

Preface

United Humans can Create Civilization Fit for All

A *daptive Society* is an explanation of the causes of the current partial failure of human adaptation to our technology-based home or “habitat,” and a description of the minimal actions required for the human species to achieve satisfactory, long-term adaptation to a civilization built on rapidly-changing technologies.

In the past, attempts to discern the fundamental problems of civilization and prescribe remedies have often been ridiculed as utopian. Today, however, virtually the whole scientific community accepts that humans face major challenges and that sustainable ways of using technology must be found.

In the last 10,000 years, humans have created many powerful and valuable technologies, the side-effects of which have done them great harm. Problems such as warfare, unnatural hierarchy, the extreme wealth differentials that cause starvation, conflict between races and sexes, alienation caused by unsuitable and oppressive working conditions, pollution, unsustainable economic activities, and a general absence of the rights that are necessary for normal human development, are all ultimately the harmful side-effects of technologies that we all now depend upon.

Since we humans have created the causes of our own maladaptation, we have, as a species, the capacity to remedy them. I strongly urge all readers to consider the evidence I present in the following chapters and to commit themselves in whatever way they can to the coming struggle to legally unify the human species, a process that is essential to the achievement of a complete and lasting civilization that can handle technology without harming its members.

Ross Milburn, August 2014.

