

A Leader List:

This is the beginning of a new list of people and organizations that are actively involved in regenerative philosophies and practices. Some are charismatic, some are soft spoken; but I believe these people (and millions of others) are courageous, intelligent and among the real leaders we all need to partner with if we hope to turn our collective negative energy and ignorance into the positive energy we need to survive ourselves in the 21st Century.

(Anything in quotes is my opinion as of 4-16-13):

Jeremy Grantham: “An inspiration; Jeremy Grantham is one of the very few Big-Finance Guys I'm aware of , who understands the connection between the 'real economy' and the ecological fabric; and who is trying to do something about it. He, consciously and pragmatically, manages a multi-billion dollar mutual fund. – If more big-finance guys understand our earth-based realities, and want to help, the world can change very quickly.”

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/apr/12/jeremy-grantham-environmental-philanthropist-interview>

Allan Savory: “Biologist who realized we've had it backwards regarding what causes desertification of the land; who now is involved in reversing the desertification on four continents. – This is helping to restore the ecological fabric, and can slow, and possibly reverse the human contributions to climate change. – Fantastic! – This approach of reintroducing herds and mimicking nature should be used wherever possible to regenerate and conserve the soil, the water and...”

http://www.organicconsumers.org/articles/article_27277.cfm

Tim Macartney: Embercombe Non-Hierarchical Structure. - “A Zen master, and leader in cooperative management approaches: Deeply understands the connected nature of 'The Everything', true sustainability, and that nothing good can be accomplished by blaming someone else.”

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zEssxCSIItw>

Jacque Fresco: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnkCww2ZeVs>

“Pioneer in Regenerative and 'free' thinking. He is an International Treasure. At 97 years young, we may not have him around much longer, so we should listen to what he is saying now, and what he has articulated for decades. Jacque created The Venus Project which has working models of ergonomic cities that emphasize hydroponics, growing green plants on the ground and vertically. A genius, who seems like a really wonderful person; perhaps on the level of Einstein... He was a major inspiration for Peter Joseph's brilliant movie, and the Zeitgeist Movement.” - <http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/>

William McDonough: “A visionary architect and designer. (Who also possesses an eloquent vocabulary and a wry sense of humor..) If we can shift towards a Regenerative Economy, his designs, along with those of Jacque Fresco and other innovators are great places to start.”

http://www.ted.com/talks/william_mcdonough_on_cradle_to_cradle_design.html

Lester Brown: The Earth Policy Institute. –“Lester has done virtually all the math already. He has continually updated what the current costs of attempting to 'save the world' are, and how much less those are than the costs of not trying... His book, Plan B 4.0 (Mobilizing to Save Civilization) is akin to the bible for global sustainability.”
<http://www.earth-policy.org/books/pb4>

David JC Mackay: “Any math that Lester didn't cover, David Mackay may have put forth in his straight-forward, 'common sense' book, Sustainable Energy without the Hot Air. – Brilliant and Essential.” <http://www.withouthotair.com/>

Joel Salatin: "The quintessential 21st Century 'Omnivorous' Farmer. Joel has addressed just about everything we need to know about regenerative farming for sustenance, health and a 'collaboration' between food producers and consumers.. - Down to Earth. and practices what he teaches. Fantastic!"
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BIbXU5iR2P4>
<http://www.polyfacefarms.com/>

Bill Gates: You may have heard of him... “He made his fortune because he was very smart, shrewd, and in the right place at the right time. Now, as a philanthropist he is trying to help people across the world in the most efficient ways he can find. – If Mr. Gates gains an understanding of the connection between restoring the ecological fabric and structuring a 21st Century Economy, he might become a prominent advocate for Regenerative Economics, and Global Cooperation.” <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/>

Warren Buffet: You may have heard of him as well... - “A true leader among pragmatic, wealthy philanthropists. – Warren seems like a well grounded, all-around nice guy. Like Bill Gates, if Mr. Buffet gains an understanding of the connection between restoring the ecological fabric and structuring a 21st Century Economy, he could help bring more 'conscious' billionaires to the conversation of 'real' solutions. – Conscious Billionaires could help 'monetize' small and large-scale Regenerative Economies; and kick this thing into gear” <http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=50139345n>

David Stockman: “Like Allan Savory, Stockman was humble, smart and courageous enough to admit and learn from his mistakes, as well as many of the flawed assumptions of his profession. - He is one of the only Professional Economists who is telling the truth. He is freaking his peers out; essentially telling them that ignoring reality will only make it worse. I love his honesty and his sense of humor. He is kicking at the door of the virtual-reality glass house. <http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/mon-april-8-2013/exclusive---david-stockman-extended-interview-pt--1> and: (*audio only, but thorough...) <http://tunein.com/topic/?topicId=46034944>

David doesn't offer many solutions.- I think that is up to the rest of us. - 'We' should follow up his revelations by discussing how we can reinvent Economics to make it work for the 21st Century.” (Perhaps reference Open Letter to Economists (<http://jki.jordanmacarus.com/pdfs/Open-letter-to-Economists.pdf>))

And millions of others, including:

Soil Conservationists, Water Conservationists, Gardeners, Horticulturists and Organic Farmers, Semi-Organic Farmers and Local – Only Farmers, Off-Grid dwellers, Desalination technicians, NRDC, Jane Goodall, and...

And the documentary, and interviews, from the film, *Oh My God*. - “Anyone who speaks openly and honestly about life, love, God and religion, is good for communication, cooperation and the world...”

And:

Every person and organization that limits waste; conserves water, fuel, materials, spreads positive energy, and helps to preserve and protect the plants and animals that make life on Earth possible, and miraculous... – People are animals too...

“I don't know if we can change human nature, but we have the potential to alter the economic landscape towards one that creates dignified hope, and honors the architect of life itself, whether such exists or not...”

Truce...

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1. By “Monetize” I mean establishing a financial structure to stimulate and maintain the jobs (in a regenerative economy).