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### Introduction

Following the 2009 G20 summit, plans were announced for the introduction of a new global currency to replace the US dollar's role as the world's primary reserve currency. Point 19 of the communiqué released by the G20 at the end of the summit stated, "We have agreed to support a general SDR allocation which will be injected into the world economy and increase global liquidity." SDRs, or Special Drawing Rights, are "a synthetic paper currency issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF)." The Telegraph reported, "the G20 leaders have activated the IMF's Special Drawing Rights and begin global "quantitative easing". In doing so, they are injecting a new global currency into play. It is outside the control of any sovereign nation and theorists will love it." [1]

The article continued in stating that, "There is now a world of central banks, and in time, SDRs are likely to evolve into a parking place for the funds of these banks, led by the People's Bank of China." Further, "The G20 Financial Stability Board looks like the first step towards a global financial authority. In other words, a global central bank.

It is important to take a closer look at these "solutions" being proposed and implemented in the midst of the current global financial crisis. These suggestions, as they have been in the plans of the global financial elite for some time. However, in the midst of the current crisis, the elite have fast-tracked the forging of a New World Order in finance. It is important to address these proposed and imposed "solutions" and what effect they will have on the International Monetary System (IMS) and the global political system.

### A New Bretton-Woods

In October of 2008, Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the UK, announced a new Bretton Woods – building a new international financial system "years ahead." He continued in saying that, "we must now build a new financial system around the agreed principles of transparency, responsibility, good housekeeping and co-operation across borders." The Telegraph reported that Gordon Brown would want "to see the IMF become a 'global central bank' closely monitoring the international financial system." [2]

On October 17, 2008, Prime Minister Gordon Brown wrote an Open Letter to the G20 in which he said, "This week, European leaders came together to discuss guiding principles that we believe should underpin this new system: transparency, sound banking, responsibility, integrity and global cooperation. That urgent decisions implementing these principles should

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irresponsible and often undisclosed lending at the heart of ( we need cross-border supervision of financial institutions; *s accounting and regulation*; a more responsible approach to ex rewards hard work, effort and enterprise but not irrespons *renewal of our international institutions* to make them effecti for the world economy.[Emphasis added]"[3]

In early October 2008, it was reported that, "as the world's ce week in Washington DC for an IMF-World Bank conference to big question they face is whether it is time to establish a glo "policeman" to ensure the crash of 2008 can never be repeat organisation with the power to police the global economy wo representatives of every major country – a United Nations of former governor of the Bank of England suggested that, "the staring us in the face, in the form of the Bank for Internation however, "The problem is that it has no teeth. The IMF tends about economic problems in very diplomatic language, but th independent and much better placed to deal with this if it is g so."[4]

### Emergence of Regional Currencies

On January 1, 1999, the European Union established the Euro. The Euro has grown in prominence over the past several years the only regional currency in the world. There are moves an currencies throughout the world.

In 2007, Foreign Affairs, the journal of the Council on Foreign titled, *The End of National Currency*, in which it began by dis international currency markets, and that very few "real" solut to address successive currency crises. The author poses the lost sovereignty to governments put an end to financial ins stating that, "This is a dangerous misdiagnosis," and that, "T return to a mythical past of monetary sovereignty, with gove interest and exchange rates in blissful ignorance of t Governments must let go of the fatal notion that nationhoc and control the money used in their territory. National curre simply do not mix; together they make a deadly brew geopolitical tension and create ready pretexts for damagin to globalize safely, countries should abandon monetary unwanted currencies, the source of much of today's instabili

The author explains that, "Monetary nationalism is si globalization. It has always been, even if this has only bec 1970s, when all the world's governments rendered their worthless." The author states that, "Since economic de process of globalization is no longer possible, countries sl nationalism. Governments should replace national currenci

euro or, in the case of Asia, collaborate to produce a new multi-currency system for a comparably large and economically diversified area." Esser and the author, the solution lies in regional currencies.[5]

In October of 2008, "European Central Bank council member E. Papell" global currency system is developing between Asia, Europe and the U.S. He's skeptical the U.S. dollar's centrality can be revived." [6]

#### *The Union of South American Nations*

The Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) was established in 2008 with the headquarters to be in Ecuador, the South American Development Bank to be in Bolivia, and the Bank of the South to be in Venezuela. As of 2008, the leaders of 12 South American nations have formed a regional organization for economic and political integration in the region," and that, "The Union of South American Nations, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela." [7]

The week following the announcement of the Union, it was reported that President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said Monday that South America is working towards a common currency as part of the region's integration efforts. "The goal of the Union of South American Nations is to create a common currency," he said. "We are proceeding so as, in the future, we have a common currency." [8]

#### *The Gulf Cooperation Council and a Regional Currency*

In 2005, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), a regional trade organization consisting of Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, announced its goal of creating a single common currency by 2010. It was reported that the economically united and efficient GCC is clearly a more integrated region than each individual economy, especially given the scale of trade evident within the region. This is why trade relations with the GCC are a core focus of late." Further, "The natural extension of this integration is to introduce a common currency in order to facilitate trade between the different countries." It was announced that the GCC member state bankers had agreed to pursue monetary union in a similar fashion to the Eurozone in Europe." [9]

In June of 2008, it was reported that, "Gulf Arab central bank leaders are working towards a nucleus of a joint central bank next year in a major step forward towards a common currency but signaled that a new common currency would not be in place by the 2010 target." [10] In 2002, it was announced that the "GCC states are working towards a common currency but signaled that a new common currency would not be in place by the 2010 target." [10] In 2002, it was announced that the "GCC states are working towards a common currency but signaled that a new common currency would not be in place by the 2010 target." [10] In February of 2008, Oman announced that it would not be joining the GCC. In November of 2008, it was announced that the "Final monetary union will be independent from governments of member states."

In March of 2009, it was reported that, "The GCC should not be a model for the rest of the world."

currency as member states need to work out the framework. Saudi Arabia's Central Bank Governor Muhammad Al Jassbi is quoted as saying, "It took the European Union 45 years to create a common currency. We should not rush." In 2008, with the global financial crisis posing challenges for the GCC initiative, as "Pressure mounted on GCC members to drop their currency pegs as inflation accelerated in all of the six countries. All of the member states except Kuwait have pegged the dollar and tend to follow the US Federal Reserve when setting monetary policy."

### *An Asian Monetary Union*

In 1997, the Brookings Institution, a prominent American think tank, published a report on the possibilities of an East Asian Monetary Union, stating that "the central question of the 21st century is whether analogous monetary blocs will form in Asia (as a matter, in the Western Hemisphere). With the dollar, the yen, and the euro, each currency floating against one another, other small open economies will have to link up to one of the three." However, "the linkage between Asia and the West, accompanied by radical changes in institutional arrangements, is not contemplated by the European Union. The spread of capital markets and democratization will make it prohibitively difficult to peg exchange rates. Pegging will require international cooperation, and effective measures akin to monetary unification."<sup>[13]</sup>

In 2001, Asia Times Online wrote an article discussing a speech by Robert A. Mundell at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University, a leading Thai university. "[t]he 'Asean plus three' (the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations plus China, Japan, and Korea) 'should look to the European Union for closer integration of monetary policy, trade and investment integration'."<sup>[14]</sup>

On May 6, 2005, the website of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations announced that, "China, Japan, South Korea and the 10 member states of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to expand their existing currency swaps into what could become a virtual Asian Monetary Union." "[f]inance officials of the 13 nations, who met in the Association of Development Bank (ADB) annual conference in Istanbul, approved their various bilateral agreements into some sort of multilateral arrangement. None of the officials would directly call it an Asian Monetary Union."

In August of 2005, the San Francisco Federal Reserve Bank published a report on the prospects of an East Asian Monetary Union, stating that "the criteria for joining a monetary union, however, it states that the European initiative, "The implication is that achieving any such union, including a common currency, is much more difficult in East Asia than that, "In Europe, a monetary union was achievable primarily because of the larger process of political integration," however, "There is no such political integration in East Asia, partly because of the geographical distance between those countries in terms of political systems, culture, and social

of their own particular histories, East Asian countries remain their sovereignty.”

Another major problem, as presented by the San Francisco governments appear much more suspicious of strong supranationalism, thus, “in East Asia, sovereignty concerns have left governments with little significant authority to supranational bodies, at least so far as opposed to the steps taken to create a monetary union in Europe. In trade agreements have been achieved among the largest economies, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and China.” Another problem is that, “East Asia does not have an obvious candidate for an internal anchor currency or a fixed exchange rate arrangement. Most successful new currencies have been issued on the back of an existing currency, establishing confidence in the new by linking the old with the new.”

The report concludes that, “exchange rate stabilization and integration are unlikely in the near term. Nevertheless, East Asia is integrating its economies without an emphasis on formal trade liberalization agreements. There is evidence of growing financial cooperation in the region, including regional arrangements for providing liquidity during crises, currency exchange swaps, regional economic surveillance discussions, and regional bond markets.” Ultimately, “East Asia might also pursue a multi-track path [as Europe], first with loose agreements to stabilize currencies, then tighter agreements, and culminating ultimately in adoption of a common currency and, after that, maybe an East Asia dollar.”[16]

In 2007, it was reported that, “Asia may need to establish its own currency to cope with future financial shocks similar to that which occurred in 1997-98 years ago,” and that, “Further Asian financial integration is essential to avoid Asian future financial crises.”[17]

In September of 2007, Forbes reported that, “An East Asian monetary union led by Japan is feasible but the region lacks the political will to do so,” said the Asian Development Bank said.” Pradumna Rana, an Asian Development Bank economist, said that, “it appears feasible to establish a currency union, particularly among Indonesia, Japan, (South) Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand,” and that, “The economic potential for monetary union in Asia is strong, even though the political underpinnings of such a union are weak.” Further, “the real integration at the trade levels ‘with a strong economic case for monetary union in Asia, in a similar way to that which Europe did so in Europe,” and ultimately, “the road to a monetary union could proceed on a ‘multi-track, multi-speed’ basis with a separate goal on the trade side.”[18] In April of 2008, it was reported that, “deputy governors and financial deputy ministers have met in Nang city, discussing issues on the financial and monetary cooperation in the region.”[19]

Currently, Africa has several different monetary union initiatives and existing monetary unions within the continent. One initiative is the project of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), a “regional group of 15 countries in West Africa.” Among the many already-existing monetary unions in the region, the West African Monetary Union (WAMU) is the most prominent. The ECOWAS consists of Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Liberia, Ghana, Gambia, and Nigeria.[20]

The African Union was founded in 2002, and is an intergovernmental organization consisting of 53 African states. In 2003, the Brookings Institution published a report on African economic integration. In it, the authors stated that, “like other regions of the world, Africa is fixing its sights on creating a single currency. Already, there are projects for regional monetary unions, and an eventual African central bank is about to begin.” It stated that “the creation of a single currency was also an objective of the Organization for African Economic Cooperation (OAEC), the predecessors of the AU,” and further stated that the “Treaty establishing the African Economic Community (AEC) calls for achieving a single monetary zone for Africa that were set to be completed by approximately 2028. In the early stages, regional cooperation in Africa would be strengthened, and this could involve regional monetary unions. The final stage involves the establishment of the African Central Bank (ACB) and a single African currency and an African Economic and Monetary Union (AEMU).”

The paper further states that the African Central Bank (ACB) was established in 2008, but until around 2020, [but] the bidding process for its location was still ongoing. However, “there are plans for creating various regional monetary unions, which presumably form building blocks for the single African central bank.”

In August of 2008, “Governors of African Central Banks met at the Sheraton Hotel to discuss issues concerning the creation of three African Central Banks (ACBs) following “the AU resolution to form the African Central Bank (ACB) and the African Investment Bank (AIB).” The governors “agreed that when established, the ACB would serve as the monetary authority of Africa’s single currency and monetary authority of the continent.”

On March 2, 2009, it was reported that, “The African Union welcomed an understanding this month with Nigeria on the establishment of the African Central Bank,” and that, “The institution will be based in the Nigerian capital, Abuja.” Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs Maxwell Mkandawire stated that, “Further, “As an intermediate step to the creation of the bank, the AU will establish an African Monetary Institute within the next few months. At the next meeting of African economists in the city,” and he was quoted as saying that he “agreed to work with the Association of African Central Bank Governors to set up a joint technical committee to look into the preparation of a joint proposal for the ACB.”

The website for the Kenyan Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports that, “The Union Commissioner for Economic Affairs Dr. Maxwell Mkwinda stated that, “The African Union welcomed an understanding this month with Nigeria on the establishment of the African Central Bank.”

optimism for the adoption of a common currency for Africa. The theme discussed at the AU Commission meeting in Kenya was of a Single African Currency: Review of the Creation of a Which optimal Approach to be adopted to accelerate the continental currency.”[24]

### *A North American Monetary Union and the Amero*

In January of 2008, I wrote an article documenting the move to a North American currency, likely under the name Amero. [[North-American Monetary Integration: Here Comes the Amero January 20, 2008](#)] I will briefly outline the information presented.

In 1999, the Fraser Institute, a prominent and highly influential Canadian think tank, published a report written by Economics professor and former Minister of Finance, Paul Martin, called, *The Case for the Amero: The Economics and Political Case for a North American Monetary Union*. He wrote that, “The plan for a North American Monetary Union presented in this study is designed to include Canada, the United States, and a “North American Central Bank, like the European Central Bank, with a constitution making it responsible only for the maintenance of the currency and for full employment.”[25] He opined that, “sovereignty is not worth the merit of giving up some aspects of sovereignty should be brought by such a sacrifice,” and that, “It is important to not repeat the mistakes that the United States has given up its economic sovereignty in many areas, the NAFTA negotiations involve the World Trade Organization (formerly the GATT), the North American Free Trade Agreement,” as well as the International Monetary Fund.

Also in 1999, the C.D. Howe Institute, another of Canada's leading think tanks, produced a report titled, *From Fixing to Monetary Union: A Case for North American Currency Integration*. In this document, it was written that, “The way to broach the notion of a NAMU [North American Monetary Union] is to present the North American equivalent of the European Monetary Union, the euro.”[27] It further stated that the fact that “the end of sovereignty in Canadian monetary policy is clear. It does not mean abandoning a made-in-Canada inflation rate for a U.S. rate.”[28]

In May of 2007, Canada's then Governor of the Central Bank, Mark Dodge, said that, “North America could one day embrace a euro-style currency.” He also said that, “Some proponents have dubbed the single North American currency the Amero.” Answering questions following his speech, Dodge said that “it is ‘possible’.”[29]

In November of 2007, one of Canada's richest billionaires, Stephen Sturges, a member of the board of the C.D. Howe Institute, told a Canadian parliamentary committee that, “Canada should replace its dollar with a North American currency pegged to the U.S. greenback, to avoid the exchange rate shifts that have been experienced,” and that, “I think we have to really seriously start



of a continental currency just like Europe.”[30]

Former Mexican President Vicente Fox, while appearing on *Late July*, asked a question regarding the possibility of a common currency, to which he responded by saying, “Long term, very long term. When President Bush and myself, it’s ALCA, which is a trade union of currencies. And everything was running fluently until Hugo Chavez came along himself. He decided to combat the idea and destroy the idea of a common currency. “It’s going to be like the euro dollar, you mean?” to which Fox responded, “It would be long, long term. I think the processes to go, first of all, is an agreement. And then further on, a new vision, like we are trying to do.”

In January of 2008, Herbert Grubel, the author who coined the term “amero” in the Fraser Institute report, wrote an article for the *Financial Post* that recommends fixing the Canadian loonie to the US dollar at a 1:1 ratio, arguing that there are inherent problems with having the US Federal Reserve set Canadian interest rates. He then wrote that, “there is a lack of credibility. In Europe, it came through the creation of the euro and the ability of national central banks to set interest rates. The amero is not possible without the unlikely co-operation of the US and Canada, which leaves the credibility issue to be solved by the unilateral adoption of a currency board, which would ensure that international payments imbalances are corrected, changes in Canada’s money supply and interest rates until they are in line with all without any actions by the Bank of Canada or influence by the US. It is desirable to create simultaneously the currency board and the amero, valued at par with the U.S. dollar. With longer-run competitiveness, the amero will be valued at par with the U.S. dollar.”[32]

In January of 2009, an online publication of the *Wall Street Journal*, *Watch*, discussed the possibility of hyperinflation of the US dollar. It then stated, regarding the possibility of an amero, “On its face, it doesn’t make sense. But imagine, it makes intuitive sense. The ability to combine Canadian resources, American ingenuity and cheap Mexican labor would allow North America to compete better on a global stage.” The author further states that, “If the dollar is to induce more debt rather than allowing savings and obligations to be met, it respects the potential for a system shock. We may need to let the dollar contract in traction if the dollar meaningfully debases from current levels. If the dollar dynamic plays out – and I’ve got no insight that it will – the world would fragment into four primary regions: North America, Europe, Asia, and the East. In such a scenario, ramifications would manifest themselves in the form of geopolitical conflict.”[33]

## A Global Currency

### *The Phoenix*

In 1988, *The Economist* ran an article titled, *Get Ready for the Future*. It wrote, “THIRTY years from now, Americans, Japanese, European,

other rich countries and some relatively poor ones will pro shopping with the same currency. Prices will be quoted not i but in, let's say, the phoenix. The phoenix will be favoured by because it will be more convenient than today's national curr seem a quaint cause of much disruption to economic lif century."

The article stated that, "The market crash [of 1987] taught pretence of policy cooperation can be worse than nothing operation is feasible (ie, until governments surrender some further attempts to peg currencies will flounder." Amazingly "Several more big exchange-rate upsets, a few more st probably a slump or two will be needed before politicians ar up to that choice. This points to a muddled sequence of patch-up followed by emergency, stretching out far beyo things. As time passes, the damage caused by currency ins to mount; and the very trends that will make it mount a monetary union feasible."

Further, the article stated that, "The phoenix zone would imp national governments. There would be no such thing, for monetary policy. The world phoenix supply would be fixed descended perhaps from the IMF. The world inflation rate-a margins, each national inflation rate-would be in its charge taxes and public spending to offset temporary falls in dema borrow rather than print money to finance its budget defi that, "This means a big loss of economic sovereignty, but t phoenix so appealing are taking that sovereignty away in any more-or-less floating exchange rates, individual government independence checked by an unfriendly outside world."

The article concludes in stating that, "The phoenix would pro of national currencies, just as the Special Drawing Right is t value against national currencies would cease to matter choose it for its convenience and the stability of its purc sentence states, "Pencil in the phoenix for around 2018, comes."[34]

### *Recommendations for a Global Currency*

In 1998, the IMF Survey discussed a speech given by Jar American economist, in which he argued that, "A single glob viable alternative to the floating rate." He further stated that need" for "lenders of last resort."[35]

In 1999, economist Judy Shelton addressed the US Ho Committee on Banking and Financial Services. In her testimo

continued expansion of free trade, the increased integration of the world economy, the advent of electronic commerce are all working to bring about a new international monetary standard—a global unit of account. As she stated that, “Regional currency unions seem to be the next step towards some kind of global monetary order. Europe has already adopted the euro and Asia may organize into a regional currency bloc to offset the effects of speculative assaults on the individual currencies of weaker nations. Many countries in Latin America are considering various monetary arrangements to protect them from financial contagion and avoid the economic consequences of a global monetary union. An important question is whether this process of monetary integration will be intelligently directed or whether it will simply be driven by market forces. Political leadership can play a decisive role in helping to build a more stable monetary system than the current free-for-all approach to exchange rates.”

She further stated that, “As we have seen in Europe, the sequence is (1) you build a common market, and (2) you establish a common currency. If you have a common currency, you don’t truly have an efficient market. She concludes by stating, “Ideally, every nation should stand willing to convert its currency at a fixed rate into a universal reserve asset. That would automatically create a monetary union based on a common unit of account. The alternative to a global monetary order is to forge a common currency anchored to a single value. While the current momentum for dollarization should be encouraged for Mexico and Canada, in the end the stability of the global monetary system should not rest on any single nation.”[36]

Paul Volcker, former Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, has expressed a similar view. In a speech delivered by a member of the Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund, it was stated that Paul Volcker “might be right, and we might or might not have a single world currency. Maybe European integration, in the same way as the North American integration, could be seen as a step towards the ideal situation of a single world. If and when this world will see the light of day is impossible to say, but what I can say is that this vision seems as impossible now as it did when the European monetary union seemed 50 years ago, when the process of integration started.”[37]

In 2000, the IMF held an international conference and published a report titled *One World, One Currency: Destination or Delusion?*, in which it discussed the perceptions that grow that the world is gradually segmenting into regional blocs, the logical extension of such a trend also emerges as a single world currency. It asks, “If so many countries see benefits from regional integration, would a world currency not maximize these benefits?”

The report outlines how, “The dollar bloc, already underpinned by the strength of the U.S. economy, has been extended further by dollarization and regional integration. The euro bloc represents an economic union that is increasingly becoming a political union likely to expand into Central and Eastern Europe. A currency bloc is emerging from current proposals for Asian monetary cooperation. A currency bloc is also emerging from current proposals for Asian monetary cooperation. A currency bloc is also emerging from current proposals for Asian monetary cooperation.”

among Mercosur members in Latin America, a geographic axis exists around the South African rand, and a merger of the Australian dollars is a perennial topic in Oceania.”

The summary states that, “The same commercial efficiency and physical imperatives that drive regional currencies together on the next level—the global scale.” Further, it reported that “the most vulnerable economies of the world—those that the international community is trying hardest to help—would have most to gain from the creation of a single world currency.”[38] Keep in mind that the report was produced by the IMF, and so its recommendations for what the smaller and more vulnerable countries of the world, should do is like a bucket – of salt.

Economist Robert A. Mundell has long called for a global currency. He states that the creation of a global currency is “a project that would provide needed coherence to the international monetary system.” The International Monetary Fund a function that would help it to promote stability and growth for international harmony.” He states that, “The benefits from a global currency would be enormous. Prices all over the world would be denominated in a single currency and would be kept equal in different parts of the world to the extent that the market price was allowed to work itself out. Apart from tariffs and trade barriers, trade between countries would be as easy as it is between states of the United States.”

#### *Renewed Calls for a Global Currency*

On March 16, 2009, Russia suggested that, “the G20 summit should start establishing a system of managing the process of global currency reform, including the possibility of creating a supra-national reserve currency.” Russia called for “the creation of a supra-national reserve currency that will be issued by international financial institutions,” and that the G20 should reconsider the role of the IMF in that process and also to “re-examine the need for taking measures that would allow for the SDRs to become a super-reserve currency recognized by the world community.”

On March 23, 2009, it was reported that China’s central bank was considering the US dollar as the international reserve currency with a new global currency to be issued by the International Monetary Fund.” The goal would be for the new currency to be “disconnected from individual nations and is able to operate as a global currency, thus removing the inherent deficiencies caused by using national currencies.” The chief China economist for HSBC stated that “the goal is that China, as the largest holder of US dollar financial assets, should be able to avoid the potential inflationary risk of the US Federal Reserve printing money.” The People’s Bank of China, the central bank, “suggested expanding the use of SDR drawing rights, which were introduced by the IMF in 1969 under the Bretton Woods fixed exchange rate regime but became less relevant after the collapse of the regime in the 1970s.” Currently, “the value of SDRs is based on a basket of currencies including the US dollar, yen, euro and sterling – and they are used largely as

IMF and some other international organizations.”

However, “China’s proposal would expand the basket of currencies of SDR valuation to all major economies and set up a settlement of SDRs and other currencies so they could be used in international transactions. Countries would entrust a portion of their SDRs to be managed collectively on their behalf and SDRs would gradually replace other currencies.”[41]

On March 25, Timothy Geithner, Treasury Secretary and former New York Federal Reserve, spoke at the Council on Foreign Relations on a question about his thoughts on the Chinese proposal for the creation of a new international currency. Geithner replied that, “I haven’t read the governor’s proposal, but it seems like a very thoughtful, very careful, distinguished central banker. Good on every issue. But as I understand his proposal, it’s a proposal to expand the use of the IMF’s special drawing rights. *And we’re a suggestion.* But you should think of it as rather evolutionary, rather than architectural, than — rather than — rather than moving us to a new paradigm [Emphasis added].”[42]

In late March, it was reported that, “A United Nations panel of experts has proposed a new global currency reserve that would take over the role of the system used for decades by international banks,” and that, “the new system administered reserve currency could operate without conflict and keep commodity prices more stable.”[43]

A recent article in the Economic Times stated that, “The world needs a new international reserve currency, but is ready to begin the process of creating it. Otherwise, it would remain too vulnerable to the fluctuations of the United States.[44] Another article in the Economic Times stated that, “the world certainly needs an international currency.” Further, it stated that, “With an unwillingness to accept dollars and the ability to freeze international payments system can go into a freeze beyond the control of authorities leading the world economy into a Great Depression. To avoid such a calamity, the international community should initiate a new system of the Substitution Account mooted in 1971, under which countries can deposit their unwanted dollars in a special account in the form of deposits denominated in an international currency such as the SDR.”

Amidst fears of a falling dollar as a result of the increased competition for a new global currency, it was reported that, “The dollar’s role as a reserve currency is threatened by a nine-fold expansion in the International Monetary Fund’s Special Drawing Account, according to UBS AG, ING Groep NV and Citigroup. Following the recent G20 meeting, at which, “Group of 20 leaders gave approval for the agency to raise \$250 billion by issuing Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the artificial currency that the IMF uses to settle international transactions. It also agreed to put another \$500 billion into the account. In other words, the large global financial institutions came to

the dollar, so as not to precipitate a crisis in its current state and to continue with quietly forming a new global currency.

### **Creating a World Central Bank**

In 1998, Jeffrey Garten wrote an article for the *New York Times* titled "The Fed and the World: A New Role for the Federal Reserve." Garten was former Dean of the Yale School of Management, Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade in the Clinton administration, and previously served on the White House Council on International Trade Policy in the Nixon administration and on the policy planning staffs of Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance of the Ford and Carter administrations. He is currently Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, and is a member of the Council on International Relations. In his article written in 1998, he stated that, "Over the years, we have set up crucial central institutions – the Securities and Exchange Commission (1933), the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (1934) and, most importantly, the Federal Reserve (1913). In so doing, America became a managed economy. These organizations were created to make capitalism work, to prevent economic crises, to prevent cycles and to moderate the harsh, invisible hand of Adam Smith."

He then explained that, "This is what now must occur on a global scale. The world needs an institution that has a hand on the economic rudder. The world is stormy. It needs a global central bank." He explains that, "Simply put, the world's powerful central banks – the Fed and the new European Central Bank – wouldn't work," and that, "Effective collaboration between ministries and treasuries is also unlikely to materialize. Governments are responsible to elected legislatures, and politics in the industrialized world is preoccupied with internal events than with international stability."

He then postulates that, "An independent central bank with the authority to maintain global financial stability is the only way out. No amount of money is needed: inject more money into the system to spur growth, restructure the operations of emerging markets, and oversee the operations of shaky global financial institutions. A global central bank could provide more money to the world economy when it is losing steam." Further, "Such a bank would play an oversight role over all global financial institutions everywhere, providing some uniform regulatory framework for lending in places like China and Mexico. [However, t]he regulatory framework would be handed." Garten continues, "There are two ways a global central bank could be financed. It could have lines of credit from all central banks, borrowing when the markets turn down and repaying when the markets turn up. Alternately, it could be difficult to carry out – it could be financed by a very modest amount of money collected at the point of importation, or by a tax on international transactions."

Interestingly, Garten states that, "One thing that would not be done is to put the bank at the mercy of short-term-oriented legislators. The bank should not be accountable to the people of the world. So, to whom would a global central bank be accountable? It would be governed only by technocrats, although it must be led by a strong leader."

possibility would be to link the new bank to an enlarged Group of "G-15" [or in today's context, the G20] that would include members like Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, Poland, India, China. Gorton further states that, "There would have to be very close coordination between the global bank and the Fed, and that, "The global bank would be based in the United States, and it would not be able to override the decisions of the Fed. But it could supply the missing international ingredient – liquidity – to cash-starved emerging markets. It wouldn't affect American jobs, but it could help the profitability of American multinational corporations by creating a healthier global environment for their businesses." [47]

In September of 2008, Jeffrey Garten wrote an article for the *Foreign Affairs* magazine. He stated that, "Even if the US's massive financial rescue package should be followed by something even more far-reaching – the creation of a Global Monetary Authority to oversee markets that have become increasingly global – we should emphasize the "need for a new Global Monetary Authority. The GMA would oversee capital markets in a way that would not be viscerally opposed by Americans. It would have an oversight function with rules for intervention, and would retain the goal of economic growth and development rather than trade protectionism."

Further, the "GMA would be a reinsurer or discount window for central banks. It would scrutinize the regulatory activities of central banks with more teeth than the IMF has and oversee the implementation of global regulations. It would monitor global risks and establish a global early warning system with more clout to sound alarms than the current system. The biggest global financial companies would have to register with the GMA, be subject to its monitoring, or be blacklisted. That includes commercial banks, but also sovereign wealth funds, gigantic hedge funds, and insurance firms." He recommends that its board "include central bankers from the US, UK, the eurozone and Japan, but also China, Saudi Arabia, and India. It would be financed by mandatory contributions from every capable country. It would charge type premiums from global financial companies – publicly listed and privately held alike." [48]

In October of 2008, it was reported that Morgan Stanley CEO James Gorman said "it may take continued international coordination to fully understand and resolve the financial crisis, perhaps even by forming a new institution to lead the process." [49]

In late October of 2008, Jeffrey Garten wrote an article for the *Foreign Affairs* magazine. He stated that, "leaders should begin laying the groundwork for a new global central bank." He explained that, "There was a time when the Federal Reserve played this role [as governing financial authority of the world]. The Fed is the institution of the world's most powerful economy, over which it has control of the dollar currency. But with the growth of capital markets, the rise of the euro, and the emergence of powerful players such as China, the Fed's role is being challenged. In the Persian Gulf and, of course, the deep-seated problems in the US itself, the Fed no longer has the capability to lead single-handedly."

He explains the criteria and operations of a world central bank to be the lead regulator of big global financial institutions like Deutsche Bank, whose activities spill across borders,” as well as to court when big global banks that operate in multiple countries are restructured. It could oversee not just the big commercial banks like the UFJ, but also the “alternative” financial system that has developed consisting of hedge funds, private-equity groups and sovereign wealth funds which are now substantially unregulated.” Further, it “could coordinate exchange rates, and might lead a new monetary conference to discuss the yuan, for example, for one of its first missions would be to address financial imbalances that hang like a sword over the world economy.”

He further postulates that, “A global central bank would not replace the Federal Reserve or other national central banks, which retain their responsibility for sound regulatory policies and monetary strategy in their countries. But it would have heavy influence over them when they set policies that are compatible with global growth and financial stability. It would work with key countries to better coordinate national policies. When the world enters a recession, as is happening now, so that the various national efforts do not so dramatically overshoot, it would be a seed for a crisis of global inflation. This is a big threat that is everywhere goes into overdrive.”[50]

In January of 2009, it was reported that, “one clear solution to the current problems would be the establishment of a “global central bank” to replace the World Bank being unable to prevent the financial melt down.” Ivo Hovakimyan, a senior research fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School, formerly of the World Bank, gave a speech in Dubai in which he said that, “To avoid another global financial crisis, the ability to manage global liquidity. Theoretically that could be done through a kind of global central bank, or through the creation of a global central bank with global acceptance of a set of rules with sanctions and a dispute resolution mechanism.”[51]

Guillermo Calvo, Professor of Economics, International and Development Studies at the University of Chicago, wrote an article for VOX in late March of 2009. Calvo is an Economist of the Inter-American Development Bank, and a Senior Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), a member of the International Economic Association and the former Senior Advisor to the Department of the IMF.

He wrote that, “Credit availability is not ensured by strict prudential supervision. In fact, it can be counterproductive unless it is accompanied by a lender of last resort (LOLR) that radically softens the severity of the crisis by providing timely credit lines. With that aim in mind, the 20th century role of national or regional central banks in charge of a subset of the world has now become apparent that the realm of existing central banks is not the world has no institution that fulfills the necessary global



that direction, but it is still too small and too limited to adequately

He advocates that, “the first proposal that I would like to see in financial regulation should be discussed together with the others as a last resort.” Further, he proposed that, “international financial institutions be quickly endowed with considerably more firepower to help us get through the deleveraging period.”[52]

### **A “New World Order” in Banking**

In March of 2008, following the collapse of Bear Stearns, a document released by research firm CreditSights, which said we will see a ‘new world order,’ and that, “More industry consolidation will follow after JPMorgan Chase & Co.” Further, “In the event of a merger, potential acquirers identified by CreditSights include JPMorgan Chase, Bancorp, Goldman Sachs and Bank of America.”[53]

In June of 2008, before he was Treasury Secretary in the administration of Timothy Geithner, as head of the New York Federal Reserve, the Financial Times following his attendance at the 2008 Bilderberg conference wrote that, “Banks and investment banks whose health is vital to the financial system should operate under a unified regulatory framework that, “the US Federal Reserve should play a “central role in this framework, working closely with supervisors in the US and around the world.”

In November of 2008, The National, a prominent United States newspaper reported on Baron David de Rothschild accompanying Prime Minister Gordon Brown on a visit to the Middle East, although not as a “part of the official itinerary.” Following an interview with the Baron, it was reported that “most people’s view that there is a new world order. In his opinion, the current system and there will be a new form of global governance.”[55]

In February of 2009, the Times Online reported that a “New World Order is necessary,” and that, “It is increasingly evident that the world banking system and that it should not bear much resemblance to the current system, spectacularly.”[56] But of course, the ones that are shaping the new order are the champions of the previous banking system. The solutions are simply the extensions of the current system, only sped up and imposed by the current crisis.

### **An Emerging Global Government**

A recent article in the Financial Post stated that, “The danger is that if the world moves to a “super sovereign” reserve currency, such as the “UN Commission of Experts” led by Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz, we would give up the possibility of a spontaneous order and harmony for a centrally planned order and the politicization of money. The change would endanger not only the future value of money but also freedom and prosperity.”[57]

Further, “An uncomfortable characteristic of the new world order will be that global income gaps will widen because the rising powers, such as China and Brazil, regard those below them on the ladder as potential competitors.” The author further states that, “The new world order thus won’t necessarily be a continuation of the old one,” and that, “What is certain, though, is that global politics will be considerably different from now on.”[58]

In April of 2009, Robert Zoellick, President of the World Bank, expressed his concern about creating new global responsibilities or governing the world. He stated, “We are serious about creating new global responsibilities or governing the world. We are modernising multilateralism to empower the WTO, the IMF, and the World Bank, and to monitor national policies.”[59]

David Rothkopf, a scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, former Deputy Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade Policy, former member of the Council on Foreign Relations, recently wrote a book titled *The Global Power Elite and the World They are Making*, of which he is the author and member. When discussing the role and agenda of the global elite, he stated that, “In a world of global movements and threats that don’t stop at national borders, it is no longer possible for a nation-state to fulfill its portion of the social contract.”[60]

He writes that, “even the international organizations and institutions, which are flawed as they are, would have seemed impossible until the creation of the European Union – a unitary democratic state the size of which is the size and achievements of such entities against all odds suggests a new paradigm, but an overall trend in the direction of what Tennyson called ‘universal law.’” He states that he is “optimistic that progress will be made,” but it will be difficult, because it “undercuts many national structures and cultural concepts that have foundations in the history of human civilization, namely the notion of sovereignty.”[61]

He further writes that, “Mechanisms of global governance are being developed for today’s environment,” and that these mechanisms “are often the only practical solutions to urgent problems that cannot wait for the world to develop a more controversial idea like real global government.”[62]

In December of 2008, the Financial Times ran an article written by a former Bilderberg attendee, who wrote that, “for the first time, the possibility of formation of some sort of world government is plausible. World government would involve much more than co-operation between nations. It would be an entity with state-like characteristics, backed by a body of law. The EU has already set up a continental government for 27 countries. The EU has a supreme court, a currency, thousands of civil servants, a civil service and the ability to deploy military force.”

He then asks if the European model could “go global,” and states several reasons for thinking that may be the case. First, he states

that the most difficult issues facing national governments are of a global nature: there is global warming, a global financial crisis and a global communications revolution. Secondly, he states that, "It could be done," largely as a result of communications revolutions having "shrunk the world." Thirdly, through an awakening "change in the political atmosphere," and climate change are pushing national governments towards global governance in countries such as China and the US that are traditionally opposed to national sovereignty."

He quoted an adviser to French President Nicolas Sarkozy: "Global governance is just a euphemism for global government," and the main problem of the international financial crisis is that we have global financial markets but no global law." However, Rachman states that any push towards a global system will be a painful, slow process." He then states that a key problem is explained with an example from the EU, which "has suffered from a series of defeats in referendums, when plans for "ever closer union" have been rejected by voters. In general, the Union has progressed fastest when it has been agreed by technocrats and politicians – and then pushed through by reference to the voters. *International governance tends to be anti-democratic.* [Emphasis added]"[63]

In November of 2008, the United States National Intelligence Community's "center for mid-term and long-term intelligence" released a report that it produced in collaboration with numerous consulting firms, academic institutions and hundreds of other organizations, including the Atlantic Council of the United States, the Wilson Center, the Brookings Institution, American Enterprise Institute, Texas A&M University, the Council on Foreign Relations and Chatham House in London.[64]

The report, titled, Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World, outlines the global political and economic trends that the world may be facing by 2025. In terms of the financial crisis, it states that solving the crisis will require "efforts to establish a new international system." [65] It suggests that the "China model" for development becomes increasingly attractive, that "democratization" for emerging economies, authoritarianism, and "democracies frustrated by years of economic underperformance" will cease to be the global reserve currency, as there would be a shift away from the dollar." [66]

It states that the dollar will become "something of a first among equals" among currencies by 2025. This could occur suddenly in the wake of a global crisis with global rebalancing." [67] The report elaborates on the implications for the international system, stating that, "By 2025, nation-states – and often not the most important – actors on the world stage will have morphed to accommodate a global transformation that will be incomplete and uneven." Further, it warns that a "top-down, overarching, comprehensive, unitary approach to global governance" will not work and suggests that global governance in 2025 will be a patchwork of regional and national arrangements.

hoc and fragmented efforts, with shifting coalitions international organizations, social movements, NGOs, philanthropic companies.” It also notes that, “Most of the pressing transnational issues, including climate change, regulation of globalized financial markets, crime networks, etc. – are unlikely to be effectively resolved by individual nation-states. The need for effective global governance is greater than existing mechanisms can respond.”[68]

The report discusses the topic of regionalism, stating that regional integration, if it occurs, could fill the vacuum left by a weakened international order but could also further undermine that order. Since the 1997 Asian financial crisis, a remarkable series of pan-Asian regional arrangements—significant being ASEAN + 3—began to take root. Although the Asian counterpart to the EU is a likely outcome even by 2020 as a starting point, Asia arguably has evolved more rapidly over the past decade than European integration did in its first decade(s).” It further states that “the next 15 years toward an Asian basket of currencies—if not a common one—as a third reserve—is more than a theoretical possibility.”

It elaborates that, “Asian regionalism would have global implications, sparking or reinforcing a trend toward three trade and financial blocs to become quasi-blocs (North America, Europe, and East Asia).” It also notes the implications for the ability to achieve future global WTO agreements and regional clusters could compete in the setting of product standards for IT, biotech, nanotech, intellectual property, and other ‘new economy’ products.”[69]

Of great importance to address, and reflecting similar concerns expressed by Rachman in his article advocating for a world government, is the issue of democratization, saying that, “advances in technology are likely to slow down the subject many recently democratized countries to increasing economic pressures that could undermine liberal institutions.” This is a concern that a better economic performance of many authoritarian governments has led among some about democracy as the best form of government. A survey consulted indicated that many East Asians put great value on authoritarian management, including increasing standards of living, though “even in many well-established democracies, surveys show a growing skepticism about the current workings of democratic government and question the ability of democratic governments to take the bold actions needed to deal rapidly and effectively with the growing number of transnational issues.”

## **Conclusion**

Ultimately, what this implies is that the future of the global system is one of increasing moves toward a global system of governance with a world central bank and global currency; and that these developments are likely to materialize in the face of and a rise in authoritarianism around the world, and thus, a rise in authoritarianism.

witnessing is the creation of a New World Order, composed of a new government structure.

In fact, the very concept of a global currency and global central bank, in its very nature, as it removes any vestiges of oversight from the people of the world, and toward a small, increasing number of international elites.

As Carroll Quigley explained in his monumental book, *Tragedy of Financial Capitalism* had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole. The system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central bank and the government in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent confidential conferences. The apex of the system was to be the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, Switzerland, a private bank owned and controlled by the central banks which were themselves private corporations.”[7]

Indeed, the current “solutions” being proposed to the global financial crisis are those that caused the crisis over those that are poised to be the result of the crisis: the disappearing middle classes, the working class, and the indebted people. The proposed solutions to this crisis represent the least favourable conditions for the vast majority of the world's people.

It is imperative that the world's people throw their weight behind local governance and local economies, and usher in a new era of world order, one of the People's solution lying in local governance and local economies, and thus, their own society. With this alternative of localized governance and communication through the internet, the possibility before us to forge the most diverse manifestations of human societies that humanity has ever known.

The answer lies in the individual's internalization of human potential and a rejection of the externalization of power and human destiny which all but a select few people have access to. To internalize human destiny is to realize the gift of a human mind, which has the capacity for thought beyond the material, such as food and shelter, and to transcend the conceptual. Each individual possesses – within themselves – the capacity to think critically about themselves and their own life; now is the time to do so with the aim of internalizing the concepts and questioning our current destiny: Why are we here? Where are we going? Where should we be? How do we get there?

The supposed answers to these questions are offered to us by the media and the government. We fear the repercussions of what would take place if the people



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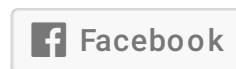
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