Higher Purpose Forum: Economic Democracy (Part II) - Alan Jessen (IAED) and Dawn Brohawn (CESJ)

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We invite you to join our meeting next Tuesday, co-hosted with the HJ International Graduate School of Peace and Public Leadership (HJI). Our topic will be "economic democracy", which we regard as a critical pre-condition to true political democracy.

The contemporary critique of our free market economy includes the presence of extreme levels of income and wealth inequality. Critics argue this problem is endemic to "capitalist production relations" and cannot be remedied through economic reform.

The modern formulation of free market economics has consistently yielded unprecedented creativity, productivity, and wealth. Yet is this system optimal for maximizing a broad distribution of prosperity? Or can reforms be made, within the free market system, such that future prosperity will be less disproportionally concentrated in the hands of an economic and political elite?

Alan Jessen's presentation is Part II of our discussion on achieving economic democracy congruent with Unificationist ideals of "interdependence and mutual prosperity". He will present a new paradigm, developed over the past forty years at the Center for Economic and Social Justice (CESJ), called Binary Economics. His respondent will be Dawn Brohawn, Director of Communications for CESJ.

Concluding remarks by **Dr. Thomas Ward,** Provost & Professor of Peace and Development, HJ International Graduate School



Presenter Alan Jessen

Alan has 34 years of experience in small business management and ownership. He served for 9 years in the government and non-profit sectors, as the Economic Development Director for the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Government and as the Executive Director of Silos & Smokestacks, a federally funded National Heritage Area in Waterloo, Iowa.

Alan is apart-time financial professional and currently the North American Coordinatorfor the International Association for Peace and Economic Development (IAED),one of eight Associations under the umbrella of the Universal Peace Federation(UPF). He has a BS degree in Economics for Grennell College (Iowa).



Respondent Dawn Brohawn

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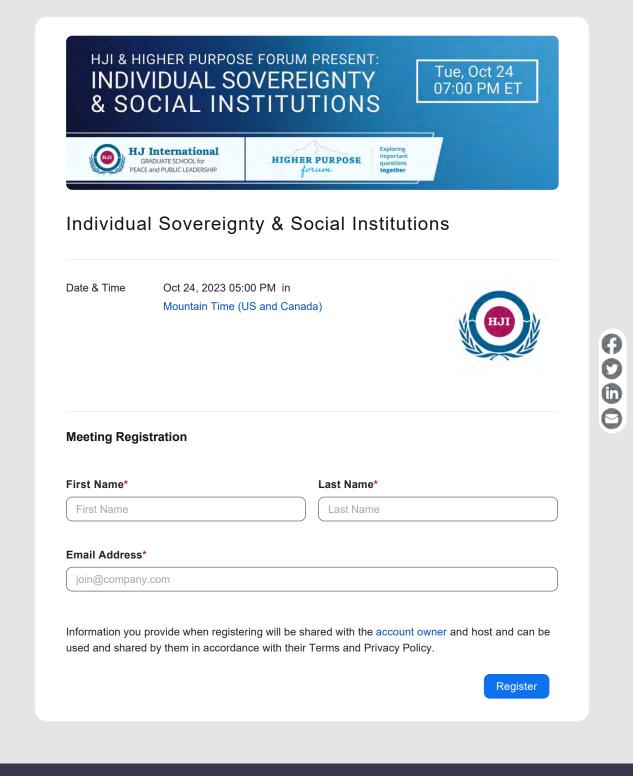
David Wolfenberger - "High Noon Culture Part I: The Challenge of Establishing a Godly Family & Lineage in a Pornified World"

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