

# The 11th Commandment: Compassionate Humanity

## If Your Primary Goal In Life Is To Be Part of the Common Good, You've Come To The Right Place

The oldest written version of the 10 Commandments are the set of laws of Ur-Nammu, 21<sup>st</sup> century BC, that the first Sumerian city dwellers established (about 5000 BC, even much earlier than the written code) so that man can live together in harmony.

In writings during the period of Ur-Nammu, the word “equity” is central to the code of living together. We transpose this to the meaning of “common good.”

For all to thrive, the code of the American way of life must be modified: “Life, Liberty, and the **Compassionate** Pursuit of Happiness.”

## Post Free Market (PFM) World

Our present free-market political/economic system prevents the majority of earth's population from enjoying the bounty of our world. The system is certainly not optimized for the common good. On the other hand, there is much good in what we have and in the tradition of history. We do not want to watch our world to be swept away by violence or revolution. We wish to transition to a PFM world without violence and with evolution.

## Failings of the Free Market

### How to Keep What Works & Improve What Does Not Without Violence

Professional economists did not formulate the present analysis. These are the observations of a retired Physicist, who was born a peasant in Hungary before the Second World War. With God's help I survived wars and communism and enjoyed the golden age of free-market capitalism in the US in the 1960s. I have also witnessed the decline of the free market economy to the degree where life in the US has become difficult for an ever-increasing portion of the population. We ask you, our friends, with your inquiring minds to comment on the ideas advanced here.

- The opportunity to work in equity and generate a livelihood for us and for our loved ones does not exist any more. Joblessness is epidemic, and many of us who are working are underemployed, under utilizing our educations, intelligence, and experience.
- The distribution of wealth is not fair, and this distribution prevents job creation and is counterproductive.
- Making money with money is interchangeable at will with creating value by labor leading to a collapse of the standard of living for majority of Americans.
- Measuring the value creation of the economy by measuring the magnitude of consumption not only destroys the value of labor and corrupts our moral fiber, but also destroys our

environment and the planet in the process.

## **Is There a Better Way?**

God created the genius of man: Man has the ability to evolve and overcome. The technology for a better world already exists. Just as a changing climate caused by overuse of fossil fuels has taken us to the verge of disaster, we created the solution: Solar PV.

This website can not offer a simple solution, but we would like to start a dialogue focusing on issues that may lead to a post free market—PFM—world where most of us will feel at home, adding the 11<sup>th</sup> commandment: compassionate living for all.

## **Here are our starting points for beginning this evolution:**

- We form small Self-Sustaining Economic Communities (SSECs).
- These communities can start like a franchise model, to be reproduced across the country.
- Within the community all will own part of the wealth, will work for the common good, and will be employed to the level of their education, experience, and skill set.
- The community will take care of those incapable of caring for themselves.
- All economic activity will be created to be profit making, competitive, and self-sustaining.
- The SSECs will communicate seamlessly with each other and with the necessary establishments.
- Within the SSECs, productivity will be superseded by the desire to create the maximum number of jobs. All this with restraints, recognizing that there are products and jobs where automation does a better job, or is able to perform jobs humans cannot.
- SSECs involve a hybrid economy, where the collection of the SSEC franchises will live in harmony with the automation and established big business.

This hybrid economy will reflect itself by the exercise of democratic tools also in a hybrid political order, where the SSECs in proportion to their increasing size can be partners of the government of increasing importance. Some of the expensive functions, such as caring for the sick, the old, and the unemployed can be outsourced and can be done with compassion at a lower cost in the SSEC communities.

If you think this is UTOPIA, you are correct. Let's start a dialogue to make it reality.