

# Build your own system

## Systems there are many

But only a few that fulfill their main objectives. Systems are dynamic and ever changing. Social systems are complex and hard to communicate. This gives them an additional layer of occultism given the fact that between each pair of humans who communicate about systems the amount of imperfections that arise from a poor use of language or in many cases, the limitations of perception that a language may have. Languages come from societies, and we have to accept that the cult seed is in every social organization. One of the main characteristics of a real cult is the fixed perspective it imposes on every individual of the group, denying at the same time the validity of any other perspective on any given issue. This happens in societies as a whole. Language is our common product and it just doesn't stretch into higher forms of detail and precision because not only our biological limitations in terms of memory (how many different words can we remember), but also because our social dynamics that tend to replicate some memes and not others (for example lack of common interests in a close group of friends that allows debate and opposition of ideas to take place in order to further sophisticate our own understanding on the subject and on ourselves). For this and many other reasons here is a text that tries to tackle the system problem with solutions that arose chaotically in mind, as in many cases in human knowledge. And I'll try to look for a good carrier for this idea in order that it becomes an easy and understandable meme, thus a successful meme.

## What was I thinking?

All my interest in this rather rare subject in my close culture (meaning nobody I know wants to talk about this to further improve our knowledge about the issue and about ourselves) comes from the appearance of alternative currencies around me. Not only social currencies that were just another front line of the alternative movements that I personally find very misguided but nevertheless very instructive and always a second education and feeder of good nutrients for the mind. Also the new cryptocurrencies that have gathered so much attention. I consider myself a clever person and as

soon as I got interested by this I started to find imperfections and misconceptions when the currencies try to match their objectives with the means they provide. I developed some easy basis from which examine quickly but effectively the probability that a currency serves the values that it proclaims. And in this effort that filled many notebook pages with diagrams and a lot of words (not always meanings) I realized that the same problems that this engines face, all kind of other systems face too. It was then no separation between the economic and the political or the technical. Same problems, same solutions I guess.

## **Incentives rule the brain thus the world**

Have you ever heard about dopamine? Never mind. What happens in the brain is bizarre but it kind of makes sense in the macroscopic world we live in. Many of the talks that adult have are about incentives that are designed not very well. There are always people like you and me that hack this incentive designs in order to maximize benefits for our own causes and to serve ourselves and our values. This is what we do. And given the fact that we are all very different we hack them with more or less care. Some behaviors in society are encouraged and others are not. And this happens in many ways. The most important and the oldest its by social reputation. Each community has some values and you must follow them in order to fit in, ergo to survive. But there are also other incentives that tackle our same reptilian brain which can be resource acquisition, sex or avoidance of damage. And guess what, money can do all of them. So money it's the primal incentive for human activity. I have some intuitions but I don't want to talk about why this happens to be more effective than social values. To me it seems our world is ruled but this creations of ours, money. Well, lets change it then.

## **Money, the rules of the game**

How much does each individual contributes to the group and how much does him or her takes from the group? This question was easily answered when you knew all the people you interacted with in a daily basis. It was the time for reputation accountability stored in human memory and ruled by values and believes of small groups. Now, when the economy relates different cities and villages and nowadays the hole planet, you need a better system to make this accountability work. It has been hacked and we are here to fix it. Because there is always an incentive for cheaters, there were cheaters in small rural economies and there are now in this global economy, with huge damages being made to the environment and to different populations around the globe. If you can't believe in the people and its ability to stick to the same values that you have then you can trust in a system that allows not hack or abuse. And even if there is not a perfect one there are much better systems than social reputation held in human memory and subject to the cultural drifts of the village, and even better than concentrated power in money creator institutions that can be easily hacked.

## **Creation of money must be smarter**

Tired of fighting in a social movement that doesn't achieve much? Forget the consequences, let's get to the causes. All my excitement about systems comes from the realization that no matter where

I look (environment, social, psychological issues) I found that abundance of money and redistribution of wealth could be very positive in order to generate the surpluses where all social change has come from. I know that just improving our access to resources won't be sufficient. Materialism is also the root cause and a mind shift will happen as well as an economic change. But having survival needs covered forever and guaranteed. Being free for unwanted and unnecessary jobs. All this could create the conditions to higher participation in the development of the social, technical and cultural innovations than are growing faster and faster each day, but not yet on the radar of everybody, not on the news. Many projects today face lack of financing and even more, lack of customers. Money is not well directed to real value. Let's start over there.

## **Real needs**

Let's face it, we may be running out of fossil fuels soon and we should put all our energy into creating the alternative means to them now. Also we need resources to revolutionize education and open knowledge from schools and institutions. There are many technological innovations in this regard that can make possible another system which empowers humans instead of putting them into meaningless tests. Human needs are not so much. Lets be clear about real ones and created ones like addictions of all kind or those fueled by false believes and mistrust between countries or peoples. We can achieve peace by cooperation in a large scale beyond states and other artificial boundaries to our interdependence. I guess you are as well endorsed with great ideas that need to be done as I am. The problem isn't the lack of ideas but the way to make them real, to fit their process into our lives in this broken system that no longer serves us. And I am grateful for the good things believe me, but I'm just not satisfied. There are top human needs like security, meaning, adventure, freedom or free time, improve capacities, explore, etc... that I found a little bit impossible to fulfill here. So in order to create a system we just need to agree in what this common needs are and how will we satisfy them, in the best way possible.

## **The role of democracy**

There are many currencies around that seem pure technical and automatic. I believe that there is a place for democratic values to occupy in this designs. Where do our synergies end up? When money is created it takes value from every other coin named the same and indistinguishable from the newly made ones. Today this fresh money goes wherever private banks decide to. Why don't we decide that? We could throw it from the air in the form of paper bills (better than hard coins for sure) and let everybody decide what do they go. Or better, we could have a consensual road map in order to achieve greater human goals. Lets take the ideas from before and put them here, lets create a way to constant discussion and improve over this ideas, and lets pay some people to connect them with the real benefit sharers, the value materializers of the world, states, cooperatives, collectives, heroes...

## **Demands are just as important as offers**

We could be very clear about our collective needs if we made the effort to use technological possibilities as smart forums or such to clarify our needs and look for ways to satisfy them. Projects

could have it easier if they already knew what is needed or wanted before they start their business. This could create real value and further increase the amount of usefulness of a new human B ecosystem lubricated by a new currency governed by democratic means in order to create it and direct this to real needed projects that we could all sustain. This system could grow organically as it proves itself useful. If it doesn't let's waste it shall we?

## **Inverse tax system**

Now I want to throw some points on how this ecosystem can already exist. First of all it would use a currency in which our values and strategies would be represented in economic terms. Then we could let everyone use this currency and do whatever with it as it already happens with no matter what commodity or currency in the world (as no one has created a totally controlled and tracked currency that only allows certain transactions depending on the use). But let's be clear, if we create the most democratic possible institution to be the government of the currency through directing the money creation process, we could then incentivize what we want and marginalize other uses. Instead of punishing and persecuting "illegal" activities we could do the opposite. Those who take the time to make themselves accountable and open about their work and that create values for the whole society could benefit directly from new created money that would somehow put a money value to the real, often invisible value, that they produce for the planet and the society. This way organic, cooperative, privacy concerned, small business, local, carbon free, etc... could be cheaper than fossil fuel, materialism driven production!

## **Practical trouble, convertibility and usefulness**

If we wanted to dive deep into this new ecosystem and start using this new currency like crazy it had to be useful from day one. For this reason I believe that the best approach is to create an institution in charge of the convertibility into other useful currencies. This way we could purchase all the necessary resources that we can't produce yet in the ecosystem. This cash flow should aim to incentivize currency use and adoption and should be very clear about what areas need to be developed in order to gain further autonomy from the fossil fuel, brain hacker, egoistic association based economy. We can learn a lot about this kind of tactics from other local and global coins in existence that deal with this exact same problem. But remember, the magic of this system relies on the smart incentives that a creation of currency allows in order to take into account the degree of necessity of each action. Do you feel that your currency should take into account this or that value that you are creating? Make it public and we could agree to put a real value on it and fulfill your sense of justice and reciprocity. I see this consensus making process as the basis for all future democratic processes.

## **Creationism has bad reputation**

Fucking fuck banks and their perpetual abuse on the peoples of the earth through obscure money creation policies! Debt and interest are a modern form of slavery and artificial scarcity, through value extraction. They have chosen this process because it gives them a lot of control strategies. Do

you want to know what can be made through creation of fresh money but without debt or interest?  
Here we go:

1. We could increase the means of exchange in order to maintain an increase in the value of production and consumption. The economy grows, the means grow as well making each positive action to take place.
2. We could increase the benefit of producers of goods and services that internalize the environment and social costs of their ways of production making their prices descend and thus making them able to fully compete in equal terms with other forces in the market.
3. Create an inflation that makes all unused and accumulated wealth to decrease and incentive investment in society instead of personal savings. We could take care of you, don't worry, and there will always be enough for everybody, even psychedelic plants in order to keep traveling when 60 years old!
4. We could grow the amount of money in circulation in relation to the real economy taking place between us. For example when someone we know joins the ecosystem we can create an incentive to give them at first like a given first trust to encourage trust in the system. We could guarantee every participant a basic income that could start being very small and insufficient but already designed to grow to the desired level as we achieve some goals. Clear goals folks! That's important, this has to feel like a video game in order to make dopamine our management director.
5. We could incentive the accountability and openness of our user by giving economic rewards when desired tasks are taken by them. This can be simple such as being open about their needs, or putting their store on the map, and other could be more important an time consuming like reading our bible (hope not) and passing a test, organizing an event, reaching for other peoples and collectives, increasing their offers to the network, etc...
6. We could also cover very easily all of the costs of running this system very openly and in a very decentralized way, if not totally.
7. We could also take into account the value of the pioneer that starts contributing first thus taking more risk because of the uncertainty of the project.
8. We could create an amount of currency for each local node created.
9. We could identify which users are really giving the value to the ecosystem and creating trust on it and create currency in order to create inflation and give more power to this users in which we trust to really be the investors and the funds managers.
10. And most of all, we could adjust this incentives whenever we wanted and not too hard, even we could fork and make some different versions with slightly different values and incentives, which varying degree of interchangeability between them.

## **How decisions take place**

Don't worry too much about this. Even if you don't see great systems displayed in the tv for informed and intelligent debate on the TV or on the Internet it's all about experience and a good system. Voting is not, assemblies alone are not. Something in between would have, in my opinion some degree of representation and some of direct democracy. And in the same way that we pay the politics that take the time to engage in public debate and discussion and propose decisions (some of them at least) we could incentive direct involvement on assemblies of all kinds, or in creating proposals, etc... but keep open the possibility to delegate our trust in people we trust. I believe that a good liquid democracy could serves us well, paired up with technological innovations in this sense that we could just recycle for our purposes in this age of sharing and p2p knowledge. Decisions will be heard and taken into place immediately through our own money creation policies. At first it would be an experiment and maybe insignificant but aiming already to our objective. I think that a working, functional system would seduce much more than a bunch of ideas in a dense article (like this). What could happen if we have the system that can coexist with the old one? Could we start feeling a relieve on the importance of real state politics, or desperate social movement moves that involve some form or other, explicit or subtle, of violence? Could we get constructive and open, inclusive and caring, with all different collectives, empowering them with packages of tools to actually build their own systems? Diversity will prove to be the key to achieve better systems, as genes, submitted to natural selection (in culture form). What works, that means, what can achieve the objectives that it proposes and put their values into practice, will grow, improve and survive. All other forms of social interaction that doesn't take into account the real needs an nature of human beings and out interrelations with each other and the planet, will eventually fail, so fear not.

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