



GLOBAL PLANET AUTHORITY Year-end update 2020

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Dear friends of the GPA,

2020 has transpired to be an important and positive year for the GPA.

Notably, we have begun the transition from thought exploration to movement, we have our first conduits to funding in the UK and internationally, an increasing body of global academics and thought leaders are advocating entry into global governance and the Covid pandemic revealed the nation state's weak mechanisms to respond to a shared and fully global threat.

May I take this early opportunity to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to GPA's work in 2020.

Central premise of the GPA

Global Planet Authority is a group of committed individuals who believe that humanity should take up the opportunity now afforded us to enter global governance in order to create an authority capable of protecting and enhancing the biosphere (living planet) now and for the ultra long term. In 2022 five billion of us will be connected to each other via the internet, allowing humanity to undertake **our first act of global self-determination**, after the relatively recent 180 acts of national self-determination. **As a global citizenship we are just coming of age**, opening up an exciting new era of governance evolution.

Crucially, a GPA will have executive power over all human organizational forms, including the nation state. Armed with sufficient regulatory and taxation powers, a GPA will realise the outcome of global biophysical security with the added dividends of reduced ultra poor and greater peace. Outcomes in the biophysical space will include taxing all the main externalities including carbon dioxide, a global protectorate of the Amazonian rainforest basin, a global protectorate covering the high seas and the Arctic and Antarctic, the protection of top soil and biodiversity, amongst others.

The development of our work in 2020 has been marked primarily by four events, in chronological order:

1. The rejection by the UK charity commission for charitable status in Q1
2. A sabbatical taken by the team from March to July
3. Ongoing work in the Thought Exploration space
4. The engagement of movement strategists Climate2025, in Q4

1. The rejection by the UK charity commission for charitable status in Q1

Despite the excellent assistance from our lawyers, Brown Rudnick, and in particular their partner Philip Watkins, the GPA application for charitable status was rejected. We applied under the name of the Global Planet Authority Trust, emphasizing our work of education and empowerment in propagating the idea of global self-determination to bring about a GPA. The Charity Commission, who to their credit did their homework, argued that should we be successful in assisting the formation of a GPA, then it would be able to issue executive decree over the United Kingdom. These decrees would therefore have to be put into law, and as the act of legislating is a political one, our work was political in nature and not eligible to gain charitable status.

Having had time to reflect on our situation, we now have several courses of action underway to gain appropriate fiscal conduit status. In the UK, Climate2025, our Movement Strategy partner, are applying for their newly formed Movement Trust to gain charity status. A positive decision is expected in Q1 2021 and if this transpires, The Movement Trust will be able to house GPA amongst other start up movements. We are also in early stage discussions with another thought leadership group, with existing UK charity status, who are considering housing us under their umbrella. Over time, and if necessary, there is the option to reapply directly to the Charity Commission, but this time as an independent research group leveraging our strong ties to education here in the UK. Further, as we mature and move into the movement phase of our work, more third party providers holding their own charitable status will be undertaking various tasks for us and can be recipients of money directly. Offshore, we have been offered the facilitation services of the Co-creation Foundation in Germany, to collect funds there... and via Climate2025 we have a fiscal conduit we can use in the USA.

So we are confident that pragmatic options are being afforded us and that Foundations who want to give us money in the years ahead will not be constrained from doing so on charitable status grounds.

2. A sabbatical taken by the team from March to July

As the national lockdowns swung into place in March of this year, I found myself with my family at our house in France. With all the GPAers having to deal with the altered situation, I thought it opportune to declare a sabbatical. Any work we would have done would have been drowned out by the necessities of dealing with a pandemic and we all had our own domestic and business issues to deal with.

One of the great advantages as our group is our collective understanding of what we stand for, where we are going and our long duration commitment to each other and to the cause. I knew that a few months of quiet time was not going to change this situation.

Looking back on the pandemic of the last nine months with regards to our future work, I think there are lessons to be taken that support our work over the long term: the speed of total system change is often very swift, observation of the naturally competitive / hegemonic nation state system coping in a suboptimal manner when facing a shared global threat, our universal joy having given nature a

rest and a dry run of our collective power of closing down a world economy. We are confident that this will be one of our primary threats along with the non-payment of national taxes, which can be used to ensure that the act of global self-determination is ultimately enforced.

The sabbatical was most enjoyably interrupted by the Gaia Says No podcast series, chaired by the unstoppable Sumit Bose and I joined Alex Milward in being the two co-hosts.

3. Further work in the Thought Exploration space

Since starting this journey over three years ago, our thought exploration work has bought us a long way, and 2020 was no different. The first few years saw a name change from the original lecture series titled Nessun dorma to the Global Planet Authority, our language settle down as we learnt about the governance space (the phraseology: the act of global self determination to put in place an authority charged with delivering biophysical integrity for the ultra long term...rarely changes now), the realization that with 5 billion connected on line that there is only 50 million individuals who govern and enforce the nation state system (a historically key ratio of 100 to 1), a book and a website of the same name.

What struck us most about 2020 was the growing number of academics and thought leaders who are advocating the same course, above and beyond the large body of work we had already collated.

Some selected examples:

The science done by the young Einstein will continue as long as our civilization, but for civilization to survive, we'll need the wisdom of the old Einstein -- humane, global and farseeing. And whatever happens in this uniquely crucial century will resonate into the remote future and perhaps far beyond the earth, far beyond the earth. Rees CSER Cambridge University

The loss of biodiversity and the degradation of the ecosystem pose a major risk to human survival and development. It falls on all of us to act together. China will contribute its part to global environmental governance. President Xi September 2020

Our best hope lies in cooperating as never before to radically reorganise our world: decoupling the political map from geography. Gaia Vince 2019

We need a new global identity because national institutions are incapable of handling a set of unprecedented global predicaments. We now have a global ecology, a global economy, and a global science—but we are still stuck with only national politics. This mismatch prevents the political system from effectively countering our main problems. Yuval Noah Harari 2019

Mike Meyer CIO Honolulu Community College 2020 writes:

Putting teeth into the planetary level for the most fundamental rights and asset management would allow local societies to have maximum freedom in diversity. The question is, however, how do we get there? We have a surge of neo-fascism, labeled nationalism, driven by resource allocation distortions and growing anxiety over rapid paradigmatic change. This is coming from a segment of our population prone to this type of thinking and manipulation by 'strong' leaders who appeal to primitive emotional threats. Time will correct this but we do not have time.

To manage the planet will require a planetary system with the force of law to achieve a sustainable future for all life forms. This process must be planetary in nature and scope but must also be maintained for two to three centuries. These are projects not at current human scale. Beyond the individual, only the planet and its biosphere are sovereign because that is the primary life unit.

The Transformation: by Peter Leyden Futurist, former Managing Editor Wired Magazine. In a series of letters hypothetically penned in the year 2100: How the profound changes from 2020 to 2050 laid the foundation for a new civilization to emerge by 2100 that superseded that of the Enlightenment.

2020-2050: when the world went digital, global and sustainable. That was the take off of the transformation. That period began with the world still almost totally relying on carbon energy and the climate was rapidly changing. That was when economic inequalities were mounting and working people were driving populist unrest around the world. When the old systems were becoming dysfunctional and politics was breaking down. That was a time of great fears and little hope.

Yet the people of that time rose to the climate catastrophe that we had to clean up and go beyond. Getting the world running primarily on the always-renewable power of the sun was a step change for the ages. They had invented financial capitalism and we reinvented sustainable capitalism. They had their industrial revolution, we had our biological revolution. Our generic and biological engineering realigned humans with nature and inverted the production process from the molecule up, with zero waste.

Global governance: they invested in nation states and an international system that coordinated between them, but that system stopped short of the kind of global coordination that we eventually needed. A planet filled with 10bn people living within a precarious ecosystem that needed to maintain equilibrium for centuries forced humans to learn to govern themselves at the macro as well as the micro levels. We figured out workable global governance in that same era and we are still refining it in 2100.

*Toby Ord in his book *The Precipice: Existential Risk and the Future of Humanity* (2020)
Senior Fellow Future of Humanity Institute Oxford University*

The probability of existential risk to humanity, in any one century:
Natural 1 in 10,000 Asteroids, Comets, Supervolcanic eruptions, Gamma ray bursts
Anthropogenic 1 in 300 Nuclear war, Climate change, Environmental damage
Emerging (as 21stC progresses) 1 in 3 Engineered Pandemics, Unaligned AI, Dystopian scenarios

We have reached a point where the entire future of humanity hangs in the balance. These threats to humanity and how we address them define our time. The advent of nuclear weapons posed a real risk of human extinction in the 20th century. With the pace of technological advance, there is strong reason to believe that risks will be higher this century. As these Anthropogenic risks outstrip all natural risk combined, they set the clock on how long humanity has to pull back from the brink. We cannot survive many centuries with risk like this. Either humanity takes control of its destiny and reduces risk to a sustainable level, or we destroy ourselves.

Whether humanity survives this era is a choice that humanity will make. It all depends on how quickly we can come to understand and accept the fresh responsibilities that come with our unprecedented power. Existential risks present new kinds of challenges. They require us to coordinate globally and intergenerationally, in ways that go beyond what we have achieved so far. They require foresight rather than trial and error. Since they allow no second chances, we need to build institutions to ensure that across our entire future we never once fall victim to such a catastrophe.

For many risks, action will require swift coordination between many of the world's nations. This will ultimately require new institutions, filled with people of keen intellect and sound judgment, endowed with substantial budget and real influence over policy.

Beyond collating the growing list of academics advocating entry into global governance and new works explaining our terrible human existential risk profile, we also delved into researching the prime elements of revolutionary change and are broadening our understanding of modern techniques of co-creation. Thereto:

Revolutionary change nearly always includes four components: 1. Dissidents 2. Mass frustration 3. Shared motivation and 4. State crises.

We, the GPAers, are dissidents. It is our job to distribute the idea in a humble but resolute manner, be well financed, well structured and have a strategy to empower. The brand propositions of GPA remain: EDUCATION – we will educate on why we need a Global Planet Authority to protect the biosphere. EMPOWERMENT – we will work to empower the world’s population to recognise their global citizenship, their own personal sovereignty and the primary role they will have in the act of global self determination. ENGAGEMENT – we will engage our audience by creating content that is relevant. ACTION – we have a clear direction and mission and we will not stop until we have achieved it.

Mass frustration, we would argue, is growing of its own accord as the press and scientific community readily report environmental degradation and people around the world understand the local and global risks they face, the lack of progress in the overall pursuit of biophysical integrity and an understanding of our intergenerational global obligation.

Shared motivation is also in our domain of work. It refers to different groups coming together to achieve a better outcome. In the case of the GPA, we believe the groups who will combine to lead humanity in this act of global self determination will include gamers (2.6bn online), young people 13-30 (1.5bn online), women (2.4bn online), Christian and Muslim faith (2.2bn online) and greater Asia philosophy and Faith (2.4bn online). This we describe as the most powerful Venn diagram in history.

Lastly, state crises or shock. The inability of the state unit to provide food, water and safety (reduction of risk) which results in migration of peoples and economic deterioration will most likely see the necessary act of self determination and governance evolution.

We believe that these four lines will most likely intersect within the period 2030 to 2050. That is why we work on a ten-year time frame for the GPA movement, lasting the whole of the 2020’s and beyond.

Concerning co-creation techniques, we are starting to engage with the work by organisations such as the brilliant Co-creation Foundation, based in Berlin. They are exploring digital co-creation models capable of handling vast inclusive processes to ensure that when the time comes, all the necessary component parts of a GPA (for example) come to bear, for the acceptance of the global citizenship. For example, the global citizenship may deem that a randomly selected digital citizens assembly be central to the composition of the GPA in order to oversee transparency, reporting lines, lack of tyranny, lack of bias etc. Having the processes in place that allow this determination to take place is vital.

4. The engagement of movement strategists Climate2025, in Q4

The beginning of the second phase of GPA’s journey is the transition from Thought Exploration to Movement. Partnering with Climate2025 was the most important development of the year.

35-year-old Liam Garcia is ex Extinction Rebellion and Firedrill Fridays and heads movement strategists and executors, Climate2025. The front page of their website cites: We activate and amplify movements with systemic impact.

We have already committed £45k to their work and they started in November. The official project brief is *modeling a movement for environmental global governance*. Aims include:

- Identify points of failure, assumptions and strengths within Global Planet Authority.
- Identify externalities that may shape movement and narrative focus.
- Design a conceptual framework for an environmental global governance movement.
- Model a potential movement that campaigns for environmental global governance.
- Develop a next stage brand around which to engage next stage partners.

Paraphrasing Liam: We take the thought exploration work you have done, and rip it apart to see if there's a movement there that can run the length and breadth of the world wide groups listed above: gamers, young people et al.

The first sprint of work is underway to identify points of failure assumptions and strengths of GPA by leveraging steering and advisory groups from various audience segments. They have started with four focus groups: UK, Brazil, USA and Singapore (specifically targeting Chinese, Indians and Singaporeans) in their feedback strategy, to whom they give the book and the latest slide deck of the idea.

Climate2025 are reporting their work back to the core GPA group fortnightly so that we can contribute to the process where appropriate. For example, we have started to alter the slide deck to address concerns and integrate inputs that the focus groups have. The preliminary work, up to and including brand and messaging should be completed by end of Q2. Suffice to say, the greater the amount of capital we can commit then the greater the quality and granularity of Climate2025's work and more likely the success of the initial movement, scheduled to commence in Q3. **The amount of capital we are aiming for is a minimum of £150k, of which £45k is already pledged.**

To that end, that is philanthropic fund raising, we are pursuing two areas. 1. Foundations and individuals who are likely to give smaller amounts (£5k to £50k) and 2. Ultra high net wealth individuals and larger foundation grants. We suspect that these will be sequential in that the larger grants will need to see 'rubber on the road' with the commencement of a movement and developing structures therein.

With the engagement of Climate2025 there is genuine excitement within the leadership group of GPA. It starts a new chapter for us, it diversifies our team as we bring in younger and specialized talent and it will definitely accelerate our work. Watch out 2021.

Finally

Our transition to a movement and the acceleration of our work is timely. As we enter this new year, it is worth reminding ourselves of several lay points immediately in front of us: COP26 is being hosted in Glasgow in November and we are just one year away from the 50th anniversary of the Stockholm declaration, signed by all nations in 1972, that the natural assets of Earth must be safeguarded. This will mark 50 years of complete failure by the nation state system to achieve this aim. All planetary boundaries have worsened, bar perhaps the state of the ozone layer. In 1979 at the first World Climate Convention held in Geneva, again under the auspices of the UN, climate change was declared to be a serious problem. The CO₂ equivalent parts per million was 336 that year. In 2020 we hit 417 ppm. The Living Planet index (WWF) has plunged to 0.3 compared to 1.0 in its starting year of 1970.

You might be asking, what can I do to help in 2021? Well there are multiple avenues please: become part of the active dissidents group, keep spreading the word by buying the book and giving it to a friend, participate in Climate2025's focus groups, introduce funders, introduce speaking engagements, connect us with academics / thought leaders / influencers...or...

DONATE TODAY by contacting myself or Liam Garcia on either of the email addresses below.

And of course, please be in touch at any time.

On behalf of everyone at GPA, we wish you a peaceful, successful and hopefully Covid-free 2021.

Let's go,



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