

Emancipation

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Organizing For SURVIVAL

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The need for a survival movement is evident in every segment of society today. The systems of Statism are out of control -- the right flounders in such decadence it is unable to control its greed and could not save itself if it wanted -- the left holds allegiance to ideological purity even when it means its own destruction. Never have they been able to progress in any direction other than mutual destruction.

It is time for the people to regain their power. It is time for women to stop asking for equality and take it. It is time for blacks to stop asking for equality and take it. It is time for native peoples to stop asking for their rights and take them. It is time for the people to stand together, for if we don't, none of us are likely to survive. If we wish to survive we can no longer delegate the responsibility for our survival to others, rather we must involve ourselves directly.

If we are able to understand that it is impossible to impose useful systems upon the people, then we should agree that the only safe and useful systems are those that are controlled by the people. The people, when left alone before the rise of

the nation-state, organized themselves into small communal groups. Some of these groups were nomadic and others settled into stationary communities. Each group developed its own way of life. Most practiced mutual aid for the well-being of all of the members of the group.

The only way to once again regain the natural path is to develop along the lines of autonomous bio/cultural regionalism. Autonomous means that each region has its own independence and self-determination. Bioregionalism is organizing within a geographic location; for example, in the Mississippi Delta, in the Ozarks, in the Black Hills, or in arcadia. Many cultural groups are already organized around bioregions even though in some cases cultural considerations take precedence over bioregional ones. I believe that most folks will agree that if autonomous bio/cultural regional agreements among different peoples of the world were worked out it would lead toward a peaceful world which could begin to use the energy it had been using to destroy itself to heal the wounds of the victims.

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