



# SESSION 1:



## WAKING UP FROM A BAD DREAM



We woke up this morning in a bad dream. Our planet and its living creatures - including human beings - are in danger. Some are awake to the danger. Others aren't ...

yet.




Our hope for this weekend:

to awaken from the bad dream


and . . .

make a better dream come true.



1. Awakening to a better dream.
2. Deepening the dream in our hearts and minds.
3. Embodying the dream in a step-by-step way.
4. Inviting others into mass collaboration (movement).

***A STORY  
ABOUT A  
YOUTH  
GROUP  
AND A  
FLIP  
CHART ...***

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*everything must change*

**Jesus, Global Crises,  
and a Revolution of Hope**

**Two questions:**

*From Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope*

What are the top global problems?

What does the message of Jesus say to those problems?

**Top Global Problems:**

High Noon (20)

United Nations University (15)

Copenhagen Consensus (10)

Millennium Development Goals (8)

PEACE plan (5)

United Nations University: The State of the Future  
Top Fifteen Challenges: How can ...

1. ... sustainable development be achieved for all?
2. ... everyone have sufficient clean water without conflict?
3. ... population growth and resources be brought into balance?
4. ... genuine democracy emerge from authoritarian regimes?

5. ... policymaking be made more sensitive to global long-term perspectives?
6. ... the global convergence of information and communications technologies work for everyone?
7. ... ethical market economies be encouraged to help reduce the gap between rich and poor?

8. ... the threat of new and reemerging diseases and immune micro-organisms be reduced?
9. ... the capacity to decide be improved as the nature of work and institutions change?
10. ... shared values and new security strategies reduce ethnic conflicts, terrorism, and the use of weapons of mass destruction?
11. ... the changing status of women help improve the human condition?

12. ... transnational organized crime networks be stopped from becoming more powerful and sophisticated global enterprises?
13. ... growing energy demands be met safely and efficiently?
14. ... scientific and technological breakthroughs be accelerated to improve the human condition?
15. ... ethical considerations become more routinely incorporated into global decisions?

### Copenhagen Consensus Top 10 Global Problems

1. Hunger and malnutrition
2. Climate change
3. Conflicts
4. Financial Instability
5. Water and Sanitation

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6. Subsidies and Trade Barriers
7. Population/Migration
8. Communicable Diseases
9. Education
10. Governance and Corruption

### 8 Millennium Development Goals:

1. Eradicate **extreme poverty** and hunger.
2. Achieve **universal primary education**.
3. Promote **gender equality** and empower women.
4. Reduce **child mortality**.

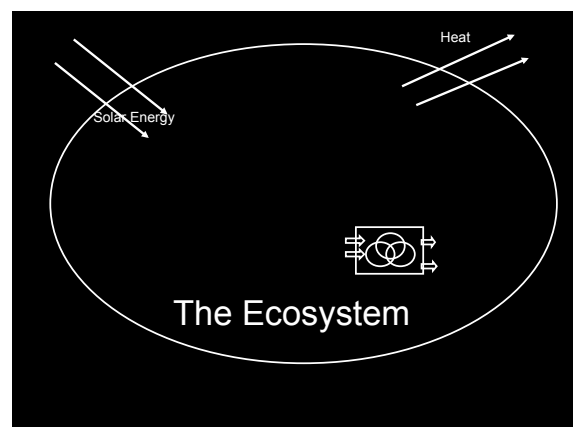
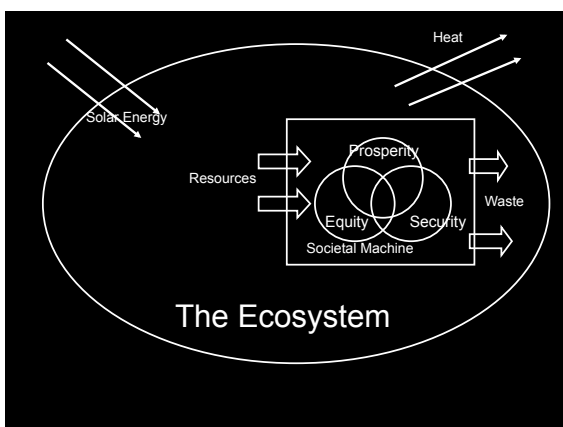
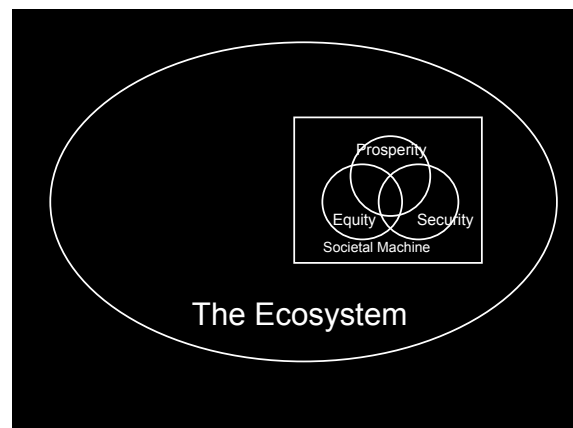
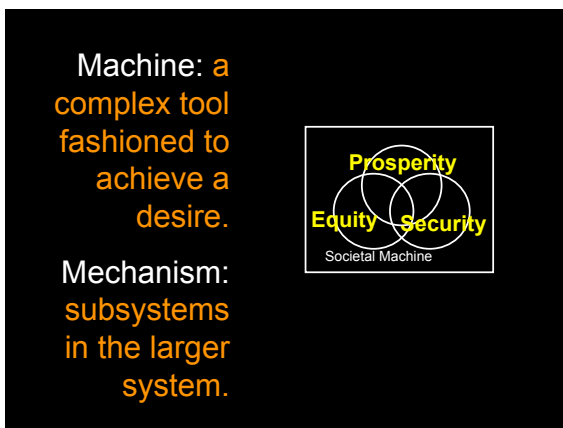
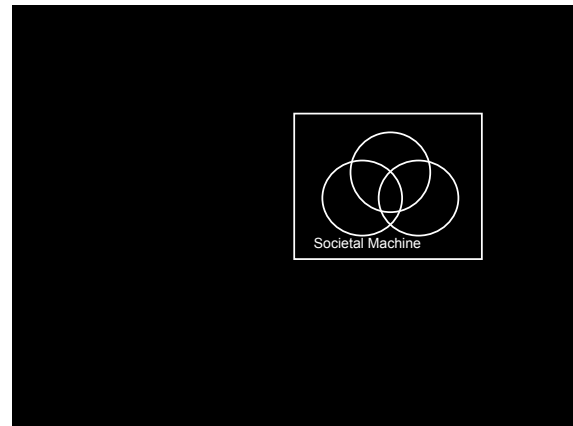
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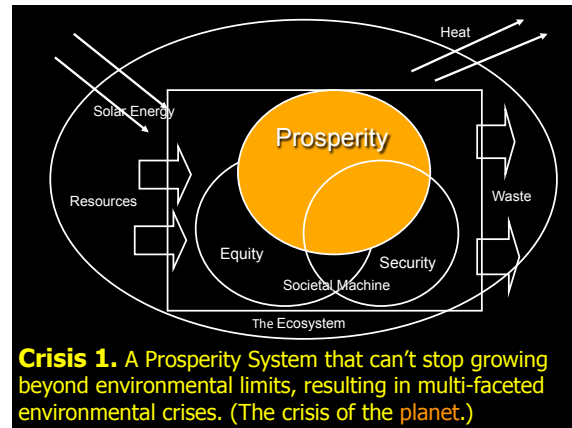
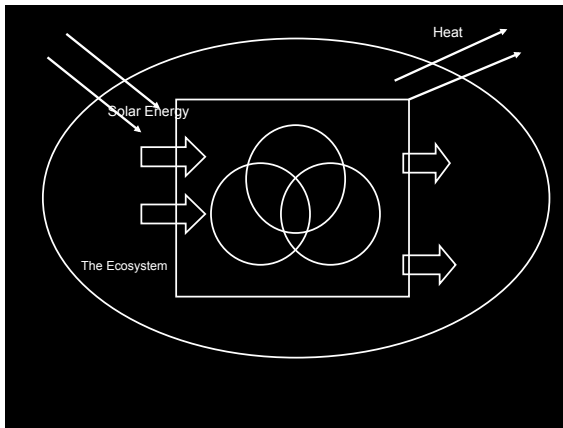
5. Improve **maternal health**.
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other **diseases**.
7. Ensure **environmental sustainability**, confront climate change.
8. Develop a **global partnership** for sustainable development.

### Rick Warren's PEACE Plan

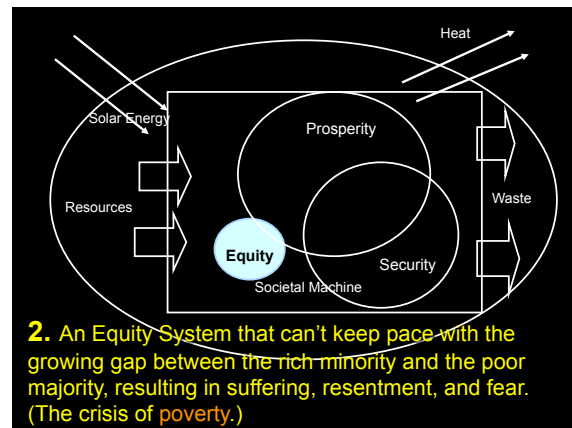
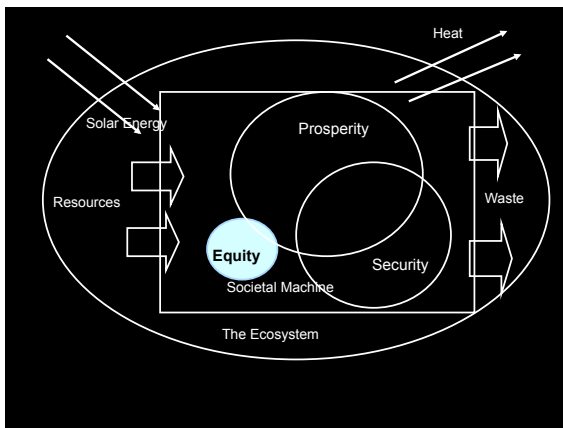
1. **P**romote reconciliation to overcome **conflict**.
2. **E**quip servant leaders to combat **corrupt leadership**
3. **A**ssist the poor through humanitarian aid (**poverty**)
4. **C**are for the sick to combat **disease**
5. **E**ducate the next generation to combat **ignorance**

SPIRITUAL EMPTINESS CORRUPT LEADERSHIP  
 POVERTY DISEASE IGNORANCE HUNGER AND  
 MALNUTRITION CLIMATE CHANGE CONFLICTS  
 FINANCIAL INSTABILITY WATER/SANITATION  
 SUBSIDIES/TRADE BARRIERS POPULATION/  
 MIGRATION COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
 EDUCATION GOVERNANCE/CORRUPTION  
 HUNGER EDUCATION GENDER INEQUALITY  
 CHILD MORTALITY MATERNAL HEALTH  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ETHNIC  
 CONFLICTS TERRORISM WEAPONS OF MASS  
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 ENERGY DEMANDS CLEAN WATER POPULATION  
 GROWTH AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES

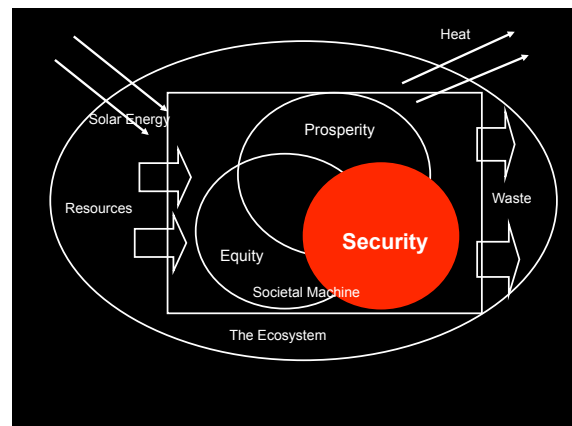


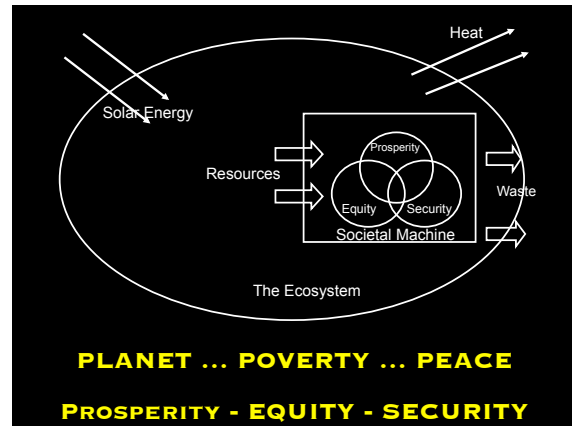
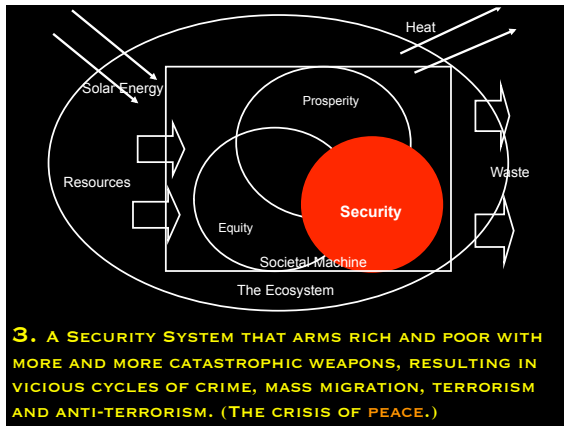


**Crisis 1.** A Prosperity System that can't stop growing beyond environmental limits, resulting in multi-faceted environmental crises. (The crisis of the planet.)



**2.** An Equity System that can't keep pace with the growing gap between the rich minority and the poor majority, resulting in suffering, resentment, and fear. (The crisis of poverty.)



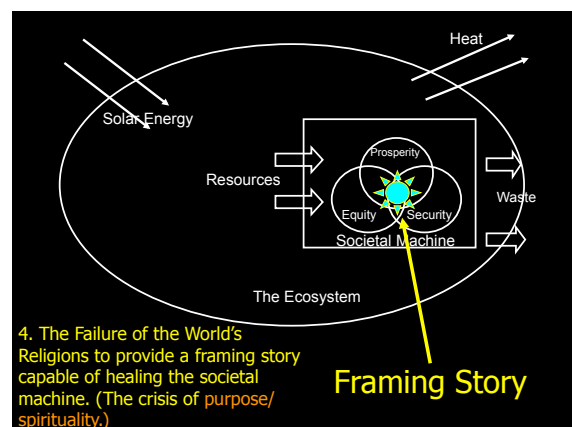
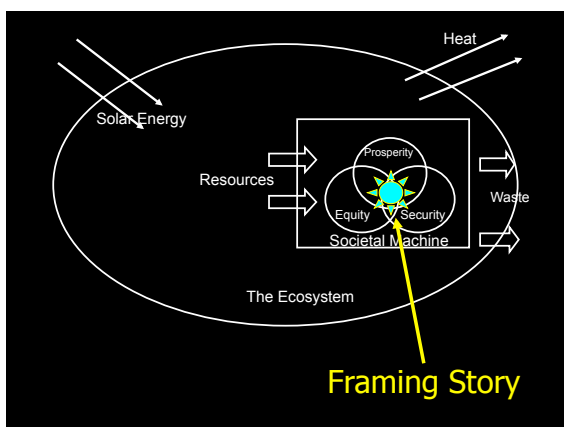
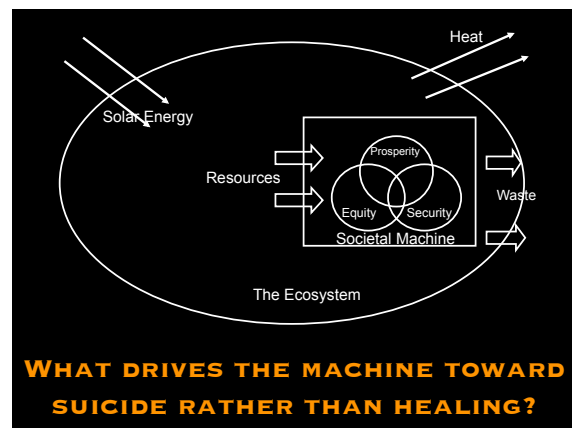


In groups of 2 or 3 ...  
Review the 3 crises we've considered so far.

How are you involved with each crisis as part of the problem?

Where are you - or would you - most like to be part of the solution?

When you hear the bell, please be seated.



Instead, our world religions can usually be found in support (overt or tacit) of existing framing stories of ...

**Domination/Holy Empire: IF ONLY WE WERE IN CHARGE!**

**Revolution/Holy war: IF ONLY THEY WEREN'T IN CHARGE!**

**Revenge/Victimhood/Scapegoating: IF ONLY THEY WOULD CHANGE!**

**Isolation/Withdrawal: THERE'S NO HOPE. RETREAT TO THE BUBBLE.**

In groups of 2 or 3 ...

Review the 4 framing stories we just considered.

Which ones do you see being dominant in our nation? Where and how? Our churches? Your own life?

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These framing stories ...

**Domination/Holy Empire**

**Revolution/Holy war**

**Revenge/Victimhood/Scapegoating**

**Isolation/Withdrawal**

... were driving society in Jesus' day too.

**Domination/Empire - Sadducees, Herodians**

**Revolution/Holy Warrior - Zealots**

**Revenge/Victimhood/Scapegoating - Pharisees**

**Isolation/Withdrawal - Essenes**

Jesus proclaimed a radically different framing story ... Good news of the Kingdom of God.

Through his stories (parables), he taught that God is like a king who wants to heal and restore a shattered, self-destructive kingdom. In God's new kingdom ...

Don't dominate - Serve!

Don't get revenge - Reconcile!

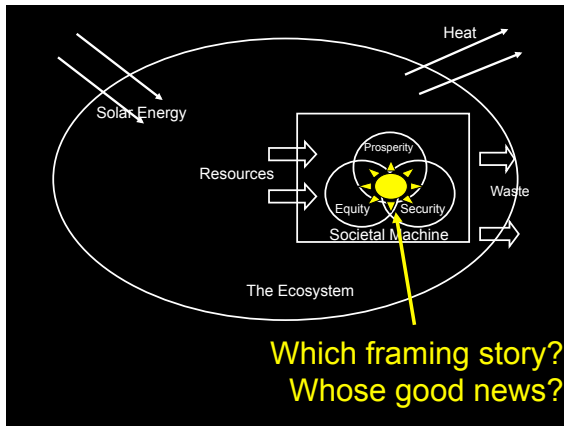
Don't scapegoat - Embrace!

Don't isolate - Draw near, heal!

**God is like a king who wants to heal and restore a shattered kingdom.**

**The kingdom of God is at hand, within reach, available to all!**





## Our radical choice: Wake up from the bad dream.



The Parable of the Boat:

There's no "them."  
We're all in this together!

## Wake up.

Disbelieve.



Narratives of ... Domination  
Revolution  
Scapegoating  
Isolation

Disbelieve even if these old narratives are camouflaged in Christian language!

## One radical choice:

Wake up from the bad dream.



Disbelieve the dominant stories

Believe God's better dream.

## Believe

The time has come! The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!

(Mark 1:15)



Group Conversation: See Art Image #3 ...

- What have been your biggest aha's  
- from tonight, or from the book?
- What are the costs and benefits of waking up or staying asleep?
- What are you hoping for in the next 20 hours as we're together?
- When you hear the bell, please be seated.