

Criteria for a Thriving World

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The following Set of Criteria may be used in evolving, forming, and drafting Documents such as Treaties, Agreements, MOUs, Position Papers, Project Proposals and the like (referred to as *Documents* in the Criteria) for a better world.

CRITERIA IN FORMING DOCUMENTS

- 1) In evolving preliminary versions of Documents use this Set of Criteria to provide a wise-values frame.
- 2) When people of diverse backgrounds come together in Gatherings for forming the Document use this set of Criteria to offer profound glimpses of what rich agreement attendees may generate between themselves *such that transforming occurs in the very process of coming to Agreement about the Document*. The final version of such Document for ratifying and signing will *evidence the Agreement that attendees have already come to as attendees immerse themselves in gathering, engaging in*

ceremony and celebrating prior to the ratifying and signing ceremonies relating to the Document.

- 3) This Document and associated Gatherings for forming the Document contribute to creating a shift in human affairs towards engendering (to bring forth) a major bio-cultural shift – evolving humanity towards *wise loving people* - a shift to a world where all of humanity in bringing wellness to ourselves and all life forms on planet earth are continuing to live well together based upon value priorities including:
 - a) supporting humanities' unalienable rights
 - b) moving away from *opposing* towards *flowing well together*
 - c) peacefulness and harmony
 - d) ecological quality and abundance
 - e) economic wellbeing, and
 - f) social and political justice.

and the equity, friendship, freedom, prosperity, abundance that flow from these priority values in wise action.

The emerging and varied *nurturing community action for wellbeing* based bio-cultural ways of differing locales and regions may be universal in their locales, and the bio-social within them varied, while the new bio-psychology is emerging with the potential for infinite individuation like the loving mother nurturing the individuation of her children. New forms of psychological sociological, cultural and inter-cultural experience emerge as the self evidencing outcome of living well in evolving local, regional, and global nurturing community for wellness throughout earth.

- 4) This Document has to contribute to consciousness raising creating possibilities for significant transforming of current sovereign nation state and sovereign micro-nation behaviour. Sovereign nations and other entities, from the very powerful to the very

weak *cannot* continue their current practices. Things have to change.

- 5) This Document has to be worded so as to be attainable, desirable, and durable:
 - a) Attainability - the plausibility and credibility of achieving sufficient societal and structural leverage;
 - b) Desirability - harmony of likely actions with value priorities;
 - c) Durability - likelihood of enduring global shifting to a new paradigm embodying value priorities detailed in these criteria.
- 6) While the Document has to meet Criteria 4, namely being attainable, desirable, and durable, it also has to be, from time to time, an evolving document without ever being compromised, as people realise and exercise the potential of their essence - their unalienable rights - including self-determination and governance.
- 7) Nation states, especially the very powerful have habitually imposed, and they also have a very long history of being preoccupied with ensuring that their national interest is maximised at the expense of others. Their *every* action on the international stage is put through the filter of national interest.

Sovereign nation states have been engaging in extra-judicial, covert, false flag, & black operations, as well as engaging in harsh brutal smashing for subjugating.

Very weak nations and non-state actors have evolved their own processes for taking advantage of other nations and people using un-conventional warfare.

Sovereign nation states also tend to be using assumptions from the 19th Century that no longer fit what is happening in radical modernity (the last 15 years); some features of modern life:

- a) The pervasive presence of delinear processes
- b) Rapid change
- c) Pervasive indeterminacy and uncertainty making probability modelling inexact
- d) Interconnectedness and inter-dependency and the necessity of evolving inter-relatedness between people previously in conflict.

Given the above and recognising that the world currently has extreme inequality in the power of nation states, and that the powerful think that power is their unquestionable right, this Document *has* to convey massive benefits to the currently powerful and weak alike such that it *is* acceptable to *all*.

- 8) This Document has to:
 - a) firstly, embody and embrace loving, caring, and nurturing along with a profound respecting of difference, while also respecting humanity's unalienable rights, including the right to determine differing ways of living, and evolving and sustaining differing local governances that respect and celebrate difference and that collaborate with locals from other localities in forming regional and global governances, and
 - b) secondly, it has to have humane caring processes for engaging with those who at first reject this Document;
 - c) thirdly, it has to create a context between and within sovereign nations for humanity in all of its

differences to evolve together the incoming epoch on earth;

d) fourthly, it has to do all of this without triggering financial and societal collapse.

9) This Document, in bringing together sovereign nation states that have all manner of laws, systems of law, or breaking down of law, or lawlessness, has to embody, as the Law above all law, *the wellness of earth and people*.

10) This Document cannot take away people's unalienable rights while claiming to recognise and protect their unalienable rights.

This means that this Document must not be prescriptive in detailing a New Paradigm.

This Document has to set the scene and support a mood and climate for a New Paradigm to emerge through people of the world taking back ability over their lives in exercising their unalienable rights.

11) The Document has to allow space for both universal input and scope for difference. No entity can impose their universal recipe on everyone else. Oppositional reaction would inevitable occur.

12) It follows that this Document *cannot* impose the beliefs, views, feelings, ideas, and passions of the few on the many. In nature, wombats remain wombats and engage in wombat way. Creatures maintain their differences and differing ways of living. That is nature's way.

13) In fitting the preceding Criteria, the Document has to result in local, regional, and global transitioning that is peaceful, loving, caring, and nurturing. It has to generate a loving caring mood. Hence, it must not be a *smashing* of the existing power structure, and

then using control of global finance and other power structures to impose a new power structure; that is repeating the current failed World Order Model and repeating old paradigm behaviour!

The sudden collapse of our taken-for-granted really throws people. Smashing the 'old' system has a very high probability of 'letting loose the dogs of war' spreading mass contagion of a mindless destruction.

- 14) This Document must make the minimum of changes to the existing taken-for-granted while meeting all of the other Criteria of this Document.
- 15) The Document has to recognise, support, and contribute to consciousness raising that *has already been extensively happening on the margins for ages*; behaviour change, mobilising of transitioning, and transforming *starting* in human relating in the relational *social* spheres of life (mutual-help and self-help) and spreading through the economic and political spheres of life in the many and varied located contexts on earth.
- 16) The Document has to recognise that people immersed in the old paradigm have little capacity to comprehend anything outside of their comprehension. Thomas Kuhn who introduced the concept 'paradigm' was identifying that people have a very particular shared 'window' or 'world view' that is an explanatory framework for everything in the view. 'Paradigms' include never-questioned ways of knowing, theories, methods, as well as the content of the shared knowing. Paradigms are very resistant to change. For paradigm holders, typically, if they do not comprehend it, it's a sham and nonsense. New paradigm consciousness *is* for many powerful people, outside their comprehension. Hence, the Document has to engage old paradigm people while working with the free energy of the emerging consciousness.

To paraphrase Thomas Kuhn who introduced the concept 'paradigm', old paradigm people typically live lives parallel to new paradigm people and take their version of the old paradigm with them to the grave. People with the emerging new consciousness recognise anomalies - where happenings are no longer accounted for by the old paradigm and they begin transforming and entering into an emerging new paradigm.

- 17) The Document has to allow room for the emergence of new hetero-paradigms; that is, multiple differing paradigms of living well together (*cleavered unity* - as in 'united in separateness') that are the natural consequence of people exercising their unalienable rights. This entails inter-paradigm perception - something that interculturals tend to be evolving.
- 18) In fully recognising humanity's unalienable rights to determine how they live with each other and to determine their own forms of governance, this Document cannot specify, direct, or control sovereign nations' in their ways of administering their respective nation states like global finance does today. That would maintain the dominant, imposing, and dominating aspect of the old flawed World Order Model.
- 19) While this Document is an agreement within or *between* sovereign nations and peoples including Unique Peoples (indigenous people) it has to recognise that we all live in a massively interconnected world, and that what happens *within and between one or more* sovereign nations can have massive detrimental effects outside the sovereign nation(s).

In recognising this, Signatories also agree to some limits on things that happen within their respective sovereign nations.

- 20) The Document has to set in motion a return of the common-wealth value of the planet to the people in ways that inevitably result in a peaceful, caring loving transitioning in the many spheres of life and that does not cause consumption, waste, and exhaustion of earth's resources to the detriment of future generations.
- 21) This Document cannot attempt to transform people's behaviour or spread love by legislation and regulation. Such an attempt will fail. The wise of the Ages have embraced values-based guiding principles over and above laws and regulation.

Evidence demonstrates that humane caring networks at the margins *do* have transforming processes that work in the many spheres of life through people engaging in self-help and mutual-help in exercising their unalienable rights, and rights linked to unalienable rights.

- 22) This Document has to have what's called face validity; that is, it has to immediately make sense and be acceptable to people.
- 23) A Document aiming to be universal has to have all, or nearly all sovereign nations signing, especially the powerful nations.
- 24) This Document has to create social cohesion rather than polarisation. Example: collaborating and cooperating rather than bickering and war.
- 25) This Document has to have a loving caring relational mediating in resolving differences, and at worst,

contain process for addressing/living well with current and potential non-compliers.

- 26) The Document has to fit all of the sovereign nations involved such that they can, without compromising the Document, readily ratify and implement it within or alongside their current constitutions and legal/regulatory systems.
- 27) The Document has to have scope in the longer term to be able to explore a world that does not have the hardly noticed carryover of old paradigm impositions of institutions, concepts, and practices.

One example, is exploring futures that have alternatives to the notion 'nation' that is today a universal.

Other modes of groupings and collectivities may be explored, as is an unalienable right. Another example is a world that tempers the dominant world's pervasive use of control through categorisation – pervasively using splitting, departmentalising, sectorising, and disconnecting – rather, moving towards holistic modes of sense making and engaging that mirror the interweaving and co-mingling of nature.

- 28) The Document must not have undesirable unintended implications and consequences.
- 29) The Document has to have a pervasive loving caring nurturing feel to it with themes expressed in the positive with scarce reference to former times.
- 30) The Document has to recognise procrastination as a form of non-compliance.
- 31) The expression and language in the Document must be universally acceptable.

- 32) Most importantly, the Document must not remove unalienable rights of people in their various groupings and places to determine their *own* governance.

The Evolving of the Above Criteria

From earlier action in North America via the Rio Earth Summit, resonant people adapted Document wordings in forming the following treaties:

- a) [Inter-people Healing Document Between Non-government Organisations and Unique Peoples](#)
- b) [The Young Peoples Healing Learning Code](#)

From the above two treaties emerged the idea of forming the above Set of Criteria to be used for action and agreement and drafting papers, documents, MOUs and treaties between peoples and bodies coming together in gatherings from the 1960s onwards. For example, the following two Treaties were signed at the [Small Island Coastal and Estuarine Peoples Gathering Celebration](#) in Far North Queensland Australia in June 1994. This happening was funded by UNHRC in Geneva. Macro Projects have been evolving using these Criteria

These common understandings about values based benchmarks and Criteria may pass through peoples, cultures, and societies right through to leaders of sovereign nations around the world.

One of these potential agreements became known as the Preliminary UN-INMA Document.

The above set of Criteria were evolved during a series of gatherings as standards for sensing, feeling, determining, and appreciating what may be included and excluded in drafting this Criteria Document and associated documents.

Given the implications of this massive and vital endeavour, these Criteria were scrutinised for their

appropriateness and then used for benchmarking during drafting the Preliminary Documents. One document that emerged was The UN-INMA Document where:

- a) UN refers to *Unique Nurturers or Unrepresented Nations*, and
- b) INMA refers to *Intercultural Normative Model Areas*.

A later version of the UN-INMA Document is the *Thriving Earth Document* – refer link at the end of this page.

Note that these Criteria are essentially inter-connecting, inter-depending, inter-affecting, inter-relating, and inter-weaving, and the associated documents take this same form.

The following Preliminary Document may be used in organising Document Gatherings.

[Thriving Earth Document](#)

It has been in the process of evolving since the late 1950s and has be woven together to meet every one of the above 31 Criteria.

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