

# Convergence

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Man has always lived in a 'generational' world, he has accepted his three score and ten years of existence, perhaps longer if he has looked after his body and mental faculties. He may live a relatively quiet humble life or he may be an entrepreneur or even a politician. He may find himself a person of little interest to his fellow man and take up activism to set the world to rights, to fight for the environment, wildlife, and become recognised for his efforts. He may become a politician and endeavour to stamp a new agenda and after 30 years of service, discover that agendas invariable go around in circles with each generation. A long-term vision for the welfare of a country and its peoples is seldom realised and those politicians who consider it, often disband the thought, for they lack the 'genius' to accomplish it.

Imagine you are a lion in charge of a pride of lions and it is your job to provide shelter, a safe refuge for the cubs and to seek out game. You are aware that there is a finite amount of game available for the pride and because of the numbers of lions in the pride, there is limited shelter. However, the numbers of cubs rise and the pride grows. An expanded hunting territory is required and eventually two prides of lions meet to fight for that territory. Deaths occur, numbers are reduced and new territories are established. Eventually, the entire process begins again and as is often the case, an entire pride of lions can be decimated. In some cases, the lion pride is decimated through disease but the survivors press on and once more, the pride expands.

Take that example of the lions and apply it to mankind and since the dawn of the ape, the setting up of tribes was a natural process and carried on with the dawn of the homo sapiens. Man lived in microcosms all across the world, these small tribes fought with each other for territory along with the resources and food within that territory. Gradually with the expansion of their populations, tribes either integrated or associated with each other, whereby the territories became larger and were shared. Towns and cities began to spring up; the tribal leaders became Kings, Queens and Emperors and the territories became countries. Tribal wars which were once quite small became larger and as populations continued to expand, land and resources became even more sought after. Great Empires rose up to dominate and fall, to be replaced by another Empire, ad infinitum. Migrations through wars, genocides, poverty, famine, plagues and viruses were a natural occurrence and have continued throughout history and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Ice ages with their cold glacial and warm interglacial periods have always existed. Man fails to comprehend the magnitude of such events and the thousands and millions of years between them.

Since the dawn of world exploration in the 1400s and with its massive expansion in the 1700s, man has sought new territory. The Europeans spread all over the western hemisphere and decimated the native American Indians, they decimated the Indian tribes of Canada and South America, stole the

lands of the Aborigines in Australia, the Maori people in New Zealand and conquered large parts of Africa, taking its peoples as slaves. Countries endured external and internal wars like 'The American War of Independence' which commenced in 1775 when America sought its freedom from the yoke of Great Britain and later 'The American Civil War' in 1861 when the peoples of the Northern States and the Southern States of America fought to stamp their rule of law on each other. As countries merged together through association and by assimilation placed upon them by their conquerors, continental world wars commenced in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and through the 20<sup>th</sup> century, whereby millions all across the world were killed.

Tribes have now expanded to such an extent, that a single tribe's number, runs into millions, and a few are in their billions. Wars and poverty have led to mass migrations, especially from eastern countries and 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, to Europe, Britain and America. It is becoming apparent that the large-scale migration of ethnic minorities, and their integration within western societies, is leading to a ghetto mentality and a class of cultures, whereby peoples of a certain type of ethnicity tend to consolidate together within specific neighbourhoods. This is not a new phenomenon; it had existed for thousands of years in the east but is now gathering pace in the west. The worrying aspect of this 'racial and cultural' convergence is that these ghetto neighbourhoods are now expanding within western cities and can be easily identified. The inability to integrate, whether it is intentional by an ethnic minority or by the design of a western white majority, can only and inexorably lead to racial conflict. The recent 'Black Lives Matter' riots in America and the riots, looting and killings in other western societies have brought this into sharp focus.

Civil unrest within individual countries can only increase as the populations in those countries expand; it will lead to extreme poverty and an increasing class divide, whereby the wealthy elite become despised and insurrection with coup d'états will become the norm. Those who state this will never happen again have no sense of history. The western countries, given time, will once again, descend into civil wars and dictatorships, similar to Hitler, Franco and Mussolini; it is a natural progression which western governments have attempted to stifle for the last 75 years. Over the last couple of centuries, the rise of deadly virus pandemics has increased as the population of the world expands and people travel between countries. The most disturbing aspect in the massive growth of tribal populations, is the rise of human waste, food waste, especially plastic wrappings and the never-ending destruction of wildlife and the environment. Organisations such as 'Greenpeace' cannot stop the destruction. Health services have no hope of coping with the medical requirements of an expanding population – the recent Covid-19 virus pandemic brought this into sharp focus – imagine what will happen when the world's population doubles in the next 100 years?

Convergence has led to genocide and it is a common occurrence in human history. It is predominantly caused by race clashes whereby requirements for living space, resources and financial wealth are contributing factors. Let's not forget some of the slaughters of humanity which have taken place –

- 1755-58 Zunghar Genocide – 800,000 killed
- 1800s The American Native Indian Genocide – 5 million to 10 million killed
- 1915-22 Armenian Genocide - 700,000 to 1.5 million killed
- 1931-33 Kazakh Genocide - 1.3 million to 1.75 million killed
- 1931-33 Holodomor Genocide - 1.8 million to 7.5 million killed
- 1941-45 Circassian Genocide - 357,000 to 600,000 killed
- 1941-45 Croatian Ustasha Genocide - 357,000 to 600,000 killed
- 1941-45 The Holocaust, also known as the Shoah - 6 million killed
- 1975-79 Khmer Rouge Cambodian Genocide - 1.3 million to 3 million killed
- 1994 Rwandan Genocide - 500,000 to 1 million killed

The population of the world in 1900 was 1.6 billion and in 2000 it was 6.1 billion. Today the world's population is 7.7 billion, a growth of 1.6 billion in 20 years. The maths are fairly straightforward, the world population in the next 80 years (2100) will grow by an additional 6.4 billion and take the total world population to around 14 billion plus. By the year 3000, the population of the world will have risen to a **very** conservative figure of around 80 billion people. In Britain the population in the 1700s was around 11 million, by 1900 it was around 40 million and today, 120 years later, it is around 68 million. If it continues on that trajectory the population of Britain in the year 2100 will be around 86 million and in the year 3000 it will be a **very** conservative figure of around 296 million.

This massive convergence of the human race will create a demand for more and more living space and a massive demand for food to sustain everyone. White polypropylene canopies to cover and grow crops (all the year round) are already covering huge swathes of land all across the world. These crops are sprayed with pesticides whose toxins find their way into the food chain. Every year the 'world' rate of cancer cases rise in their millions as the governments are caught between a rock and a hard place due to the demand for food. The waste product alone will prove to be unsustainable and the impact on the wildlife of the planet and the environment will prove catastrophic. The world seas are already full of plastic material and sunken fishing nets, which slowly but surely are destroying the sea life and plastic is finding its way (through fish consuming it) into the human food chain. Some cities and many countries are already experiencing an acute lack of fresh water as their populations expand. In the years ahead, the requirement for water will undoubtedly lead to military conflicts. The new dam being built in Ethiopia will threaten the water supply of Egypt and this is just a small example of what is to come.

Recently I listened to Professor Brian Cox who perceived a future whereby man would reach out to the stars and seek resources that would benefit man to maintain himself on Earth. He predicted that our world would become a utopian centre of an expanding human presence throughout the universe. Cox appeared oblivious to the massive expansion of the human race, its environmental impact on the planet and the enormous amount of human space junk and satellites circling it in space. In the years ahead, the growth of satellites for communications will rapidly expand, and in time, so will their decaying debris. Cox also appeared oblivious to the thousands of years of man's immorality, avarice and violent nature, which is unlikely to change.

Of course, Cox's predications will take many centuries to materialise as man's technology would have to develop to meet the challenges of prolonged space travel and the ability to survive in space and on other planets. Imagine travelling through space for a year at light speed which is 671 million miles per hour and you will have travelled 5.8 trillion miles. The nearest star system to Earth, Proxima Centauri, is 4.25 light years away, which is 24.65 trillion miles. The next piece of ground that man is likely to colonise is the Moon, the next is Mars and given his nature, he will plunder their material resources for wealth back here on Earth and in all probability set up his own tribal military bases to protect his tribal interests; the Americans, Russians, Chinese and even the Indians, spring to mind. War on the Moon and Mars could become a natural progression of war, here on Earth.

As long as mankind continues to expand its populations, convergence will lead to a country or a combination of countries to even greater world wars for the domination of territory and resources. This could happen tomorrow, it could take a few more centuries but it is inevitable. It remains to be seen if there will be any survivors but if there are survivors, the entire process of convergence will begin all over again. In the background lurks 'nature' and it continues to take no prisoners.

The vast majority of politicians regard themselves as 'living in modern times' and that is the problem, because they live in generational times, without any long-term plan for their country, and very often those in charge are only concerned with their approval ratings during their short-time in office. Politicians seek to change criminal and domestic laws or address a foreign policy, perhaps trading terms with other countries, but fail to see the larger unfolding picture of human convergence; and if they do, they lack the 'genius' to change it or prepare for it.

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