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Today, the body of society is at the beginning stages of a painful, wrenching transformation, which will lead to its demise unless drastic measures are taken very soon. There are many names for this malignant growth - Agenda 21, Smart Growth, Smart Code, just to name a few. Operating under the mantle of Sustainable Development, these programs are, at an ever increasing pace, strangling our un-a-lienable freedoms and liberties.

It is impossible in the allotted time set aside for this presentation to explain how private property rights are secured by a society that acknowledges the basic tenets of Christianity. It is also impossible to explain how the acceptance of a worldview generally known as “sustainability” will transform America into a land of collective ownership which will result in utter poverty.

So, in an effort to lay a foundation that will enable you to continue your education, I will cite events that have set society’s current course towards “Sustainability”.

First, President George H. W. Bush, the 41 first President of – these - United States, attended a United-Nations- sponsored conference held in Rio during 1992¹. At that conference President Bush made a commitment to implement the tenets of a new worldview which would become known as “Sustainable Development”. I hold in my hand the document that he endorsed. This document is generally referred to as the bible for “Sustainable Development”. The Federal Government voluntarily submits a report to the United Nations every five years which describes what measures this country is taking in order to implement this utopian ideology. The report includes a listing of public and private partnerships, legislative acts, executive orders, and expenditures. The reports are freely available from the United Nations website^{1a}.

During President Clinton's administration, “The President's Council on Sustainable Development²” was created by Executive Order. The Council operated from 1993 to 1999 and authored ten public documents. The documents describe what this country should do in order to adopt “Sustainable Development”. I hold in my hand the Council’s utopian report on “Sustainable Communities”.

President George Bush, the 43rd President of - these - United States, continued the implementation process. Under his watch that process included this country’s participation in the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa during September 2002. Mr. Colin Powell, Secretary of State, stated in his opening remarks to the conference that:

“President Bush and the American people have an enduring commitment to sustainable development³”.

Continuing the bipartisan effort to ingrain this philosophy in society, President Obama

issued an Executive Order that sets sustainability goals for all Federal agencies⁴.

Make no mistake. If we replace every current Federal office holder with the best intentioned individuals that society has to offer, we will still be on the road to “Sustainable Development”.

Why? Well, there are numerous reasons – in the remaining time I will list a few:

Over 200⁵ global corporations have adopted the ideology of “Sustainable Development” and created The World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

American companies such as⁶ 3M, GE, Caterpillar, Alcoa, Chevron Corporation, and Weyerhaeuser – just to name a few - have joined this activist group of global corporations.

Advertising campaigns created by members of the Council tout pleasant-sounding aspects of this agenda. A prime example is the Eco-Imagination advertisements produced by General Electric.

Requiring companies and individuals that conduct business with these global corporations to adhere to “Sustainable Development Principles^{6a}” will increase the pace of the implementation process.

Agenda 21 calls for NGOs – non-governmental organizations to participate in the implementation process for “Sustainable Development”⁷. Who are these NGOs? Well, here are a few names that you might recognize: United States Conference of Mayors⁸, National Association of Counties⁹, and the National League of Cities¹⁰. These organizations and their affiliates use their influence to move the agenda forward through all means afforded to them, including lobbying for legislation.

Case in point: the Association of County Commissioners of Alabama¹¹ lobbying efforts resulted in the passage of “The Alabama Limited Self-Governance Act”.

Nineteen Alabama counties (including Tuscaloosa) have adopted this “act”. Voters in these counties have unwittingly restructured county government. A quick explanation is found in the definition of “governance”.

"Governance is not government — it is the framework of rules, institutions, and practices that set limits on the behavior of individuals, organizations and companies¹²."

Next, I want to cite another method frequently used to move society toward the utopia of “Sustainable Development” – “Comprehensive Planning”.

Comprehensive plans adopted at the local level become the official policy statement for local government. Listen as I read a paraphrased quote from the City of Cullman’s

proposed “comprehensive plan¹³”.

The city has critical powers that enable implementation of the plans and policies of this comprehensive plan. These powers include police power, taxation, and the use of eminent domain.

The City can also use legal constraints which enable local government to constrain your freedom of speech, and constrain the use of your property, which will ensure that its use is for a valid public purpose.

I have included the entire quote in my footnotes.

My last example is from Hohenwald, Tennessee located in Lewis County. I am holding an official declaration signed by the elected officials of the county and the City of Hohenwald. It states that:

“Local sustainability in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying those practices in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same.¹⁴”

You see, the problems that we have emanate from the halls of government at all levels.

We did not arrive at this deplorable point in a day and pulling ourselves out of this gutter will take work – hard work – work that includes study and understanding the difference between the globalist worldview and a Christian worldview.

I ask you to first study the problem and then join in the struggle to retain our God-granted liberty and freedom. Thank you.

1. “George H. W. Bush travelled to Rio de Janeiro in 1992. Bush's participation contributed to the summit's visibility and success,” <http://www.worldwatch.org/node/6286>

1a. http://www.un.org/esa/dsd/dsd_aofw_ni/ni_index.shtml

2. “Formally established by Executive Order 12852, the PCSD was administered as a federal advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.”
<http://clinton2.nara.gov/PCSD/Overview/index.html>

3. <http://www.un.org/events/wssd/statements/usE.htm>

4. “Executive Order 13514 on "Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance", which sets sustainability goals for Federal agencies”
<http://www.fedcenter.gov/Announcements/index.cfm?id=13588> – see also
http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/President-Obama-signs-an-Executive-Order-Focused-on-Federal-Leadership-in-Environmental-Energy-and-Economic-Performance/

5. “The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) is a CEO-led, global association of some 200 companies dealing exclusively with business and sustainable development.”

<http://www.wbcd.org/templates/TemplateWBCSD5/layout.asp?type=p&MenuId=NjA&doOpen=1&ClickMenu=LeftMenu>

6. See the following for a list of global corporations:

<http://www.wbcd.org/templates/TemplateWBCSD4/layout.asp?type=p&MenuId=MzM5&doOpen=1&ClickMenu=LeftMenu#>

6a. http://ase.tufts.edu/gdae/publications/Working_Papers/Sustainable%20Development.PDF See also Massachusetts www.mass.gov/Agov3/docs/smart_growth/patrick-principles.pdf

7. <http://habitat.igc.org/agenda21/a21-27.htm>

8. http://www.mondonexus.org/ngo/ngo_broad/

9. <http://www.iisd.org/sd/principle.asp?pid=80&display=1>

10. While the U.N. badges we were issued indicated that our delegation represented a nongovernmental organization (NGO), <http://www.nlc.org/articles/articleItems/NCW011110/cop15sidebar.aspx>

11. Pull up the site then click on “about us” <http://www.selfgov.net/>

12. U.N. Human Development Report, 1999, page 34

13. page 76 <http://www.cullmantomorrow.org/images/pdfs/revisedcompplan081508.pdf>

“The city has three critical powers that enable implementation of the plans and policies of this document. These powers include police power; taxation, budgeting and investment; and the use of eminent domain. The use of police power includes actions that address planning concerns such as land use, site planning, buildings, landscape, aesthetics, signage; and actions that insure legal constraints such as valid public purpose, enabling authority, due process, non-discrimination, profitable use, freedom of speech, individual costs vs. public benefit. Examples of police power include the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, design review, sign regulations, landscape regulations, and antineglect regulations.”

14. http://sonnenscheingreentn.org/trans_initiative.html

Some 2,400 representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs); 17,000 people attended the parallel NGO Forum Agenda 21/Earth Summit in 1992. <http://www.un.org/geninfo/bp/enviro.html>