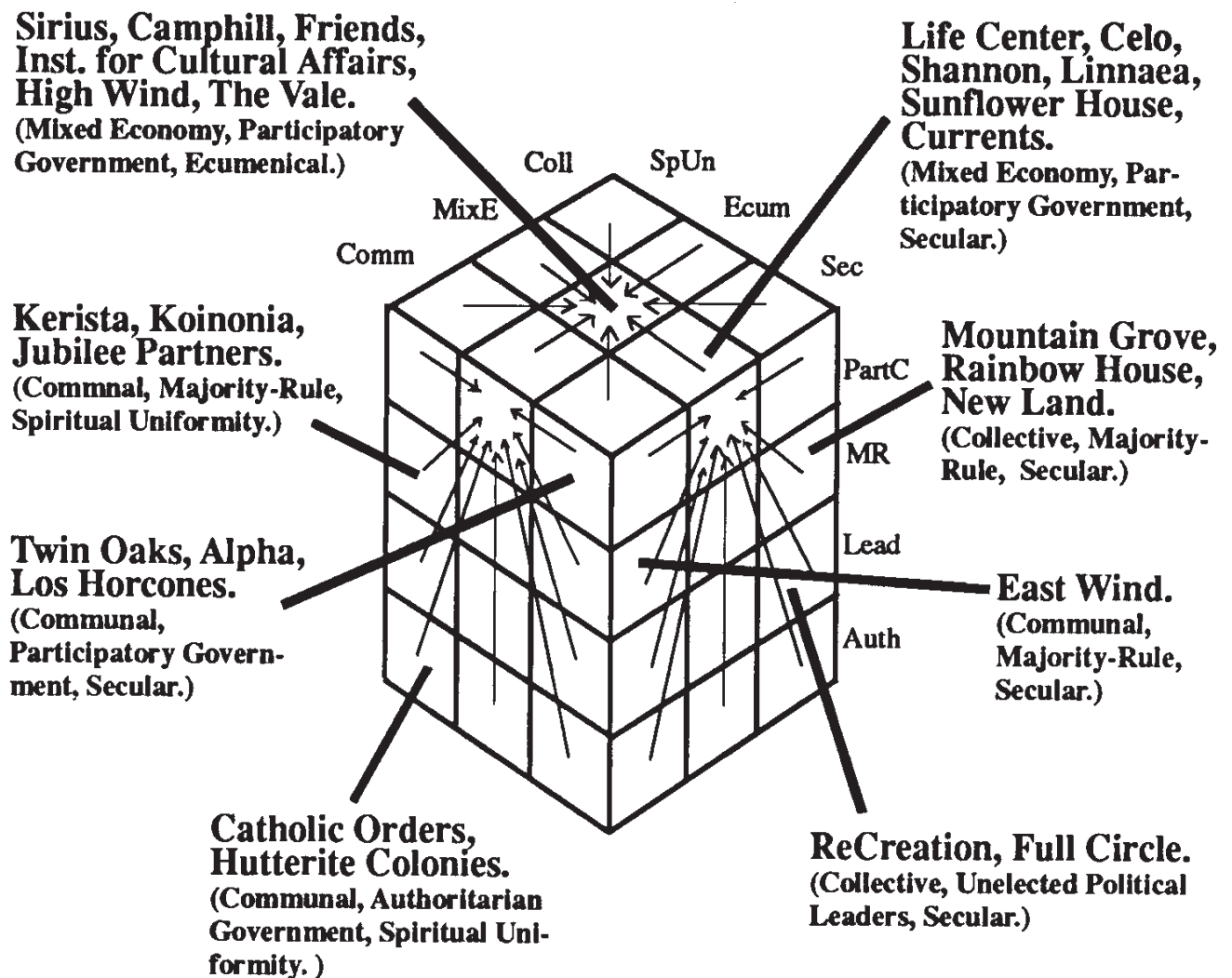


Explaining Intentional Community: Continua, Matrices, Tables and Models

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The COMMUNITARIAN RELATIONSHIPS MODEL

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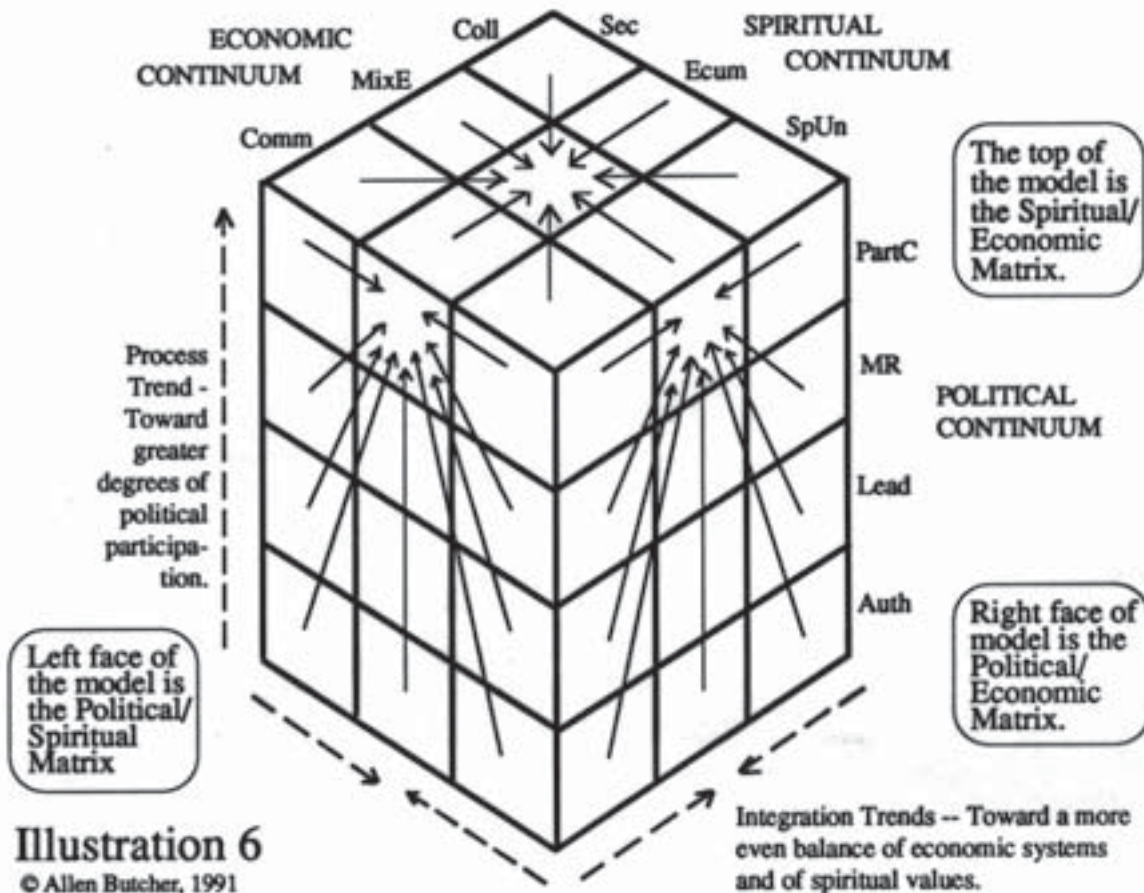


Illustration 6

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The "Relationships Model" is constructed by joining the three continua presented below. The trends indicated for each continuum are supported by historical evidence; economies tend to mix private and common ownership, spiritual traditions are tending to encourage tolerance for one another, and political trends are toward greater degrees of participation. Merging these trend vectors shows a convergence in the "Relationships Model" upon the top center cell, which suggests that human civilization is developing toward a particular economic/political/spiritual form. Our future planetary culture may be characterized as having a mixed economy, participatory political processes, and an ecumenical spiritual tradition.

ECONOMIC CONTINUUM			
Communal (Comm): Shared Common Property.	Mixed Economy (MixE): Common & Private Property.	Collective (Coll): Shared Private Property.	
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POLITICAL CONTINUUM			
Participatory & Consensus Decision-Making (PartC).	Majority- Rule Process (MR).	Participatory with Unelected Influential Leaders (Lead).	Authoritarian Control of Decision-Making (Auth).
← →			
SPIRITUAL CONTINUUM			
Secular. No Spiritual Emphasis or Leader (Sec).	Predominately Spiritual. Ecumenical. Spiritual Leader (Ecum).	Strong Spiritual Emphasis. Spiritual Uniformity (SpUn).	
→ ←			

THE OWNERSHIP/CONTROL MATRIX

	COMMON OWNERSHIP OF WEALTH	MIXED ECONOMIC SYSTEMS	PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF WEALTH
PARTICIPATORY AND DECENTRALIST CONTROL OF WEALTH (Consensus and related Win-Win Processes)	EGALITARIAN COMMUNALISM Common property ownership with egalitarian, participatory or consensus based government through income sharing systems and labor credit systems. Nearly any form of legal organization may be controlled as an egalitarian communal society.	EGALITARIAN COMMONWEALTH A mixed economy, including both private and common ownership, with participatory government. (e.g., consensus decision-making process with site-value taxation, also some tribal cultures such as the Iroquois Confederation.)	EGALITARIAN COLLECTIVISM Individually owned property with egalitarian, participatory or consensus based government (e.g., some partnerships, cooperatives, for-profit and non-profit corporations, as any of these can revert to private property ownership. Excluded are tax-exempt organizations.
MIXED POLITICAL SYSTEMS (Majority-Rule and related Win-Lose Processes)	DEMOCRATIC COMMUNALISM Common equity ownership with democratic majority-rule. Includes some "socialist" countries and societies that have minimal private property, such as the democratic & communal Israeli Kibbutzim.	DEMOCRATIC COMMONWEALTH Economic mixture of common ownership (e.g., governmental & tax-exempt org.) and private ownership (e.g., for-profit corp.) with a majority-rule political system. Some "capitalist" & some "socialist" countries.	ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY Private equity ownership with democratic majority-rule (e.g., consumer, producer and worker cooperatives, as well as employee owned and controlled businesses.) Spanish Mondragon Cooperatives.
AUTHORITARIAN AND CENTRALIST CONTROL OF WEALTH	TOTALITARIANISM State or Party control of economy and government. Communism or Fascism. Maoism, Stalinism, others. Minimal private property and complete control of society.	AUTHORITARIANISM Absolutism. Aristocracy. Autocracy. Despotism. Dictatorship. Feudalism. Gerontocracy. Matriarchy. Monarchy. Oligarchy. Patriarchy. Theocracy.	PLUTOCRATIC CAPITALISM For-profit corporations in which decision-making power is based upon percent ownership of stock. Laissez-faire corporate, monopoly, multinational and predatory capitalism.

ILLUSTRATION 1

The different methods for the ownership of wealth (private and common) combine with the different decision-making processes for the control of wealth (participatory to authoritarian) to result in various political/economic systems. Each of these systems provides a definition for a term used to describe a particular cultural model which humans have experienced, or may yet create. We have much experience with the authoritarian forms of political/economic control and ownership, and less experience with the consensus forms.

The mixed economy with consensus process model (top center) represents a cultural form which we are beginning to explore in small scale societies (i.e., certain intentional communities) and in various social-political-economic movements. This particular political/economic structure is called here an "egalitarian commonwealth."

Egalitarian - The practice of equality. The fair and equitable access to opportunities, wealth, and decision-making processes.

Commonwealth - The prosperity of a whole society, through popular sovereignty.

THE OWNERSHIP/CONTROL MATRIX

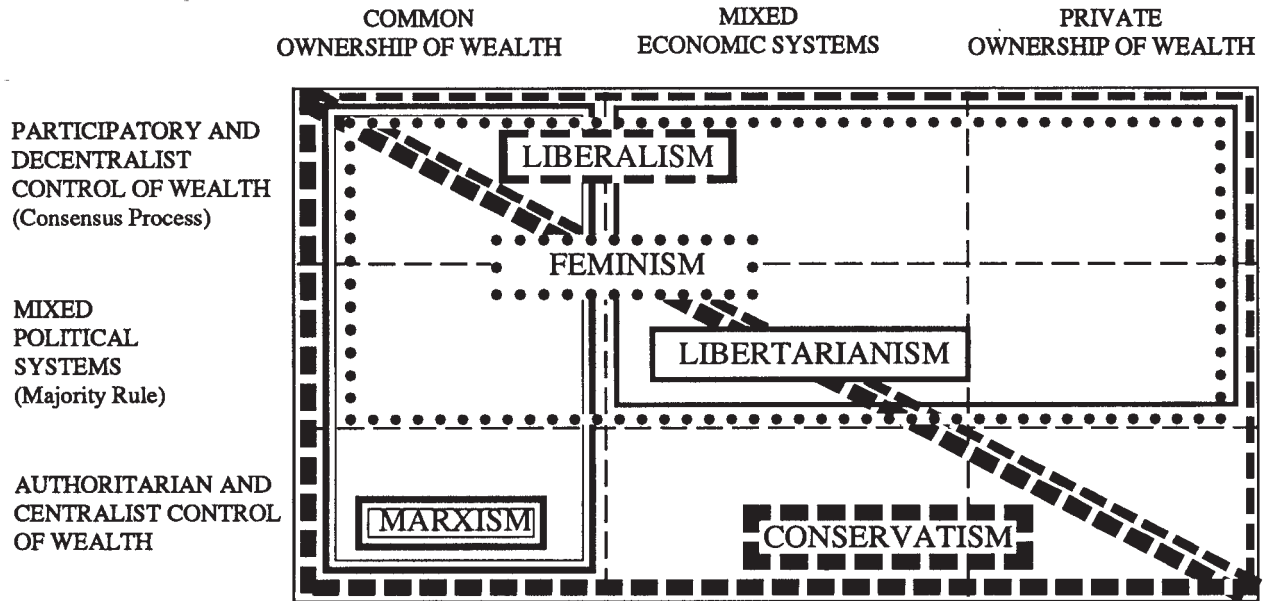


ILLUSTRATION 2

Certain political, economic and social theories involve a number of different mixtures of political and economic systems, as suggested above (some of them overlap). At least one term, "communitarianism," encompasses the entire matrix as it includes all types of social systems.

THE OWNERSHIP/CONTROL MATRIX

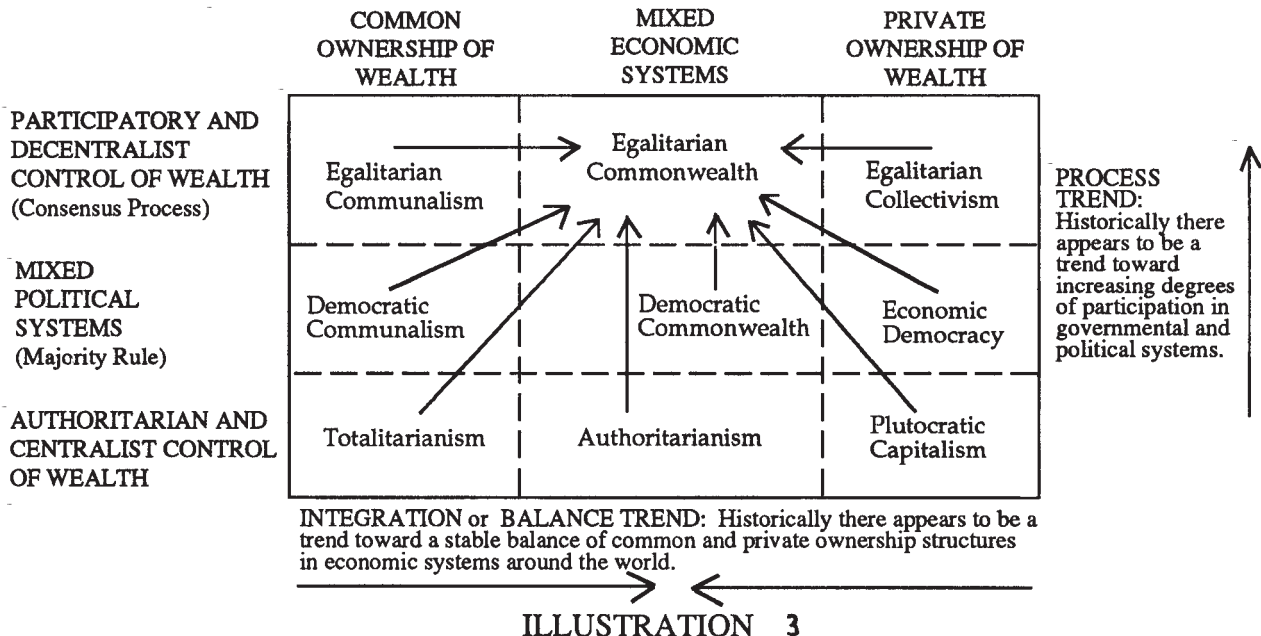


ILLUSTRATION 3

MERGING TRENDS: Combining the trend vectors on the ownership/control matrix shows a convergence upon the top center cell. This suggests that human civilization is moving toward a particular combination of political/economic structures which we may consider to be the future steady-state climax human culture. The term chosen for such a culture is the "Egalitarian Commonwealth."

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DEFINING DEMOCRACY and CAPITALISM

THE OWNERSHIP/CONTROL MATRIX

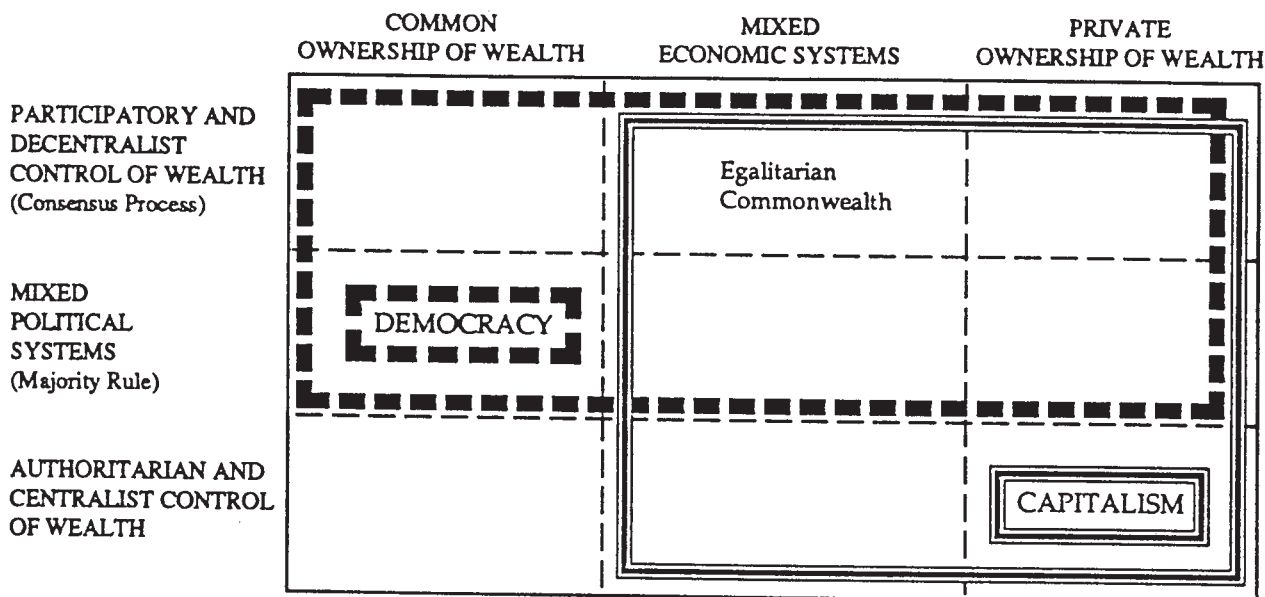


ILLUSTRATION 2A

Illustration 2A shows that in their general sense the terms "democracy" and "capitalism" may be used to describe the political/economic design called the "egalitarian commonwealth." ...

THE OWNERSHIP/CONTROL MATRIX

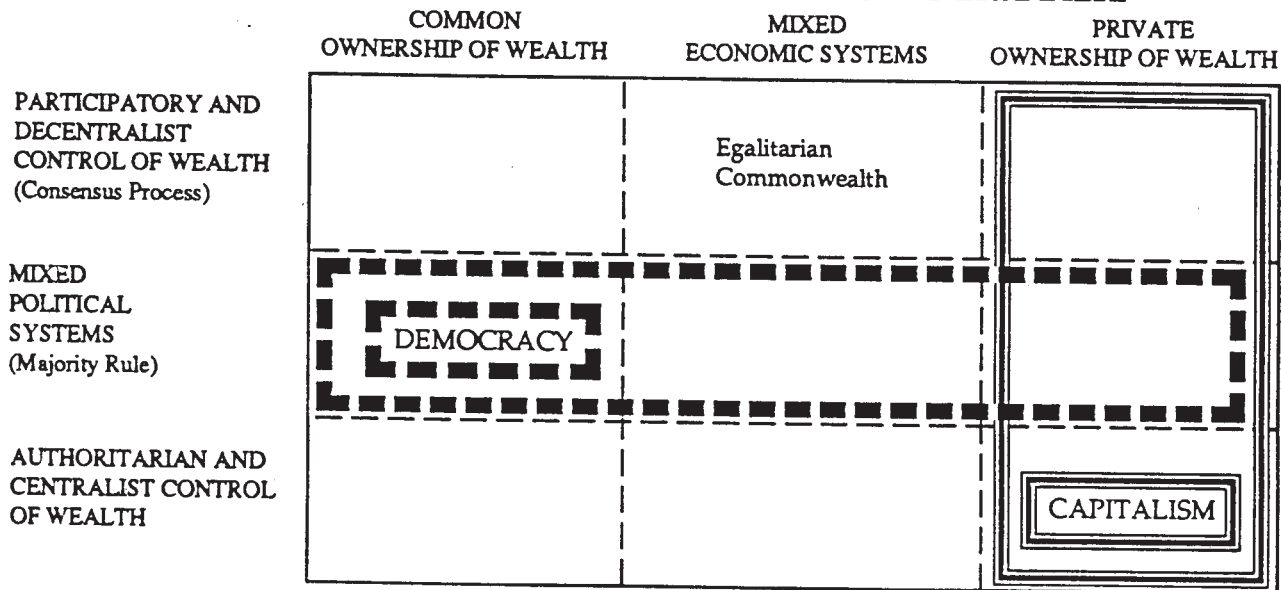


ILLUSTRATION 2B

However, when we define "democracy" and "capitalism" more precisely, as shown in Illustration 2B, it becomes inappropriate to use these terms in reference to the political/economic design characterized as having a consensus based government with a mixed economy.

Although "democracy" can mean consensus decision-making, its more specific definition refers to majority-rule decision-making. To promote clarity and accuracy of communication, the use of the term "democracy" may best be restricted to the latter. The definition of the term "capitalism" is "private ownership and private profit." Therefore its use may best be restricted to refer only to purely private ownership systems, rather than also using it to describe a mixed economy which includes forms of common ownership. Illustration 2B shows that when carefully defined, "democracy" and "capitalism" become inadequate descriptors for the consensus-governed mixed-economy of the "egalitarian commonwealth."

POLITICAL/ECONOMIC MATRIX

(**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** denotes a network of communities. All other communities listed have ten or more members.
Source: 1990/91 Directory of Intentional Communities.)

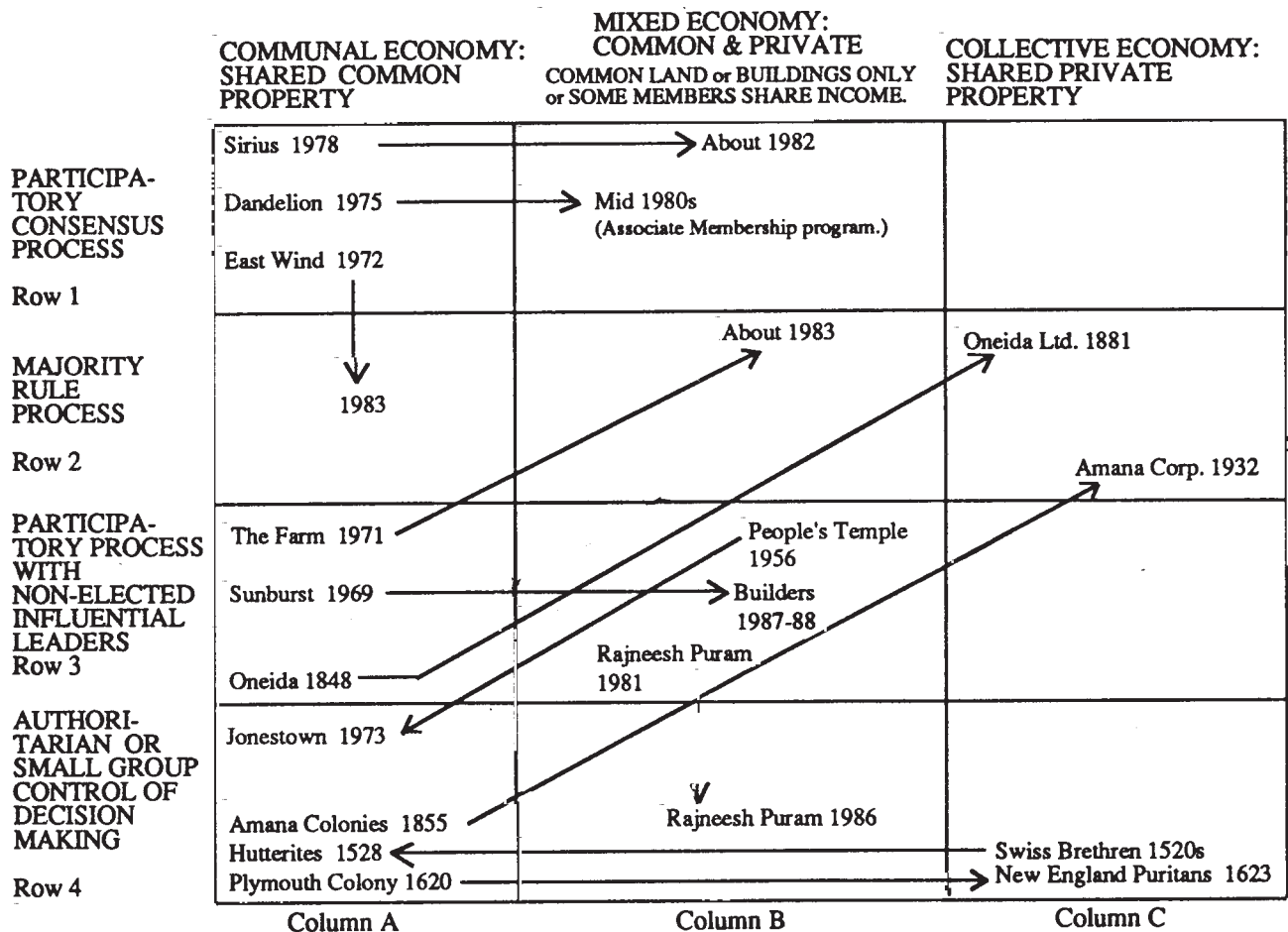
	COMMUNAL ECONOMY -- ALL COMMON OWNERSHIP	MIXED ECONOMY -- COMMON & PRIVATE COMMON LAND or BUILDINGS. * denotes that SOME MEMBERS SHARE INCOME.	COLLECTIVE ECONOMY -- SHARED PRIVATE PROPERTY
PARTICIPATORY and CONSENSUS PROCESS	Alpha, CEEDS, Dayspring, Jubilee House, Los Horcones, Plow Creek, Reba Place, Suneidesis, Twin Oaks.	Alcyone, Black Bear, Black Cat, *CAMPHILL, *CATHOLIC WORKER (some houses), Celo, Common Ground, Common Place, Community Alternatives, Currents, Dancing Waters, Dorea Peace, Dragonfly, Dunmire Hollow, Earthdance, Earth's Rising, Far Valley, Friends S.W. Center, High Wind, Kootenay, Life Center, Linnaea, Monan's Rill, Moniteau, INSTITUTE FOR CULTURAL AFFAIRS, Our Land, Patchwork, Prag House, Ripara, Rowanwood, Sassafras Ridge, Seven Springs, Shannon, Sirius, Sunflower House, Syzygy Co-op, Tanguy, Union Acres, The Vale, Villa Sarah, Whitehall Co-op, Wiscoy Valley.	Ark, Heartlight, New Moon, Rootworks.
MAJORITY RULE PROCESS	East Wind, Jubilee Partners, Kerista, Koinonia Partners. KIBBUTZ TAKAM, KIBBUTZ ARTZI.	Abode, Arden, Baxters Harbour, Bryn Gweled, The Farm, Flatrock, Greenwood Forest, Julian Woods, *La Cite Ecologique, Lost Valley, Martha's Co-op, Rainbow Valley, River City, Stelle, Sunflower Farm, Wesleyan.	Mountain Grove, New Land, Ponderosa, Sparrow Hawk Village, Rainbow House.
PARTICIPATORY PROCESS WITH NON-ELECTED INFLUENTIAL LEADERS	Community for Creative Non-Violence, Finders, Love Israel Family, Padanaram, Renaissance, Shepherdsfield, Zendik. KIBBUTZ DATI	Ananda, Arcosanti, Atmaniketan, Birdsfoot, Breitenbush, Black Oak, Builders, *Caravan Theatre, *CATHOLIC WORKER (some houses), Cerro Gordo, Christmas Star, Ellis Island, *EMISSARIES of DIVINE LIGHT, Fellowship Farm, *Ganas, Gesundheit, Gita Nagari, Gould Farm, Grass Roots, Hohm, Kripalu, Lama, Madre Grande, Meramec, Mt. Madonna, *Open Door, Reina del Cielo, Santa Fe Community School, Shiloh, Sojourners Community, 3HO (some centers), Tolstoy Farm, VIVEKANANDA, *Yogaville, ZEN CENTERS.	Consciousness Village, Full Circle Farm, Harbin, New Jerusalem, ReCreation, Sierra Hot Springs, 3HO (some centers).
AUTHORITARIAN OR SMALL GROUP CONTROL OF DECISION MAKING	CATHOLIC ORDERS, BRUDERHOFS, HUTTERITE COLONIES, New Vrindaban.	Holy City (it's under the Catholic Pope), Innisfree (it has a non-resident board-of-directors)	

ILLUSTRATION 3A

The "Political/Economic Matrix" utilizes the analysis of the ownership and control of wealth, designed in the "Ownership/Control Matrix," as a classification system for the great variety of intentional community designs.

DEVELOPMENTAL COMMUNALISM*

as applied to the POLITICAL/ECONOMIC MATRIX



The date at the origin of the arrows are founding years of the particular community. The dates at the arrow points are the years in which the communities made major "developmental" changes. For those communities which changed their name when they also changed their form, both names are given. Most kept their name unchanged, so those names are entered only at the origins of the arrows.

ILLUSTRATION 3B

All societies change over time. In the case of intentional communities this process is termed "developmental communalism."* Applying this theory to the "Political/Economic Matrix" provides a graphic portrayal of the changes various communities have experienced.

Notice the general movement of those communities started in the 1970s away from the communal design in the 1980s. Also, communities which transition to authoritarianism tend to experience significant problems.

* See: Dr. Donald Pitzer, "Developmental Communalism: An Alternative Approach to Communal Studies." in Dennis Hardy and Lorna Davidson, eds., *Utopian Thought and Communal Experience* (Middlesex, England: Middlesex Polytechnic, 1989), p.69. (Available from: Center for Communal Studies, Univ. of Southern Indiana, 8600 University Blvd., Evansville, IN 47712.

POLITICAL/SPIRITUAL MATRIX

(**BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS** denotes a network of communities. All other communities listed have ten or more members.
Source: 1990/91 Directory of Intentional Communities)

	MINIMAL SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS. NO SPIRITUAL LEADER. SECULAR COMMUNITY.	PREDOMINATELY SPIRITUAL. ECUMENICAL, LIBERAL, NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY. SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP.	STRONG SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS. SPIRITUAL LEADER. SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY.
SHARED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. PARTICIPATORY and CONSENSUS DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES.	Alpha, Ark, Black Bear, CEEDS, Celso, Common Ground, Community Alternatives, Currents, Dancing Waters, Dragonfly, Dunmire Hollow, Earth's Rising, Far Valley, Kootenay, Life Center, Linnaea, Los Horcones, Moniteau, New Moon, Our Land, Prag House, Ripara, Seven Springs, Shannon, Sunflower House, Syzygy, Twin Oaks, Villa Sarah, Whitehall, Wiscoy.	Black Cat, CAMPBILL , CATHOLIC WORKER (some houses), Common Ground, Dayspring, Earth Dance, Friends SW, Heartlight, High Wind, INSTITUTE for CULTURAL AFFAIRS , Monan's Rill, Reba Place, Rootworks, Rowanwood, Sassafras Ridge, Sirius, Suneidesis, Tanguy, Union Acres, The Vale.	Alcyone, Dorea Peace, Jubilee House, Patchwork, Plow Creek.
DEMOCRATIC ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. MAJORITY-RULE PROCESS.	Arden, Bryn Gweled, East Wind, Flatrock, Greenwood, Julian Woods, La Cite Ecologique, Martha's Co-op, Mountain Grove, New Land, Rainbow House, River City, Sunflower Farm.	Abode, Baxters Harbour, The Farm, Lost Valley, Ponderosa, Rainbow Valley, Sparrowhawk Village, Stelle. KIBBUTZ TAKAM , KIBBUTZ ARTZI .	Jubilee Partners, Kerista, Koinonia, Wesleyan.
PARTICIPATORY with NON-ELECTED INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.	Arcosanti, Birdsfoot, Caravan Theatre, Cerro Gordo, Ellis Island, Full Circle, Ganas, Gesundheit, Grass Roots, Meramec, ReCreation, Santa Fe Community School, Tolstoy.	Ananda, Black Oak, Breitenbush, Builders, CATHOLIC WORKER (some houses), Christmas Star, Community for Creative Non-Violence, Finders, Gould Farm, Harbin, Hohm, Lama Foundation, Madre Grande, Padanaram, Sierra Hot Springs, Yogaville.	Atmaniketan, Consciousness Village, EMISSARIES of DIVINE LIGHT , Fellowship, Gita Nigari, Kripalu, Love Israel Family, Mt. Madonna, New Jerusalem, Open Door, Reina del Cielo, Renaissance, Shepherdsfield, Shiloh, Sojourners Community, 3HO, VIVEKANANDA, ZEN CENTERS , Zendik. KIBBUTZ DATI .
AUTHORITARIAN POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. SMALL GROUP CONTROL OF DECISION-MAKING.	Innisfree (non-resident board-of-directors)		BRUDERHOFS , CATHOLIC ORDERS , Holy City, HUTTERITE COLONIES , New Vrindaban

ILLUSTRATION 4

The "Political/Spiritual Matrix" combines the different forms of control of wealth and of decision-making (governmental leadership) with the different forms of spiritual leadership and the different levels of spiritual emphasis. These relationships provide the second of three classification schemes for intentional community in the "Relationships Model."

SPIRITUAL/ECONOMIC MATRIX

(BOLD CAPITAL LETTERS denotes a network of communities. All other communities listed have ten or more members.
Source: 1990/91 Directory of Intentional Communities.)

	COMMUNAL ECONOMY -- ALL COMMON OWNERSHIP	MIXED ECONOMY: COMMON & PRIVATE COMMON LAND or BUILDINGS. <small>* denotes that SOME MEMBERS SHARE INCOME.</small>	COLLECTIVE ECONOMY -- SHARED PRIVATE PROPERTY
MINIMAL SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS. NO SPIRITUAL LEADER. SECULAR COMMUNITY.	Alpha, CEEDS, Los Horcones, Twin Oaks, East Wind.	Arcosanti, Arden, Birdsfoot, Black Bear, Bryn Gweled, *Caravan Theatre, Celo, Cerro Gordo, Common Place, Community Alternatives, Currents, Dancing Waters, Dragonfly, Dunmire Hollow, Earth's Rising, Ellis Island, Far Valley, Flatrock, *Ganas, Gesundheit, Grass Roots, Greenwood Forest, Innisfree, Julian Woods, Kootenay, *La Cite Ecologique, Life Center, Linnaea, Martha's Co-op, Meramec, Moniteau, Our Land, Prag House, Ripara, River City, Santa Fe Community School, Seven Springs, Shannon, Sunflower Farm, Sunflower House, Syzygy Co-op, Tolstoy, Villa Sarah, Whitehall, Wiscoy.	Ark, Full Circle, New Land, New Moon, Mountain Grove, Rainbow House, ReCreation.
PREDOMINATELY SPIRITUAL. ECUMENICAL, LIBERAL, NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY. SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP.	Community for Creative Non- Violence, Dayspring, Finders, Padanaram, Reba Place, Suneidesis. KIBBUTZ TAKAM, KIBBUTZ ARTZI.	Abode, Ananda, Baxters Harbour, Black Cat, Black Oak, Breitenbush, Builders, *CAMPHILL, *CATHOLIC WORKER, Christmas Star, Common Ground, Earth Dance, The Farm, Friends SW, Gould Farm, High Wind, Hohm, *INSTITUTE for CULTURAL AF- FAIRS, Lama Foundation, Lost Valley, Madre Grande, Monan's Rill, Rainbow Valley, Rowanwood, Sassafras Ridge, Sirius, Stelle, Tanguy, Union Acres, The Vale, *Yogaville.	Harbin, Heartlight, Ponderosa, RootWorks, Sierra Hot Springs, Sparrow Hawk Village.
STRONG SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS. SPIRITUAL LEADERS. SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY.	BRUDERHOFS, CATHOLIC ORDERS, HUTTERITE COLONIES, Jubilee House, Jubilee Partners, Kerista, Koinonia, Love Israel Family, New Vrindaban, Plow Creek, Renaissance, Shepherdsfield, Zendik. KIBBUTZ DATI.	Alcyone, Atmaniketan, Dorea Peace, *EMISSARIES of DIVINE LIGHT, Fellowship, Gita Nigari, Holy City, Kripalu, Mt. Madonna, *Open Door, Patchwork, Reina del Cielo, Shiloh, Sojourners Community, 3HO (some centers), VIVEKANANDA, Wesleyan, ZEN CENTERS .	Consciousness Village, New Jerusalem, *3HO (some centers).

CLASSIFICATIONS of COMMUNITARIANISM

Illustration 6 Continued (Data source: 1990/91 Directory of Intentional Communities.)

The three-dimensional "Relationships Model" is constructed of three continua, each having three or four elements. Multiplying all of these together results in thirty-six cells comprising the rectangular solid of the "Relationships Model." Each of these cells is given a different label, and each includes a different set of intentional communities having particular characteristics. Of the 36 different combinations of economic, political and spiritual characteristics, nine have no communities, one has Kibbutz networks but no North American intentional communities, and 26 share the 123 intentional communities listed below. (The numbers in parenthesis represent first the date of the community's founding, and second the community's population level as printed in the 1990/91 Directory of Intentional Communities):

COMMUNAL INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES are:

PARTICIPATORY and SECULAR - Alpha (72, 22), CEEDS (72, 15), Los Horcones (73, 30), Twin Oaks (67, 90).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Love Israel Family (68, 85), Renaissance (68, 24), Shepherdsfield (69, 100), Zendik (69, 48), Kibbutz Dati (network).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and ECUMENICAL - Community for Creative Non-Violence (70, 46), Finders (70, 17), Padanaram (66, 200).
MAJORITY-RULE and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Jubilee Partners (79, 15), Kerista (71, 32), Koinonia (42, 32).
PARTICIPATORY and ECUMENICAL - Dayspring (75, 20), Reba Place (57, 95), Suncidesis (77, 17).
PARTICIPATORY and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Jubilee House (79, 17), Plow Creek (71, 69).
AUTHORITARIAN and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - New Vrindaban (68, 420), Bruderhofs (network), Catholic Orders (network), Hutterite Colonies (network).
MAJORITY-RULE and SECULAR - East Wind (74, 48).
MAJORITY-RULE and ECUMENICAL - Kibbutz Artzi and Kibbutz TAKAM (both are networks).

MIXED-ECONOMY INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES are:

PARTICIPATORY and SECULAR - Black Bear (68, 11), Celo (39, 68), Common Place (76, 10), Community Alternatives (77, 45), Currents (81, 17), Dancing Waters (82, 10), Dragonfly (78, 11), Dunmire Hollow (74, 14), Earth's Rising (70s, 20), Far Valley (80, 20), Kootenay (69, 27), Life Center (71, 32), Linnaea (79, 16), Moniteau (79, 61), Our Land (80, 216), Prag House (73, 15), Ripara (87, 15), Seven Springs (72, 10), Shannon (74, 81), Sunflower House (69, 25), Syzygy Co-op (73, 22), Villa Sarah (73, 15), Whitehall Co-op (49, 13), Wiscoy (76, 28).
PARTICIPATORY and ECUMENICAL - Black Cat (86, 11), Common Ground (80, 15), Earth Dance (86, 13), Friends SW (74, 17), High Wind (81, 21), Monan's Rill (73, 23), Rowanwood (80, 18), Sassafras Ridge (72, 17), Sirius (78, 33), Tanguy (45, 74), Union Acres (89, 15), The Vale (59, 19), Camphill (network), Catholic Worker (network), Institute for Cultural Affairs (network).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SECULAR - Arcosanti (70, 63), Birdsfoot (72, 11), Caravan Theatre (78, 10), Cerro Gordo (73, 20), Ellis Island (69, 13), Ganas (78, 44), Gesundheit (71, 14), Grass Roots (82, 75), Meramec (88, 50), Santa Fe Community School (68, 24), Tolstoy (63, 49).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and ECUMENICAL - Ananda (68, 525), Black Oak (65, 26), Breitenbush (77, 46), Builders (69, 65), Christmas Star (80, 21), Gould Farm (13, 138), Hohm (75, 250), Lama Foundation (68, 40), Madre Grande (75, 13), Yogaville (66, 250), Catholic Worker (network).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Atmaniketan (72, 31), Fellowship (67, 125), Gita Nigari (74, 74), Kripalu (71, 287), Mt. Madonna (78, 100), Open Door (81, 34), Riena del Cielo (72, 24), Shiloh (42, 31), Sojourners Community (75, 40), Emissaries of Divine Light (network), 3HO (network), Vivekananda (network), Zen Centers (network).
MAJORITY-RULE and SECULAR - Arden (1900, 600), Bryn Gweled (40, 200), Flatrock (79, 14), Greenwood (79, 83), Julian Woods (75, 18), La Cite Ecologique (84, 155), Martha's Co-op (70s, 30), River City (77, 30), Sunflower Farm (75, 23).
MAJORITY-RULE and ECUMENICAL - Abode (75, 61), Baxters Harbour (74, 25), The Farm (71, 300), Lost Valley (89, 16), Rainbow Valley (80, 19), Stelle (73, 140).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Alcyone (81, 20), Dorea Peace (80, 16), Patchwork (77, 26).
MAJORITY-RULE and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Wesleyan (77, 48).
AUTHORITARIAN and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Holy City (70, 74).
AUTHORITARIAN and SECULAR - Innisfree (71, 71).

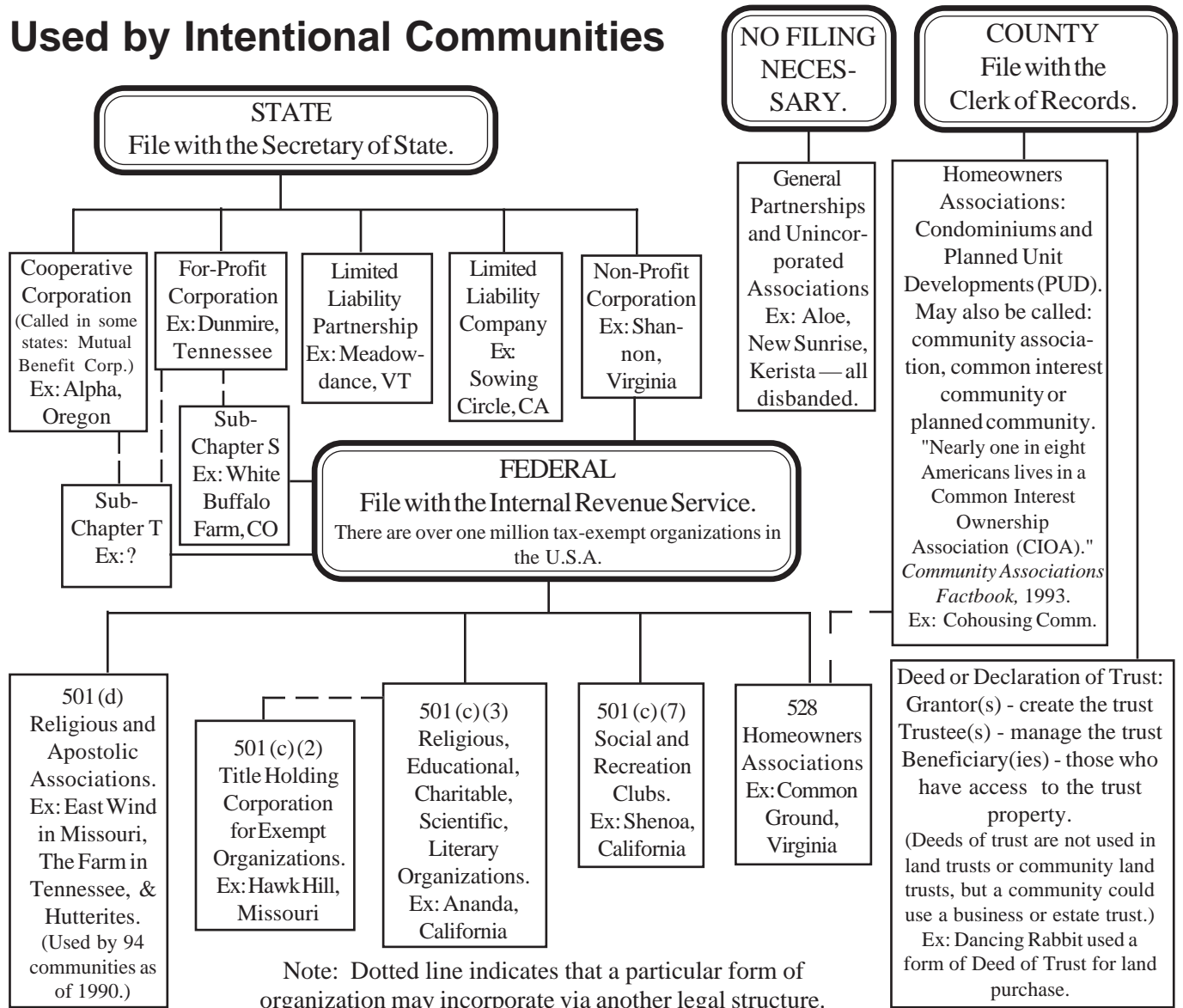
COLLECTIVE INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES are:

MAJORITY-RULE and SECULAR - Mountain Grove (70, 12), New Land (79, 47), Rainbow House (81, 10).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SPIRITUAL UNIFORMITY - Consciousness Village (74, 11), New Jerusalem (71, 320), 3HO (network).
PARTICIPATORY and SECULAR - Ark (84, 12), New Moon (83, 12).
PARTICIPATORY and ECUMENICAL - Heartlight (83, 15), Rootworks (70s, 64).
MAJORITY-RULE and ECUMENICAL - Ponderosa (79, 51), Sparrow Hawk Village (81, 80).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and SECULAR - Full Circle (84, 16), ReCreation (86, 11).
NON-ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERSHIP and ECUMENICAL - Harbin (71, 130), Sierra Hot Springs (88, 10).

The following sets of characteristics include no communities among those in this study: Comm/Lead/Sec, Comm/Auth/Sec, Comm/Auth/Ecum, MixE/Auth/Ecum, Coll/PartC/SpUn, Coll/MR/SpUn, Coll/Auth/Sec, Coll/Auth/Ecum, Coll/Auth/SpUn.

FORMS of LEGAL ORGANIZATION

Used by Intentional Communities



The ECONOMIC CONTINUUM:

Showing which Legal Structures are used for particular forms of Intentional Community

Sharing Commonly-Owned Property	Mixed-Economy Communities	Sharing Privately-Owned Property
Any community can function communally, but legally enforced common ownership requires 501 (d), (c) (3) or (c) (2) structures. State non-profit structures can be privatized.	Can be any structure [but rarely 501 (d) or (c) (7)]. Land trusts are most often non-profit, some with 501 (c) (3) or (c) (2).	For-profits, subchapter S, partnerships, cooperative corporations, homeowners associations, limited liability companies. (Non-profits can privatize by amending their Articles of Incorporation.)
Communal Communities Group Marriage Communities Monastic Societies	1. Community (non-resident brd-of-drctrs) & Private Land Trusts. 2. Communal/Collective Communities (include a communal core group & other members who hold private property).	Collective Communities, such as: Cohousing Communities Housing Cooperatives (a Collective Community can agree to function communally; its structure remains collective)

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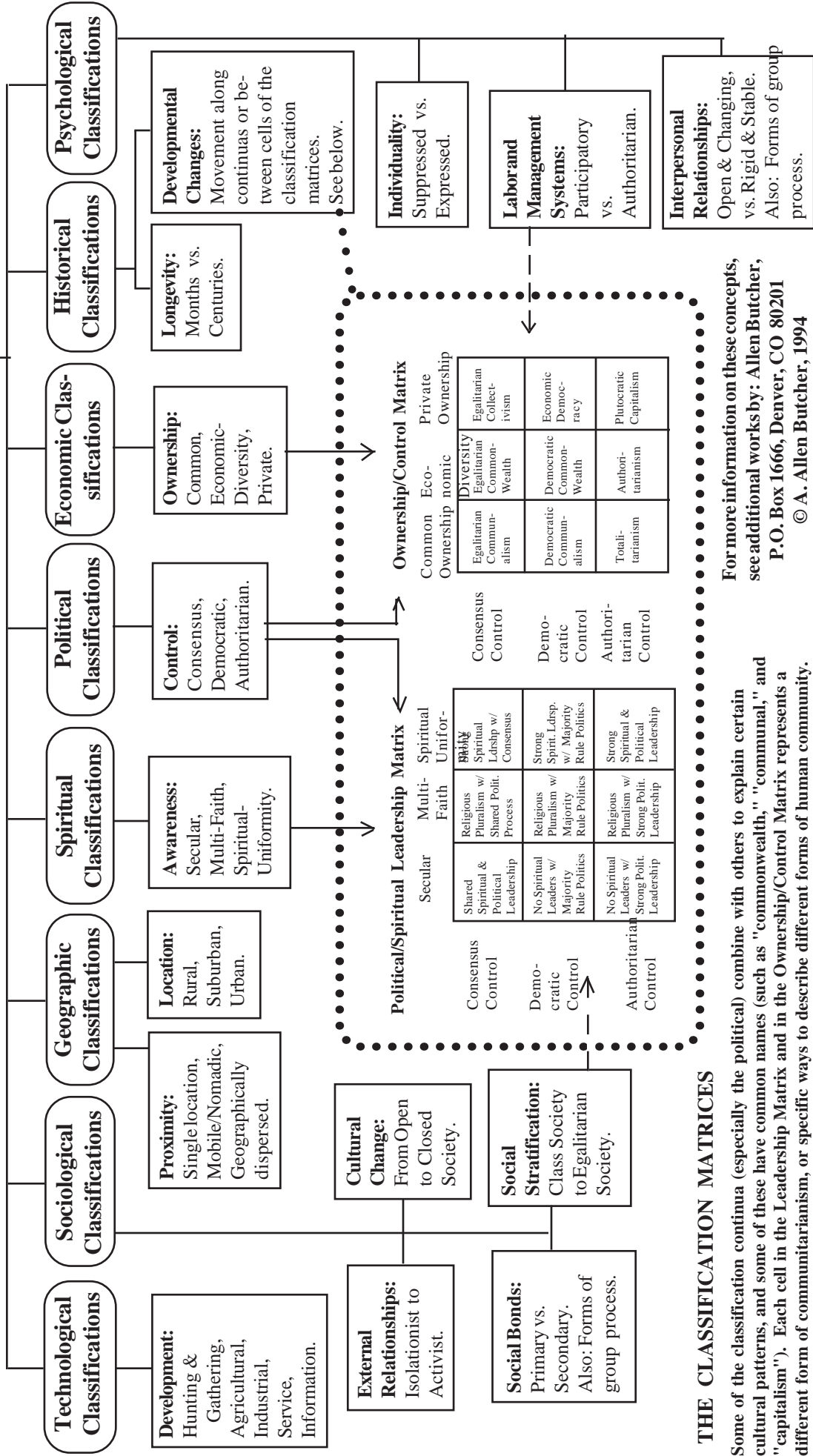
CLASSIFICATIONS OF COMMUNITARIANISM

THE COMMUNITARIAN CONTINUUM

Intentional Community ————— Circumstantial Community

The classification structure presented below is appropriate to all forms of human community: villages, neighborhoods, cities and nation-states, as well as to intentional communities. Only a few of the many factors used to describe different communities, and of the many relationships between these factors, are presented here.

Each aspect of culture or classification system presented in the figure (rounded boxes) may be described by one or more continua (squared boxes). Some of these aspects then combine with each other in specific cultural patterns as in the Leadership Matrix and the Ownership/Control Matrix, at the bottom center of the diagram.



ECONOMIC SYSTEMS *

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*This diagram presents only systems that include production and consumption (business and domestics), excluding consumption-only distribution systems such as the balance-of-preferences system of the double-blind matrix, rationing, gifting, etc. Also, see right for different political/economic systems. Note that three forms of control (in Political Economy) correspond with three Economic Systems, below.

SHARING SYSTEMS

- Decentralized, Locally-Based Economies (Egalitarian)
- Communalism (shared common property)
- Anarchism (mix of private and common property)
- Collectivism (shared private property)

Exchange systems are used for trade among communities using sharing systems (labor exchange and commodities trades). However, joint income-generating businesses among communities are sharing systems.

EXCHANGESYSTEMS

- Market Economies (Libertarian)
- Barter (exchange of private property)
- Capitalism (Keynesian vs. liberalism)
- Cooperatives (economic democracy)

Sharing systems are used within market economies for governmental programs ("corporate welfare" and other transfer payments) and in tax-exempt organizations (charities).

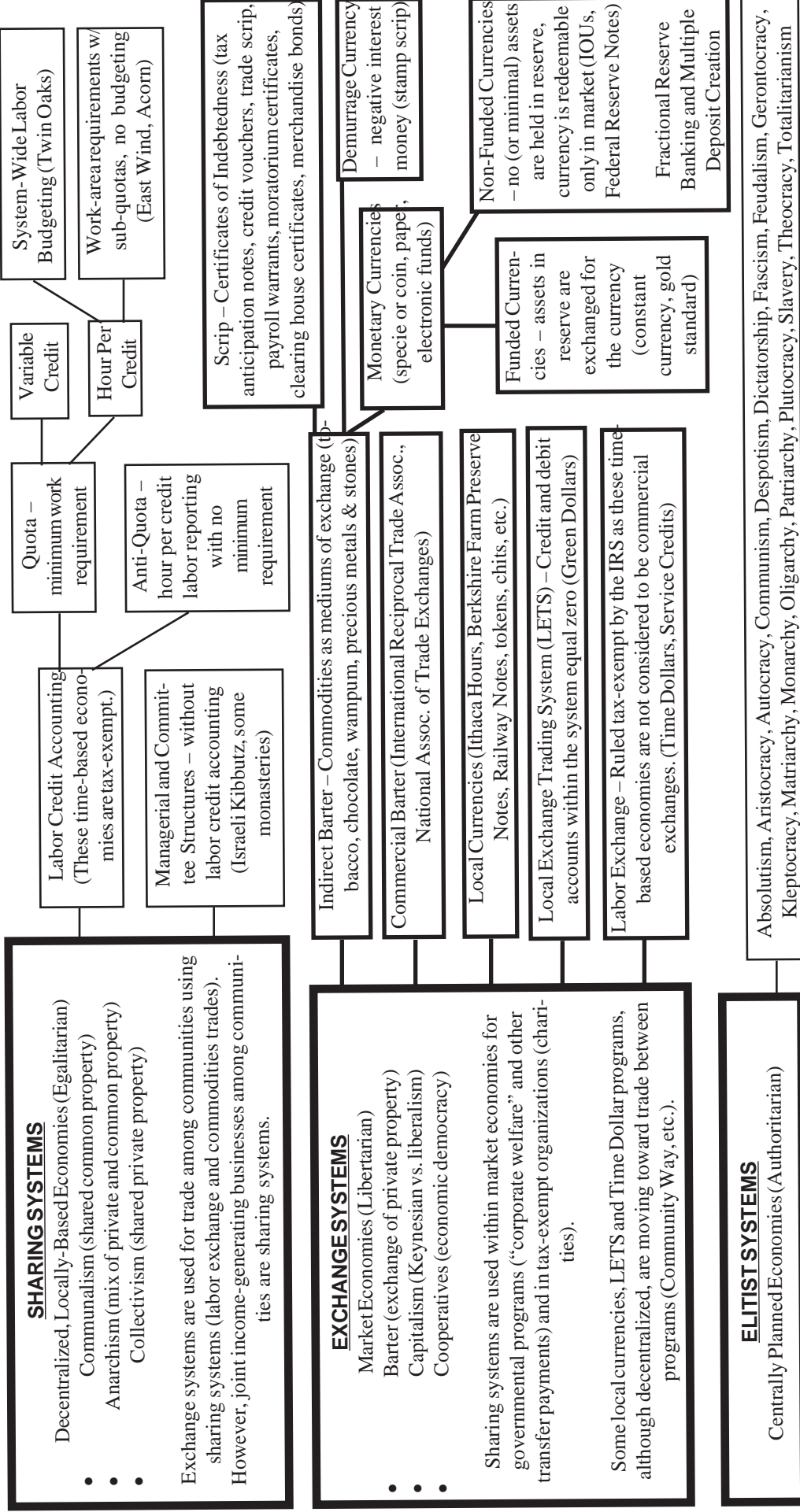
Some local currencies, LETS and Time Dollar programs, although decentralized, are moving toward trade between programs (Community Way, etc.).

ELITIST SYSTEMS

Centrally Planned Economies (Authoritarian)

POLITICAL ECONOMY – The Ownership/Control Matrix

	Common Ownership	Mixed Economy	Private Ownership
Consensus Control Democratic Control	Egalitarian Communalism Democratic Communalism	Egalitarian Commonwealth Democratic Commonwealth	Egalitarian Collectivism Economic Democracy
Authoritarian Control	Totalitarianism	Various Elitist Systems	Plutocracy



Types of Sharing Economies and of Exchange Economies

<p style="text-align: center;">Sharing Economies (time economies):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor-Gifting (anti-quota systems) - no minimum labor requirement (pure altruism, from-one-to-others or one-way) • Labor-Sharing - requires a labor contribution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Labor-Quota Systems - flexible hour commitments using labor accounting (rational altruism, from-many-to-many) » Fair-Share Systems - labor requirement with no accounting, often but not necessarily with gender-specific work roles 	<p style="text-align: center;">Exchange Economies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor-Exchange (time economy) - hour accounting used as trading commodity (reciprocal altruism) • Barter Economy - item-for-item or "indirect barter" using mediums of exchange such as wampum, tobacco, chocolate, precious metals or stones • Monetary Economy - currencies: paper, coin, electronic or digital (may be backed by a commodity) 	
<p>See: www.culturemagic.org/TimeBasedEconomics.html And: "Communal Economics." <i>Encyclopedia of Community: From the Village to the Virtual World</i>. Christensen, Karen and David Levinson (editors). Sage Publications, 2003.</p>		
<p>Sharing Theory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rational Altruism • Mutual Advantage • Intentional Hand • Multi-Faith Reciprocity Ethic and the Spirit of Communalism 	<p style="text-align: center;">Economic Consent</p> <p>As economic systems are merely agreements made, changing between exchange and sharing economies simply involves removing our consent from one system and giving it to the other. Each is described by opposing theories.</p>	<p>Exchange Theory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rational Self-Interest (Adam Smith) • Comparative Advantage (David Ricardo) • Invisible Hand (Adam Smith) • Protestant Work Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism (Max Weber)

Communal Theory

“**Trusterty Theory**” refers to what is held in common (attributed to the 19th Century anarchist theorist, Peter A. Kropotkin). In land trust theory, society has the responsibility to manage trusterty, or all natural resources. In communal theory, trusterty refers to all community property owned by groups and used by individuals. Entrusting communal resources to individual members is consistent with the communal value of sharing because:

- The “**Communal Privacy Theory**” states that increasing levels of privacy, afforded by entrusting additional resources or powers to members, does not reduce the community’s level of communalism as long as the equity or ultimate responsibility and power remains shared under communal ownership and control.
- The “**Communal Sharing Theory**” states that the greater the experience people have of sharing among themselves, the greater will be their commitment to the community thus formed.

From: *Classifications of Communitarianism-Sharing, Privacy and the Ownership and Control of Wealth*.

<p>Time-Based Economics - common property system, with varying levels of private property or no private property.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plenty Paradigm - Sharing Economies Participatory form is “communalism.” Authoritarian form is “communism.”</p>	<p>Debt-Based Economics - private property system, with common property in tax-exempt organizations and government property.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Scarcity Paradigm - Exchange Economies Participatory form is “capitalism.” Authoritarian form is “fascism.”</p>
<p>Service credit systems coordinate only non-income producing labor, while labor credit systems integrate both domestic services and income-producing labor in the time economy. Communal distribution: planning and budgeting, rationing, first-come-first-served, to each as needed, seniority, chance (roll of dice), the “double-blind preferences matrix.”</p>	<p>Monetary systems may be either funded (backed by reserves:gold) or non-funded (Federal Reserve Notes). In “fractional reserve banking” the system of “multiple deposit creation” requiring a 10% reserve, increases a \$100 loan to \$1,000 via lending (money from nothing) thus the term “debt-based.” Time is used in present-value (time-value) of money in interest / inflation rates.</p>

SHARING -to- PRIVACY CONTINUUM

	POLFIDELITY & GROUP MARRIAGE COMMUNAL COMMUNITIES.	COMMUNAL INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES.	MIXED ECONOMY (coll.&comm.) INTENTIONAL COMMUNITIES.	FAMILIES & NEIGHBORHOODS. COLLECTIVE COMMUNITIES.
INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS	Polyfidelity. Group marriage.	Some homogenous, some diverse cultures: Celibacy, serial monogamy, polyfidelity, gay, monogamy, etc.	Some homogeneous, some diverse cultures: celibacy, monogamy, serial monogamy, open relationships, gay.	Exclusive monogamous relationships.
CHILD-CARE PROGRAMS	Shared and multiple parenting. Communal child-care with children's apartments and child/adult residences.	Shared parenting & communal child-care among similar or diverse families. Children's houses and child/adult residences.	Cooperative & mutual aid child-care. Shared parenting among diverse family designs.	Some mutual aid child-care among matriarchal or patriarchal nuclear families.
ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN, LAND USE	Common space. No private rooms since partners change regularly, sometimes on rotating schedule.	Common buildings & land. Mixed common rooms & private rooms or apartments within group residences.	Private houses, apartments or rooms. Some group housing & common buildings. Some community farm, gardens, work space.	No or minimal common spaces or functions. Single family households on privately owned residential plots.
LABOR SYSTEMS, COMM. MANAGEMENT	Community businesses and outside jobs. Daily planning. Mixed full-time and flex-time occupations.	Community businesses and outside jobs. Labor credit & other planned labor systems. Mixed full-time & flex-time occ.	Individual income labor with weekly or monthly community labor projects. Full-time occupations. Sometimes community businesses.	Privately owned businesses. Some mutual aid but no group labor program. Full-time occupations.
PROPERTY CODES: EQUITY, CASH, etc.	Generally commonly owned assets and equity. Minimal personal property.	Commonly owned assets and equity. Minimal personal property.	Some commonly owned assets. Mostly private property with sharing, loaning and exchanges.	Private property and equity. Some sharing, loaning, and exchanges.
EXAMPLE COMMUNITIES	Kerista Liberty Cluster (PEP) Skywoods UV Family Also small groups within other large communities.	Twin Oaks, East Wind Camphill Villages, Hutterite Colonies, Catholic Orders, Ganas, The Gathering, Yogaville, Bruderhof, Open Door, Kibbutzim, Caravan Theatre, Reba Place, La Cite Ecologique Sandhill, Emissary communities Alpha. (Some members share income, others do not.)	Shannon, Patchwork, Celo, The Farm, Stelle, Shepherdsfield, Harvest Hills. Some condominiums, Homeowners Associations, housing co-ops, cohousing, land trusts.	Urban, suburban and rural neighborhoods. Some condominiums, apartment complexes and Homeowners Associations, housing co-ops, Amish communities and other mutual aid cultures.

ILLUSTRATION 1

Various aspects of culture are best represented via a continuum. Relationships, child-care systems, architectural designs, space and land use, property codes and labor systems all tend to consistently adopt complementary forms in intentional community.

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