

{Sent this letter to 3 of my favorite people on the tele: Charlie rose, Bob Schieffer and Tavis Smiley. – Feel free to forward it to anyone else}

Yesterday, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, I heard Bob Schieffer interview Mitch McConnell on Face the Nation:

Mitch McConnell said, "...it is time for our president to pivot and lead us in a discussion about saving this country for our children and our grandchildren...and address the single biggest issue confronting our country and its future; and that's reducing spending."

I agree that government spending and waste is a huge problem. - But I do not think that Senator McConnell, nor 99.9 % of Washington DC is trying to get to the heart of what can help this nation, and the rest of the world we are connected to.

If we want to save this country, then I think the single biggest issue should be, "How do we shift from a Consumption-based Economy to a Conservation-based Economy?"...

- I claim that those who use the phrases, "grow this economy", or "fix this economy" are simply speaking without thinking. I have never heard anyone, Economist nor prognosticator, clearly define what they mean by "This Economy"... I believe this is because no two people agree on what "The Economy" or "Economics" are... And beneath that, The Economy is The Problem. - The type of economy that we have is currently consuming itself, as it perpetually decimates the resource base and our hopes for the future. - I believe we can collectively assess our situation, and that we can reinvent Economics, and engineer economic structures for the 21st Century.

This may sound abstract, or even taboo, to begin discussing 'Economics' from the perspective that it is not only changeable; but that we, the people can choose what kind of economy we should have. - The essence of this discussion is two fold: At the heart of it is, "what we choose to value": A Conservation-based (or Regenerative) Economy would value, and focus on, regenerating the soil, water, air, food, human health, natural disaster preparation, sustainable repairs, etc..

Also at the heart of this discussion is the belief that we can engineer, or redesign the fundamental structure of our economy such that it supports the jobs that conserve and regenerate all of our critical resources. - Just because we have not specifically done this before does not mean that it cannot be done. - Remember that our species learned to fly; and that we have flown space crafts beyond the orbits of this solar system, and are exploring the inner space of nano-technology... Also, upon entering WWII, this nation retooled its industries and worked together on a mission to fight an obvious evil. - All we have to do now is retool, and work together to regenerate the basis of a long-term economy. (One obvious evil now is consumption-based economics; and its planet-wide effects)

The notion that we can engineer our economy becomes more plausible when you consider that, "A modern economy is largely an illusion we've bought into. And a different illusion is possible..." From there the discussions that can lead to tangible change for this country, and the world, could begin. Truce...

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PS. If Senator McConnell and his colleagues are really serious about reducing spending and government waste, they can lead by example. For example: Begin by legislating reductions in their own pay, pensions and benefits...