Spiral of EMPOWERMENT

PREMISE — POSSIBILITY
Plenty of goods and goodness

enabling progress toward resolving local-to-global crises—and reinforcing the liberating premise.

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democracy becomes no longer a fixed structure but an evolving, values-driven culture we can create.

Problem-solving power, connection, & hope grow ...

so more & more people have a voice in problem solving.

rules, set democratically, keep wealth widely dispersed ...

Within human nature are deep needs for fairness, cooperation, & effectiveness, so ...

Political decision-making is freed from the influence of wealth ...

so markets remain open, competitive, & life-serving as guided by democratic polities.

Wealth inexorably concentrates.

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wealth only works if driven by highest return to existing wealth, so ...

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Politically decision-making is infected & warped political decision-making, so ...

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Power inequities worsen, generating scarcity from abundance & with it needless suffering & destruction of the natural world.

Fear, depression, & violence spread ...

Human nature is selfish, competitive, & materialistic, so ...

we’re incapable of deliberating to achieve common good, and ...

we must distrust government & trust an impersonal, fixed law—the market—to decide social outcomes.

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Not enough goods and goodness

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