

The SELDON Foundation; for REAL

Introduction

There have been many recent articles in reputable journals, especially on Systems Thinking, that express concern as to the meta-instability of the present social and governmental structures, worldwide, and the fragility of such high-complexity systems¹. Such systems fall fast and hard, not like the gradual decline and fall of Rome. However, the same signals of the fall of Rome have been obviously present over the last 30 years², and more; to the point that a certain science fiction writer even wrote a series of books on this subject, addressing the fall and recovery in the 1950's; Isaac Asimov. About 100 years of interim chaos can be achieved before a new, but stable kind of society can emerge and take over the world. This would be instead of perhaps a thousand years or more, if a plan is created and assured, to bring light through a forthcoming dark age.

History Lesson

The signs of the fall of Rome begin with increasingly large centralised bureaucracy, where the weight and cost of Governance meets the increasingly small scale of spending on particular projects, resulting in ever-fine cutting of budgets until effectively nothing productive happens, but all is spent in the machinery of measurement and red tape.

No government, so far, in the history of mankind has managed to self-regulate itself sufficiently smaller to survive such a transition in order to maintain stability through the crisis of the overgrowth of the ruling elite. The inevitable result has been revolution, as can be seen in the burning of the centres of pyramid complexes in meso-America, the fall of the Chinese Emperor, and the fall of the Roman, Byzantine and the Ottoman Empires, and the French revolution.

Typically, we see ever-increasing costs while ever-decreasing spending on each research activity, resulting in a pie being split so many ways that no progress is made in almost any direction. A stasis emerges, whereby the armed forces equipment grows increasingly obsolete, but the money spent churning for no result in upgrading the equipment grows.

The later signs of the fall of Rome were a series of signals like the decay of city centres, projects to renovate these centres, the move of the elite into villa life, increasingly large migrations of people for economic reasons, and finally the hoarding of gold. These signals are evident throughout the latter 20th Century, and importantly, the final signal is now upon us.

Science Lesson

The Holigral Method is a complete, fractal model of reality, able to model and understand individuals, groups, cultures, nations and even the world politics. The model covers life-cycles and pyramidal structures, how they are made, and how to undo such structures to release more flow. It also predicts that structure begets more structure until an inevitable system breakdown

¹ Complex Systems - Meta-Stability (e.g. <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016328794900299>,) Chaos theory in the social sciences: foundations and applications By L. Douglas Kiel, Euel W. Elliott, Economy and ecosystems in change: analytical and historical approaches By Jeroen C. J. M. van den Bergh, Jan van der Straaten, International Society for Ecological Economics. Meeting

² http://www.disclose.tv/action/viewvideo/50078/Collapse_part_1/

occurs. Only the successful un-measuring of structures will allow for a culture or person to avoid the breakdown. The greater the structure the greater its resistance to undoing and the harder the task, and the more inevitable a breakdown. In the author's opinion, Europe and the USA are doomed, but there is hope in the more flexible second world of Latin America - and Africa.

This model can be turned into a simulation computer program that can accurately predict the future, allowing scenarios to be played out and the best solutions to minimise the collateral damage of the inevitable fall. It is proposed that such a model can inform wise governments to even cushion and insulate a culture or nation from the worldwide fall, and to then become the centre of a sustainable regeneration, worldwide.

The model is also amenable to hand analysis, which we have applied to understanding different nations, tribes and cultures, business, healing, psychotherapy and innovation.

Reflections

Observing the leaders of the USA and the UK over the last 30 years, there is a pattern. In the 1970's Harold Wilson spoke the truth of the present economy, and the pound fell, prompting an IMF rescue and the transfer of key technology to the USA. The real nature of the UK's debt became a state secret. Under Thatcher, this debt was finally paid off, only for the recent labour administration to put the UK again in hock.

The USA has spiralled its debt out of control, and the presidents' real financial facts are shown in how quickly they have aged after coming into office - since Reagan, one can see the effects on Bush, Clinton, Bush and now on Obama, as they have to deal with a bankrupt Government and an inescapable financial crisis. Previous presidents showed no such stress nor aging effect.

At some point, maybe very soon, the major players will default on debt or re-evaluate currencies in order to escape the debt. The USA has no mechanism in place, structurally, to ever be in a position to repay debt without creating substantial debts or income from other countries. One can envision wars and economic destabilisation of any country with resources that the USA could desire to consume, as part of papering over its economic situation.

Another sign of the impending death of something is decay, parasites, corrosion and ... corruption. The greater the numbers of parasites, the greater the scale of the corruption and a building will rust or fall to pieces. It is inevitable. While there are healthy parasites, like cleaner fish and some consultancies that help businesses, the unhealthy ones hasten the demise of the host. I suggest that corruption is everywhere, though better or worse veiled in its form depending upon the sophistication of the local culture.

The Present Context - the Games

The financial game is poker - gambling is the underlying game of the stock market, and all speculation leads to gamblers ruin; the house wins. In the world's case the house is the cartel of private money-lenders who do indeed run the world; to the disgust of Jesus 2000 years ago, and to the disgust of those who can see, now.

Countries, peoples and cultures are at risk to this threat, and the only solution is to withdraw from the game while at least some cash is left in the pocket of the player (the people and their governments who allegedly act on their behalf). The ruin of the gamblers will also bring down the gambling house if they have no-one left to trade, and no governments left to exploit. Then, a new world order can emerge, based upon the principles of sacred commerce³.

The police and secret services are not set up to serve and protect the people, but instead they are set up to serve their paymasters: the ruling elites. A simple observation will show that only in France do the police act on behalf of or with the people. France is different, so far, because of two hundred years of the legacy of Mme La Guillotine and the benefit of the laws of Napoleon, but even she is under threat from the present actors. The police are the sheepdogs for the shepherds - the wolves in sheep's clothing ruling clique⁴.

The secret services act as a worldwide club. Almost all wars and international conflicts are actually a game played to distract the people from inner woes and for the economic advantages of the rulers. The rulers who decline to play the corrupt game are vilified and deposed if the economics make it worthwhile; otherwise they are isolated and ignored. The game here is "divide and conquer". Democracy has to be seen in its true light: an oligarchy in disguise. The people would be better off under a naked oligarchy because then there would be the right checks and balances on the use of power.

The Players in the Game

To avoid being caught in the international poker, the interdependence of currencies and resources has to be reduced. To this end, Latin America has to gradually reduce trade with non-latin countries, and to be prepared for a jump into almost no external trade. The players are therefore all the related industries, economic entities, governments and scientific research establishments, as well as internal financial institutions. The most dangerous players at the national level are the most structured and fragmented players - the USA, in particular. Commercially, the oil giants, banks, meat and timber players, and pharmaceuticals are the threats.

The Strategy to Survive the Fall

The main blockers to survival are the established elite in the countries. They will keep control and hoarding until it is too late. A thousand years later archaeologists will find their buried gold. They have a simple choice: Mme La Guillotine or become genuine shepherds and stewards. The key is to convert the Secret Service to serving the people; and not those in power. They can track the corrupt ones and enable a rapid coup on behalf of the vast majority of the population they serve.

The Seldon model allows for detecting corruption and suggests the best ways of eliminating it. Effectively there is no need for money if communities support together, and barter works for trade between communities. Without money it is tricky to be corrupt, and bandits have to be integrated without allowing any extortion; if necessary, they become the local army.

³ Sacred Commerce: see our article on this subject.

⁴ George Orwell's "Animal Farm" and "1984" are prescient and accurate.

All land belongs to the people, and is only temporarily rented by landowners. Without inheritance and without moneylending, distortions are harder. The new game is “stewardship”.

A gradual move towards localised structure and supply-and-demand. The reduction of natural energy resources is going to affect transport in particular, and large-scale distant transporting is not going to prove an economic possibility. Thus, the larger the city the more dramatic the nightmare scenario, and the more urgently a phased depopulation and transfer to the countryside is required.

The key elements of enabling a survival through the forthcoming fall are:

- a) the concentration of knowledge and the maintenance of an independent scientific ability to develop ones own technology, independently of other countries, even if the scale is smaller and slightly lower than that offered by more fragile economies.
- b) the development and following of a plan of social change and management that cushions and insulates the nation from the worldwide effects,
- c) the development of the scientific modelling tools to support the plan and decisions throughout probably a phase of 100 years of worldwide turmoil,
- d) the sustaining of educational and training resources to maximise local capacities to survive any loss of central infrastructure.

In order to prove and demonstrate this, projects to perform trials and measure the effectiveness and quality of the proposed theory and science are needed. Towards this aim, collaborative programmes with CONACYT and Universities and the Government are required, in order that the interested parties can secure objective measurements and evidence.

One of the key elements of such a plan is that the key actors are unaware of the details of the plan, so that each crisis can be transcended in the optimal way to achieve the smallest interim period of worldwide chaos, and resulting in a stable, sustainable and egalitarian worldwide society as a result.

The game plan, for Latin America, is to fulfill the vision of Simon Bolivar, and to integrate into one, single economic unit, capable of withstanding US pressure, and eliminating US interference, especially in terms of drugs and their legalisation. The real reason for the war on drugs is to impose the US drugs industry worldwide, whereas the natural healing properties of the banned plants are a vital natural resource for Latin America.

By legalising drugs in exchange for not exporting drugs to the USA, a tourist trade can be developed where Americans will visit to get drugs and other services in safe environments. The trade with the Barons to have extortion and trafficking eliminated would be amnesty and legal trade status within Latin America and other countries interested in legal trade in pharmaceuticals based upon coca and hemp.

Latin America needs to conserve its resources for itself, reduce exports and imports, and work on the internal marketplace and internal economic stability. A strong border to the USA is then needed to guarantee that the drugs problem remains within the USA and not outside of its borders.

Every job or business not actively engaged in supporting economic activity is a drain. Almost the entire financial, consulting, stock markets and lending industry are effectively parasites that provide no economic benefit except to those players themselves. Instead, trading organisations and partnerships between allies made from former competitors is the solution to lubricating the flow of the internal economy. The Government has to be reduced, as do laws, to a minimum, and local taxes reflecting the local conditions. Cities need higher taxes for infra-structure but it is unreasonable to impose those same taxes on the countryside that benefits NOT from it.

The law has to minimise corruption, which means an integration of Roman and Common Laws. The Roman is for the rich or powerful, who will be assumed corrupt and have to openly declare and prove all dealings are fair. The poor will be assumed innocent.

The Army and Navy, of the entire Latin America, is to be deployed to stop illegal trafficking into the USA, by covering the borders and all shipping and flights to/from the USA. This has to be done to demonstrate to the USA that the region is respectful of the American request to stop drugs flow (into the USA), and also to concentrate the military presence right near the greatest threat to Latin America - from the USA.

The Effects

If the strategy, and more detailed tactics are addressed, then Latin America can comfortably sit out the world economic storm, and create a society in balance. Rather than exporting oil, silver, food and timber there is plenty for the indigenous population.

Developing internal high-technology is the key to cohesion, as is creating an appropriate education and human training system that serves the best interests of all. Avoiding revolution requires cheap food for the people, housing and protection from the violence of criminals or other countries. Anything else then becomes luxuries that can be developed over time.

As the only region of the world able to invest in and support scientific growth, gradually a leadership can emerge, and safe trade exports can re-start, effectively re-civilising the rest of the world (which would be in anarchy by then), with working social models for sustainable economics.

As corruption grows with system complexity, the design of structures that are naturally resilient to leaking resources, is key to sustainability.

The Frame for the SELDON Project

While the film industry is creative and often far-fetched, it is a channel for the group unconscious, and deserves serious attention as to futurology, just like novelists from the Victorian Age can be studied (e.g. H.G.Wells) from their perspective. Post-apocalyptic fears have abounded for about the same length of time as the presidents have started to go prematurely white-haired and aged.

Time is of the essence, as the chaotic indicators reveal the fall to be soon and swift, and there are many factors to consider and address in finding the best route ahead. Seldon is a very different modelling beast from the supercomputers making predictions from news. News is highly manipulated ...

Seldon Essay

Clinical trials and demonstrations of the theory are required in order to convince investors in making a full SELDON model. In the interim, demonstration and proof of hand-analysis is required. The model will then be used to find the optimal sustainable society and a path through times of chaos and instability, in order to lead humanity into a new way of operating, that is in balance with nature, at peace, and sustainable from all perspectives.

Knowledge has to be shared and preserved, available for re-use as society also re-emerges. If we look at the ancient cultures, they preserved in stone the messages for future ages, they passed down stories, rituals, games, clothing designs and even traditions such as the Dalai Lama, often by word of mouth.

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