

## Expatriates of Babylon

I have observed that people of all political and religious persuasions want ninety-plus percent of the same things. These needs and desires are well served by alternative energy and structures that don't rely upon fuels and other resources from faraway countries.

A concern developed in more recent years relates to homelessness. Through personal experience in this area, I am deeply aware of the prejudice and stereotypes, the gut wrenching emotional toll and the extreme difficulty in recovering from situations that could not be prevented.

At the time I began this novel it was little more than an exercise of play. It was intended as a short story with no serious value other than to sort out my own thoughts, and as a personal experiment in attempting to write fiction.

Naturally enough, it soon became based upon situations actually experienced and observed.

A key aspect of this work is the use of appropriate technologies. These are real and proven, but currently underemployed. For the benefit of those interested, I have included an appendix that provides additional details on some of these tools.

This work is divided into three parts, with the first based upon personal experience and observation. The second two parts project current economic and political trends into their expected futures – but they are mingled with a scenario of hope.

Upon rereading it I realized that it is in fact a road map to a sustainable future – independent of those who manipulate nations and global destinies. It is a manifesto that embodies a plan for the youth and unemployed to create a future of their own, as they continue to watch a fragmented political system competing for their votes with clearly impossible promises.

Understand that this is a work of fiction and opinion, and is not to be construed as a narrative of fact.