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- \* As long as economic values remain at the top of the list, in the minds of those seeking solutions to the present global predicament, there will always be a problematic global condition.
- \* Competition has driven the economy without forethought of environmental consequences, and Australia is an ancient land too delicate to sustain a large population.
- \* Monetary control and manipulation of scientific information has influenced the present (and future) global warming and consequential climate change. The same bureaucratic and scientific thinkers cannot solve the problems they helped to create as they do not fully understand, nor operate within, the laws of this planet's holistic cycle of life. Trying to control or change the physical environment without knowledge and understanding of other invisible influences will not solve the global predicament.
- \* Albert Einstein, the scientist who split the atom, said "The world will not evolve past its current state of crisis by using the same thinking that created the situation." Today, that statement still resonates!
- \* Globalization and the monetary system has produced societal situations based on separation and specialisation, giving control into the hands of a few monetary bureaucracies, whom obviously have very little knowledge of the interconnections of life cycles.
- \* To survive future consequences of carbon emissions plus multiple pollutants; spewed into the atmosphere and stratosphere for the past 50 years; scientists and decisionmakers need to be humble and recognise that after 30 years of reductionist strategies that have not worked, they do not hold all the answers to solving global environmental problems.
- \* Immediate consultation with holistic thinkers and practitioners is urgently needed to arrest current debilitating practices and help reverse the situation before it becomes entrenched into the morphic field of existence; unless this has already taken place, setting off the next stage of evolution. These holistic thinkers include the Aboriginal Elders, holistic practitioners and educators, and farmers who live within the laws of nature and practising permaculture, organic, bio-dynamic and quantum agricultural methods of living on the land in harmony, supporting and enriching the natural environment.
- \* There needs to be a fundamental shift in Australian attitudes and behaviour towards the natural environment and adjusting to the affects of climatic change.
- \* Massive educational funding is necessary to conduct community projects that address regional adaptations for future sustainability. Australians need to be actively involved in development and implementation of local community strategies to be able to comprehend and carry out the necessary changes.

\* Future communities will need to be self-sufficient and sustainable within small regions. Individualism has been exulted in Western societies. Now, these societies, especially in cities, need to practise daily the skills of communication, co-operation and concern for community connectedness to produce an attitudinal shift in consciousness for future human survival and sustainability of the natural environment.

\* Quantum physics, and holistic understanding of the physical and non-physical life cycle with the natural balance and interconnectedness of all cycles, should be compulsory learning in all high schools to produce the holistic leaders and decisionmakers necessary for future sustainability.

\* Immediate funding is urgently needed to subsidise conventional farming practices to be converted to bio-dynamic and quantum agricultural methods of food production. These methods are necessary to reverse the damage done to soil structure by conventional farming practices; return atmospheric carbon to the soil more quickly in the short term, than relying on slow growing trees that will assist in the long term; replenish the nutritive values, microbial condition and friability of soils to be able to produce nutritionally dense, organic and bio-dynamic foods that are necessary to reverse escalating acidic/anaerobic conditions in all aerobic/alkaline - dependent life forms, including humans. Deaths in human populations, due to bacterial infections, viruses and diseases, especially cancer, are increasing.

\* Legislation is necessary for the protection of paperbark stands, essential for filtering water in wetlands, stabilising banks of estuaries, and important for koala habitat and migration corridors. More paperbarks to be planted along the banks of estuaries, creeks and river mouths for future protection against degradation of land and salinity of waters from rising sea levels within coastal and low-lying waterways.

\* A legislative clause needs to be provided to protect people, in a rental-lease situation, who develop energy efficient and sustainable infrastructure and landscaping according to local council directives, but their lease contract was signed prior to any sustainability laws. To reduce a developed sustainable ecosystem on a property back to bare land or lawn, simply to comply with the letter of the law, at the time of signing a contract, goes against the principles of sustainability.

\* The time for "phasing-in" periods has passed. Action needs to be taken now.

It is worth repeating Albert Einstein's statement, "The world will not evolve past its current state of crisis by using the same thinking that created the situation."