

Empowering Women to Save the World for the Future*

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Abstract

One of the most overlooked but significant phenomena in today's world and the world of the future is that our future must be organised and shaped according to values. Women naturally hold the keys to implementing these values and should ideally be the caretakers of the future world. The masculine world of numbers and models based on past experience is inadequate to adapt to the profound changes that our world requires to save and protect it from the unfolding threats of multiple disasters. Values are the only true instruments that can steer the evolution of human societies towards harmony with both themselves and nature, ensuring human security for all. Eternal values are inherent to the feminine nature and form the foundation of a science of life. Given the limited time available to avert disasters, empowering women through majority politics is the only viable alternative to saving the world through the implementation of values in all political decisions. The execution of this strategy must be based on a war footing principle. The essential values to be implemented for Human Security for All are unity, harmony, and collaboration.

1. Our Unpredictable World

The world we inhabit is currently experiencing turmoil. Climate change is impacting the entire world with an unprecedented and unimaginable velocity, surpassing what was seen just a few years ago. Coupled with the aftermath of a pandemic and an ongoing war in Ukraine, which are disrupting economic laws and leading to soaring inflation, energy costs, and food prices, global movements have become unpredictable even in the short term. Human security is under threat at every level of life, and without a fundamental change in perspective and action, achieving a viable solution for Human Security for All will not be feasible.

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2. Bridging the Gap Towards the Future with Values

The masculine nature, dominated by a universal mental approach, is inadequate and incapable of handling a world filled with doubt and insecurity in the short term. Its reliance

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on mental formulations and models based on fixed numbers and figures creates a significant gap with the fluid reality of life. The mind, functioning through fixed ideas, is not the appropriate instrument for approaching a dynamic world that challenges every fixation and mental prediction. In essence, the mind is not an effective tool for action in these times.

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On the other hand, the feminine nature, driven by the emotions of the heart, possesses a much greater ability to navigate the changing complexities of life. True emotions stemming from eternal values provide her with unwavering reliability. The masculine world of endless contradictions cannot be applied to eternal values that, by their very nature, exist without contradiction. The absence of disruptive and unsolvable contradictions grants the feminine perspective an astute and unbiased view of the future. When faced with the masculine response of "yes, but..." or "cannot," the feminine simply responds with a serene smile. The feminine reality holds that everything rooted in values is possible.

3. From Numbers to Values

As the reliance on numbers proves inadequate in saving us, it is the embodiment of feminine values such as unity, equality, harmony, honesty, and collaboration that can prevent the world from spiraling out of control.

The changes in thinking and organizational structures necessary to save the world within the limited time we have are virtually impossible. We require an entirely different approach, free from existing frameworks and constructs. Eternal values serve as the only means to overcome barriers that hinder progress. Numerical projections focused on money, profits, and wealth, which currently drive decision-making, cannot be used to effectively plan and govern the future of our world. They are incapable of addressing and eliminating insecurity, inequality, egocentrism, corruption, crime, and even war.

4. The Science of Life

Mentally inclined individuals place their trust in the natural sciences, where everything is fixed, replicable, and importantly, devoid of the vicissitudes and unpredictability of life.

Conversely, women have faith in what can be described as the science of life. This science is founded on values and can only be understood through values. Life governs us, and we cannot escape its grasp even for a moment, making knowledge of life essential for acting rightly within it. Consequently, the essence of the science of life lies in embracing the flow of life, both internal and external.

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5. Empowerment of Women

The shift in perspective and approach from numbers to values cannot be achieved by rigid adherence to the masculine principle. The most viable means of translating values into action is through the empowerment of women in politics. An all-women political party has the potential to gain absolute power through a majority. Majority is crucial and indispensable for effectively implementing values over numbers and reshaping the exercise of power in ministries, institutes, universities, R&D, and other domains.

6. Examples of Applying Values to Life

Reward vs Punishment

Men have traditionally focused on physical power and dominance, resulting in a prevalent culture of punishment and imprisonment.

The science of life redirects women's attention to the universal principle of reward. This is because nobody desires punishment, whereas everyone craves rewards. Encouragement becomes the guiding principle of action.

The values of trust and responsibility are vital for the individual's self-development. The liberated individual lies at the core of a future society's quality and prosperity.

However, our society is largely shaped by an obsessive emphasis on negativity. The reality, though, is that only 5% of people actively engage in negativity. The remaining 95% are neutral or positive. We create endless rules and regulations to control and punish this 5% while overlooking the fact that such rules foster distrust and often breed a sense of insecurity among all individuals. Consequently, the freedom of the 95% not involved in negativity is curtailed. Women recognize the tremendous loss of human creativity and happiness that ensues. Depression, loneliness, fear, psychological and physical ailments become prevalent in a society seeking to control its populace across all aspects of life. Naturally, women aspire

to see every child and person happy and free. Rewarding positivity offers a simple solution, rather than imposing restrictions, fostering distrust, instilling fear, and exerting control.

Similar principles can be applied to the field of education and diplomas. Abilities, talents, and experiences should hold more weight than a formal diploma that uniformly assesses individuals based on often dubious standards. For instance, the Dutch Prime Minister wishes to pursue teaching after his political career but must first acquire the requisite teaching diploma.

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7. Action on a War Footing

Men often engage in discussions, evaluations, investigations, competitions, and the like, leading to unacceptable delays, compromises, waste, and losses. True men of action are rarer than commonly perceived.

Women, on the other hand, possess a more pragmatic nature when it comes to achieving results. They possess a comprehensive understanding of the situation and are accustomed to making swift decisions guided by the right and appropriate values. They will govern solely on the basis of a war footing.

Examples of the war footing approach:

- 1. The world faces imminent disaster if the temperature rise exceeds 1.5 degrees Celsius. Immediate action is imperative:
 - Electric cars serve as one of the solutions to reduce CO₂ emissions. Women will
 promptly make the purchase of fossil-fuel-powered vehicles highly unattractive
 through substantial subsidies for electric cars and progressive increases in fossil
 fuel taxes. Simultaneously, cities will announce plans to restrict entry to only 100%
 electric transport within one or two years.
 - Industries will face progressively higher taxes for their use of fossil fuels, along with the implementation of true price taxing for the products they manufacture.
 - Every household will be equipped with solar panels. The government can offer loans for solar panels, which will be repaid within 5 to 6 years through regular energy costs. Afterward, the household will have access to free energy for both the house and car. From the outset, the household can operate in a carbon-neutral manner.
- 2. Consumer products are currently undervalued as the costs of environmental damage and health-related issues are not factored in. Immediate implementation of "true pricing" for all consumer products is necessary. True pricing entails adding the costs of environmental damage, related diseases, and health impacts to the product price. For instance, true pricing would make healthy organic products relatively affordable and even irresistible when exempted from value-added tax (VAT).

8. The Future Society: Empowering Women to Build a Better World

With women in a political majority, a society can be constructed that offers free education, free healthcare, free transportation, free energy, free sports, free kitchen-gardens, and a universal basic income for all. These are excellent foundations for ensuring human security.

Women understand that a society exists to serve its people, not for its own sake or for the benefit of those in power or the wealthy elite. They recognize that the world has abundant resources for everyone; the issue lies in the distribution, not in a lack of production or money. It is the lack of political will that perpetuates inequality, poverty, and human insecurity. As women, we should take charge and make the world a safe place for all.

By forming a national women's party that operates on the principles of values and a war footing, a political majority can be achieved. This majority can then implement, without hindrance, all that is good and beneficial for everyone. Let us unite and create a future that prioritizes the well-being and prosperity of all individuals.

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