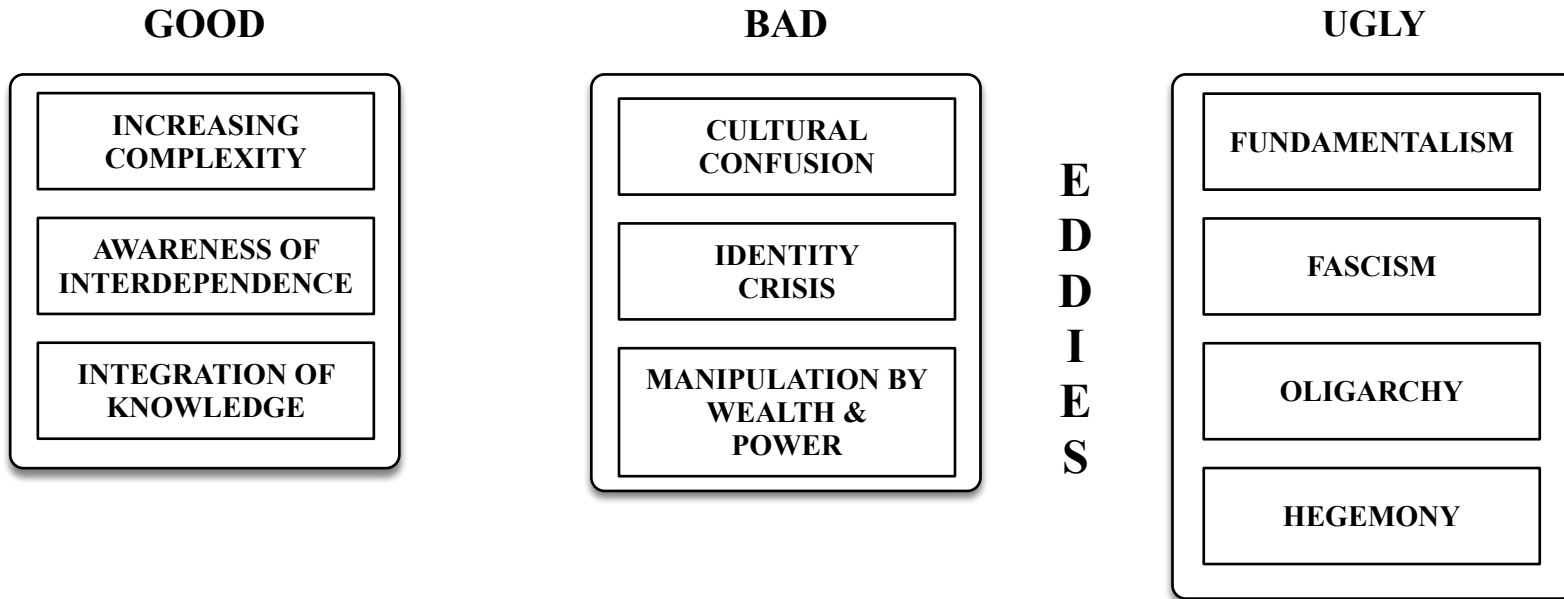


GLOBAL HOPE?

CULTURAL EVOLUTION — SIGNS OF THE TIMES



THE BEST — REASONS FOR GLOBAL HOPE



SEA CHANGE

- Life in an age of dramatically accelerated cultural evolution
- Decline of older value array; rise of a newer complex
- Anomalies and Ahas!
- Eddies of Resistance explain many of the most disturbing phenomena of our time:
Counter-Evolutionary Backlash

NON-ZERO SUMNESS

- Robert Wright, *NonZero*
- The inexorable cultural evolutionary drive toward cooperation
 - Interdependence and Awareness
- Roads, the wheel, writing, agriculture, printing, ship & air travel...Web 2.0
- Also...P, J, S awareness and commitment is a major NonZero exemplar

POST-MATERIALISM— THE NEXT GENERATION

- Work of Ron Inglehart and Pippa Norris
 - * Autonomy and self-expression over security
- True intergenerational values change
 - Post-racialism
 - Post-sexism
- Religious inclusivism, pluralism
- Ecological sensitivity
 - Fairness, justice
 - “Never Again MSD”
- Global Citizenship

BOTTOM-UP GLOBALIZATION

- Globalism is here to stay!
- The Emerging Global Consensus
 - Three themes: Peace, Justice, Sustainability
- Grassroots groups and individuals — networking
 - Activism and service
- Every single theme here is engaged by participants in the global movement

DISSIPATION OF THE EDDIES

- Generational metamorphosis
- Rise of the free thinkers (e.g., "the Cultural Creatives")
- The information storm
- The Four Deadly Spins:**
 - Fundamentalism meets Pluralism
 - Fascism meets Democracy
 - Greed meets Transparency
 - Hegemony meets Multi-Polarity

THE NEW WAVE

THE EROSION OF PATRIARCHY

- NGOs rising
- Women in global leadership
- “MeToo” movement
- Women in politics
 - Gay rights
- “Mother Earth” (feminism and ecology)
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THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1. End Poverty and Hunger
2. Universal Education
3. Gender Equity
4. Child Health
5. Maternal Health
6. Combat HIV-AIDS
7. Environmental Sustainability
8. Global Partnership

TIPPING POINTS

THE GLOBAL COMMONS

- Elinor Ostrom: 2009 Nobel Prize in Economics
- Definition, declaration, and defense of the global commons
- The shared physical and cultural heritage of humankind (water, land, atmosphere, space, culture, language, DNA, Internet...and much more)
 - A new approach to international law
- The "creative commons"

IT DOESN'T TAKE A MAJORITY

BEYOND VIOLENCE

- 20th century the *least violent* in human history: less homicide, torture, slavery, domestic abuse, hate crimes, bullying, barroom brawling and cruelty to animals.
- Tribal warfare death rate, if applied to 20th-c population: 2 billion deaths rather than 100 million in the 20th c.
- Steven Pinker: *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence has Declined*

THE SECOND AXIAL AGE

- Entering the age of the globalization of religion and spirituality
 - "Reconciling with the Other"
 - "Transforming Society"
 - "Embracing the Earth Family"
 - "Rediscovering the Sacred"
- Interreligious movement: From Exclusivism towards Pluralism
 - Interspirituality