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Global Awakening News

Commentary and Guidance for Enlightened Change During Rapidly Changing Times

These essays are presented for their value to anyone who cares about the future as humanity prepares to make the greatest shift in consciousness and being ever experienced. We cover a wide range of topics including social-values research, “future-views”, the world situation, and advanced spiritual perspectives.



*“**GLOBAL AWAKENING** means individuals and communities becoming aware of and embracing their true nature – one of interconnectedness, service, and spirituality, as we express extraordinary dimensions of our larger being. It is remembering who we truly are as we seek ways of developing global processes and structures specifically designed to assist the fullest expression of social and spiritual awakening.”*

– adapted from the book, “A New America, An Awakened Future on Our Horizon”

Social-sciences research essay series:

Ten-Year Future Outlook

from the book, “A New America, An Awakened Future on Our Horizon”

During the Next Ten years...

When discussing anything about the future, one can easily be dismayed at the amount of chaos and upset in the world and determine that the future of humanity is rather bleak. Likewise, one can also see that there are many who are very interested in making changes – from personal to collective agendas – to help create something more uplifting and sustaining. One would think that everyone would want to move in the direction of a more positive future, but when considering the enormity of the challenges with which we’re faced, one might just as well throw their hands up in despair and figure it’s not worth the effort as nothing can be done.

It may help to take a step back and look at some general positive and negative indicators of future concerns.

By combining these three basic future-oriented questions, some patterns are seen that can be roughly summarized into seven main categories:

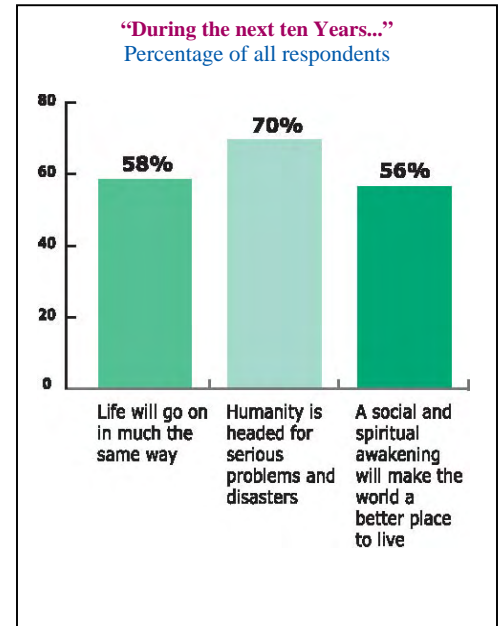
Optimistic:

- Things will carry on about the same; we will be headed toward serious problems and disasters, but global awakening will eventually make a huge positive difference.
- Serious problems and disasters but a global awakening will occur.
- Things carrying on about the same and an eventual global awakening will make the world a better place to live.

Those who are the youngest (Gen-X and Gen-Y age) tend to be the most optimistic in that they embrace a perspective of serious problems or sameness with only small improvement with that of a global awakening eventually having a significant positive impact. Those in the oldest age group (pre-boomers) embraced all three: things continuing along as they have been, serious problems and disasters, and that a global awakening will occur. (One way of interpreting this would be to infer some measure of insight based on life experience: “If things continue on as they have been, humanity will face disastrous consequences and will eventually (need to) experience a global awakening to a higher consciousness than that which predominates now.”)

Pessimistic:

- Just serious problems and disasters.
- Things carrying on about the same with serious problems and disasters ahead.
- Things carrying on about the same with small improvements (denial?).



Baby boomers registered most pessimistic, seeing things continuing along as they have been or with serious problems and disasters ahead. Only 37% of all respondents agreed that technology breakthroughs can correct our current environmental problems.

Unsure:

- A catch-all for the balance of all other possible combinations.

General breakdown with percent of respondents identifying with the following concepts when asked about the next ten years... (2000-2010)

- 23.8% Same with Problems but with Social Spiritual Awakening Making the World Better
- 17.6% Problems and Social Spiritual Awakening
- 14.7% Problems and Disasters
- 13.5% Problems and Same
- 11.3% Same but with Social Spiritual Awakening
- 9.7% Same with Small Improvements
- 9.5% All Other Patterns

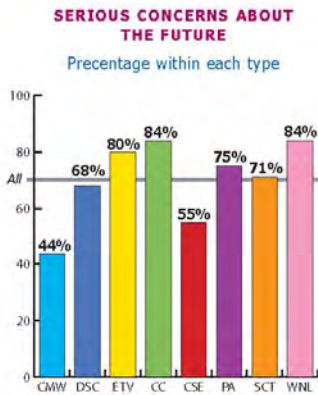
Note: the data is derived from a 2000 study that included a sampling of adults based on region, gender, and age to most closely match the basic population according to US Census data.

Further details from the IOOW-2000 research can be read at:

http://www.inourownwords.org/execsum-html/exec_sum.html

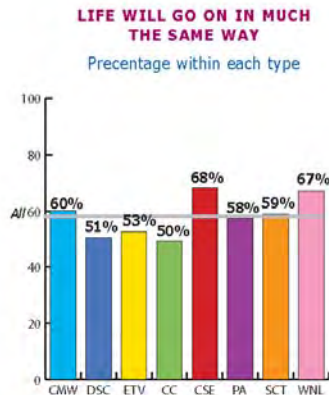
Comparison of The 8 American Types and Their Future Outlook

The following provide a more graphical analysis of some of the points that have just been covered: Here we can see the 8 Types' responses to whether technology will take care of the environmental problems we are facing and the extent to which humanity may eventually adapt, no matter what happens.



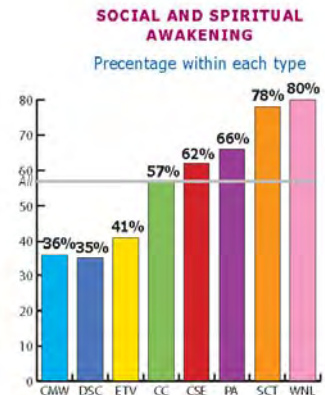
“Humanity is headed for serious problems and disasters.”

Those people in the ETV, CC, and WNL groups most identified with this choice, while those in the CSE and CMW groups least agreed with this. Those in the CSE and CMW tend to be more affluent, educated, and score low on the social material stress scale.



“Life will go on in much the same way as it always has, but with small or minor improvements.”

Those people who fall into the CSE and WNL groups most closely identify with this mid-case, slightly hopeful scenario. Those CC and DSC types, both sharing a strong element of disconnection and SMS factors, least identify with this statement



“A social and spiritual awakening to higher consciousness will make the world a better place to live.”

Those people in the CSE, PA, SCT, and WNL groups most identify with this, whereas those in the CMW, DSC, and ETV groups identify the least with this.

Global Awakening- A Vision Statement 1997

Global awakening means individuals becoming aware of and embracing their true nature and destiny as embodied spiritual Beings. This truth goes beyond the limitations of historical beliefs concerning self, time, space, and matter. This realization concerns remembering who and what we are beyond the ordinary considerations of self as well as activating new dimensions of Being never before realized. The vastness of this destiny is such that it can only be known as it creates itself.

Global awakening acknowledges the approaching end of humankind's felt separation from Spirit and Source. Increasing numbers of people throughout the world are experiencing higher levels of consciousness in ways without precedent. This awareness, which goes beyond all the religions and doctrines of history, is of the universal Divinity within all and is part of All that Is. It is a state of full consciousness.

Earth-based experience has served as an intense practice of both separation and longing for Oneness. This is now being resolved and integrated into a new experience of both Unity and Diversity. Unity refers to Oneness of all of creation, diversity refers to the uniqueness contributed by each of us. As more people feel their connection with each other and with all of Creation, we see this awakening unfold.

Like a seed that has found a nourishing environment, a new type of human being is emerging, connected by universal love and spiritual awareness. New potentials are being activated within humankind. As in the birth of any new species, our very cellular material is changing to accommodate new energy patterns or inner Light. The cells of our matter are encoded with unlimited potential.

A marriage between heaven and earth, between spirit and matter, is giving birth to something new and wonderful. It means new possibilities for human existence, a new vibration for Earth, and new possibilities for all of Creation. Creation is re-creating Itself.

- from 1997 Vision Statement of Fund For Global Awakening, from the founders