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We have solutions to the EU crisis International cooperation helps to overcome current challenges in Europe¹

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How do you feel when you observe the socio-economic situation and developments around you? Do you and your friends feel confident and optimistic about the future? You probably hope your children will have a decent chance of leading a happy life. Try to estimate how much you can influence the future – do you think that you have the power to significantly change things? And, if you do not believe that you have any substantial influence – who actually does, and who can you trust? Are you really prepared to put your faith in companies, economists, politicians, scientists, religion and religious authorities, God, extra-terrestrials and, if so, to what extent?

Many people are affected by uncertainty, anxiety and distress regarding the current situation in Europe. They seem to have lost all confidence and faith and no longer believe in the security and safety of their living conditions and financial assets. They are afraid to lose it all.

In situations like these, certain questions arise: Can you rely on a secure existence? If the end of the world is coming, is there a chance to survive and subsist? The most important question seems to be: Where does the problem begin and what is its source? If it is human failure, there is a clear answer: We must become (more) reasonable and start living by the right values.

Fortunately, certain political developments have already shown significant signs of change:

(1) Negative experiences with the failure of individual leaders, eg military commanders and monarchs, have led to an understanding that decisions should be prepared by democratic councils (parliaments). This idea might even date back to the British legend of *King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table*. Both (a) the *constitutional law* in Great Britain and the Commonwealth of Nations and (b) the Declaration on Human Rights and the nature of national sovereignty in the *American Declaration of Independence 1776* are based on this approach.

(2) In the face of World War I and II, the *League of Nations* and the agencies of the *United Nations* were founded to prevent wars between countries. Therefore, laws and regulations supporting peace were established to ensure reasonable forms of international cooperation between the governments of different nations.

Although these moves were necessary and productive, they did not sufficiently contribute to sanity and a universal use of reason and wisdom. Reforms in the educational and political system have become necessary. They should guarantee that laws are understood and put into practice, not only by professional law experts but also by every single citizen. In the Global Village, we need standardised systems of education and law that correspond to the principles of *natural law, common sense* and meta values of *universal justice* and *perpetual peace*.

The article '*How to manage the EU crisis. Optimising the quality of living by efficient democratic management strategies*' is based on international efforts to overcome contemporary challenges in Europe by using reliable natural science methods and results. Its productive contributions were offered by excellent holistic experts and scientists, especially psychologists, psychotherapists, physicians and sociologists from universities in the USA.

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Marilyn Ferguson's best-seller *The Aquarian Conspiracy (1980)* has been an inspiration and reference. Her book was credited as 'the Handbook of the New Age' (*USA Today*). It is the guideline to a philosophy that has been 'working its way increasingly into the nation's cultural, religious, social, economic and political life' (*New York Times*). *Culture against Man (1963)*, by the American anthropologist Jules Henry (1904-1969), had been a reliable basic study and a mental fundament for her approach. His contribution is considered a reaction to Sigmund Freud's pessimistic book *Civilization and Its Discontent (1930)*, which is regarded as one of Freud's most important and widely read works. It deals with the destructive tendencies of humankind.