

# Mankind at the Turning Point: Interdependence is Totalitarian

## Part I

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*“The World Has Cancer And The Cancer Is Man” – A. Gregg as quoted in Mankind at the Turning Point (1974)*

✘ In 1974 the book *Mankind at the Turning Point: The Second Report to The Club of Rome* [1] was published. This report states the need to create an “organic” or a truly interdependent society as the only way to save the world from the almost overwhelming world *problematique*.

According to The Club of Rome, the world *problematique* is the set of interlocking world problems, such as, over population, food shortages, non-renewable resource depletion, environmental degradation, etc. With the use of absurd, exponentially based computer models, the complete unravelling of society and perhaps the biosphere was predicted. Not surprisingly the only solution capable of averting global catastrophe is the development of an organic society. As I will show, a global organic society is only a euphemism for totalitarian world government.

The Club of Rome is a premiere think tank composed of approximately 100 members including leading scientists, philosophers, political advisors and many other characters who lurk in the shadows of power.

### Organic Growth

From *Mankind at the Turning Point*:

“In Nature organic growth proceeds according to a “master plan,” a “blueprint.” According to this master plan diversification among cells is determined by the requirements of the various organs; the size and shape of the organs and, therefore, their growth processes are determined by their function, which in turn depends on the needs of the whole organism.

Such a “master plan” is missing from the process of growth and development of the world system.” – 7

“The concept of the “organic growth” of mankind, as we have proposed in this report, is intended **as a contribution toward achieving that end**. Were mankind to embark on a path of organic growth, the world would emerge as a system of interdependent and harmonious parts, each making its own unique contributions, be it in economics, resources, or culture.

...Such an approach must start from and preserve the world's regional diversity. Paths of development, region-specific rather than based on narrow national interests, must be designed to lead to a sustainable balance between the interdependent world-regions and to global harmony – that is, to mankind's growth as an “organic entity” from its present barely embryonic state.” [emphasis mine] – VIII

“Apparently, the emerging world system requires a “holistic” view to be taken of the future world development: everything seems to depend on everything else.” – 21

### **Interdependence is the End of Independence**

Though rarely stated and frequently denied, the concept of interdependent nations implies the end of national independence or sovereignty.

“And cooperation, finally, requires that the people of all nations face up to an admission that may not come easy. Cooperation by definition connotes interdependence. Increasing interdependence between nations and regions must then translate as a decrease in independence. Nations cannot be interdependent without each of them giving up some of, or at least acknowledging limits to, its own independence.” – 111

“...the statement acknowledged, even if unintentionally, the dawn of an era of limits to independence – even for the strongest and biggest nations of the world.” – 114

### **Interdependence is Totalitarian**

Bertrand Russell, a strong proponent of world government and all around elitist, wrote in his 1952 book *The Impact of Science on Society* [2] that the inevitable result of a society based on an organic philosophy can only result in totalitarianism. For more on this book [please read this](#).

From *The Impact of Science on Society*:

“The most obvious and inescapable effect of scientific technique is that it makes society more organic, in the sense of increasing the interdependence of its various parts...” – 42

“Totalitarianism has a theory as well as a practice. As a practice, it means that a certain group, having by one means or another seized the apparatus of power, especially armaments and police, proceed to exploit their advantageous position to the utmost, by regulating everything in the way that gives them the maximum of control over others. But as a theory it is something different: it is the doctrine that the State, or the nation, or the community is capable of a good different from that of individual and not consisting of anything that individuals think or feel. This doctrine was especially advocated by Hegel, who glorified the State, and thought that **a community should be as organic as possible**. In an organic community, he thought, excellence would reside in the whole. An individual is an organism, and we do not think that his separate parts have separate goods: if he has a pain in his great toe it is he that suffers, not specially the great toe. So, in an organic society, good and evil will belong to the whole rather than the parts. **This is the theoretical form of totalitarianism.**

...In concrete fact, when it is pretended that the State has a good different from that of the citizens, what is really meant is that the good of the government or of the ruling class is more important than that of other people. Such a view can have no basis except in arbitrary power.

More important than these metaphysical speculations is the question whether a scientific dictatorship, such as we have been considering, can be stable, or is more likely to be stable than a democracy...

... I do not believe that dictatorship is a lasting form of scientific society - **unless (but this proviso is important) it can become world-wide.**" [emphasis mine] - 64

A worldwide organic society is exactly what The Club of Rome is proposing.

### **Selling Totalitarianism**

It is interesting to note the pleasant soothing words used to sell the concept of totalitarianism: "organic", "holistic", "differentiated", "harmonious", "interdependent", "balanced" and "sustainable". The very same "sustainable development" is all the rage these days. Sustainable development was codified into international law during the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (popularly known as the Rio Earth Summit) in 1992. The Secretary General and main organizer of the conference was Maurice Strong. According to his own book, *Where on Earth Are We Going?* [3] he is a "Member of the Executive Committee of the Club of Rome".

### **Creating A New Man and Total Material Interdependence**

How do you make the transition to an organic society? [Part 2](#) of this series will examine the desires of The Club of Rome to change the value system of modern man.

"An analysis of problems and crises as reported in subsequent chapters indicate that (1) a "horizontal" restructuring of the world system is needed, i.e., a change in relationships among nations and regions and (2) as far as the "vertical" structure of the world system is concerned, drastic changes in the norm stratum - that is, **in the value system and the goals of man** - are necessary in order to solve energy, food, and other crises, i.e., **social changes and changes in individual attitudes** are needed if the transition to organic growth is to take place." [emphasis mine] - 54

[The final part of this series](#) will discuss the need for total control of all resources by a world authority.

"Now is the time to draw up a master plan for organic sustainable growth and world development based on **global allocation of all finite resources** and a new global economic system. Ten or twenty years from today it will probably be too late..." [emphasis mine] 69

### **Notes**

[1] Quotes from Mihajlo Mesarovic and Eduard Pestel, *Mankind at the Turning Point: The Second Report to The Club of Rome* (1974). ISBN 0-525-03945-7

[2] Quotes from Bertrand Russell, *The Impact of Science on Society* (1952). ISBN 0-415-10906-X

[3] Quotes from Maurice Strong, *Where on Earth Are We Going?* (2000). ISBN 0-676-97364-7

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