

Civic Intelligence



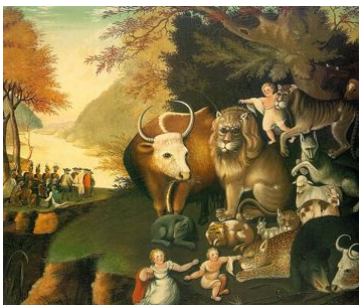
Civic Intelligence describes how well groups of people address civic ends through civic means. It asks the critical question: *Is society smart enough to meet the challenges it faces?* Civic intelligence requires learning and teaching. It also requires *meta-cognition* — thinking about and actually improving how we think and work together.

The Commons



The human genome, seeds, and groundwater should belong to everybody — not corporations. The public library, community garden, farmer's market, and land trust are familiar and highly effective local Commons. The emerging commons sector provides benefits that corporations can't provide such as healthy ecosystems, economic security, stronger communities and a participatory culture.

The Good Life



People who hope for a better world feel the need for a shared vision of The Good Life. The environmental crises of the planet require a broad vision of a good life that harmonizes human aspirations and natural limits. A framework for the modern good life should be based on some form of humanism with room for a spiritual dimension that does not seek domination.

Social Dominance Attenuation



Social dominance is at the heart of many of humankind's most shameful enterprises. It is sustained through ideology, economics, policy, education, the media, social perception and interactions, culture, and technology. Understanding how social dominance is maintained can provide important clues as to how it can be countered.