



Building the New World - 2015

From Local to Global Transformation

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International Leaders Address Global Issues at “Building the New World” Conference

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A unique and evolutionary event occurred last month at Radford University. Educators, scientists, economists, peace activists, and futurists from around the world joined Barbara Marx Hubbard, former Vice Presidential nominee and matriarch of the New Age movement, to present lectures and workshops at the “Building the New World” conference (“BTNW”). BTNW focused on the reality that humanity – and all life on Earth – is threatened in multiple, interconnected ways and that we must quickly implement rational and novel solutions to meet these unprecedented challenges.

Hubbard’s “Wheel of Co-Creation” was the focus of the conference. The Wheel contains eleven interdependent Sectors of society: (1) Education; (2) Communications; (3) Art; (4) Economics; (5) Peacebuilding; (6) Governance; (7) Health; (8) Environment; (9) Infrastructure; (10) Technology; and (11) Spirituality. BTNW organizers and over one hundred global co-sponsors revealed how *all* these cultural categories need to be updated/upgraded in order for humanity to avoid a dystopian future.

Organizer Rev. Laura George, J.D., Executive Director of The Oracle Institute and builder of the Peace Pentagon, explains, “Futurists have been theorizing and opining for decades about the myriad challenges of the 21st Century. BTNW asked global thought-leaders to provide concrete and pragmatic solutions with the power to lead humanity into a more utopian future.”

Organizer Glen Martin, Ph.D., recipient of the Gusi International Peace Prize and head of the Radford Peace Studies Department, adds, “BTNW encouraged attendees to reach beyond their particular area of interest or expertise and begin the process of synthesizing data across multiple disciplines. This emphasis on networking underscored the need for real action via transformative and cross-platform solutions.”

The conference featured a diverse and accomplished line-up of speakers, including: best-selling author Charles Eisenstein, Millennium Project Director Jerome C. Glenn, economist and futurist Robin Hanson Ph.D., Shift Network Director of Peace Philip Hellmich, InterSpirituality founder Kurt Johnson, Evolutionary Nina Meyerhof, Federation of Damanhur Ambassador Shama Viola, and PROUT Yogi Dada Maheshvarananda. The Fellowship for Intentional Community and numerous micro-communities also participated with astounding results.

Post-Conference networking successes include these cross-sector collaborations:

- Tiny House developments by architects Fred Oesch and Mark Frazier for micro-communities that attended the conference;
- Virtual reality game to model a new mythology for the planet being developed by Betsy Pool of Damanhur with assistance from Charles Eisenstein;
- New cooperative (employee-owned) businesses in each Sector guided by Ajowa Ifateyo from Grassroots Economic Organizing; and
- A two-year experiment with BTNW co-sponsors operating under the Earth Constitution (i.e., a template for a federated the Earth).

Additionally, Oracle is launching the “first HUB on the Wheel of Co-Creation,” endorsed by Hubbard. Oracle’s HUB will consist of a sophisticated website that allows visitors to self-select a Sector on the Wheel and load their information into a database that scans, maps, and connects emergent projects for collaboration purposes. When the Peace Pentagon is completed, Oracle will host another BTNW conference at its campus along the New River in Independence, Virginia.

George explains, “The Peace Pentagon is the heart of ‘Camp Eve.’ Just as Camp David serves as a secure and private venue for meetings amongst Heads of State, so Camp Eve will serve as an inspiring venue for strategic meetings amongst Heads of Sectors.”

Learn more about Oracle’s new HUB at: www.TheOracleInstitute.org. BTNW conference pictures, film footage, and networking opportunities are posted at: www.BTNW.org.

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