



Essential Preconditions for a Deep Response to the Global Metacrisis

Many people recognize the need for a new paradigm of development but are challenged to envision how economic globalism and neoliberalism can be replaced. Replacing the dominant paradigm is a project that seems just too overwhelming and futile to take on. This in turn limits their aspirations to only those actions that mitigate problems, not solve them. The effort to create viable permanent solutions goes unaddressed, though it is understood that deep solutions are necessary.

What is needed to create a viable path to the future? How can permanent solution to the gathering global metacrisis be achieved? The PROUT Institute identifies several preconditions as being essential for transitioning to a sustainable society that can insure a viable future and develop and express humanity's full potentialities.

New vision. The current political-economic order is unstable and unsustainable. Difficulties are intensifying, creating need for a social vision that inspires people with a new ideal and that offers solution-oriented approaches to social problems.

Practical models. Practical models that demonstrate new values and new principles are necessary. This will inspire people who seek alternatives. These model projects should increase in scope and complexity, and provide increasingly compelling examples of sustainable ways of living.

Individual development. The actors of change are individual humans. A liberated society can only arise from the liberated consciousness and of individuals, and the force required to establish new ideas in the practical world depends on the vital, spirited life force of individuals.

Competent leadership. Social transformation requires direction and inspiration from competent leaders. Above all else, the leaders of social change must be motivated by compassion and a concern for universal welfare.

Community cohesion. Effective responses to the core challenges of the metacrisis require coordinated mass participation, and individuals engaged in social action require the support of vital and cohesive communities.

Social movement. According to circumstances, social movements may give momentum to aspirations for social change. But such movements should have a sound base in new models, a new vision, and moral leadership. They should avoid harm to life and property, strive to be inclusive, and not waste effort on unproductive

challenges to a dying old order.

Historical necessity. The greed-driven, growth economy is in contradiction with nature, making it inherently unsustainable. Historic necessity will create increasing acceptance of ideas that give deep solution to the metacrisis. When collective survival is at stake, there is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.