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### **Premises and Conclusions of The Laszlo Institute’s Symposium on “The New Paradigm in Politics”**

Over the three days of July 23, 24, and 25, 2021, The Laszlo Institute of New Paradigm Research hosted a live online symposium on “The New Paradigm in Politics.” Engaging 35 speakers from across 12 time zones, it was a truly international event that initiated a fresh and badly needed departure from the tired political controversies that yet dominate the daily news. The Symposium was designed as an integrated and progressive three-day process that began with a realistic, appropriately disillusioning global political situation report that was immediately followed by a discussion of the underlying principles of a truly new political paradigm.

The following excerpts from the discussions and citations from the principal documents highlight the key premises and conclusions of the Symposium.

(We) can report that the entire event was characterized by an evident seriousness on the part of all the participants, coming from the recognition that the old political order is dead, and that replacing it with this new paradigm is a matter of the utmost urgency. Even if the New Paradigm in Politics symposium was but the bare beginning of a much needed turnabout in the field of politics, it was nonetheless a beginning. This conclusion is supported by the complete audio and video documentation of the Symposium archived online on YouTube. This rich and fertile material is of interest to all concerned people, who can freely draw upon it in the months and years ahead.

[from the Report of William Stranger ,Director of the  
Symposium]

The current and now standard philosophy of contemporary politics and politicians is seriously outdated. It is based on an obsolete concept of the human being and human society. Seldom overtly acknowledged, it is this obsolete concept that underlies contemporary nation-state politics./.../ a mistaken and now seriously counter-productive concept of nature, life and society. The influential and until recently seldom seriously challenged pseudo-scientific view has seriously negative consequences. It creates separation and self-centeredness, encourages all-out competition, and warrants the pursuit of individual, corporate and national interests without concern for the consequences for others. /.../Persisting with the dominant

philosophy creates an international system replete with conflict, separation, all-out competition, and violence. Contemporary nation-state politics needs a new basic philosophy: a new paradigm. /.../

The operative principle of the new paradigm can be derived as the practical, humanistic implication of the current findings of the natural sciences, in particular of quantum cosmology, quantum biology, and quantum consciousness research. We can resume it in a single sentence: *what is good for the whole, is good for the part*. Applied to politics, this means *what is good for society as a whole, is good for every person and every structure and organization in society*. If a politician is to represent the interests of the individual and his or her community, he or she needs to be concerned with the interests of the system in which that individual is embedded. The embedding system comprises human individuals, their organizations and institutions, as well as nature. /.../ This is the principle of holism applied to society: the core of what needs to be developed as a new paradigm for politics.

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We the people of the planet are at a crossroads in our evolutionary journey. We can choose to make great music and come into harmony as one, or to continue on the current path of discordant chaos, with the inevitable results./.../ In this singular moment in history, we must choose between the values of an old paradigm structured in competition, individualism and materialism, or embrace a new way forward rooted in cooperation, the good of the whole and a higher level of consciousness. We must look toward our indigenous roots of harmony and oneness with Gaia, with each other, with Spirit, however we each define it, and with a balance of the feminine and the masculine, all with an eye toward the well-being of future generations. Now is the time to choose a new way forward, one of peace and cooperation with the entirety of the world around us, both inside and out. /.../

Our world of nation-states competing for the perceived and limited resources has obliterated our natural order of oneness and held us captive to a political machine dependent on strong borders, armaments, and violence. The illusion of separation has infiltrated our souls and allowed us to think that the music of life itself is a competition for volume at any cost, as if the musician who plays or sings the loudest is the most deserving at the expense of those who offer a more subtle or nuanced contribution. /.../

In the emergent paradigm of sacred governance in the global orchestra, fear dissolves into our natural state of love. This love is the simple resurgence of the golden rule that has existed from time immemorial in indigenous and holistic societies—in essence, to live in harmony with all fellow musicians./.../

Our current belief that individual rights are sacrosanct is a mistake. What is good for the individual, may not be good for the whole, whereas what is good for the whole orchestra is always good for every individual player. This is the moment when each individual must retune her old instrument, so its sound will be in harmony with all the players in our planetary orchestra. We ask that the politicians of the new paradigm become humble and committed conductors in service to the whole. /.../

Let us envision a new day when the formerly ego-driven rulers of nation-states are guided by a similar universal principle. A sacred code of ethics will be adopted that politicians of the future swear to, enabling them to be caretakers of a melodious, peace-loving, Earth-loving society. The new ethics calls to our evolving consciousness to embrace the journey toward a higher state of being. /.../

Alongside our politicians, we are all active participants in crafting this new vision of universal citizenship, engaged in transforming our current system that operates on a love for power into a new system impelled by the power of love. /.../ The evolution of consciousness that comes as a result of political coherence economizes energy on all scales and brings our world into collective harmony. The ascendant enlightened politician is truly the conductor of the new symphony performed by all people in the human family.

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