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Blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9

I humbly dedicate this modest monograph
to one such special peacemaker.

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Please note that this posting now shows only a partial preview of the monograph. I am in the process of expanding this work into a larger monograph possibly bearing a different title.

In connection with the salient themes of this volume, I will also consider the 'grand design' of the European Union as an example of the kind of vision, principles, values, mindset and political architecture needed to realize the ideal state. This section has been expanded since the last update causing a further delay in the publication date.

Once completed, it will be made available on Amazon.com Kindle Store

I now hope to release this publication early in the new year 2019.

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Introduction

In my last volume of the Legacy Series, *Body Politic Reset: Tweaking our social and cultural dynamics for a more peaceful world order* (2018), I offer the following reflections and conclusions:

> "Is there a solution to the *social question*? The answer is contingent upon whether eventually we can eradicate, reverse the socio-cultural conditions which were the cause of our original loss of innocence. In other words, can the human condition be sufficiently reversed to facilitate a total reprogramming of our mindset free of our primitive survival drives and their primal programming?
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> "Considering the above elaboration of our decision-making model, it follows that the *social question* has importance for only those individuals, groups, movements, political parties, governments and states that are driven by either

purely altruistic motives or by a self-interested altruism. The question is not factored into the personal, social and cultural dynamics driven by a *utility calculus* based on self-interest and pure *egotism*. It follows that the *social question* can never be sufficiently answered given the interplay of these dynamics and their role in constituting the basic structure of the human condition.

"These existential dynamics are not simply add-ons but are concomitant consequences of the loss of innocence experienced at the very dawn of human consciousness and as such are not alien to our being human, but at the end of the day contribute is some 'quantum' way in helping us become more of who we are--in assisting us in discovering and realizing the full range of infinite possibilities that await us.

"In view of the existential dimension of the *utility calculus* and its mix of centripetal forces of *self-interest* and pure *egotism*, I believe that a reversal is neither

necessary nor desirable since *self-interest* is not simply a motive but constitutes and thus affirms an existential dimension of our human nature and its future possibilities as a going concern. What is desirable and urgently needed is a shift in mindset in which this fundamental drive is given not merely a global purpose, but a cosmic one, encompassing a realm of infinite, quantum possibilities for human beings—a mindset that is constantly incorporating more and more altruistic elements into its choices and behaviours. It is a mindset that will assist human beings in making the kind of choices whose purpose is ever expanding and which are continually contributing in creating and sustaining the dynamics of a social and cultural super system that is Idealistic, along the lines described by Pitirim Sorokin."[1]

The above reflections and conclusions present the primal condition—loss of innocence; the mix of drivers—self-interest, egotism (extreme behaviours of greed and corruption), and their polar counterparts of self-interested altruism and pure

altruism; and the dynamic interplays between them resulting in myriad of human behaviours from the most noble and idealistic to the most selfish and horrific. While admittedly there is a survival dimension to these dynamics, I believe that at its core there is a creative principle at work harnessing both polarities of these dynamics—all its dark/evil and positive forces—designing, crafting, forging, realizing the full potential of human existence in space and time—not unlike the *elan vital* or impulse principle treated by Henri Bergson (1859-1941) in his work, *Creative Evolution* (1907).[2] This process is not chaotic, although it may appear that way to us. This process has rules, algorithms. Indeed, from the very dawn of human consciousness, human beings had some inkling that this was the case, and only gradually did they come to realize that everything that happens in the universe occurs according to set rules. It is this insight that is driving modern science in its quest to formulate one unifying theory of everything. Indeed, it seems that, what I like to call the *law of rules* undergirds all principles that human reason has been able to identify, from the most fundamental metaphysical principles to those of modern science. By the *law of rules,* I mean that all created being, the universe,

the multiverse and all their dynamics and unfolding are governed by one fundamental law, namely, that there are rules that are followed. The human task, the human project has been and will always be about the discerning, identifying, explaining and applying these rules. By doing so we are also discovering who we are and what we are destined to become. As we will see shortly in this monograph, the state, as conceived by Aristotle (384-322), is a natural construct by which help human beings realize their full potential. In the ideal state, human beings freely choose to harness all aspects and resources of the state to achieve this ideal.

Law of rules

Physicists Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow devote an entire chapter in their book, *The Grand Design* (2010), to a discussion of the origins of the "rule of law", as background to their presentation of their "theory of everything" and the laws which undergird it based on their model-dependent realism.[3] It is this model which best captures the problem-solving, deciphering, discerning concerns of human intelligence in our times. It is a constant search for rules, principles, laws, codes, programs, algorithms, codes, instructions which direct and