

Entering the Information Age

Generally speaking, humanity claims to be "in" the Information Age, and for the most part it is true, but not completely. It may be that we are still in the "transition" or pressurization period that comes just before a new age is born. The period we are experiencing today is a transition between the Industrial and Information Ages, we call this period "Globalization."

We will be fully immersed in the Information Age once there is a Global Commerce Space where everyone is treated equally, compensated equally (without harming the planet,) and can better his or her lives - starting with nothing but access.

What we lack is an appropriate global law forum with a commercial model that can benefit everyone, including the poor to trade their way out poverty, and which addresses our long-term environmental responsibilities. We need a Information Age economic (commercial) model that is globalized if we wish to complete the transition and thereby truly Enter the Information Age.

Age's are defined by their commercial models, each Age is distinguished by 3 core-comprising elements of the commercial model, these are:

- 1) Governing Element (Who "enforces" the Rules and how? - Can we do it differently?)
- 2) Currency Type (Who's money do we use? What is it? Can we use our own?)
- 3) Law Forum (Who "makes" the rules and laws to be enforced? Can we make our own?) Together, these three elements create a unified or holistic system called an "economic," "commercial," or "social" model. The previous Agricultural and Industrial Ages models reflected the socio-economic structures of their places in mans evolution, appropriate to their time periods as compared below, the new age will be truly something.

Agricultural Age	Industrial Age	Information Age
Government "Governing Body Politic" Monarchs ruled in one form or another until The Church (post 50 AD). Nation States provide infrastructure, and law forums for "citizens." Corporations provide infrastructure. Sovereign Individuals will gain more control through market mechanisms as the "preferred customers" of Information Age corporations. Currency "Consideration Sets the Law Forum" Gold / Silver coins - Substance - Essentially a common global exchange system to hold and transfer "value." Backing for Industrial currency to come. "Debt" money, fiat - Paper - Many competing currencies globally Provided via Nation States via loans from private corporations (such as the Federal Reserve) and which is inflatable at will. Electronic "Credits" - earned in private P2P network communities based on affiliation- Places everyone from 3rd to 1st world Users on a more level playing field. Choice of private communities over the Internet where private currencies are earnable and exchangeable for basically anything.	Law Forum "Who's Law are you under?" "Kings Law" and then Churches Law enforced on the people through Agents. This is called Roman Civil law and is an extension of Roman Ecclesiastical Trust Law. Nation State laws use an Admiralty Law forum to regulate inter-state and inter-personal commerce via the UCC, Treaties, and contracts. People relate to Nations as legal fictions called "citizens." Private associations, corporations, and the like regulate private law forums for "commerce" in cyberspace based on the terms and conditions of the Association contract. Users join or create affinity communities as Sovereign Individuals where the law forum is the private. Commercial System "Who is prejudiced - is it equal" "Cooperative or competitive" "What constitutes VALUE"	

Exchange "Gold as value earned through use of skills.

Coin has intrinsic value.

Needy are supported by the Church or their Monarchs, if at all Value comes from farming earth's resources in a generally sustainable fashion. Exchange Paper as a representation of some alleged Gold - NO Intrinsic Value. Needy are supported by the Welfare State Value comes from peoples labor to extract natural resources of oil, iron, ores, food, water, land, and individual labor.

Exchange of Credits earned in private law forums of cyber-space.

Corporations and Individuals support Needy, welfare state continues eroding; public currency used in physical space along with Smart-Cards. Value comes from applying skills, ability, and knowledge. Assets Are Stationary Stationary Mobile Before the nation state, it was difficult to count the number of sovereignties that existed in the world, each which issued it's own coins, because they overlapped in complex ways and many varied forms of organization exercised power. They will do so again in the Information Age.