World Wisdom Council

Introduction





Ecological Balance

Collective Wisdom ❖ Harmonious Systems

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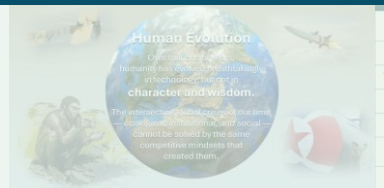

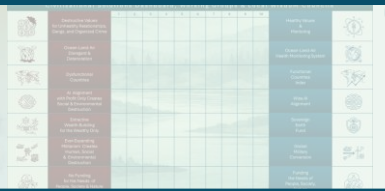



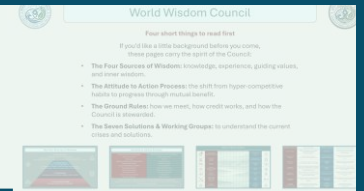

















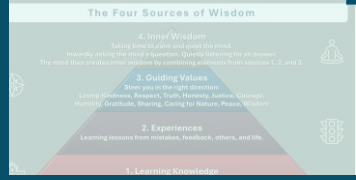



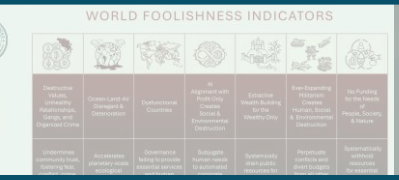







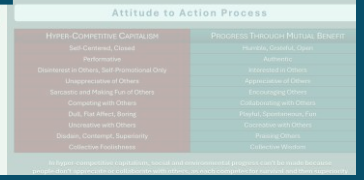

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Resource Links

- World Wisdom Council Webpage & Guidebook
- Join the World Wisdom Council Meeting
- Wisocracy Website
- Wisocracy Sitemap with Links
- Contact

World Wisdom Council

Start Here: A three-minute welcome.

Founded and convened by Sanford Hinden, Wisocracy.

What this is

Over millions of years, humanity has evolved breathtakingly
in technology, but not in character and wisdom.

The World Wisdom Council exists to ask one question:
what would have to be built so wisdom compounds too?

We are a small, friendly circle that meets online, one conversation at a time.

You don't need to read anything or prepare anything to join us.

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Three ways to take part

1. **Come to a First Friday meeting.** This is the front door. It is the best way to meet the people and see how we work.

2. **Join a Working Group.** Seven Working Groups carry our solutions forward: **1)** Values & Mentoring, **2)** Ocean-Land-Air Health Monitoring System, **3)** Functional Countries Index, **4)** Wise AI Alignment, **5)** Sovereign Earth Fund, **6)** Global Military Conversion, and **7)** Funding the Needs of People, Society, and Nature. Come to a few meetings, find the one that calls to you, and contribute.

3. **Start a Local Wisdom Council.** Gather a few people in your own community, using our ground rules, as a place to relax, express, clarify, heal, explore, and co-create. Contact the Founder to be associated with the Council.

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The full Guidebook is a wisdom library.
Explore it chapter by chapter, whenever your interest grows.

Your first step
First Friday of each month, 3 PM ET, on Zoom.
Zoom Link

When it's your turn to check in, take one minute to share your name, location, current focus, and current need. After that, you may speak or just listen. Speakers take up to three minutes and then pass the talking stick.

Bring one person with you.
The first step costs nothing but a Zoom link.

Questions, or ready to start a Local Wisdom Council?
Contact Sandy: sanfordhinden@verizon.net

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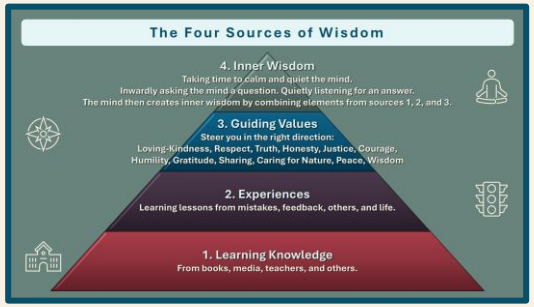
Four short things to read first

If you'd like a little background before you come,
these pages carry the spirit of the Council:

- **The Four Sources of Wisdom:** knowledge, experience, guiding values, and inner wisdom (page 27).
- **The Attitude to Action Process:** the shift from hyper-competitive habits to progress through mutual benefit (page 28).
- **The Ground Rules:** how we meet, how credit works, and how the Council is stewarded (page 11, 12).
- **The Seven Solutions & Working Groups:** to understand the current crises and solutions (pages 29, 30).









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Founder's Statement

Founded and convened by Sanford Hinden, Wisocracy.

Over millions of years, humanity has evolved breathtakingly in technology, but not in character and wisdom. Technology and weapons compound, while wisdom and rules do not. The World Wisdom Council exists to ask one question: ***what would have to be built so wisdom compounds too?***

I founded the World Wisdom Council, and I convene and steward it. We meet online on the First Friday of each month at 3 PM ET.

Our work is organized through the **Civilizational Solutions Dashboard.** It pairs seven **World Foolishness Indicators** with **Seven Solutions,** each tracked on a scale of 1 to 10.

Seven **Working Groups** will carry the solutions forward: **1)** Values & Mentoring, **2)** Ocean-Land-Air Health Monitoring System, **3)** Functional Countries Index, **4)** Wise AI Alignment, **5)** Sovereign Earth Fund, **6)** Global Military Conversion, and **7)** Funding the Needs of People, Society, and Nature.

Our larger vision is a network of **Local Wisdom Councils,** in service of people, place, and community. Each one is a place to relax, express, clarify, heal, explore, and co-create, and each connects to the World Wisdom Council through connection, communication, collaboration, co-creativity, and collective wisdom.

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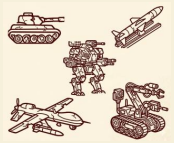
Civilizational Solutions Dashboard, Working Groups & Local Wisdom Councils

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
	Destructive Values for Unhealthy Relationships, Gangs, and Organized Crime											Healthy Values & Mentoring	
	Ocean-Land-Air Disregard & Deterioration											Ocean-Land-Air Health Monitoring System	
	Dysfunctional Countries											Functional Countries Index	
	AI Alignment with Profit Only Creates Social & Environmental Destruction											Wise AI Alignment	
	Extractive Wealth Building for the Wealthy Only											Sovereign Earth Fund	
	Ever-Expanding Militarism Creates Human, Social & Environmental Destruction											Global Military Conversion	
	No Funding for the Needs of People, Society & Nature											Funding the Needs of People, Society, Nature	

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Ground Rules

1. **No topic is taboo.** Avoiding tension-producing or polarizing topics to maintain group peace can become stifling and boring. We talk about anything **authentically** and **respectfully,** actively engaging people's intelligence and creativity, including money, power, politics, corruption, taxes, religion, sexuality, addictions, authoritarianism and any elephant in the room or on the national or global stage.
2. **Scope.** Work under the Council's name advances one of the seven **Working Groups** or the **Local Wisdom Councils.** Other proposals are welcome to connect to a **Working Group** or otherwise belong in another venue.
3. **Credit.** Ideas shared here are free to use, and we name where they came from.
4. **Voice.** The Council's name, logos, and public voice are stewarded by the Founder. To form an associated **Local Wisdom Council,** or to speak or write on behalf of the Council, contact the Founder.
5. **Leadership.** The Founder convenes the Council. Working Group leads are invited by the Founder for a set term, after attending and contributing over several meetings. Anyone wishing to launch a new initiative under the Council's name proposes it to the Founder first.

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Ground Rules

6. **Meeting practice.** Each person checks in with name, location, current focus, and current need, for one minute. In open discussion, you may speak or just listen. Speak for up to three minutes. The timekeeper will signal the speaker to pass the talking stick.

7. **Spirit.** We practice *Progress Through Mutual Benefit*: humble, grateful, open, authentic, interested in and appreciative of others, encouraging, collaborative, playful, and co-creative.

8. **Local Wisdom Councils.** Groups are welcome to form **Local Wisdom Councils** open to all who care to join, using these **ground rules.** They may contact the Founder to be listed as associated with the Council.

9. **The Guidebook as a Wisdom Library.** It is a deep reference that people explore once they're connected, chapter by chapter, as their interest grows.

Bring one person to our First Friday meeting, 3 PM ET.

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Connection ❖ Communication ❖ Collaboration ❖ Co-creativity ❖ Collective Wisdom



Why We Exist

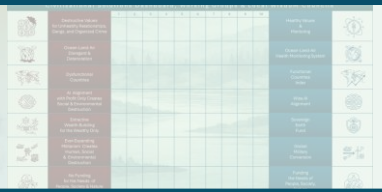
Why We Need Values & Wisdom



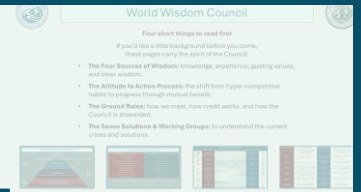














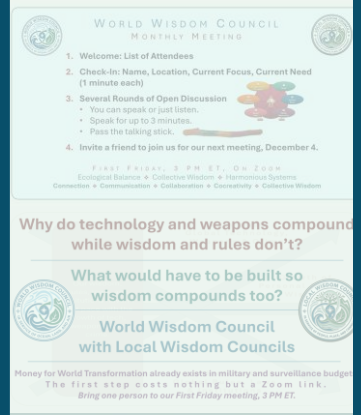


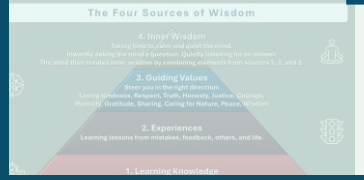




























Human Evolution

Over millions of years,
humanity has evolved breathtakingly
in technology, but not in
character and wisdom.

The intersecting global crises of our time
— *ecological, institutional, and social* —
cannot be solved by the same
competitive mindsets that
created them.





- **Status Quo Entities:** Existing institutions, governments, influential individuals, and organizations often resist changes that threaten their current power, autonomy, or strategic advantages.
- **Ideological Divergence:** Deep disagreements regarding national sovereignty, governance models, and philosophical priorities naturally create friction between competing factions.
- **Resource Scarcity and Competition:** Diverting wealth and attention to a new initiative inevitably draws pushback from groups competing for those same limited resources.







"Crime has internationalized faster than law enforcement and world governance..."

Antonio Maria Costa
Former Executive Director
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

The Globalization of Crime:
A Transnational Organized Crime Threat Assessment





A World of Crime

Crimes are typically classified along a spectrum from **minor civil infractions to severe international offenses**, based on the level of harm caused and the severity of the legal penalty. While crime rates vary significantly by region and category over time, legal systems generally organize offenses into distinct tiers of seriousness.

1. Infractions and Petty Offenses

These are the lowest-level violations of the law, usually resulting in a fine rather than jail time.

Traffic violations:
Speeding, running a red light, or illegal parking are minor regulatory offenses. They typically carry monetary fines or points on a driving record.

Littering and loitering:
Improperly disposing of trash or lingering in restricted public spaces are low-level municipal violations. They are generally resolved with a citation.

Public intoxication:
Being visibly drunk or disruptive in public is treated as a minor offense in many jurisdictions. Penalties usually involve a small fine or brief protective custody.

2. Misdemeanors

Misdemeanors are more serious than infractions and generally carry penalties of up to one year in a local county jail, along with fines or community service.

Petty theft:
Stealing property or shoplifting goods below a specific dollar threshold, often $500 to $1,000 depending on the jurisdiction.

Vandalism:
Intentionally damaging, defacing, or destroying another person's property, such as graffiti.

Simple assault:
Causing or threatening minor physical harm to another person without the use of a weapon.

Trespassing:
Entering or remaining on someone else's property without permission.

3. Property and Financial Felonies

Felonies are serious crimes punishable by more than one year in state or federal prison. Non-violent felonies often involve significant financial loss or property damage.

Grand theft:
Stealing money, vehicles, or property that exceeds the legal dollar limit for a misdemeanor.

Burglary:
Unlawfully entering a building or residence with the intent to commit a theft or another felony inside.

Arson:
Deliberately setting fire to buildings, wildlands, or personal property.

White-collar crime:
Non-violent, financially motivated crimes such as embezzlement, insider trading, tax evasion, and large-scale fraud.

Cybercrime:
Hacking, ransomware attacks, identity theft, and online financial scams targeting individuals, businesses, or infrastructure.

4. Violent Felonies

These offenses involve the use or threat of physical force against a person and carry severe prison sentences.

Robbery:
Taking property directly from a person using force, intimidation, or a weapon.

Aggravated assault:
Attacking someone with the intent to cause severe bodily injury, often involving a deadly weapon.

Kidnapping:
Unlawfully abducting and holding a person against their will, frequently for ransom or to facilitate another crime.

Sexual assault:
Non-consensual sexual acts forced upon another person, resulting in long-term imprisonment.

Homicide and murder:
The unlawful killing of another human being, ranging from involuntary manslaughter to premeditated first-degree murder.

5. Organized and Transnational Crimes

These large-scale criminal operations cross national borders and often involve complex networks, corrupt officials, and massive illicit profits.

Drug and weapons trafficking:
The illegal global manufacturing, smuggling, and distribution of controlled substances and firearms.

Human trafficking:
The recruitment, transportation, or harboring of people through force or coercion for forced labor or exploitation.

Money laundering:
Concealing the origins of illegally obtained money by passing it through complex banking transfers or legitimate businesses.

Terrorism:
The unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political, ideological, or religious aims.

6. International Crimes

At the highest tier of legal severity are crimes prosecuted under international law, such as by the International Criminal Court, because they affect humanity as a whole.

War crimes:
Grave breaches of the laws of war, such as intentionally targeting civilians, torturing prisoners of war, or using prohibited weapons.

Crimes against humanity:
Widespread or systematic attacks directed against a civilian population, including enslavement, torture, and mass persecution.

Genocide:
Acts committed with the specific intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group.

Ecocide:
Mass destruction of ecosystems, such as catastrophic oil spills, large-scale deforestation of primary rainforests, or the devastation of entire river systems.

Why It Is So Difficult to Improve the World - Money Can Be Made From Crime & Corruption

	Causes	Effects
Poor	Poverty Lack of high-quality education Lack of values and mentoring Lack of opportunity Crimes of desperation	• Robbery, violence • Selling illegal drugs and guns • Families and gangs teach children to become criminals • Sex trafficking, exploitation, prostitution • Communities are terrorized by gangs, driving emigration
Middle	Lack of high-quality education Lack of values and mentoring Crimes of corruption	• Gangs seek access to wealthier schools to sell drugs, addicts commit burglaries • Nepotism, corruption, bribery, grease palms to get ahead, embezzlement, learn to scam the system, and hacking • Fear and desire for money and power drive corruption • Slippery slope, may use prostitutes and lose idealism • Push out idealists who won't play by the unspoken, corrupt rules • Fear of others who are not like them, creates racial-ethnic hatred, buying guns
Wealthy	May not appreciate education Lack of values and mentoring White collar crime Disconnection from the whole	• Gangs seek access to wealthier schools to sell drugs, addicts may commit burglaries • Constant flow of expensive drugs • Lobby legislators for unfair tax laws and the reduction of regulations to protect their wealth, businesses, and investment advantages • Rigging corporations for executive benefits, tax evasion, and embezzlement • Power can corrupt; they think they are invincible, hold themselves to a different standard, and may use high-priced sex workers • Lose touch with and can't relate to the less fortunate, *"I did it. I've got mine, screw you, nobody gave us a handout"* • Politicians may get richer and richer, but don't improve anything, there is a dereliction of duties and corruption of the whole system; term limits are an option



The Growth of Gangs



Lack of

Guidance, Mentors, Values, Education, Employment, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

GANGS WORLDWIDE

Benefits

- Sense of identity
- Sense of belonging, family, community
- Protection against other gangs
- Adventure, intensity
- Sense of spirituality, group ritual
- Money

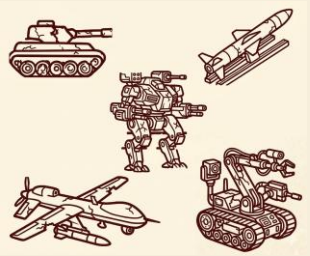
Consequences

- Dropping out of school
- Teen parenthood
- Unemployment
- Victimization
- Drug, alcohol, sexual abuse
- Petty and violent crimes
- Juvenile conviction and incarceration
- Being harmed or killed





WORLD FOOLISHNESS INDICATORS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Undermines community trust, fostering fear, conflict, crime, and violence	Accelerates planetary-scale ecological collapse	Governance failing to provide essential services and human security	Subjugates human needs to automated corporate efficiency	Systemically drain public resources for private hoarding	Perpetuates conflicts and divert budgets from all other needs	Systematically withhold resources for essential services and ecosystems



Trying to understand what we have created in the last 200 years out of millions of years of human evolution.

Why do technology and weapons compound while wisdom and rules don't?

What would have to be built so wisdom compounds too?

World Wisdom Council with Local Wisdom Councils

Money for World Transformation already exists in military and surveillance budgets.

The first step costs nothing but a Zoom link.

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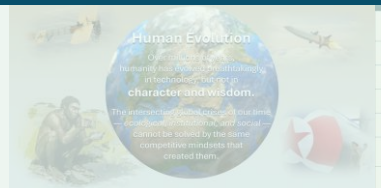
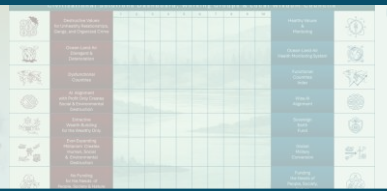
How Wisdom Can Grow



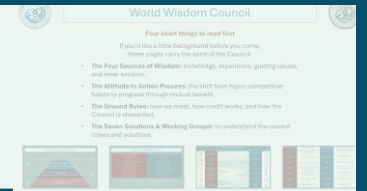


















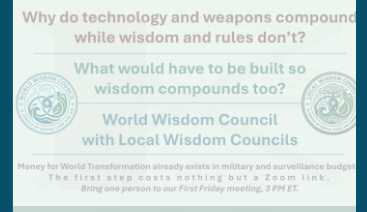






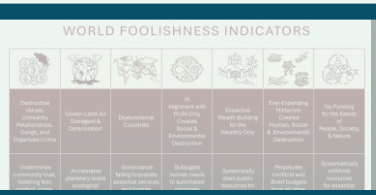


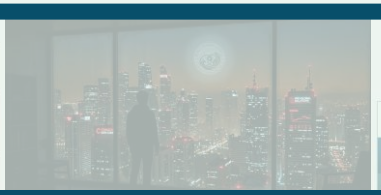






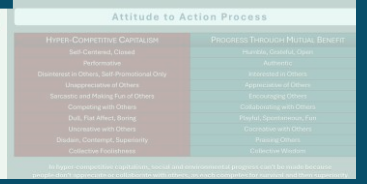










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BUILDING AN OPEN SANCTUARY
FOR COLLECTIVE WORLD WISDOM

Why We Need Internal Guiding Values

If a person is not guided by internal values, we will need one policeman for each person in the world.
Stafford Beer, the systems thinker





See Guiding Values on the next page.

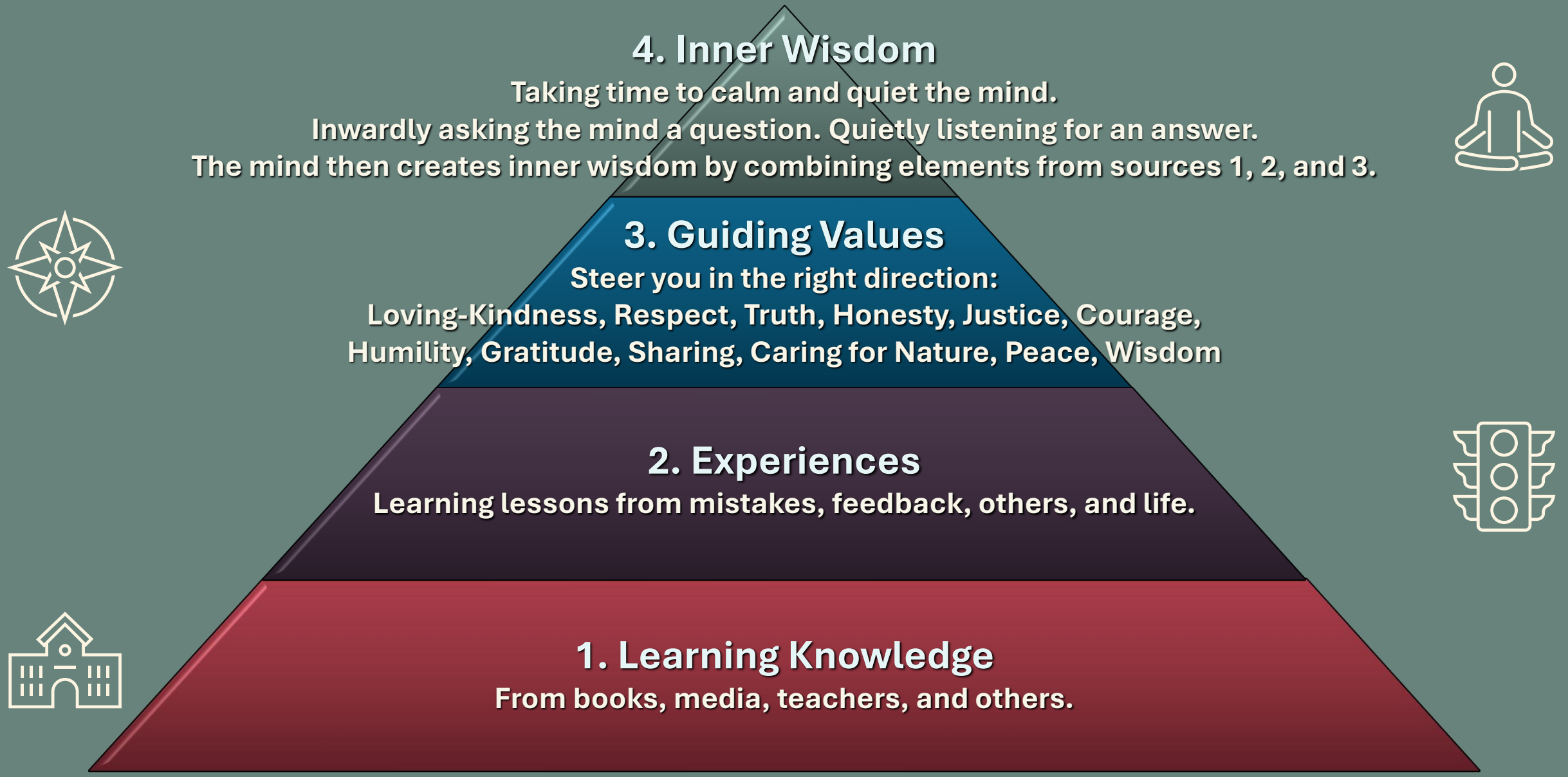
How Beer Explained This Concept

- **The limits of external policing.** In cybernetics, a control system must match the complexity of whatever it is trying to regulate. *If a society relies purely on external rules, laws, and enforcement to stop every possible bad behavior, the policing system must become just as massive and complex as the population itself.*
- **Self-regulation through internal values.** Beer argued that healthy, viable systems avoid authoritarian control by relying on **autonomy and self-regulation**. *When individuals share internal ethics, social norms, and a sense of purpose, they regulate their own behavior without needing constant external oversight.*
- **System design over blame.** Beer is also famous for the acronym **POSIWID** ("The purpose of a system is what it does"). Applied to crime, he would argue that rising crime or ecological destruction isn't solved simply by adding more police, *but by redesigning the underlying economic and social systems so they naturally reward cooperation and sustainability.*

Connection to Crime and Ecocide

Beer's insight highlights why legal tiers alone cannot stop large-scale harm. Laws and international courts — like those addressing ecocide — act as a vital last resort, *yet true prevention depends on shifting the internal values and systemic incentives that drive human behavior in the first place.*

The Four Sources of Wisdom



Attitude to Action Process

Hyper-Competitive Capitalism	Progress Through Mutual Benefit
Self-Centered, Closed	Humble, Grateful, Open
Performative	Authentic
Disinterest in Others, Self-Promotional Only	Interested in Others
Unappreciative of Others	Appreciative of Others
Sarcastic and Making Fun of Others	Encouraging Others
Competing with Others	Collaborating with Others
Dull, Flat Affect, Boring	Playful, Spontaneous, Fun
Uncreative with Others	Co-creative with Others
Disdain, Contempt, Superiority	Praising Others
Collective Foolishness	Collective Wisdom

In hyper-competitive capitalism, social and environmental progress can't be made because people don't appreciate or collaborate with others, as each competes for survival and then superiority.

This can be transcended only by mutual appreciation, collaboration, co-creativity, and collective wisdom for mutual benefit.

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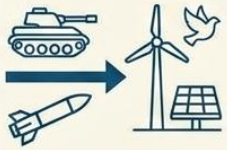
Civilizational Solutions Dashboard & Working Groups

						
Values & Mentoring	Ocean-Land-Air Health Monitoring System	Functional Countries Index	Wise AI Alignment	Sovereign Earth Fund	Global Military Conversion	Funding the Needs of People, Society, Nature
Provide a values system for flourishing on Earth	Real-time bio-tracking of planetary spheres	Governance based on flourishing	Alignment of machine models with long-term wellbeing	Asset development for both Earth and humanity	Redirect defense manufacturing budgets into a peace economy	Balanced funding of civic structures and biodiversity

Foolishness Indicators	The Current Crisis	WWC Seven Solutions	What Each Working Group Does
Destructive Values	52 people were killed by homicide every hour in 2021, and organized crime and gangs accounted for about 22% of homicides worldwide.	Healthy Values	Develops a shared values framework and mentoring programs for families and communities.
Ocean-Land-Air Disregard	Monitored wildlife populations have shrunk 73% on average since 1970.	Ocean-Land-Air Health Monitoring System	Designs a real-time health dashboard for the ocean, land, and air. See here.
Dysfunctional Countries	2.1 billion people, a quarter of humanity, live in 61 contexts of high or extreme fragility.	Functional Countries Index	Builds an index that measures how well countries enable human flourishing. See here.
AI Alignment with Profit Only	AI will affect nearly 40% of jobs worldwide and likely worsen inequality, yet no leading AI company scored above a D+ on planning to keep it under control.	Wise AI Alignment	Defines principles for aligning AI with long-term human and planetary wellbeing. See here and here.
Extractive Wealth Building	Billionaire wealth hit a record $18.3 trillion, and the 12 richest billionaires hold more than the poorest half of humanity.	Sovereign Earth Fund	Designs a fund that builds lasting assets for both Earth and humanity. See here.
Ever-Expanding Militarism	World military spending reached $2.887 trillion in 2025, the eleventh consecutive year of growth.	Global Military Conversion	Maps how defense manufacturing and budgets can shift into a peace economy. See here.
No Funding for the Needs of People, Society & Nature	The financing gap for the Sustainable Development Goals in developing countries is roughly $4 trillion a year.	Funding the Needs of People, Society, Nature	Develops balanced funding for civic structures, basic needs, and biodiversity.



A New Evolving Earth Institution

The World Wisdom Council

Update

Shared Demographic Crisis

- Rising life expectancy
- High youth unemployment
- High housing costs
- Lower marriage
- Lower birth rate
- Shrinking workforce
- Strain on pensions and healthcare

Crony Capitalism →

The AI & Attention Economy

- Ever-expanding wealth gap
- Permanent social polarization
- Permanent government gridlock
- Permanent crises

Failed Countries →

Failed Economies

- Permanent war and violence
- Permanent criminal control
- Permanent migration

European Democratic Socialism →

Migration Crisis Response

- Increase in national interests
- Tightening circulation inside Europe
- Tightening boundaries
- Offshore "Return Hubs" and Asylum Freezes

Authoritarian State Capitalism →

Economic & Demographic Stagnation

- Collapsing real estate & local debt
- Surging youth unemployment & gig traps
- Weak consumption, falling births & aging crisis
- Export overcapacity & global trade friction



Solutions

World Works Program 2030

- Worker security as the foundation of global peace
- Dignified youth employment & housing stability
- Rebuilding family & community resilience
- Stabilizing local economies to end forced migration
- Realigning technology with life-enhancing values

1. Global Security Fund →

$3 Trillion Capital Redirection

- Shift budgets from military & weapons escalation
- Invest in human wellbeing & local resilience
- Open-source budget allocation tracking

2. Planet Care Economy →

Earth Stewardship & Green Jobs

- Employ hundreds of millions of youth
- Topsoil repair, rewilding & nature protection
- Clean energy & local climate adaptation

3. Creativity Pods →

Care Economy & Cooperative Hubs

- Worker-owned community & mutual aid hubs
- Mental health, elder care & lifelong learning
- Arts, cultural expression & local problem-solving

4. Wisdom Governance →

Life-Enhancing AI & Policy

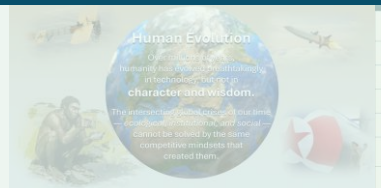
- Guide AI to serve humanity, not replace it
- Shared human values & accountable leadership
- Regional Earth Repair mapping

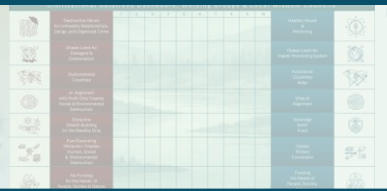
Our Monthly Meeting



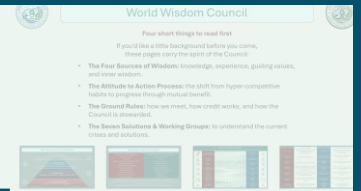








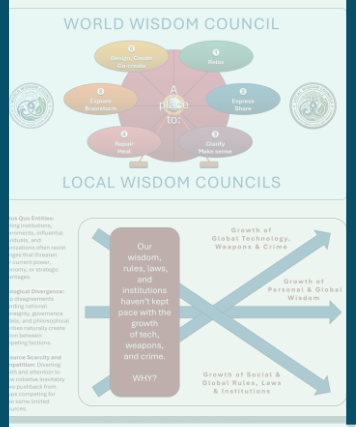






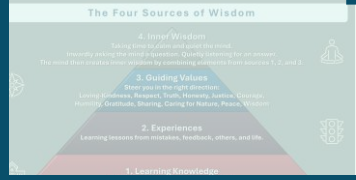




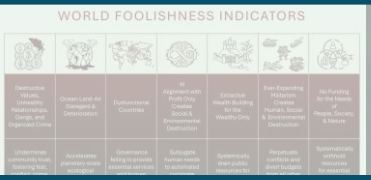








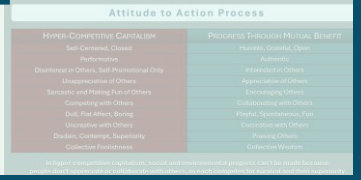












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First Friday, 3 PM, ET, On Zoom

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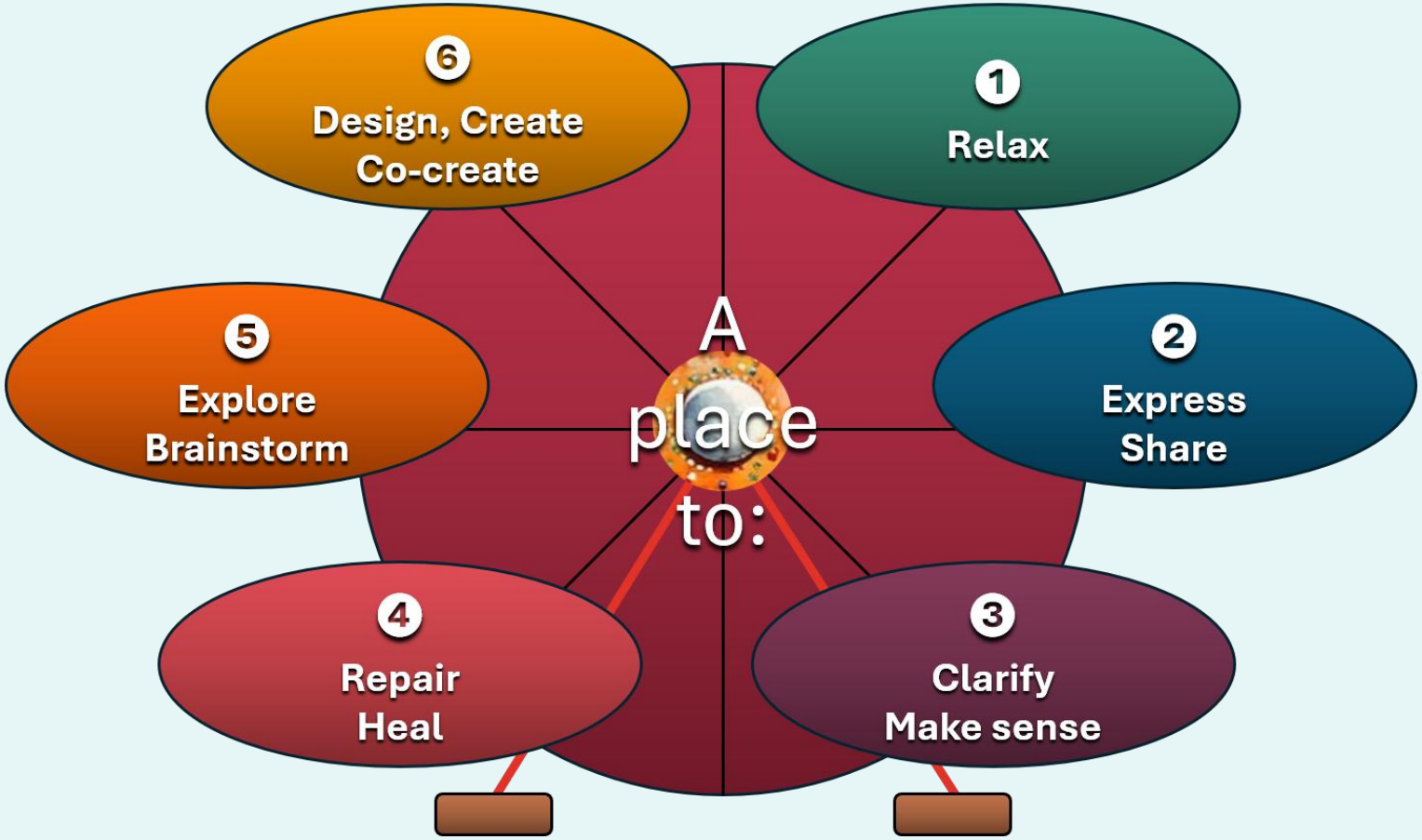
WORLD WISDOM COUNCIL



LOCAL WISDOM COUNCILS


1
Interested in Wisdom
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Non-Egotistical
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Collaborative
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Creative Thinker
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Wants to help the world for all
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The 5 Traits *that are helpful for the* World Wisdom Council

❶ Interested in Wisdom	**Do I make time to reflect and learn from my mistakes and from others?**
❷ Non-Egotistical	**Am I glad when others' ideas shine, and do I credit them by name?**
❸ Collaborative	**Do I enjoy building on others' ideas more than defending my own?**
❹ Creative Thinker	**Am I curious about new possibilities, even when they challenge my views?**
❺ Wants to help the world for all	**Do I care about solutions that benefit everyone, not just me or my group?**

If you answered yes to most of these, you're welcome at our First Friday meeting.

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Monthly Meeting

1. **Welcome: List of Attendees**
2. **Check-In: Name, Location, Current Focus, Current Need (1 minute each)**
3. **Several Rounds of Open Discussion**
   - You can speak or just listen
   - Speak for up to 3 minutes
   - Pass the talking stick





4. **Invite a friend to join us for our next meeting, December 4**

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Connection ❖ Communication ❖ Collaboration ❖ Co-creativity ❖ Collective Wisdom

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Introduction





Ecological Balance

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