

# The new platform

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The world is changing fast. Technology, ways of thinking, ways of behaving – the whole cultural evolution is developing fast. It goes probably fastest in countries in the Far East who are transforming from so called developing countries to industrialised countries. But it is going fast in countries like Norway as well. Most of us have days when we feel it is going too fast.

If you take a broad view over, let us say the last 10 000 years of cultural history, the speed of development has accelerated all the time. It is like a rolling snowball – in the start it is small and slow – in the end it is building up, doubling and redoubling itself. The curve is exponential. For a long time it is almost horizontal, then after some time, it is almost vertical.

We have past a very important point on this curve. That's where we have to change our mind-set, our way of thinking, feeling and behaving, during a single lifetime.

Up to now, the adjustments could be done from one generation to the next. You could live and die with the mind-set you were brought up with. The young people were a little stupid, behaving in a not so good way, but you were not. To day, if we do not change our mind-set, we are outdated before 50. And believe me, we have only seen the start of it.

The different regions on this little planet are at different stages in the development process. Some are transforming themselves from traditional agricultural economies and cultures to the industrial. Others, like Norway, are transforming from the industrial era into something new that is not named yet.

I have for a start labelled it “The 5<sup>th</sup> Step”. We are going from industrial capitalism to human capitalism. The physical production is going to the new industrial countries. To have success in the post industrial era, you have to develop *human* capital, also called *intellectual* capital and *emotional* capital, to put it plain: the people and the way people work together.

It does not matter if you like it or not. Do you want to be a winner in the post industrial society, you have to develop people. You have to help them developing their mind-sets.

Sooner or later new technology will bring the physical production back, but then it will be small-scale high technology, and the part of the human labour force will not be physical. The industrial era will never come back.

There are two important aspects of this process that we must keep in mind. First of all: This process is global, that is already an established fact. You can try to stop it, and the ultimate way of doing that is using terror. But nothing is more global than terror, and the terror itself is speeding up the globalisation process tremendously.

Second: The process is evolutionary. It has its own logic and it has gone on for thousands of years. Before the cultural part of the evolution started, the biological evolution was going on for billions of years.

We can make it more or less difficult for ourselves, and our fellow human beings. For a while we can slow it down or speed it up a little – locally. But nobody, no political or religious power can stop the cultural evolution - can stop the history, or the fact that this little planet is functioning like a global system. It is like stopping a river with your bare hands – the water is simply flowing around you.

The news is, that for the first time in history, we are conscious of the evolutionary process and our part in it. The fact that we are forced to transform ourselves during our lifetime takes us from the level of unconscious evolution to conscious evolution. That is big news! We are going from one sort of history to another!

This process is far from peaceful. And the reason for that is that we are all losing control. The traditional sort of control is lost in the modernisation process. The modern way of keeping control is lost in the transformation to the next level of culture.

The so called “modern”, the markets way of controlling, is one where we all control each other: Man and wife, customer and producer, politician and electorate – it is the same game all over. We try to stay safe and happy, having reasonable control over our surroundings. It means that we all are blocking each other a little.

Now both of these established ways of controlling and being safe:  
The traditional authoritarian and the more modern with mutual controlling, is failing – both of them.

To be a winner in the forefront of modern human capitalism you have to develop another style of leadership than controlling your staff.

You need creative teams. You need people with tremendously positive engagement. People who are thinking and behaving in new ways with enthusiasm – every day. You need the full capacity of changing, of conscious evolution on a permanent basis. Nobody can be controlled into that.

We need a third way of controlling, or more precise:  
we need another basis for being safe and in peace, than controlling.

We have to start the peace from inside. The secure platform we build on has to be inside our selves. We have to reframe the problem.

It does not function anymore fighting to control the waves that are rolling. We have to start riding on them, surfing on -, and with the flow. Looked upon this way, high speed evolution is not at threat, it becomes exiting. More then that: conscious evolution becomes the meaning of life – your own conscious evolution, and coaching others.

We have to develop something new, but we have very old sources to build on. For thousands of years it has existed another way of doing it. It is to be rooted into and drawn from our “inner self”. One name for it is “restfully controlling”. Pamela Hiley is talking of “the peace point”. Old traditions are talking of “emptiness”.

But neither “inner” nor “control” are precise words for this.

- It is not inner or outer, higher or lower, it is non-local, it is neither and both. Modern languages are dualistic and this phenomenon is not.
- It is not “controlling” either, not in the sense that you can stop something you don’t like.
- It is emptiness, but in that emptiness you find the whole universe.

We have to develop a new language for this. But language has to be based on common experience. The first discovery we have to do is that we in a normal state of mind, are functioning like emotional robots.

We like and dislikes, react in this way or that way, believe in this and not in that. All our perceptions are labelled and sorted out and handled according to programs based on experience and tradition.

In a normal state of mind, we are not aware of these programs, we discover them when we have to change them.

The next discovery we have to do is that the world of emotional phenomenon, the world of dreams and fantasies, the world run by emotions, is following its own laws. Like the laws of physics, they have to be discovered, not voted upon.

In my book “The 5<sup>th</sup> Step” I have labelled them the first, second and third laws of emotionality. And the reason they are so important is that it is the emotional energies that are the driving force of history – your personal history and the history of the society.

What is it that make peace and war, that make us build families and empires – and split them up ? What sort of energy was running your grandfather, or Napoleon? What is running you and me? Greediness, love, fear – I don’t know, but whatever it is - it is emotions.

Until today, we have lived predominantly in accordance with the fallacy that emotional energy is limited and that we must secure it from our surroundings. We have to control our surroundings.

This fallacy has hindered us from seeing that we can find the source of all the emotional energy we could wish for in ourselves. Moreover, this source is such that the more you ladle out, the more streams in. It is a through-flow. If you make the openings larger, more comes out and more comes in.

The amount is cost-free, the character is not. If you love, you are filled with love. If you hate, you are filled with hatred. This is not anything of a moral character, it is the character of natural law.

The emotional - plainly and simply - is not in limited supply, in terms of neither good nor bad. In contrast to the physical, the emotional is unlimited. It has no fixed shape and no fixed limitation. We can limit it by believing it is limited but, in itself, it is without limits.

Since the Renaissance 500 years ago, the great project of the West has been to understand and master the physical. By means of a whole series of scientific and industrial revolutions, the western world has had enormous success with this project.

The individual, the great masses, have been liberated not only from hunger and oppression but also from the slavery of scarcity, from having to use one's whole life to secure one's daily bread.

The last decades we have started exploring the emotional world as well. It will give us more freedom. This time we will have freedom not only to do what we want, but also to decide for our selves what we really want.

This capability to understand and to master the non-physical, the emotional and the mental worlds is the basis for building the new post industrial economy, the human economy.

It is the start of a transformation from one level of culture to the next. It is the path to success in business the years to come. The driving force of this process will be the economy – human economy.

But this new turn on the spiral of development brings spirit into business. In the very forefront of competition you need meditation, tai chi, a lot of old and new techniques - you need inner practice to be a winner.

East and west, science and religion, male and female, are meeting not on the middle ground, not in a compromise, but in something new and broader, in a new paradigm that will build a new era.

Peace is a state of mind. The new era will, after the difficult transformation period we are at the start of, be peaceful in the sense that adult people don't have time for fighting, or conflicts. That is for animals and children.

But it will not be peaceful in the sense of being calm and slow. The evolution of people and society will go on faster than ever. We have to make peace with fast and permanent changing. We need a state of mind that gives us *dynamic peace*.

That dynamic peace is exactly what you will find on the new platform. That is the next great discovery, the one to find after the laws of emotionality.

When you drop the old games of controlling , when you stop fighting for your ego, when you release yourself from the burden of conformity, then you enter the platform of freedom.

It is you and the universe, and it is all living in you. The whole history of evolution is living in you. You can find and follow your path, your project, the reason you are living this life, fulfilling your destiny.

It means using all your talents and strengths to do all you can do to bring about a better life for yourself and others.

You can ignore the noise around you and listen to the whispering, the intuitions, start following the energies that is meant for you to ride on.

It takes some courage to tell you of the great discovery because it is, from a scientific point of view, unbelievable.

But still, if you follow the intuition and the energies this way, your luck will increase. You will have more than normal of so called *meaningful coincidences, synchronisities, serendipities*. The phenomenon is well known and has many names.

It has been called “surrender to the divine agenda”, and it is the opposite of surrender to defeat.

All religions have explanations for it. Some scientist and some philosophers as well. My favourite is the hypothesis of *predisposition*. The general pattern of development is predestinated, but the details are not. It gives room for free will.

We know that the evolution has a direction, is going from the simple to the more complicated, from the unconscious to the more conscious. There is a system in function here. There is a law of evolution behind it.

And the predisposition hypotheses say that there are many ways to the top of the mountain, but some are more difficult than others. If we tune in with the mountain, look for the signs and follow the intuition, we will have luck and find the best path.

You can do less and achieve more.

You can have fun riding on the waves of fast development.

You can have peace in a dynamic way.

So lets go for it !