

## ONLY SEVEN-QUESTIONS

BEFORE BEGINNING THIS SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE, WE ASK THAT YOU  
ACKNOWLEDGE A FEW OBVIOUS STATEMENTS:

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| ONE   | WE LIVE IN THE 21 <sup>ST</sup> CENTURY               |
| TWO   | THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY IS BY NO MEANS IDEAL*<br>& |
| THREE | ONLY HUMANS HAVE THE POWER TO CHANGE THAT**           |

"LIKE SLAVERY AND APARTHEID, POVERTY IS NOT NATURAL. IT IS MAN-MADE AND IT CAN BE  
OVERCOME AND ERADICATED BY THE ACTIONS OF HUMAN BEINGS"

- NELSON MANDELA

\* NEED ONLY TO OBSERVE THAT 34,000 CHILDREN WILL DIE TODAY FROM POVERTY AND PREVENTABLE DISEASES

\*\* TO DELEGATE THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO 'GOD' OR TO ANOTHER SPECIES ON EARTH IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE

## QUESTIONNAIRE

'*Technological Unemployment*' is a term used to describe unemployment resulting from the application of new technology.

**QUESTION 1)** Since Market Capitalism is built upon the logic of reducing input costs to increase profits: Do you see the inclination to replace human labour whenever possible by machine automation as a natural progression of industry? After all, machines do not require breaks, health benefits, and are not a part of a demanding labour unit.

Yes I do

No I do not

Other Answer (or to elaborate):

**QUESTION 2)** Would you favour the withholding of Technological advancement in order to maintain human labour?

Yes

No

If 'Yes', please elaborate:

**QUESTION 3)** Economists of the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century suggested that the advancement of Technology would naturally lead to the shortening of the workweek and workday. Obviously, this has not happened. Speculation suggests that this is because of our emphasis and reward of 'profit'. Would you agree?

Yes I do

No I do not

Other Answer (or to elaborate):

**QUESTION 4)** Similar to Question 1: is it a natural progression of industry to, when possible, replace the human workforce altogether with machine automation?

Yes it is

No it is not

Other Answer (or to elaborate):

The level of a product or service's "value" is based on two things:

- 1) The scarcity (availability) of the materials used.
- 2) The amount of human labour required to produce a product/service.

For instance: Imagine the amount of time and effort it would take to create a simple shirt before the advent of electricity and advanced industrial technology. I would assume that the value of that shirt would be relatively high and sold for a price respective of the extensive human labour involved.

Now, hypothetically speaking, what if this production process required no human labour at all, while

the cotton seed/water/sunlight/soil maintained its natural abundance? What would the value of that shirt be then?

Obviously, it really wouldn't have a value at all.

As of the start of the 21st century, Industrial Machines have taken the role of planting and harvesting agricultural products to the effect where one lone farmer can now work 1000+ acres of land on his/her own. The advent of textile equipment, such as the Cotton Gin has dramatically reduced human effort, while with the modern use of industrial computerization, we are seeing a constant gravitation to the near full automation of the Agricultural and Textile Industries, among many others.

**QUESTION 5)** If machines will slowly displace human workers, expanding unemployment, do you agree that our current 'Monetary-based' system will continually become more unstable?

I Agree

I Disagree

Other Answer (or to elaborate):

**QUESTION 6)** At what level of unemployment due to Technological displacement, should we start to look for an alternative economical system?

10% Unemployment

25% Unemployment

50% Unemployment

Ideally, as soon as possible.

**QUESTION 7)** If we utilized Technology to it's fullest potential; designing automated machines to provide us with food, water, shelter and transportation without the need for barter, servitude, currency or money, which of these World problems would you want to see eradicated first?

A) Pollution/Climate change – No 'profit' motive means Geothermal and other renewable sources of energy over Fossil fuels; battery-operated electrical cars over fuel-based cars, etc.

B) Poverty – no need for 34,000 children to die each day from poverty and preventable diseases, these children lack the 'purchasing power' to obtain these necessities today, but if the necessities were made abundantly available to everyone, no need for such deaths.

C) Dishonesty and Corruption – No profit motive equates to no reason to take advantage of one another for individual gain.

**Thank you for your time, you are closer to understanding the aim of the Zeitgeist Movement.**

The reality is that pollution and poverty does not need to happen except to perpetuate our economy's need for profit. It is also true that we desperately need **your help** to bring about meaningful social change. We advocate a 'Resource-based' economy and we invite you to find out more at:

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