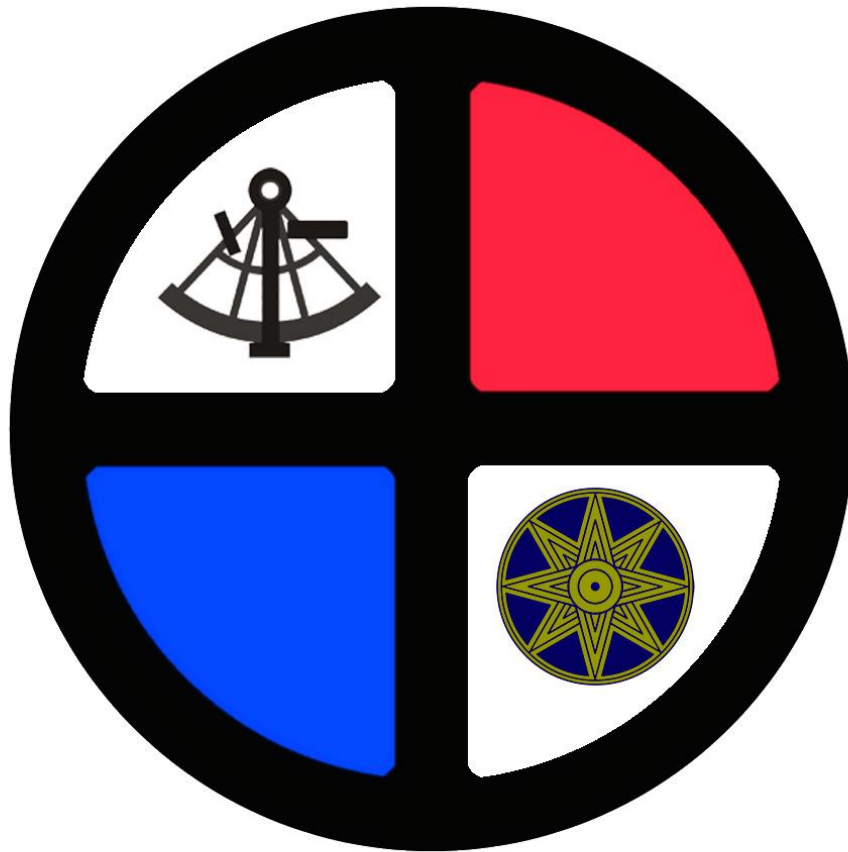


A Short Introduction into Holistic Futurism



Preamble

The current system has failed to address the issues appropriately and solve them, and it can be clearly seen in the financial crisis of 2007/2008, the half-hearted attempts to mitigate climate change, an ever-increasing gap between the rich and poor, as well as the reckless exploitation of natural resources. Politicians mainly focus on economic growth, despite the reality that we live on a planet with finite resources.

Instead of ensuring that everyone is able to live in dignity (e.g. access to education, food, shelter), there's a never-ending hunger for profit which peaked in the Cum-Ex and Cum-Cum scandals (Europe). Corruptions in politics as well as one-sided lobbyism undermine western democracies and prevent the people from having a say.

It's self-explanatory that such a system will sooner or later collapse.

Thusly, it's time for a new age – an age for the people and by the people.

A system that works for everyone does not only need to be more democratic and transparent, but it also needs to be compassionate and determined.

Compassionate with those who need help (e.g. poor families, elderly).

Determined to solve the issues we face today (e.g. climate change, poverty).

We need politicians who do not just talk about improving their local community or nation, we need politicians who act on it and try to actively engage with the people to understand their worries and learn about their desires. Politicians are representatives in a democracy – representatives of the people who elected them. Staying in touch with them regularly is essential to a living and thriving democracy.

We need an economy that works for the people and does not treat the workers as tools which can be thrown away like a used plastic cup. Especially in large corporations there's separation between those who produce the good and those who oversee and control everything. Workers are seen as assets – good in times of economic growth, but quickly a burden as soon as the economy slows or if the company wants to further increase its profit.

The preservation of the environment is also of great importance, since the condition of the nature around us affects us both mentally and physically.

What are the goals of holistic futurism?

While there are many things which have to be achieved, it can be categorized in four main sections (which are also symbolized on the logo and later explained):

- ❖ Support of Science: without the works of scientists over the centuries and even millenniums, the modern world as we know it wouldn't exist. Despite the magnificent impact it had on humanity, and still has, it mainly takes place on an academic level. For the future of humanity it is important that everyone understands the scientific method and learns about its cultural and historic importance as well. Thusly, a scientification of society is essential for the future.
- ❖ Democracy: Democracies have proven to be the best form of government, because it allows everyone to self-develop freely and participate actively in politics. It also allows the people to vote for representatives who align with their political beliefs/ideology. Another positive aspect is referendums and citizens' initiatives to actively shape their country or community. Here, the goal of holistic futurism is to defend the freedoms which can be currently enjoyed and expand them (e.g. Switzerland semi-direct democracy model). In order to dry out corruption and lobbyism once and for all, holistic futurism also aims to create advisory councils which stay in contact with the different groups of a country (economical, religious, etc.) and keep politicians up-to-date on developments and what they can do to improve the lives of the people (e.g. the worker's council represents the workers and help politicians to make laws -> balance of power, since there's also an industry council).
- ❖ Social Policies: A core value of holistic futurism is the community spirit. Everyone should have access to education, healthcare, food, shelter, and so on. The government hereby provides most of it and works together with the private sector in some occasions (e.g. to make university affordable for everyone -> access to university regardless of the social status of the family). While the community – be it locally or nationally – plays a very important role, the individual is not being neglected. If every individual has access to the basics, they will be able to fully unfold themselves regardless of gender, sexuality, skin colour, etc.
- ❖ Star of Ishtar: The latter symbol is more complex; each triangle has a meaning as well as the inner and outer circle. The 8 triangle stand for: human dignity; past, presents, future; culture; the people; knowledge and community spirit. The outer circle represents the origin of the symbol which shouldn't be forgotten (The star of Ishtar was a Sumerian symbol for the goddesses Inanna and Ishtar). And finally, the inner circle represents our planet. It's the smallest common thread, but also the most important one: we all live together on this planet. All of our cultures, history, achievements, and so on occurred here – or in case of the space age, was made possible by the people living on the planet -.

Past, Presents and Future

The past is not always glamorous, and there are dark chapters as well, but these dark chapters also help a nation to grow and mistakes that were done back then can be avoided in the future – if the country is willing to face the dark past.

Then there's the light side: past achievements, be it of individuals (e.g. Isaac Newton) or groups (e.g. civil rights movements), had a major influence on today's world and are worth remembering. Cherry picking the past won't bring one far and may even become an obstacle in the near future.

As previously mentioned, we can learn from the past to avoid mistakes in the present time. Thusly, we can positively shape the present politics to make a better future. In order to survive as a species, it's essential for us to look further in the future and plan ahead.

Culture & the People

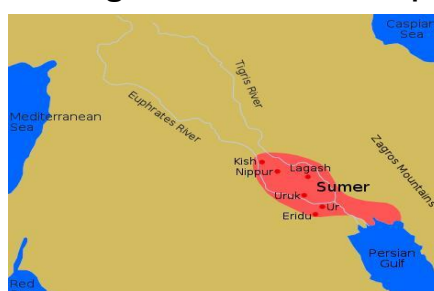
Every nation has a unique culture, and it's worth preserving it. Preservation, in this case, doesn't mean that there has to be a status quo. It merely means that the people of a country aren't forced to live under the hegemony of another nation. Speaking about hegemony, globalism and immigration shouldn't be seen as a threat to one's own culture, but rather an opportunity to spread it and promote cultural understanding. The goal hereby is to expand the knowledge and learn new perspectives without having to dismiss one's own heritage.

Immigration (= voluntarily moving to a country to live and work there) is also a way of experiencing a culture and assimilate into it. It doesn't necessarily mean that an immigrant has to abandon his own culture, but in order to integrate he has to respect the cultural norms and values in the country he moves to. Same applies also to tourists and other temporary visitors. Rising cultural awareness is therefore of great importance.

Holism and the Sumerian Civilisation

Holism is a position of nature ethics and regards ecosystems as a whole worth protecting, preserving and fixing (e.g. returning back to the original state, if possible).

The Sumerian civilisation existed from c. 4500 to c. 1900 BC and is the earliest known civilisation in the now historical region of southern Mesopotamia (today: Southern Iraq).



Explanation of the Logo

