

POST COVID GOVERNANCE: 2 SCENARIOS

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Biography:

Marc Luyckx Ghisi had three lives. He first studied mathematics, philosophy and theology, and was a Catholic priest for twelve years until his marriage. He was later for ten years, a member of the European Commission's "Cellule de Prospective", created by Jacques Delors. He was also a member of the "International Advisory Council" of Auroville, South India. And he was Dean of the "Cotrugli Business School" in Zagreb and Belgrade. In his third life, he is an author and international speaker.

My approach to Foresight

My life has often been confronted with the difficulties of governance. And the foresight I have chosen will focus on governance in this particular period that humanity is experiencing, confronted with the Covid phenomenon and other very important challenges.

My approach will use sociology, history, psychology, economics, political analysis and philosophy. And I will take the liberty of adding the energetic, ethical and spiritual dimensions.

My vision of foresight is in line with the definition given by Carine Dartiguepeyrou¹: "Foresight is the power to emancipate oneself by becoming an actor of one's destiny". And I am full of admiration for the work of Michel Saloff-Coste², who has built the first Foresight Department at the Catholic University of Lille, harmoniously integrated into the University. This is really exceptional.

And I would like to add a very important element. Willis Harman³ insisted on the importance of producing positive scenarios, because they act on the morphogenetic field of global consciousness and make the scenario we are putting forward happen with more probability. More recently Philippe Guillemant⁴, a researcher at the FNRS (France) on the latest developments in quantum physics, puts forward the hypothesis of 'double causality'. There is the *causality of the past* where an element of the past causes an event in the present. But in quantum physics and in everyday life, there is also *future causality*. In quantum physics there are several possibilities in the future, as the electron has the possibility to become a wave or a particle. The choice is not made.

Thus, by making positive scenarios, humans implement the *causality of the future* that will increase the probability of this positive scenario.

Foresight thus becomes a very useful and powerful tool to work for a better world.

The shock Strategy

Noami Klein wrote in 2008, "The Shock Strategy"⁵. She explains that this organised political and economic shock manages to stun the population. And it allows politicians to pass authoritarian laws, under the pretext of protecting the frightened population.

Our hypothesis is that we are experiencing a very well organised "shock strategy" that has succeeded in stopping the economy of 4 billion citizens on earth, in 2020. Remarkable success. And so we are probably experiencing only the first phase presented as a Pandemic. The next phase could be a full-blown economic crisis.

1. The possibility of a major economic crisis in 2022-23.

There is indeed a 40% chance that a major economic crisis will affect the US and Europe, but also the rest of the world in different ways. And this in the months or years to come. The IMF has been warning us since 2018.

- *Currency crash*: strong but silent devaluation of the \$ and €. That is, loss of 25% or more of the purchasing power of citizens in a few days, but silently.

- *Stock market crash*: Major players will be ruined. And also a major crisis in the value of companies on the stock market. How to measure this value, if the stock market collapses?

- *And banking crash*. 30% of EU and US banks are in danger.

So the whole economic system could collapse. But this is not at all certain. It is a possibility.

1.1 Possible bankruptcy of 30% of European and US Banks and implementation of the "Bail-in" (theft from citizens)!

It seems that 30% of European banks could fail if there is too much financial turmoil. One bank that seems to be most at risk in Europe would be the Deutsche Bank, which is weighed down by numerous fraudulent loans, which it cannot get rid of. And a domino effect could bring down many European banks.

However, in our countries and at European level, the law allows banks to apply the "bail-in". Bail-in has already been practiced in Cyprus. The curtains of the banks closed one day. And the next day the banks reopened, and the citizens who had €500,000 or more in their account realised that the Bank had pumped out €400,000, since European and national law only guarantees €100,000 per account in case of a banking crisis.

For SMEs that have their reserves and assets in the bank, this would mean bankruptcy, and massive unemployment.

1.2 Bankruptcy of many companies, especially SMEs.

It is likely that many companies will disappear after containment. Especially SMEs, which are the main economic fabric of our European economies, and the biggest provider of jobs.

1.3. Possible unemployment for 40% of citizens

We could therefore have a stable and exceptionally high level of unemployment of 30 to 40% in Europe and the USA. It should also be added that the political world does not dare to tell the truth about post-industrial employment. Because there will not be jobs for everyone in the immaterial economy. This truth radically changes the whole policy of 'Job Centres' which are based on the (industrial) assumption that it is possible to find a job for everyone. That world is disappearing. Hence the crucial importance of the debate on Universal and Social Income.

1.4. Death of many pyramid structures

These moments of crisis are going to look more like a global collapse starting from the West. And there is a risk that many of the pyramid structures that no longer function properly in the world today will collapse. These structures can be the trade unions, the various orders, such as the order of doctors, the order of architects, etc. But it can also be certain religions or churches that are organised in a more or less pyramidal manner. It can also be certain multinational companies which are huge pyramids. But it can also affect Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) which are also too pyramidal.

Indeed, these pyramidal structures do not manage to meet the requirements of transparency, sustainability, and efficiency in allowing collective intelligence. They die because they no longer make sense.

1.5. Catastrophic situation in the Third World

Needless to say, this economic and financial shock would have a very negative impact on the poor populations of the Third World. And yet this population is made up of several billion citizens.

Yes, the collapsologists⁶ are right, at least in part. A major collapse of the Western economy and civilization is one possible scenario. But at the same time, we must understand that it is at the moment when the industrial plate collapses that we will suddenly discover the existence of a new tectonic plate. A new global economic and social logic that already exists and functions, even if it is not highlighted in the official media.

2. The two post-Covid scenarios

I believe that the exceptional circumstances in which we live bring us closer to two possible scenarios at the end of the COVID crisis.

2.1. The First Scenario: The "Chinese" Model

The first scenario would be a civilisation of increasing total but soft control of the world's citizens. An iron fist in a democratic velvet glove. And this scenario was very well predicted by visionary authors like Huxley⁷ and Orwell⁸. Where would we go in this first scenario? And here the most exemplary contemporary model is the current Chinese model, which controls each citizen electronically (facial control) by giving him a red, yellow or green approval on his mobile phone. Only the green signal allows travel and purchases, loans and investments. The recent ARTE program "Seven Billion Suspects" (end of April 2020) described it very well.

And this controlling regime does not hesitate to organise the imprisonment of millions of Uighur citizens, just because they are Muslims. And they are locked up in prison-factories where they work in forced labour for our Western multinationals.

A recent book⁹ written by a very important person, Klaus Schwab, founder and director of the Davos Forum, should catch our attention. For this Forum brings together every year the main heads of state and the CEOs of the most important multinational companies in the world. The author's vision is "radical but soft totalitarianism". Private property will be abolished. But a living wage will be granted to all citizens who comply with the standards. There will also be a 'transhumanisation' of our human bodies through implants. And as Klaus Schwab explains in a Youtube video, the distinction between the biological and electronic identity of human bodies will be gradually erased. We are heading towards a total redefinition of the human being. We are well beyond the predictions of Orwell and Huxley.

2.2. The second scenario

The second scenario is rooted in the gradual discovery by the citizens of the world that this world of Orwellian control has, in fact, no positive vision of a sustainable future (No future), except perhaps to make a few billion "excess" humans disappear. (Bill Gates on TEDx).

Any political project without a positive vision of the future is doomed to die, as was the case for the mighty Roman Empire.

The main change that is taking place, but which is a weak signal, is the subconscious choice by 2 billion citizens for new values of Life, and the abandonment of the values of death that dominate our "modern, materialistic, industrial and capitalist" civilisation.

Indeed, our "modern" civilisation has invented two concrete possibilities of collective suicide

1. Nuclear war. We still have in stock enough to blow up the whole earth 17 times with nuclear warheads.

2. Our economic dogma, repeated every day, advocate infinite growth in a finite world.

The ordinary citizen, wherever he or she may be, is increasingly making a subconscious but strong choice in favour of new life values. And they reject the death values of industrial civilisation. We all want a positive future for our children and grandchildren.

And it is important to understand that nothing, no political, economic or military force can stop this subconscious shift towards life values and away from the death values of the still dominant "industrial" civilisation.

And so we see that a large group of citizens is standing up. These citizens are promoting and implementing a new vision of the future symbolised by these new values of life, sustainability, solidarity, justice and freedom. They are concretely demonstrating that humanity is already creating a new civilisation that is more adult, more sustainable, more ethical and more spiritual.

And some sociologists, such as Paul H. Ray¹⁰, put forward the hypothesis that "cultural creatives" are already announcing the values of tomorrow's civilisation. There could be between one and two billion of them on our planet. This is significant.

And the circular economy, with the change of vision it promotes, is one of the factors that favours positive evolution and the raising of our level of consciousness.

Here are some concrete elements of this 2nd scenario:

A. The economy

The unconditional universal income

A civil war of Yellow Vests in front of supermarkets, for food, is a possible scenario. The only solution for Western Governments will perhaps be to quickly establish a universal social income modality, which would be modulated according to income. If you earn more than xxxx € per month you don't need it. We could also arrange for the social income of the rich to be recovered by the tax authorities. The modalities will have to be perfected gradually.

A post-industrial social system: a new paradigm

But it is important to note that the very concept of Universal Income implies an important redefinition of citizenship, which is no longer defined by employment, as in the industrial era, but by the intrinsic dignity of every citizen. It is a new societal and political paradigm that will have to be put in place. And it will take some time.

The circular economy is already working... since a long time

The core of this new narrative is that:

- Values are no longer tied to the axioms of the "Homo Economicus industrialis". This "homo economicus" of the economics textbooks is defined as selfish. It is not concerned with social issues, the environment or the future. The invisible hand of the market will transform the sum of these egoisms into a balanced and fair market.
- The new dominant values: The new 'Homo Economicus Immaterialis' also behaves in a spirit of solidarity and tries to respect and even regenerate the environment. It promotes wiser and more adult values. It creates a new narrative. These are new axioms that are taking root in the new economy.
- The New Economic Value Creation. The new value creation consists of applying knowledge to knowledge to create knowledge (Facebook, AirB&B, Uber, etc.). This means that the work tool is no longer the factory, but the human being who creates new knowledge with his intelligence, intuition and soul. This is a new definition of the work tool.

- Management therefore becomes humanistic by obligation, even if many try to cheat. The main assets become mostly immaterial.
- Therefore, all the measuring instruments must be totally rethought (intangible assets).
- New concept of technology As Steve Jobs, the founder of Apple, said, technology is there to be "Human Friendly and Beautiful". This is the opposite of the industrial logic where it is the machine that dominates the human. This is why the transhumanist vision of the "Singularity University" created by R. Kurzweil¹¹ in Palo Alto (California) is definitely obsolete, because it has remained stuck in the materialistic industrial paradigm.

A book that dares to rethink the basic axioms of the global economy: Aurélie PIET¹².

I don't know many books that dare to rethink the basic axioms of the world economy. A young economist from Bordeaux, Aurélie Piet, has brilliantly succeeded in this challenge. And she describes the many economists, including some Nobel Prize winners, who are doing this in-depth rethinking. But Ms Piet has the most global and credible vision, because she intelligently links the rethinking and recreation of the economy to that of our post-industrial and transmodern civilisation.

It charts a course for positive transformation of the global economy, even as we are fed with negative scenarios in the media.

The new liberated companies¹³

While many companies will disappear in the coming years, others are being created or transformed in depth. With the industrial society, the vision of the company as a machine, as a mechanism, in which the human being is only a cog, is also disappearing.

Suddenly, we 'discover' that the company is made up of humans who can be invited to create knowledge through 'collective intelligence'. It is the basic 'narrative' of the company that is being transformed. And the new narrative is based on the new dominant values:

- Sustainability and restoration of the environment
- Social solidarity at local, national, European and global levels.
- Active and creative participation of citizens in collective intelligence.
- Profit becomes not the goal but an important consequence that reveals that everything is working well for the Common Good.

Conscious Capitalism¹⁴

We should also mention the leading book published by the Harvard Business Review Press, which talks about conscious capitalism and responsible and conscious companies. These companies behave so well and so kindly towards all stakeholders that the stakeholders end up loving these new companies.

A New Corporate Mission

This also means that companies have a new mission. They are potentially important players in building this new New World economy. This explains the success of training initiatives like "*Ticket For Change*¹⁵" in Paris.

Companies can be an important element in the positive and constructive evolution of humanity in the 21st century.

The central role of culture

Culture becomes an indispensable nourishment of human creativity in the new immaterial economy. Our governments are reluctant to invest massively to "save" the cultural world, because they are unfortunately still stuck in the old industrial, materialistic, mechanistic vision, in which culture is the icing on the cake... if all goes well.

But in the immaterial society where human creativity is the main working tool, culture becomes absolutely indispensable because it feeds human creativity. Richard Florida¹⁶ already explained 20 years ago how the role and meaning of culture has changed profoundly in the new economy of human creativity.

It will therefore be crucial for enlightened governments to put an absolute priority on funding and empowering all cultural activity.

B. The Earth's energy level and the spiritual dimension of change

Dr Bodin explains that the Earth's vibratory rate has risen from 65 BU to 170 BU. But by December 21, 2021, it could reach 700 UB. This is incredible.

This is a huge increase (1000%!) that has not happened for millions of years on this Earth. It forces our bodies to adapt to this higher vibrational rate and to raise their energy level... and probably their consciousness.

C. The spiritual dimension becomes very important.

There is, in this evolution, an important "spiritual" dimension to be clearly distinguished from the religious dimension. For one can be an atheist and very spiritual, very open to one's inner world.

- *Lay spirituality*: The dimension of "citizen interiority" is presented by Thomas D'Ansembourg in a recent book¹⁷. For the author, in tomorrow's civilisation, it will be normal for each citizen to find his or her inner dimension.

Let us also quote a conclusion from the book by Vaclav Havel, President of the Czech Republic: ¹⁸*"Why do we do nothing to face of the enormous challenges of today? This inaction is due to a hopeless lack of will and inner need, that is to say, to obstacles that belong to the realm of the conscience and the spirit. I am increasingly convinced that the situation can only be turned around if there is a turnaround in the sphere of the spirit itself, in man's relationship to the world, in his acceptance of life's values, in his mentality, in his way of being responsible."*

- *Christic Spirituality*: Teilhard's Noosphere: For it seems that the love index is also rising more slowly but inexorably. We have no figures. And this increase could confirm the hypothesis of the Noosphere announced by Teilhard de Chardin 100 years ago. A rise in the level of consciousness of Humanity empowered by the Christic energy of universal love. And his law of "complexity consciousness" is also confirmed. The more complex and interrelated problems humanity is confronted with, the more necessary it will be for our level of consciousness to rise in order to solve these problems.

- *Hindu spirituality*: Sri Aurobindo in India¹⁹ says the same thing in different words and from a completely different culture and with different concepts. He announces that the "Supramental", which is an enormous Divine energy, has already descended to Earth. And this energy acts deeply on every human being and forces the cells of our bodies to transform.

- And, as we have seen, it also appears that powerful cosmic forces are already raising the vibratory rate of the Earth and the entire solar system, and probably the level of consciousness of Humanity.

Conclusion

Our Foresight thinking concludes that the 2nd scenario will irresistibly and smoothly prevail. And by doing this foresight work, we act on the future causality, and increase the probability of this 2nd scenario.

Our Foresight reflection is therefore important, even essential.

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