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Alternative view of segmented documents via Kairos

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Global Strategic Alternatives for the 21st Century?

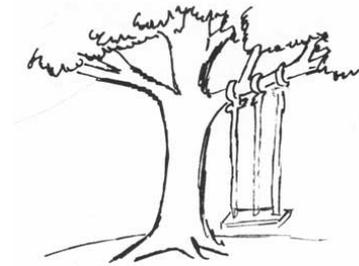
Contrasting visual caricatures

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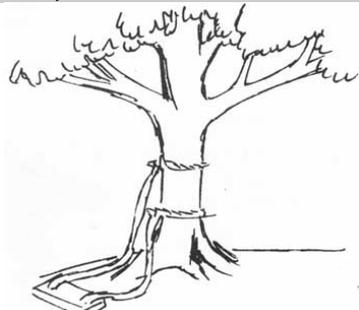
Framed by what the children wanted



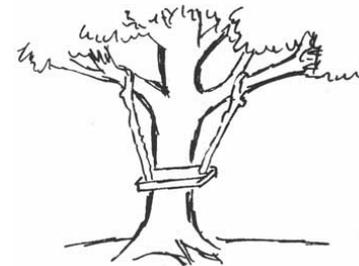
What the employment experts and agencies proposed
(influenced by conventional multi-tier considerations)



What the food experts and agencies proposed
(failing to take count of expanding nutrition needs)



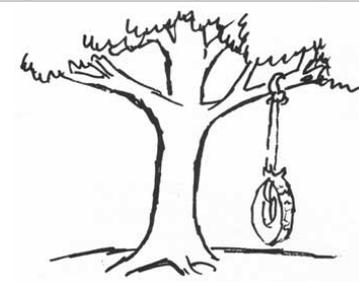
What the climate change experts and agencies proposed
(ignoring possibilities for effective implementation)



What the energy experts and agencies proposed
(failing to take account of the nature of demand)



What the governance experts and agencies proposed
(in an effort to achieve a mutually satisfactory compromise between incompatible perspectives)



What people wanted and Gaia really needed
(combining operational efficacy, environmental protection, recycling opportunities, and valuable symbolism)

In addition to its obvious practical advantages, as noted, the final image offers a mnemonic composite as:

- a measure of size constraint in a population at risk of obesity, and a reminder of any constraining personal [spare tire](#) in a society challenged by excessive consumption
- a valuable reminder of the many empty stomachs in the world population (World Food Programme, [Number Of World's Hungry Tops A Billion](#), 19 June 2009).
- a reminder of the fundamental importance of the [invention of the wheel](#) in enabling the industrial revolution -- in contrast to the constraining linearity characteristic of more traditional technologies and associated modes of governance, as caricatured by the other images ([Engaging with Globality through Cognitive Circlets](#), 2009)

- a reminder of the toroidal containment required for the potential nuclear fusion -- and its cognitive analogue (*Enactivating a Cognitive Fusion Reactor*, 2006)
- a reminder of the case for "hanging up" conventional modes of transportation in favour of alternatives
- a reminder of the fundamental cognitive challenge in the attraction of exploring holes -- "down the rabbit hole" (*Engaging with Globality through Knowing Thyself*, 2009)
- a reminder of the mysteriously attractive reproductive process through which people are engendered and babies emerge -- in a world challenged by overpopulation (*Institutionalized Shunning of Overpopulation Challenge: incommunicability of fundamentally inconvenient truth*, 2008; *Begetting: challenges and responsibilities of overpopulation*, 2007)
- a reminder of the cognitive challenge of "emptiness" for governance, as notably symbolized by the flat jade disk with a circular hole -- the *bi* -- dating from ancient China and still held in the highest esteem (to the point of inspiring the [design of the Olympic and Paralympic awards](#) of 2008).
- a possible reminder of a funerary wreath -- once flowers are no longer available for commemoration



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