

A New World, Not a New World Order



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Let's begin with the fact that "the world" is not the earth. The world is the creation of men. The earth is the creation of God.

And let's admit that the world we have is not working. It is not only infected with fraud, it is based upon it. More than two-thirds of us live either in acute or chronic need of basic things, and the remaining less-than-one third that have their basic needs fully met are still often unhappy and feel trapped, bored, and uninspired.

So against that background and in full view of the desperate need to change things, let's answer questions about the Individual Living Stipend (ILS) and the Individual Investment Fund (IIF). And let's be aware that many of these questions have been factually answered by studies that have actually provided such stipends and investment options to groups of test subjects.

Question: Is the ILS/IIF some kind of communism?

No, it's the logical cost of doing business. We are all heirs and caretakers of Creation. We all deserve to have our basic needs met and to have the means to improve our lives. Money is a tool, like a rake or a shovel, that has been denied to billions of people resulting in poverty, misery, illness, war, and depravity. Where is the evil or political agenda in giving a man a shovel?

Question: If everyone has their basic costs of living covered, won't it lead to people just lying around "on the dole"? A giant welfare state?

It turns out that people get bored doing nothing and that even when they are obliged to do nothing as a result of unemployment or illness, they find things to do. Giving them the choice and means to do something meaningful with their lives only improves the options they have and the results of their activities.

Question: Won't the ILS/IIF cause inflation?

To some extent, initially. The immediate impact of increasing the supply of currency in the marketplace is to devalue the existing currency, but the impact of creating new consumers has the opposite affect as more money is spent on raw materials and

finished products and services that people have needed and not been able to afford. That expands the economy as a whole and sops up the extra money.

Most people who received ILF/IFF monies went through an adjustment period in which they got medical and dental care issues taken care of, did small business expansions, took vacations, and did maintenance and home improvements and in some cases home or barn or garage building. After about 18 months of this, things leveled out and people settled in to enjoy their new conditions. This initial spurt of spending moderates against the affects of inflation.

Question: Won't the ILS/IIF cause a population explosion?

Only if we fail to educate people and continue to ignore the importance of the most challenging and important of all jobs-----parenthood.

The ILS in effect gives caregiver parents a working wage, both directly from their own stipends, or indirectly from their children's stipends. More parents will be able to stay home with their children as a result and more of them will do so.

One of the great challenges facing mankind is to get our heads out of our butts regarding the importance of child-rearing and the responsibility involved. We are churning out High School students who can do algebra but can't boil an egg, people who are tremendously self-centered and competitive--- and who have no competence to be parents.

For lack of parenting skills and lack of respect for the importance of parents and families our whole worldwide society is collapsing around our ears. It is time to change that.

Question: Won't the ILS/IFF cause workforce destabilization?

To an extent there will be changes as people--- mainly women--- leave the workforce to raise their families and tend their homes. Tests have shown an overall increase in job changes (about 15%) and also more people choosing to go back to school to improve existing skills or pursue new careers.

There are also indications that lifelong learning will be the face of education in the future.

Without the pressure to immediately gain skills and enter the workforce in order to simply live, more people will seriously consider and explore their options before launching on a career path. We can also expect higher job satisfaction and better performance, more arts and crafts education, more vocational school education, more technical school options. Education will also be considerably more hand-tailored in terms of individual development.

Question: How will ILS/IFF affect seniors?

For seniors who have less than adequate retirement plans it will be an untold blessing in terms of security and meeting basic needs. For those who are already well-provided for, it will be an opportunity to assist younger family members and to address community projects.

One of the most profound affects of an ILS/IFF initiation is the mobilization of community volunteer resources. When people---old and young alike---have time and money, they build things. That is the nature of mankind.

Whether those things will be literal--- new libraries, churches, homes, stores--- or organizational -- new clubs, new schools, new networks --- or cause oriented --- to save the wild horses or clean up polluted streams or care for neglected children --- we can be sure that unleashing our worldwide population to dream and to do better things will result in an outpouring of creative problem-solving. And in today's world, when a community in Saharan African discovers a way to make the desert bloom, their answer will be echoed in the Australian Outback.

Question: How will ILS/IFF be delivered in remote places?

There are two hopeful means----one traditional, one developing. In many parts of the world we have a stable and reliable mail system thanks to the UPU. It is possible to simply mail checks, vouchers, coupons or whatever means of funds transfer is settled upon to individual people at their mailing addresses in those locations. We have mail service in Alaska that reliably and regularly reaches Point Barrow, so, obviously, good old UPU is doing its job.

The other means is a cyber solution based on mobile phone apps that can reach into even the most remote places on earth to offer banking services and allow people to keep their accounts and trade their goods and labor with the rest of the world. This expansion is expected to render many brick and mortar banking institutions obsolete and will also provide the means to trade in a Universal Currency.

Before people get startled and think that the advent of a Universal Currency is a bad thing, let me say that national currencies aren't going away. Dollars and rubles and yuan will continue to be part of our lives long into the future---- but the advent of a Universal Currency based on the already existing Universal Asset System offers a unique opportunity for Mankind -----and one we all need to understand: the first truly honest monetary system that has ever been conceived, and also, the only monetary system that is immune to hoarding, manipulation, and other evils that have plagued both fiat and asset-backed currency systems for centuries.

That's a good thing, folks--- not something anyone needs to be afraid of.

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