Solutions for Key Aspects of “The Developing Global Crisis”

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The five biggest elements of the Developing Global Crisis are:

1. Population Pressure
2. Militant Religion
3. Authoritarian Law
4. Income, Power and Opportunity Inequalities
5. Corruptions of Governance
Population Pressure, Solutions:

- Liberal access to birth control technologies, and
- Subsidized access to birth control where growth rates are high.
- Social safety nets.
- Empowerment of women, especially education, out of home economic opportunities, and freedom from violent patriarchy.
- Global education on the common challenge of saving our living system from too many people fighting over too little land.
Militant Religion, Solutions:

- Ecumenical Education among Christians, Interreligious Dialogue among all faiths including atheism, and general education about the powerful roles religion plays in geopolitics, for both good and evil.
- Strict enforcement of the universal laws against murder and assault when terrorists of ANY belief system kill or attack innocents.
- A particularly focused campaign against purveyors of hate literature (one type-case could be Saudi promotion of Wahhabism, but never doubt that there are MANY other groups that do this).
• Bills of Rights (or their functional equivalents) in Constitutions, with freedoms of speech, religion, assembly and the press protected.

• More aggressive promotion of a) rule of law, b) functional rather than just aspirational international law, & c) independent judiciaries.

• Information Operations that focus on the inevitable corruptions and injustices that authoritarian systems never want discussed.
Income, Power and Opportunity Inequalities, Solutions:

- Higher minimum wages.
- Progressive instead of regressive tax rates. Ditto for taxes on capital.
- Aggressive job training and public investment projects, like the old WPA and CCC days, or the period of World War II without the systemic destruction, mass murders and genocides.
- Combining “fair trade” principles with the robust, but not perfect “free trade” systems in place today.
- Changing charmingly corrupt practices like the US Supreme Court decisions equating corporations with people, and money with speech.
Corruptions of Governance,
Solutions:

• “Sunshine Laws” (that require openness in government processes, like meetings, especially where these result in big policy decisions) and similar “good government” laws.
• Liberal voting procedures, with robust protections from fraud.
• Permissive liable laws, & encouraging investigative journalism.
• Whistleblower protections, especially for government employees, INCLUDING national security professionals.
• Regulations on political campaign finance and reporting.
In the (very) long run, birth rates determine life expectancies, because in the long run, death rates must equal birth rates.

- This is an iron law of biology, which is slowly being discovered and confirmed by political demography. It has very inconvenient consequences and implications. That is why “population pressure” comes first on the list of Developing Global Crisis challenges.

- The next most important is “corruptions of governance” because they tend to block solutions. Many elites do not mind if the poor die young, partly because they often adopt “Darwinian” worldviews.
These problems can be solved in good or bad ways. Population pressure can be relieved by

• Rational reduction of birth rates to sustainable levels (as determined by the earth, not just by us, or especially religious fundamentalists).

  Or

• Continuous warfare and genocides, where the stronger raise death rates among the weaker, or more peaceful, by traditional methods.

• Eco-suicide, Darwin’s dystopia: wars are avoided but not catastrophe.

• General Thermonuclear War, where death rates rise for everyone.
The Caterpillar Hypothesis:
(Maybe everything is going to Hell because we are being Transformed?)

“What looks like hell to the caterpillar,
The master calls a butterfly.”

Richard Bach, 1970 or 1977
Thank you very much for your time and attention. Just one last question. Which would you rather work for?

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Really, would you rather work for good or evil? The time to act is now, not after you are dead.