Treatise for the Universe - Achieving a Thriving Future for All Forever

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**We must build a thriving future.** Motivating us is the “natural human force”, a large, positive and sustained driver of our behavior. This force exists within human beings as a species. This force is our human need to survive forever and desire to thrive forever. All creatures have the need to survive. What makes humans unique is the desire to thrive now. What makes humans unique is the ability and motivation to think through how to survive and thrive in the long term future. This “natural human force” is the primary, inherent and never-ending motivating and enabling force that drives our behavior positively and toward a thriving future.

Motivating us is our vulnerability. We are all vulnerable to some extent. We may be vulnerable due to poor food, poor education, poor protection, poor housing, poor employment, poor habitat, etc. We may be vulnerable due to low ability, low motivation, low performance, diminished quality of life, developmental risks, risk for adverse events, or short life expectancy. Many have multiple vulnerabilities. Vulnerabilities may change over time. Many risk vulnerability in the years ahead. Many are affected by family and friends who are vulnerable.

Motivating us is our endangered future. Humans may be the only species with the ability to cause its own extinction and the extinction of other species. We may be the only species that can overwhelm or destroy the very habitat (Earth) that it needs for survival. This is our current and destructive path.

**We can build a thriving future.** But first we have to understand what will not succeed. Most current policy, strategy, models and tools are too limited for addressing today’s problems and wholly inadequate for succeeding with a much more challenging future. Further, no single strategy, model or tool by itself is enough.

Fortunately, there exists an effective “next generation” strategic framework coupled with a core set of effective “next generation” strategies, models and tools. It effectively addresses persons, systems, motivation, ability, behavior, performance, and, most importantly, positive outcomes and improved status. [[2]](#footnote-2) And, if we are sufficiently motivated, we can and will build even more effective strategies, models and tools in the future.

Existing “next generation” capabilities focus on individual “persons” - individuals with unique abilities, motivation, and behaviors uniquely affected by and affecting their environment. These capabilities effectively address issue areas, especially large, complex ones. They effectively handle cross-cutting issues of a highly interactive and interdependent world. They effectively tackle issues as a system interacting with other systems and within larger systems (e.g. communities, countries, and world). They effectively handle “whole” systems, including whole communities, whole countries, and the whole world and universe. And they effectively handle the future in terms of sustaining our progress and adjusting to a changing future.

**We focus on key factors for achieving a thriving and surviving future.** We focus on “all” (people acting in the best combination of self and everything else’s best interest). We do not focus on “me” (a person acting only in his or her own self interest). A thriving future is one in which we all work together so that everyone and everything survives and thrives to the maximum extent feasible.

We focus on “forever” (people focusing on both the short and long term future, on current and future generations, and on ensuring the long term future). We do not focus only on “today” (people only focusing on the short term future and the current adult generation). A thriving future forever is one that lasts forever and is built upon a 1000+ year and 50+ generation perspective and strategy.

We focus on “thriving” (people focusing on doing well (surviving and thriving)). We do not focus only on “surviving” (people focusing only on getting by). “Surviving” is necessary but not sufficient. A thriving future is one in which we all do well and we survive and thrive to the maximum extent feasible.

**We build and achieve a thriving future.** Our achieving a thriving future for all forever is built on our ability and willingness to shepherd our world and universe to that thriving future. It is built on a 1000+ year and 50+ generation strategy. Built on “levers” and “fulcrums” that enable us to leverage our efforts to greater and longer lasting outcomes. Built on current and future “tipping points” that allow us to use historical opportunities to make greater achievements. Built on already available “next generation” strategies, models and tools.

Achieving that future requires our not further endangering ourselves, our Earth and our universe. It requires our building and achieving a vast, sustained human endeavor, a critical mass of positive human effort and behavior, to achieve a sustained thriving future. Requires our actively building, achieving and sustaining a thriving future for all forever.

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Achieving a thriving future requires commensurate aspiration, vision, mission and call to action and requires a vast, sustained human endeavor. This all is what I call ***Thrive!*** This is the most ambitious undertaking in human history. This is a necessary and desirable human endeavor now and for the future. This should and can build and achieve a surviving and thriving future for all forever on our Earth and for our universe.

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2. This is explored in greater depth in the book ***Thrive!* – Building a Thriving Future** and at [www.ThrivingFuture.org](http://www.ThrivingFuture.org) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)