

Creating Desired Futures Webinar Discussions with

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Webinar Purpose

Meaningful change happens when ordinary folks embrace a new vision, a new story to enact. This webinar is intended to help create a new vision, a story that will drive meaningful transformations toward a future that embodies Justice, Equality, Diversity, Inclusiveness (JEDI) and respect for nature ... and equip radicals to work effectively for that new vision, that new and desirable future.

Webinar Content

First, A deep analysis of the systemic dynamics, especially within the USA, generating the crises and emergencies plaguing our world and us individually. Second, the available nonviolent strategies for creating a desirable, viable future for humanity.

Participants.

All those concerned about our current situation and who would like to do something useful to improve our common futures. Participant are expected to disagree and argue respectfully ... because that is a powerful way to learn from each other.



Format for Webinar modules.

1. Opening: one or two slides to stimulate discussion.
2. Discussion: most of the hour.
3. Evaluation: Five minutes at the end of each session.

My role will be mainly to facilitate the discussion and to occasionally provide some relevant information. I will also provide, as supplemental material in addition to our zoom meetings, a few lectures on key systems science/cybernetics/complexity science laws and principles that help make sense of all of this. Also, I am developing an annotated list of key reference works.

Logistics

Cost. The Webinars are free ... although I will periodically ask you to consider making a donation to support Earth Viability Center, our 501(C)3 nonprofit.

Schedule. Every Wednesday at 6:30 pm New York time starting September 3, 2025

Platform. Zoom is free. If you do not have it, just Google "Zoom" and follow the simple directions.

Registration. Simply reply to this email with "Register for CDF" in the email subject line.

Barry's Credentials

My formal study includes science, political science, organizational theory, systems science /cybernetics, theology, and community development. My practical experience includes carpentry, university teaching and research, community development in USA and India. I held leadership positions in anti-war, civil rights (Mississippi Freedom Summer), academic research teams, professional societies, scientific journals, church administration, and nonprofits.

My books are:

Cybernetics. Commissioned as an intro to Stafford Beer's works.

Denmark Rising. This novel was described by one reviewer as a "How-to manual cleverly disguised as a novel". Theologian Walter Wink said this was the most important book on nonviolence ever written.