

## **Chapter 13 Future of our Society**

How do you define a great Society?

My definition is where all of the members are living productive happy lives.

One basis for such a life is a good financial situation for the person and his or her family. One way this can be achieved I discuss in Chapter 11.

An interesting Concept for a Society is "Tribes". I recommend Amy Chua's recent book, *Political Tribes*, to get a good understanding of this.

A Tribe is a well defined group of people who share some Beliefs and agreed on Actions. Tribes have Members and Guests, and Enemies.

Two Tribes can be friendly or they can be enemies. All too often conflicting Tribes try to destroy each other. We are seeing a lot of this today in many different parts of the world, including the USA. (2019). The ultimate conflict is genocide, where one Tribe annihilates another Tribe.

A large Tribe can have various smaller Sub-Tribes, some of which conflict with each other. There are many examples of this throughout history and today!

We are all members of some Tribes of varying sizes, and these Tribes change over time as people enter and depart from the Tribes, as both Members and Guests. Members adopt the Beliefs of the Tribe, and Guests just pretend to while they associate with Members. I personally have been a Guest of many Tribes in my life and a Member of very few.

For most of us our smallest Tribe is our Family and then extended family and friends, and then the larger Tribes we find ourselves in due to our birth place and time in history.

Then most of us are Members or Guests of larger tribes.

Society is the collection of all the Tribes within the Society.

I am going to discuss several Tribes that are critical to our Society's future behavior and consequences.

The USA Education Tribe consisting of all Teachers, Students, and Administrators at all levels. This is a huge Tribe and most of us have been Members some time or other, and many of us still are today.

Public Schools are one smaller sub-Tribe, but very large.

Private Schools are a smaller sub-Tribe.

Homeschoolers are an even smaller sub-Tribe too, but growing all the time.

I would say that the Public School Tribe and the Homeschoolers Tribe don't like each other very much. Indeed, I'm guessing the Public School Tribe would like to see the Homeschool Tribe disappear and works with governments to achieve this. True?

**It is my Belief that Public School Math Education needs to be dramatically and radically reformed in this 21<sup>st</sup> Century as I explained in Chapter 10. I doubt this will ever happen just internally for many reasons that are pretty obvious.**

I do believe that the Homeschooler Tribe can adopt a new Math Education System that is vastly superior to the current Standard Math Curriculum thanks to 21<sup>st</sup> Century technologies which empower SPIKE Pedagogy and new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Tools which make Math much easier to learn and practice. Obviously, that is the theme of this book.

IF that happens, then I believe this will stimulate and force a reformation of Public School Math Education. When that happens then I believe our whole USA Society will vastly improve. Why?

The USA Economy will improve in a healthy way when more and more USA citizens can have financially solid lives due to a good technical Career. This is what is empowered by Workforce Math and STEM Math. Do you agree?

I don't judge an economy just by its global GDP numbers. I judge it by its ability to distribute wealth creation and wealth consumption widely among its members and their families. This requires a combination of both socialistic and capitalistic ideas and concepts and practices.

I was very fortunate to have three wonderful Math Teachers in my life which then empowered me to create a lot of wealth by helping a lot of people and distribute this wealth among my many family members and friends and associates, who are now creating more wealth and distributing it.

If one person in ten becomes Matherate and then Economically Successful, that will go a long way in creating a wonderful Economy and Society. Today one person's efforts are greatly amplified by new technologies.

What about the Whole World? After all the USA is just only about 5% of the world's humans.

I believe that if the USA can create the new technologies for very cost effective energy and material products and food, then this can be spread throughout the world to everyone's advantage.

I hope that will then allow many of the world's Tribes who now compete and hurt each other in various ways to become more tolerant and get along. Maybe we can achieve world peace IF we can create good living conditions for everyone, which modern technologies should empower.

For better or worse, the USA has become a world leader in many ways economically with the world's Reserve Currency and the world's most powerful Navy and Military.

We should be able to spread material wealth and security throughout the world. But to do this we must first do it at home.

Obviously, I believe a modern effective Math Education Program can help this in the ways I have discussed in this book.

It is now up to you, the reader, to decide if and how you can participate in this opportunity.

I pray for us all, and wish you well.