

The Levels at Which We Must Govern Whole Systems

STATES OF AFFAIRS – NOUNS

ACTIONS – VERBS

◆ OUR Cosmic Situation

The actual origins, nature, dynamics, history, present condition and future possibilities of all there is – the universe, the earth, life and humanity.



◆ *Intuiting the Story WE are In*

The sense we make of it all. The mythic story that gives meaning to our lives. The story's metaphors, images, logic and assumptions – ontological, epistemic and cosmological – that reveal our place in the universe and in-form the root story-line of the drama in which we find ourselves and retell.



◆ OUR Present Situation in History

Where we are now in the evolution of the universe, the earth, life, humanity and our forms of civilization. The things that are stable, disintegrating and emerging. The actual and emerging character and requirements of our time (past/present/future).



◆ *Reading OUR Historical Situation*

Our sense and understanding, implicit and explicit, of our time in history – its dimensions, drivers, dynamics, depths and drift; its threats and opportunities. What is now required of us, our culture, our form of civilization and all others with whom we share the planet, if we are to choose life.



◆ OUR Vision of The Future

Our sense of (a) the very best form of civilization that we and all societies can co-create/grow into over many decades and even lifetimes, (b) the most alluring and deeply human future that pulls us forward, and (c) the evils that threaten us and our future that we must acknowledge and attenuate.



◆ *Committing to OUR Strategic Intentions, Character, Mission & Core Roles*

The strategic intentions we must form, commit to and explicitly hold for the next few generations. The character we must develop & manifest in order to succeed. The core civilizational mission we will pursue, the principles that will guide us and the core roles we will play in our lives, families, organizations, communities and governments.



◆ Our Truly Strategic Goals

The society-shaping projects (strategic initiatives) we must now undertake and the differences they will make both within and among us. The major results (outcomes and outputs) we are committed to achieving over several [3-10] years.



◆ *Committing to Our Core Strategies*

The major approaches (management strategies / policies) we will always utilize in order to pursue and achieve our goals. The resources, structures, relationships and rules we will utilize. The metrics and standards by which we will measure progress.



◆ Our Operational Objectives

The immediate projects we will undertake over the next 1– 36 months to enact our strategies. The results (outputs and outcomes) we are committed to achieving during this time.



◆ *Planning Our Work*

In order to achieve our objectives, who will do what, by when, with whom, using what resources and with what intended results? The operational procedures, decision rules, measures and regulations that will guide our activities.



◆ Our Operations

The people, understandings, capital, resources, structures, time, technologies and partners we will utilize to do the work.



◆ *Doing Our Actual Work*

The visible activity in which we engage, guided by all of the above, plus our operational procedures, rules, regulations, understandings and attitudes.



◆ OUR Actual Emerging Future

The world we are actually co-creating and what we are actually becoming – for good and ill.



◆ *Living With What We Have Done* Seeing, exploring, owning and learning from whatever it is we have actually done and are creating. Governing ourselves accordingly.