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## Strategos Procurator

Welcome to Strategikon, the quarterly journal of The Cepia Club LLC. We restart this policy and perspectives format as Volume III, Number 1, for this summer of 2017, coming from its roots of the old Strategy Gazette, last published in two volumes in issues between 2006 and 2008.

First, a briefing: The Cepia Club LLC underwent a reorganization the past three years, and it now has four distinct parts to better manage, and focus, our purpose and mission in those so-called Four Enterprises. All the under the legal entity of The Cepia Club LLC, you can read more about the administrative descriptions of The Cepia Club LLC within these pages (see article: “How Cepiaclub's Parts Fit and Work Together”).

Second, since our founding as a legal entity in December 2007, we established the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program, based on invitation or application-at-large process, and sustained by voluntary subscriptions. While others outside of the program have their own access to Cepiaclub's media products, we needed a publication, using the format of the old Strategy Gazette, to service the internal communications for the ideas and the leadership program of Cepiaglobal. This publication, with a limited, subscriber-based readership, acts as our conduit between and among Cepiaglobal Associates, and from and to Cepiaclub's Directory and our advisers. Keeping this concept and its need ever-front and ever-present, some of the issues in their entirety or redacted will get shared with certain non-Associates for information or recruitment purposes only. To read this journal, you have either subscribed to the program or received this for some special purpose.

Third, as a policy and perspectives journal, Strategikon allows us a semi-private forum for expressing, venting, airing, considering, weighing, debating, etc., etc., views and commentary—and some genuine research discoveries—of present, future, and historical political-economic issues. That said, we do not condone or endorse, neither support nor oppose, anything outside our direct interests as a company or as the fellowship of the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program. And, with the utmost intent, we will NOT allow any form of bigotry, racism, prejudice, or incitement to violence or illegal or unethical and immoral discussion within this serious-minded journal or within Cepiaglobal (or within The Cepia Club LLC itself).

This journal and Cepiaglobal aims to create a common ground—for peace, tolerance, justice, and equality for all peoples on earth. We aim to find in our discussions within Strategikon and Cepiaglobal the best and most equitable paths to peace and conflict resolution that we can feasibly recommend or implement, by using logic, reason, analysis, and conclusions that support all the principles listed above.

Fourth, Strategikon as a publication aims to use the high ideals just stated to find better, smarter ways to explore the options available to promote peace and prosperity, from the individual in the community upward. The name itself, “Strategikon,” comes from an old Byzantine Empire book, dated from circa 6th Century A.D., attributed to the Emperor Maurice. While our journal allows us to discuss and examine political-economic matters, the Cepiaglobal Associates currently subscribed will develop or find methods and models, insights and principles, to build their own thinking and leadership experiences. As the legal entity, The Cepia Club LLC carries liability for this publication. We offer it responsibly based on its contents and inferences. We ask that you take it the same—responsibly—and act in the same manner. Take what you find here in these pages and in future issues to join us for serious thought and dynamic action in your own community to fulfill the Cepiaglobal ideal (see article: “The Vision for Cepiaglobal”).

“Cepia” as an acronym means “community ending public ignorance and apathy.” In that spirit, and in the spirit of all like-minded individuals, let's start thinking and let's start working together!

Sincerely,



Tim Krenz  
“Strategos Procurator” and Publisher  
Strategikon

## Vision for the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program

As one of The Cepia Club LLC's Four Enterprises, the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program (CAMP), attracts and invites subscribers as Associates to bridge the gap between the legal entity (The Cepia Club LLC) and the communities in which the associates live. Not to sell anything, but to perform as leaders in a public service and in fellowship to other associates. This leadership seeks to advance a simple program agenda: To create a “community ending public ignorance and apathy,” the definition of the acronym “cepia.”

We created Cepiaglobal for the same two reasons other, more elite individuals combine their intellectual and physical powers: In order to create an institution of like-minded men and women working toward common goals. For Cepiaglobal, it means (1) self-education, for (2) the purpose of implementing solutions to political-economic problems.

The existing subscribers to Cepiaglobal have two distinct and common characteristics, among others. First, they possess a curiosity to understand better how the things work. Second, they possess an empathy about what happens in this world, to themselves, family, friends and neighbors.

While no one may ever understand an injustice that happens, nor have any individual power to right wrongs, we always learn from human history and use rigorous, objective examination to find ways to expand the right and reasonable success of human thought and action. Furthermore, we can hope for the indomitable human optimism to prevail, and that Cepiaglobal can at least change some things in our communities, one person at a time. In this way, perhaps, world as a whole could get a little better, and a little more just. Perhaps the world could benefit from our simple methods, one person at a time.

The fellowship aspect of Cepiaglobal indirectly works to help each other in sums more than in its parts. But the associates who subscribe can directly benefit the most people by keeping perspective on two ideas, front and foremost.

First, we need an open-mindedness and a willingness to discuss political-economic issues dispassionately and objectively; debate them, rationally; weigh options, reasonably; explore solutions, creatively; envision our own roles, courageously; and move forward, actively. With that objectivity alone, anyone can work better and smarter to create peaceful, positive change, in their locality and in the people around them.

Second, Cepiaglobal has places for passive readers, part-time volunteers, or sunshine activists. What we need, however, comes from every Associate's potential for leadership. Only by seizing moments of opportunity, even with some calculated risks, can we as individuals and as a club achieve the agenda, creating anywhere a “community ending public ignorance and apathy.”

Defining community comes easily. We mean by a community anywhere we live and work; share in common space with neighbors; where we identify with the values, the history, and the common interests of a greater whole; where we can practice life free of fear or want; where we have freedom of conscience and speech; with all of these requiring that we do not harm others and receive no harm in return by others practicing these freedoms.

Cepiaglobal itself has many features of this definition of community, except a locale (apart from the earth itself). Yet the sense of locality holds the power, and the secret, for what Associates and Cepiaglobal can accomplish. A more peaceful, more prosperous world will only come from the bottom of civilization, from the individual. Change like we seek to encourage and implement could never get imposed from the elite top of the power relationship. Change—peaceful and positive—must grow organically like a kitchen garden, tended and nurtured for health and vitality.

For Cepiaglobal Associate subscribers, we can only hope you heed this call to thought, this summons to action. We believe good things can happen. We will invite more people to apply as associates. More may find themselves attracted to seek us and apply on their own. We have standards, rules and etiquette, but we make the process open to join us. We do not discriminate, against anyone who fits the needs we have and what they have to offer. For more information or to recommend an application for the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program, see the website [www.cepiaclub.com](http://www.cepiaclub.com) or inquire with Tim Krenz.

Keep the ideas and the action happening. We will share more.



*Editor's Note: This article, The Myth, submitted as a guest contributor by Cepiaclub's good friend, "The Ghost," contain's the author's own viewpoint and does not necessarily represent the views in whole or in part of Cepiaglobal or The Cepia Club LLC. -TK*

## The Myth

by The Ghost

One of the greatest myths perpetuated upon American society is that of democracy. This myth being that our voice, each as individuals and as a collective, actually means something or has some bearing to what actually takes place in Washington, D.C.

The people in control of this country enforce a two-party system, not to give the people options but to actually keep the United States divided. That system plays and preys on the differences of opinions that people have. The two parties are polar ideological opposites of each other, yet we are told we must pick a side to represent each of us. While we may be very similar in most ways as human beings, the choices we actually get are meant to keep us divided.

Such has been the case throughout the history of the two-party system. Never, though, has it been as blatantly obvious as it is now. Here we are in 2017 after being forced to "choose" between Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton to be the president of this country. I believe it to be possible that neither of the candidates actually represented what the United States needs or the type of person Americans truly want in a president.

Offered two options, we are doing a disservice not only to the process of democracy but to our country as a whole. The most American thing we can do in these matters of two-party elections is to stand up and say, "No! We will not be forced into these elections anymore!" We must unite as a nation and choose not to vote for either one side or the other in a two-party election. I am not suggesting that citizens vote for some third party candidate. I am suggesting a complete boycott of elections and of our government's campaign system.

"WE THE PEOPLE" are not represented at all. Elected officials take their offices and stay in them as if only they know what is best for all of us. They trade offices with other career politicians and take turns making laws for us to follow. We must rise up and take our country back!

Politicians are supposed to be public servants, not privileged dictators. We need to tell and show them what we want. Then, they need to make the decisions on the best way to implement what the people need, and only then enforce such policies. How can it be that "We the People" cannot have more say over our government with the abundance of communication and more opportunity for voicing ourselves than ever before in history?

We have lost control of our country's government. Perhaps, we might never have had any say in the actual elections, or in how this country is run. We do, on the other hand, have precedent to change from powerless to empowered citizens. After all, this country was founded by men of treason, those men who broke free from the country in which they believed they had no say because of the arrogant monarchy and no representation in parliament. They came here, and then started their own country the way they wanted it to function. Then, something went wrong. It was these people, and the descendants of these people, who have been running and will continue to run this country as they see fit, feeding us the lies of freedom and democracy, the way the monarchy and aristocracy of Great Britain lied to them.

In this myth of democracy, the decisions have already been made by people who have absolute power due to wealth and influence. None of those people are you.

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## How Cepiaclub's Parts Fit and Work Together

Introduction: Far from a non-existent version of “a master plan,” this brief description of The Cepia Club LLC sets forth the basic structure of the organization, some of its past and some of its ongoing work, and it also looks forward to future activities. Without the burden of too much detail, this article should give a cleaner idea to Cepiaglobal Associates and the Directory members, what we did in the past that still works, what we would like to do with the organization, and how it fits and works as a whole.

On the other hand, while the article establishes certain rules, expectations, basic etiquette, some goals, and our overall and long-term focus, and the very end state we aim to achieve, we will not limit either our potential growth or desired impact by too much of a rigid plan or a strategy for getting there. After all, leadership in our model remains a method of “flexible pursuit of means to ends.”

A Brief History: The Cepia Club began in the Spring 1995. Several individuals and I began exploring political issues and ideas, and most importantly at the time, we developed the basic theoretical model for examining them. The small group remained rather small, and The Cepia Club (unincorporated) ran as an informal discussion group, comprised of a few individual consultants learning the political trade and developing some experience at publishing newsletters, research and writing, and other useful media skills. Building on my own collections, by then rather significant, we as a group began building what became now a rather impressive research library.

In acquiring these materials and simple tools for media development, and in creating a rather extensive base of contacts for regular networking, the addition of new technology greatly expanded our outreach and effectiveness (thus making the former impressive library rather useless). Over twelve years, until Fall 2007, the entire resource and skills base, created slowly and carefully, added up to an extensive gathering of transferable skills and intellectual property created by us as a whole. The several individuals at the start of the organization in 1995 remains more or less intact, even if involvement varies from time-to-time. Several important individuals joined the discussion group by 2007. Some we have excused, regrettably. Over the past 22 years to date, a notoriously large set contacts expanded the direct and indirect network The Cepia Club created to continue its one and original agenda: to create a “community ending public ignorance and apathy” (“cepia”).

Why Create Such a Community?: In 1995, the original research those of us involved to believe in a more brutal interpretation of the loosely-termed “political realities.” Twenty-two years of study, thought and writing have led now to a few important conclusions about the vicious master of humanity called “politics,” and its willing hand-right agent, “economics.”

First, any theory of social hierarchy in a civilization must accept, without separation, the combination of the politics and economics (political-economy) as the one discriminating tyranny over every aspect of a person's existence. Politics and economics, one power-based and the latter class-based, rule everything. Second, the fear of losing power (a political reality) and the greed for more power (an economic function, in its simplicity), create conflict between individuals and groups of individuals (the latter we term “factions”). Third, while individuals and factions may form alliances and coalitions, by choices or coercion, they only do so for strategic reasons: To keep power or gain more of it, whether it means decision-making power or resources to exercise power. All of these political-economic decisions, anywhere and at all levels, ultimately reduces itself to some form or conceptualization of self-interest.

Fourth, again anywhere and at all levels, the competition for political-economic supremacy sacrifices both the larger public good and the personal welfare of those people not contributing or benefiting from the ruling or prevailing faction(s) in question. In short, the ruling factions take care of, and even select, their own ranks. Also, the dominating faction(s) have more in common and at-stake with each other than the people outside the ruling power system. In this model, the top tier takes as much as it can. The rest? Each person must ask and answer the question for themselves.

For these general, rather firm and totally personal, conclusions that fit into our theory, I invite refutation, disagreement, debate or refinement. Yet, I believe in the soundness of the theoretical model and assert its usefulness.

Much doubt remains in the more specific applications of the theory. But in relative issues, the theory can argue further on any speculative evidence or concrete facts and numbers. As a group we may never know more than how the facts fit the model, and not know anything about the deep psychiatric source for the “fear and greed” complex, a problem too which Thucydides alluded in his eye-witness history of the war fought between Sparta and Athens in the 5th Century B.C. By implication, power combined with wealth gets misused, but wealth helps everyone in aggregate. Finally, any concentrated power itself gets misused and often leads to the concentration of wealth at the expense of un-empowered.

How can humanity solve this usual problem, to remove the danger of conflicts of power via its concentration in the hands of factions, but solve it without destroying or stealing anyone's wealth?

Answer: Dismantle and decentralize the concentration of political power, by reducing it to its base and extraordinary common denominator, onto the minds and in the hands of smaller localities, and even in the conscience and on the backs of individual people.

For this reason, the original founders of The Cepia Club discussion group came around to believing we had good cause to set the agenda, to create “community ending political ignorance and apathy.” If people grasped the understanding of a political reality, according to our model, and if their action forces the de-centralization of power (and wealth) from distant hands and into their places closer to them, then things might actually change for better reasons.

More detailed ideas on personal education and direct activism will come for Cepiaglobal Associates in later writings. Now, though, for this article to assure everyone, The Cepia Club theoretical model does more than predict or explain problems. It also helps us guide thinking on how to solve conflict, and promote prosperity, in all but a few locations. These solutions, if examined and carried out, involve direct, active, mass, and peaceful solutions to overthrow the hold political realities maintain on the constituents of conflict. Most of all, seeking the radical center of a consensus, it benefits the most individual interests most of the time. That time will come to share and show more.

Parts of The Cepia Club LLC and How They Work: The separate parts under the heading “Cepiaclub” consist of Four Enterprises. (Note: the one-word description “Cepiaclub” means the aggregate of all its parts, not specifically the separate enterprises themselves). Each enterprise, has either an “educative” or an “activist” function, and on the fringes of the enterprises both the educational and active functions overlap.

First, we have the enterprise that in game theory one could call the “head group,” titled The Cepia Club LLC. This First Enterprise works toward the objective of the organization, “cepia—community ending public ignorance and apathy”—and the enterprise has one business mission statement: “Connecting People with Community Media.” Also described in our literature as the legal entity, The Cepia Club incorporated into a limited liability company (LLC) in December 2007. It earns revenue, keeps accounts, pays taxes, holds possession of physical property, and holds the legal ownership to the intellectual property such as the copyrights of our work. It creates and distributes any authorized media products, such as our publications, image and sound productions. The legal entity covers its own liability, but limited in coverage only to liability done with my own or delegated authorization.

I should say something here about myself as the sole, owner manager of the legal entity under LLC rules. While Cepiaclub compensates as generously as our condition allows, and as others may benefit directly or indirectly from our business activities, having complete responsibility in me allows an undivided conductor for any business in which we engage. This works as a safety mechanism, which goes several ways. I do seek and accept advice to a large degree, but no one may ever undertake to do something detrimental to the Club or to others, in the name of the legal entity or Cepiaclub as a whole. Our system of leadership allows a flexible delegation of power to responsible actors in timely fashions. In short, no one participant or subscriber, no one volunteer or employee could ever suffer consequences, financially or in liability, if acting under our rules and according to the rules, laws, guidelines, and directives that limit them. Failure leaves a orphan, and success has many fathers, to paraphrase President Kennedy. I accept that responsibility. Cepiaclub's supporters hopefully can accept that, too.

The media products and services of The Cepia Club LLC, obviously, serve the educational function of Cepiaclub as a first priority. The legal entity's first and most important reason to exist, however, remains and must always remain to earn profits and regulate itself according to current laws in order to continue business.

The media products of The Cepia Club LLC currently include: this journal, Strategikon, the Ubet Gazette, NormalcyMag, and The Cepia Club Paper Series. It also has a loose past success with image and sound productions, including Freedom Affairs, the St. Croix Valley Liberty Beacon, special features, and commercials. As we go along, and after hopefully solidifying the publications over the next year, we plan to resurrect and even upgrade many of the audio-visual productions. The Cepia Club LLC media services include media production, public relations management, PikzIVision, and RadioMira, with the latter two our channels for public viewing and listening. In our long-term plan, PikzIVision and RadioMira become two major revenue sources for the “Connecting People. . .” mission.

The Second Enterprise of Cepiaclub, which does not have broad coverage with the legal entity, and hence no claim to our resources, we simply refer to as CepiaclubNet. Yes, basically a network, it cannot, most importantly, act in the name of Cepiaclub or the legal entity, and it receives no benefit or compensation from us in terms of money or liability coverage. It does, though, consist of what we call “Participants,” and it takes the shape of the fellow travelers that accept and even carry on the ideas and principles of our cause. CepiaclubNet has no organizational structure. It receives public and non-subscriber services and products, it may forward them, sometimes reproduce them, spread them, and even take their own and personal forms of leadership where they live. The network communicates in only two directions, more like a highway than a web. It receives messages from Cepiaclub. It may send messages to the legal entity. Period. People in the network cannot communicate directly to each other using our system. It cannot do so with our assistance for reasons of liability. Participants may join or leave, at their leisure, free and freely. It costs nothing to sign up, and each Participant in the CepiaclubNet may consider themselves equal to another. They can remain anonymous. With the Cepiaclub ideas but with absolutely no resources from the legal entity, the Participants can organize themselves without using our name or our intellectual property (including NONE OF OUR copyrighted or trademarked material).

The Participants of CepiaclubNet nonetheless provide a vital corps of conduits for information, in both directions, to the wider world and back to us, and they act as an auxiliary of activists. Yet, even without structured organization, and outside any disciplining of the legal entity (for liability purposes, as stated), it possesses great potential for changing political realities anywhere, from the localities upward to the top. As an activist function of Cepiaclub, albeit almost indirectly, it does overlap with the educational function, and has created a prime asset for our community outreach.

The Third Enterprise, the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program (CAMP), for which we provide this journal as the subscriber-exclusive bonus, takes the form of the elite of the Cepiaclub organization. It uses the principle of an activist leadership—informed, trained, directed, and managed—to carry out our “community ending public ignorance and apathy” agenda. To become an Associate, that extends some rights with responsibility, a person may apply twice or receive one invitation—a total of three chances to pass the review and selection segment to join as a member. A person usually has to submit some required and other optional materials, which then pass through the review and selection board. As we state repeatedly, we DO NOT discriminate on any illegal or unethical basis, but we do choose those who would pass a legal and rigorous process for getting a highly paid job.

Although we do pay wages or salaries, and Associates must pay the subscriber and annual rates to remain in good standing, we still expect certain standards in the following areas—a works and accomplishments resume or c.v., good references, integrity, ability and a record of fulfilling any commitments undertaken with Cepiaclub or other Associates, and a history of completing contracts honorably. After approval and joining, the Associate becomes a probationary subscriber based on the review and selection board. Once attaining “good status” rank, subscribers get involved in our process of leadership according to their preferences.

We make ample allowances for passive Associates who just want to read this journal and up to any form of activism they choose within our projects. Only two classes of individuals may not maintain an active status as a subscriber, whether in the application or post-approval phases: Anyone holding public-elected office or direct, hired employees of The Cepia Club LLC must revert to “inactive” status until they no longer hold publicly elected positions or any regular employment with the legal entity.

While the Associates may directly and indirectly benefit from the legal entity and their subscription in Cepiaglobal, subscribers ultimately focus on leadership in their local community. (For more details on Cepiaglobal and the Associated status, see the article in this issue titled “Vision for the Cepiaglobal Associated Membership Program”). Some, but very restricted, liability coverage extends from the legal entity to Associates acting under our direction. Under the above mentioned limits, we ask each other favors, and we grant them when and where possible.



Associates also directly communicate, organize where necessary, but under the “Rules, Guidelines, and Principles” (listed elsewhere in Cepiaclub). We hope for the Associates to mentor, help, assist, and stand up for our organization and on behalf of each other where appropriate under the laws where they apply. Breaking the laws of state, unethical activity, non-fulfillment of contracts, and continuous breach of our own rules and etiquette results in due process annulment of the Associates membership program status overseen by the Oversight Board. People who reject the one invitation, or who resign for any reason not related to inactive status requirements, never get a second opportunity to belong to Cepiaglobal. It may sound harsh, but both Cepiaglobal and the Associates have expectations that need enforcement.

Cepiaclub has Associates as subscribers for one reason: To lead by example.

The Fourth Enterprise, Cepiclub Projects, encompasses a mostly activist function of the four, again with the function of education overlapping it. We do the real work of Cepiaclub in its community outreach and leadership stages in the projects. The projects get numbered sequentially and with titles. Project Groups (PG) form with a mix of people, some in Cepiaclub and some outside of it, for essentially any endeavor the legal entity accepts and agrees to do. PG leaders get mission, authorization, resources, and liability coverage to the extent necessary and appropriate to accomplish the mission. Project Groups and leaders get rated, reviewed, compensated (where agreed), and pass/fail evaluations. Projects receive results-oriented testing and supervision to the degree necessary.

No detailed discussion of past, present or future projects will fit into this article. They range in topics, nature, space and time. We did both small and large ones in the past. We expect more of the same and more profitable ones in the present and future. With the overarching goal of creating a community ending public ignorance and apathy, projects may take the form of a public service or a profitable venture.

Conclusion: Changing political realities means many things. But changing realities, in the Cepiaclub model, begins from the ground up, from the self-side then outward. In the subtle, and the overt ways, as Strategikon will develop these forms of activism, Cepiaglobal subscribers (and guests) reading this now have interesting articles to read in the future.



## Reviews

Review of: Dyer, Gwynne. Climate Wars: The Fight for Survival as the World Overheats. Oxford, England: OneWorld Publications, 2010.

In this book with a dire sounding title, long-time political and military essayist, Gwynne Dyer, discusses an aspect of climate change that has not receive due attention in popular debate. In accepting the fact of climate change as near-certain, and second, assuming humanity's responsibility for future environmental catastrophes, Dyer examines the political-military conflicts that global warming could produce in the world if humanity cannot stop or reverse climate change.

Loosely using what the strategic political industry might call “assumption-based planning,” in providing a narrative of hypothetical examples Dyer does not quite provide anything beyond a popular, not a scholarly, history of the future yet to happen. Definitely not a Tom Clancy thriller, and far short of a well-written and studied analysis, Dyer misses some of the important points that would otherwise support his appeal to a thoughtful and serious crowd. That missing crowd in the debate both believes in climate change and wants political and personalized solutions, to implement ideas, that work to stop or reverse global warming, if at all possible.

The book, Climate Wars, falls between two audiences. Furthermore, it confuses somewhat, as a lack of starkly clear reference points do not allow readers in some parts to distinguish whether the author's supporting evidence exists as facts or hypotheticals in those sections of the book that has future history as its intent.

Beyond the incredible needs for analysis on the political-military struggles of the subject, Dyer sometimes swings a huge ax at people's incredible blindness of how the politics in the international arena will change if a hot and dry world started wars to feed or safeguard their nations. The ax often misses its target more than it hits. What he could have accomplished with this direct and needed approach in *Climate Wars*, Dyer did once succeed doing over thirty years ago with a work at the height of the Cold War, when he wrote of the need for nuclear weapons disarmament.

Climate Wars, in the other view, does merit some word for the essentials of the matter, and in this regard it receives an honorable mention. Again, accepting a reality of climate change (or global warming, if one prefers that term), and humanity's responsibility for it, climate change poses a severe challenge to human behavior and the national interests of every country on earth. If readers suspend all doubts of the grand argument, then the future of the world has a hot, dry, and difficult time providing enough available food and fresh water for the size of the projected future populations.

If true, climate change portends a civilizational breakdown, and near collapse heading to partial extinction, if the extreme projections become reality. Short of the extreme, a somewhat milder prognosis for climate change would also result in a complete collapse in democracy and the idea of natural rights, giving way to more authoritarian governments. This would create a completely separate, and smaller, portion of "haves" in the ruling class using the "have nots" in the underclass to support them.

As asserted here, if one believes in a future of climate change, the scenarios predicted by Dyer's several examples culminate in possible extreme geographic changes, refugee migrations, mass starvation, wars, including nuclear wars, all in a world unhinged in a quest for survival of the strongest. This does, however, presuppose what Dyer only assumes: The continued existence of nation states, which realistically have no such guarantee.

Does Dyer's work solve anything? Does it solve the problem of climate change? Does he even provide a viable political solution to the lack of contemporary political cooperation for controlling the fossil-fuel emissions, claimed to cause global warming? He does not have any of these solutions.

Dyer only rehashes the same and worn mantras of an alarmist: It will come. It might destroy humanity or large portions of it! Governments must do something, including forcing average people to sacrifice everything for a governmental answer to climate change—solutions by any means or force necessary. No plan does he present, just like most of the other literature, except by implication the use of force and coercion by nation-states.

Climate Wars makes appeals to the world for a technological and habitual solution, for what first needs a political-economic plan to create them, a viable and sustainable political-economic plan. As the world indeed teeters on the point of massive change, in political relationships between government and governed, in the areas of economic systems, macro-geography, and the culture of our 21st Century civilization, most climate change activists stand almost as guilty as the climate deniers in one very important respect: Every person has a direct and personal interest in the climate change phenomenon, and so little empowerment to do anything practical about it in their own lives.

Many activists and all the deniers in this critical issue of survival neither have the moral high ground nor the right ideas, whether to change the environment's future or to dispute the scientific facts and models. The world needs better ideas to solve the problem. It cannot rely on any government or transnational governmental organization to fix the problem, or stop the fix as the climate change deniers would like to do.

Two thoughts: First, better solutions than authoritarian measures and coercion must get formulated to alleviate a post-diluvian world of climate change. Second, these hopefully more tangible tools of solving climate change, more than the mere declarations and resolutions of no effect, must allow an affordable means for individuals to implement those solutions, and provide the useful those tools for people within their homes and neighborhoods. I know several friends who already have done some of this, at great personal expense, in admirable fashion. Climate change solutions must address most of all the Issues of the cost and the individual willingness to pay that cost. Without these two conditions fulfilled, we might need to get ready for a hot, dry, hungry world, and a contest of wars for survival.





