

LIVING SYSTEM LIFE AND WORK THE NEW PATTERN FOR *SUCCESS*

A Series of Presentation/Discussions
To Explore Critical Issues
For Your Life and Your Business

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Part 1 -1 **4 Mega-Forces - Overview**

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Slide 2 – 4 Mega-Forces Real Unseen Causes

Part 1 is about the *Mega-Forces* that are real unseen causes underlying what is happening today – And what probably will happen for the next two decades – Locally and Worldwide.

I will refer to man and mankind in my discussions. This has no gender significance – It refers to both female and male as one human species. I use the words “he” and “his” for simplicity rather than clumsy terms like “she and he”, etc.

Slide 3 – 4 Mega-Forces – Driving Forces

The *4 Mega-Forces* are the Driving Forces – like underlying tides – for your life, family and business. We discuss in Part 1:

- What are the Mega-Forces?
- Where do they come from?
- Where they are taking us?

- Why they transform the current pattern for success?
- How you can benefit from them?
 - If you see, understand and align with them

I use a new perspective not consistent with what is generally known and believed. I hope you have no fear to depart intellectually and emotionally from convention – You will need to do so.

I ask you again – To turn-off conventional learning methods. You recall from my introduction, that these are learning methods that use a linear, step-by-step process to “Add-On” new knowledge to what you already know and believe. The problem is that most of what we will be discussing cannot be based on what people generally know and believe. It is in large part dramatically new. It is a discontinuous leap away from what is conventional – A qualitatively new pattern of knowledge. Therefore, the step-by-step “Add-On” process of learning will not work for us.

Learning by recognizing patterns rather than by the normal linear sequence of steps is how we can best learn something dramatically new. It is like seeing a new picture for the first time that is not the same as anything you have seen before. To understand it you must see it as a whole before you begin to try to compare it with something else. This learning of new patterns is an important part of the new mindset we will be developing. The ability to do this is a powerful strategic advantage for leading-edge persons and organizations.

Now – let’s introduce you to the *4 Mega-Forces*.

Slide 4 – Mega-Force 1 – World Human Transformation

First, a vast human transformation to a new pattern of human nature, unseen by most, is in progress throughout the world. It is a leap to a new stage of the human psyche – both conscious and unconscious – that brings new patterns for successful life and work and for new science. These patterns are called Living System Life and Work – and Living System Science. That is *Mega-Force 1*.

Slide 5 – Mega-Force 2 – Kondratieff Wave Cycle

The human leap of *Mega-Force 1* is accelerating during the most critical decade of a powerful long term Living System wave that underlies all of human affairs, including the world's economic, financial, business and market patterns. It is also unseen by most. It is named the Kondratieff Wave Cycle. That is *Mega-Force 2*.

Slide 6 – Mega-Force 3 – Demographic Bomb

The human transformation of *Mega-Force 1* and the critical economic, geo-political and financial situation of *Mega-Force 2* are unfolding during accelerating demographic imbalances throughout the world that underlie geo-politics and even business strategy. That is *Mega-Force 3*.

Slide 7 – Mega-Force 4 – Cataclysmic Confluences

Mega-Force 4 is about two types of Cataclysmic Confluences I expect to play out over the next two decades.

Type 1 is the coming together of the other three mega-forces that now exist. Their Confluence is already having profound effects on the availability of human talent to effectively lead and operate the world's businesses and other institutions as well. This Confluence will strike in two opposite ways, one after the other, in sequence during the next two decades. For the period from now into 2010 to 2012 its effects appear in one direction during the last years of the current K-Wave Cycle and then reverse to hit in the opposite direction during the following decade of the beginning of the next K-Wave Cycle. That is the "Double Whammy" portion of *Mega-Force 4*.

I can best discuss the specific nature of this bi-polar double-whammy after I discuss the other three Mega-Forces in more detail. The needs it brings are important for all countries, but are especially critical for advanced developing countries, like Mexico.

The Type 2 Confluence involves what I believe will become three more new Mega-Forces over the period of the next two decades. They are like a young hurricanes forming far out in the ocean. We know they are there. But, we do not yet know their final form, trajectory, strength or exactly where or when they will impact our lives and businesses together with the Type 1 Confluence. But they will – I believe there is no avoiding them. That is the newly emerging portion of *Mega-Force 4*.

I will not discuss the coming Mega-Forces in this series of discussions beyond identifying what I believe they are at this time. Their discussion in any detail is beyond the scope of this program. I will discuss them in future events and publications

The first of the coming Mega-Forces involves the world's energy future. Its nature is determined by the "Peak Oil" conclusions of M. King Hubbert. A Google search for "Hubbert + Peak Oil" will reward you with valuable materials. Understanding "Peak Oil" enables us to see how the current linear approach to energy solutions, depending mostly on finding and developing more oil and other fossil fuels, cannot be successful in the long term. Even though major oil companies and oil producing governments deny "Peak Oil", for self-interest reasons that are not hard to learn, it is a fact. The world's supply of oil and natural gas has peaked and is now in terminal decline – About 50% of available supply has been used and the consumption rate has risen far beyond the rate of new discovery and development. There is so much to this story that it must wait for another time.

The second emerging Mega-Force is now visible to few who do not know monetary history - Especially the spectacular failures of previous adventures into irredeemable paper money – Called "Fiat Money". I believe its ferocity when it strikes will be like a Category 5 hurricane for the whole of mankind. It involves the possible implosion and painful transformation of the world's monetary and financial systems. What will possibly come are major changes in the U.S. Dollar as an irredeemable reserve currency; the current worldwide fiat money system; Central Banks and the banking system as we know them; uncontrolled expansions of "electronic money", credit and debt; and the almost

unbelievable creation of hundreds of Trillions in nominal value of Derivative instruments in the world's financial operations. There is even more to this story than there is for the "Peak Oil" story. This coming Mega Force is of such importance to all of our lives and businesses that I am now planning for special events and publications to discuss it.

The third emerging Mega-Force is now only beginning to show its nature. It concerns a massive shift in the world Hegemony position of the United States in world affairs. Possibly it is one of the greatest of the Linear System breakdowns now developing in human affairs. The nature of its transformation to the coming Living System nature of the world system is a giant story whose dimensions are only now beginning to be seen. It is also beyond the scope of our current program. We leave it for future programs and publications.

The combined impacts of both types of Cataclysmic Confluences surely place us at a unique situation in history. Let's now return to our focus on the Type 1 focused on the first **4 Mega-Forces**. Aligning your life and work with the **4 Mega-Forces** calls for transformations, not fix-ups, as I have said. Now let's help prepare our *mindsets* for understanding and dealing with the **Mega-Forces** – Both those that are here and those that are surely coming.

If we are to navigate this coming mixture of chaos and great opportunity, it is critical that we act now prepare ourselves to be aligned with the New Pattern for *Success*. As I have said – The first step is to Transform Mindsets

Slide 8 – Conventional Education Prepares for Continuity

Conventional education prepares us for *Continuity* – Not what we need to comprehend and align with the **Mega-Forces** that are about the *Discontinuities*- That lead to future order and stability for those personas and organizations that are aligned with them.

Conventional education is predominantly linear in approach and content – It avoids radical disruptions as an important part of reality. That is an example of the conventional linear system mindset and behavior. My conclusion is that conventional education does

not prepare us to deal with Discontinuities, with non-linear transitions – That are basic for Living System mindset and behavior. So we need a new way to learn.

What worked so well for so long no longer does. We cannot just fix-up or improve in the conventional pattern. As I said, we must transform away from it. The fix-up focus is what I see almost everyone trying to do. Inevitably it will not be successful, except in short term improvements that do not last.

Some feel that those who disagree with convention are Negative Persons. That is not valid, especially during a transformation period – I prefer to call them visionary persons who can see a newly emerging positive order that many cannot yet perceive. They are profoundly Positive Persons who are aligning with the emerging new reality. They are experts in seeing what is already coming and will be more useful.

For example, I disagree with much that exists, but I am not negative – I just refuse to align with what I know is no longer useful. For strategic reasons I am not against the current system and its patterns. I bless what exists for its past accomplishments. And I hope my competitors remain locked in the obsolete current system – Forever. That helps my strategy commitment, of framing the value of my life and work on transformation, to be even more successful.

We have to let go of the past intellectually and, most importantly, emotionally. We strive for a new more successful way of seeing reality and acting on it before competitors can even see it. We transform our lives first to become a Right Person and then transform to the Right Means for applications.

To do this we must put aside how and what we now *THINK* we know and believe. That is why I ask you fervently – Please do not try to understand my discussions in terms of what is most familiar to you. While that is natural behavior, it will not work in our time of transformation. Now let's begin our understanding of the *Mega-Forces*.

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