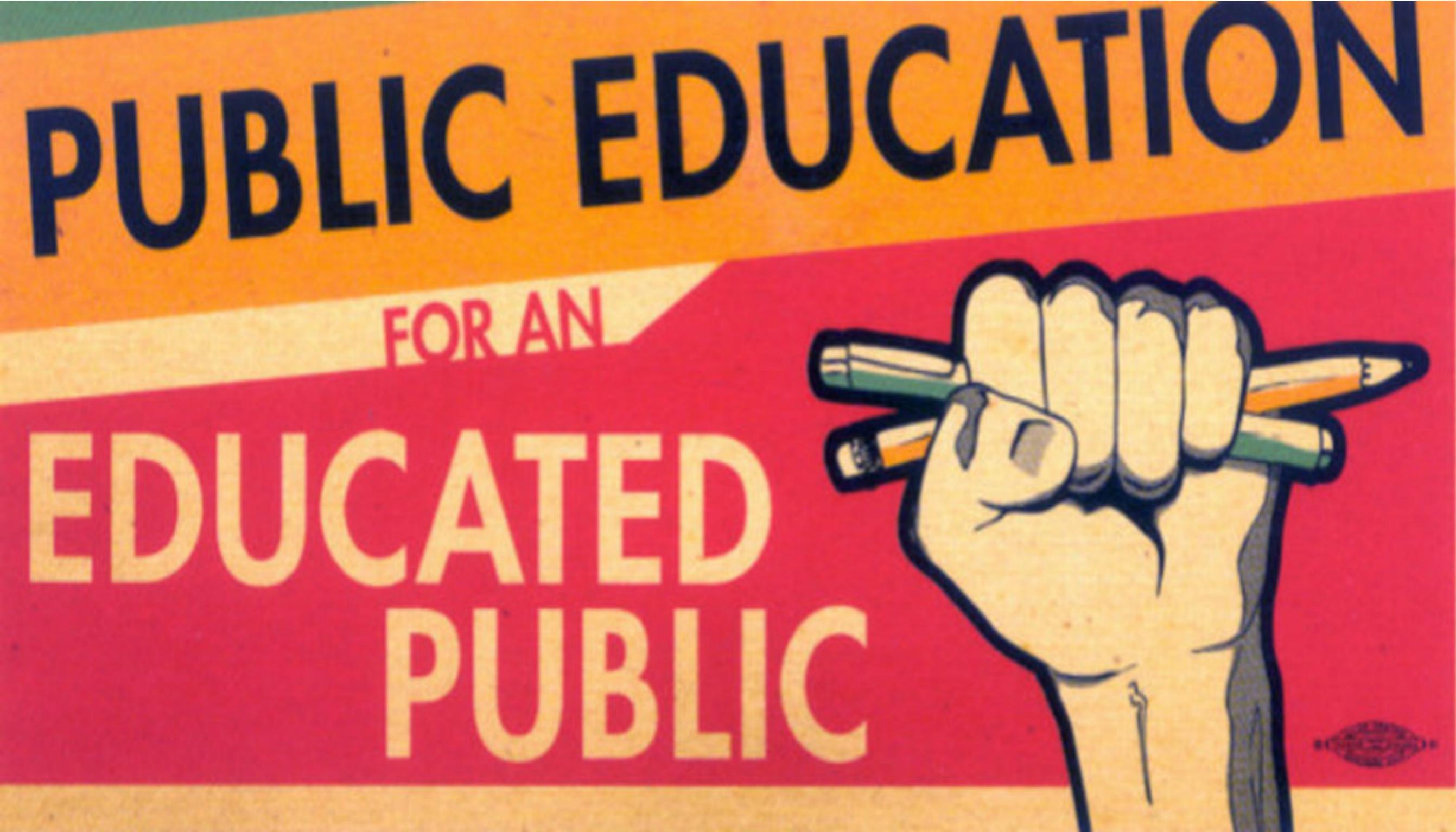
A framework that a society promotes the aggregate of individual learnings



**The other framework that a society itself learns how to
make social devices and adjust.**



Human history itself was a huge history of inventing social devices and educating for chosen values



**Human has created 'the schooled society'
to educate public**

A background image featuring several pink flowers, possibly chrysanthemums, with green leaves, set against a dark, almost black background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing yellow centers. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the petals.

Learning

~~Education~~ is the most powerful
weapon which you can use to
change the world.

Nelson Mandela

**Now, we are constructing another dimension
of 'learning society'**



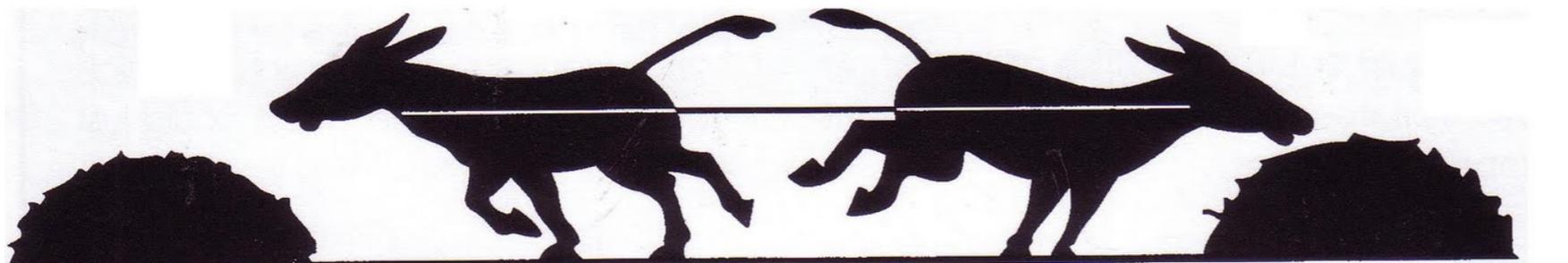
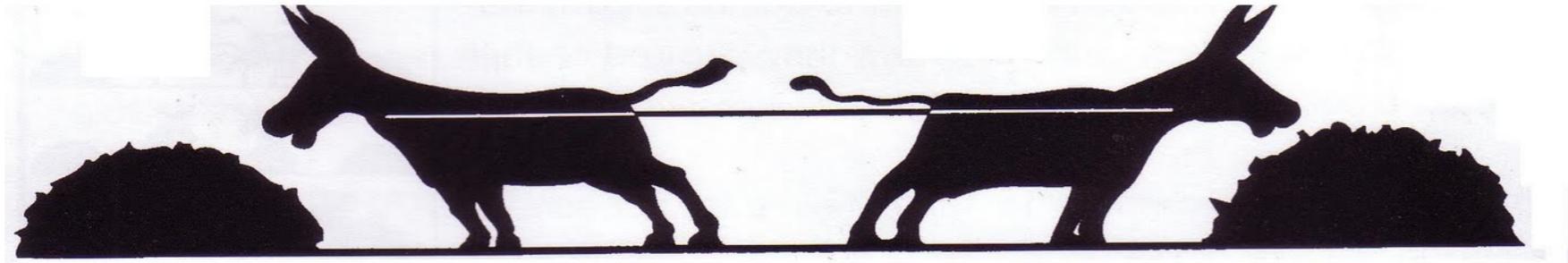
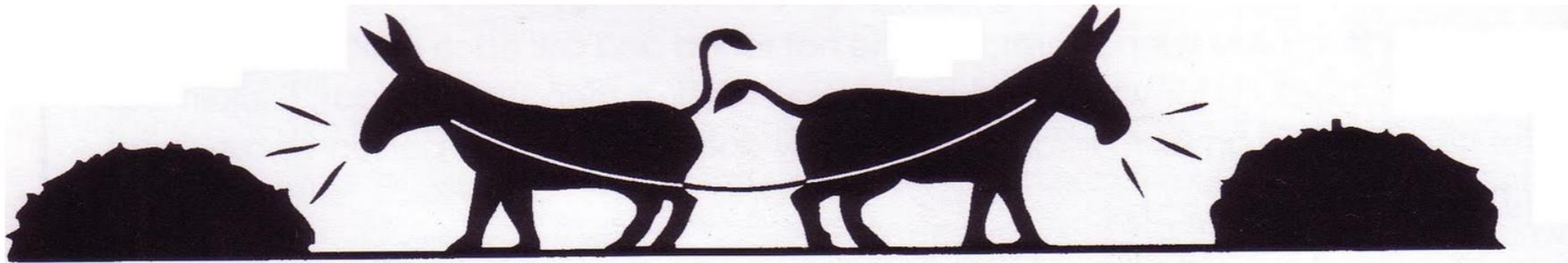
Collectivity as social emergence... Collective intelligence

Education for Sustainable Development, ... everywhere





Collective Wisdom for Sustainable Future



***Political Process needs to be
Learning Process***



The present society

- Human beings perceive that the world is fast changing
- Human beings are abusing of objects. The circles of production and discharge are running very fast (consumption and pollution)
- Human beings do not consider themselves as the cause of these changes yet feel the mere need to adapt to them

Sustainable Development

- *Sustainability* is the key to build a new future:
- It includes the concept of limit of resources and the limitless human desire
- Sustainable development = sustainability + economical development. The stress on sustainable or on development changes the meaning.

Sustainability

- Is the ability to understand the present needs without comprising the ability of future generations by wasting resources.
- *Sustainability must be accompanied by a holistic change in human beliefs*

Sustainability and education

- The issue of sustainability is not the matter individuals can control, but the matter that the operation system of a society needs to cope with.
- Education should work with institutional governance to interlink changes between the members and the society.
- Sustainability is to create the appropriate social devices and *learn* to use them.

Learning society as a key to sustainable future

- Our social system is learning to be socially adaptable.
- Social systems learn as individuals do.
- This means that people inside the systems learn how to communicate and how to be combined through social institutions.
- What people of the systems do, is a holistic and collective learning.

Learning society

- Meaning 1. the task of society is to provide individuals with societal managerial devices to expand learning opportunities and sustain individuals lifelong learning.
- Meaning 2. LLL is required to meet new existential contexts. Learning society is a concept to activate those changes.
- Meaning 3. Learning society is a society that learns.



Learning and the learning society

What a society learns, is a way to react to a certain environmental change (“learning”), to customize and stabilize it, readapting. (The outcome is “institutions”).



Thank you for your attention!

Questions?

