



MYTHOS CARD

THE AWAKENED PILGRIM

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**THE PRIMARY
MYTHOS:**

The Return
Fall → Wilderness → Awakening → Quest → Building
Community

**VALUE
SIGNATURE**

- × Alignment with Ultimate Reality
- × Lived Integrity
- × Freedom from Coercion

**THE CORE
INSIGHT**

This person's individual journey—from disillusionment through healing to calling to building community—is not unique. It's archetypal. Many people are on this same journey.

**THE CORE
ARCHETYPAL
PATTERN**

The Prodigal Sage

THE SYNERGY:

- Christian Mysticism (spiritual depth + social justice)
- Libertarian Anarchism (anti-hierarchy + voluntary association)
- Perennial Philosophy (respect for diversity + epistemological humility)
- Deep Ecology (biocentrism + regeneration)

	What It Means	Recognition Signs
Purpose / Mission	Entire life organized around a calling larger than personal success	Can articulate clear life purpose; willing to sacrifice financial success for mission alignment; legacy-focused

500 Questions · 10 Domains · 563 Values

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A Universal Pattern for Community Builders and Regenerative Practitioners
Archetypal Analysis Based on Richard Tarnas's Framework

PREAMBLE: USING THIS REPORT FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

This report describes one person's archetypal pattern and journey. However, the patterns identified here are **not unique to one individual**—they represent a constellation of values, calling, and life trajectory that many community builders, regenerative practitioners, and spiritual seekers are currently embodying.

This report can be used to:

- ✓ Identify others with compatible patterns
- ✓ Recognize shared archetypal journeys across different individuals
- ✓ Create community around coherent values and calling
- ✓ Understand the collective pattern that's emerging
- ✓ Build community with people who've undergone similar initiations
- ✓ Find others at similar life stages and philosophical orientations

Read this as a portrait of an emerging archetype, not a private individual.

SECTION I: CORE BELIEF SYSTEM

The Primary Mythos: The Return

This person's fundamental narrative is one of **cyclical return rather than linear progress**. The pattern is:

Fall → Wilderness → Awakening → Quest → Building Community

This is not a unique personal story. It's an **archetypal pattern** currently emerging across a specific demographic: people aged 45-60 who experienced disillusionment with institutional systems and are now building regenerative alternatives.

The Core Operating Narrative:

1. **Inherited False Systems** — Participation in institutions (religious, economic, governmental) presented as real and salvific
2. **Recognition of Falseness** — Gradual or sudden realization: these systems are corrupting, not redemptive
3. **Crisis of Meaning** — The old worldview collapses; nothing feels reliable
4. **Wilderness/Healing** — Years of intensive inner work (therapy, spiritual practice, philosophical reconstruction)
5. **Breakthrough Clarity** — Recognition of what is actually real: natural law, divine intention, authentic alignment
6. **Quest/Building** — Active work of helping others recognize and navigate the same pattern
7. **Opening Gates** — Creating communities where others can return to what's real

Who Recognizes This Pattern?

- People who left institutional religion but retained spiritual orientation
- Activists who recognized that systemic change wasn't working and shifted to regenerative alternatives
- Therapists/healers who healed themselves and now help others
- Permaculture/bioregion practitioners building alternatives
- Community organizers moving from political activism to actual community building
- Entrepreneurs who left corporate systems to build regenerative business models

Five Core Belief Pillars

These five convictions structure this person's entire worldview and can be used to identify others with aligned patterns:

#	Core Belief	What This Person Says	Who Shares This?
1	Divine/Natural Order Underlies Reality	"Creator's will"; "alignment as central"; "natural law governs"	People with mystical/spiritual orientation who believe reality has intentionality, not randomness
2	Most Inherited Knowledge is False	"Mass adoption is not knowledge"; "most systems imitate life but are artificial"; "needed to unlearn before learning"	People who've gone through epistemological reconstruction; those skeptical of received authority
3	Lived Integrity Exceeds Stated Belief	"What my beliefs make me do matters most"; "consistency between inner and outer is non-negotiable"	People with strong conscience; those willing to sacrifice comfort for authenticity
4	All Beings Deserve Redemption	"Can't write anyone off"; "believes in repair"; "resist dehumanization"	People with compassionate worldview; those oriented toward healing, not punishment
5	Solutions Have Been Lost But Are Retrievable	"Return to natural living resolves dysfunction"; "regeneration is possible"; "not naive, not despairing, but recovery-oriented"	Regenerative practitioners; permaculturists; those believing in restoration, not just sustainability

To Find Others with This Pattern:

Look for people who articulate these five convictions. They don't need to use the same language—but if someone holds all five of these, you've found an aligned person.

Life Narrative Arc: The Universal Pattern

This person's life follows a recognizable sequence. Others following this same arc are **natural community partners**:

Phase	What Happens	Timeline	Who's at This Phase?
Innocence	Inherited faith in systems; participation in collective narrative	Birth to young adulthood	Everyone starts here; mostly unconscious
The Fall	Systems fail; disillusionment begins; searching for alternatives	Young adulthood through mid-adulthood	Many people; not all complete the cycle
Wilderness	Deep healing work; questioning; reconstruction of meaning	Several years (can be 5-15 years)	Those committed to inner work; therapists, spiritual practitioners, serious seekers
Awakening	Clarity emerges; calling crystallizes; sense of what's real	Happens after wilderness work	Those who've done the work; relatively rare
Building	Active work of creating alternatives; mentoring others	Current phase for this person; likely for many in 50s-60s	The people you want to find for community
Elderhood	Transmitting wisdom; succession; becoming elder guides	Future phase; emerging for some in late 60s+	Look for these people as mentors and teachers

Who You're Looking For:

People currently in or transitioning between these phases, especially:

- Those in Wilderness phase ready to move into Building (they're ripe for community)
- Those in early Building phase (can co-create together)
- Those in Awakening phase (have clarity; ready for action)

SECTION II: BELIEF-ACTION CONTRADICTIONS

This person holds several significant tensions. **People who share these same contradictions are likely compatible community members** because they're grappling with the same integration challenges.

The Seven Key Contradictions

1. Absolute Pacifism vs. Right to Self-Defense

The Pattern:

"Violence is never justified" AND "absolute right to self-defense"

Who Shares This?

- People with strong nonviolence ethic who also believe in autonomy
- Activists who are pacifist but protective of vulnerable people
- Spiritual practitioners who can distinguish defensive action from aggressive harm
- People wrestling with the difference between principle and pragmatism

Community Implication: These people can work together because they share the commitment to nonviolence while acknowledging real-world complexity. They're unlikely to romanticize suffering or impose ideological purity on others.

2. Property as Social Construct vs. Wealth Pursuit

The Pattern:

"Property is artificial construct enabling oppression" AND "pursue and enjoy wealth"

Who Shares This?

- People who've rejected ownership ideology but still value resources/security
- Those learning the difference between *hoarded wealth* and *stewarded resources*
- Practitioners moving from poverty mindset to abundance mindset while staying values-aligned
- People building regenerative businesses or community enterprises

Community Implication: These people understand that rejecting capitalism doesn't mean rejecting resources. They're practical about needing material support while staying ideologically clear about extraction vs. regeneration.

3. Veganism (Ideal) vs. Reducetarianism (Practice)

The Pattern:

"Animal consumption is unethical" AND practices reducetarianism (reducing, not eliminating)

Who Shares This?

- People with ethical orientation who accept human limitation
- Those learning the difference between perfect principle and honest practice
- Practitioners of harm reduction (environmental, economic, relational)
- People building realistic, sustainable community practices (not perfectionist ideologies)

Community Implication: These people won't shame others for not meeting ideological purity. They understand ethics as *direction of travel* not *absolute destination*. This creates more resilient, less guilt-driven communities.

4. Individual Autonomy vs. Collective Purpose

The Pattern:

"Autonomy and freedom are paramount" AND "entire life organized around collective mission"

Who Shares This?

- People who don't abandon individual agency when serving larger purpose
- Those building non-hierarchical communities (respecting autonomy AND collective vision)
- Practitioners of libertarian anarchism (voluntary association for shared purpose)
- People who chose to commit deeply (not coerced into collective)

Community Implication: These are the people who can actually build sustainable community. They don't collapse into groupthink, nor do they refuse collective commitment. This is the mature integration.

5. State Authority Rejection vs. Pragmatic Engagement

The Pattern:

"The state has no legitimate authority" AND uses legal frameworks when practical

Who Shares This?

- Anarchists who are strategic, not absolutist
- People building regenerative alternatives while navigating existing systems
- Those who can use tools without surrendering to the system
- Practitioners of "working the system while building beyond it"

Community Implication: These people won't get stuck in purity politics. They can navigate bureaucracy, legal structures, and institutions when needed without compromising values. Practical anarchists, not ideological ones.

6. Systemic Disengagement vs. Community Building

The Pattern:

"Avoid systemic engagement (news, politics, despair)" AND actively building community alternatives

Who Shares This?

- People who've learned that doomscrolling doesn't help
- Those engaging constructively at local scale while disengaging from national/global despair
- Practitioners of "localism" (focus on what they can influence)
- People protecting their mental health while staying committed to action

Community Implication: These people have healthy boundaries. They won't be perpetually activated or burnt out. They know when to look inward and when to build outward.

7. Rejection of Religious Institutions vs. Deep Spiritual Practice

The Pattern:

"Organized religion is harmful" AND "spirituality is central to everything"

Who Shares This?

- Spiritual practitioners who left organized religion
- People with contemplative practice but no institutional affiliation
- Those who distinguish between institution and spirituality itself
- Practitioners of "spiritual but not religious"

Community Implication: These people bring spiritual depth without religious dogmatism. They can create sacred community without hierarchical structures or coercive belief systems.

The Integration Work

What makes these contradictions valuable (not problematic):

This person is learning that **mature integration holds paradox**. They don't collapse into either/or thinking. They hold:

- Principle AND pragmatism
- Autonomy AND commitment
- Individual AND collective
- Spiritual AND practical
- Idealism AND realism

Communities built by people at this level of integration are:

- More resilient (not brittle with ideology)
- More inclusive (not rigidly perfectionistic)
- More sustainable (realistic about human nature)
- More adaptive (can change when needed)
- More authentic (not performing ideology)

To find community partners: Look for people comfortable with paradox, not seeking ideological purity.

SECTION III: TRUE VALUE HIERARCHY

This person's actual priorities (derived from choices, not stated intentions) reveal what they genuinely value. **Use this as a template to identify compatible community members.**

The Five-Level Value Hierarchy

LEVEL 1: Supreme Values (*Non-negotiable; structure all choices*)

These are the values someone will die for, not compromise:

Value	What It Means	How to Recognize It in Others
Alignment with Ultimate Reality	Life organized around living in harmony with what's true (whether called Creator, natural law, or divine will)	They organize major life decisions around this principle; won't take lucrative offers that compromise it; speak of "alignment" and "integrity" regularly
Lived Integrity	Consistency between inner conviction and outer action	They sacrifice comfort for authenticity; won't perform beliefs they don't hold;

Value	What It Means	How to Recognize It in Others
		acknowledge their contradictions rather than hide them
Freedom from Coercion	Fiercely protective of own and others' autonomy	Resistant to external control; advocate for others' choice; won't use coercion even "for good"; deeply anarchist/libertarian in orientation

Who Shares These Supreme Values?

Anyone who's done deep inner work and emerged with clear values. These people are rare—maybe 5-10% of population. **They are your core community builders.**

LEVEL 2: Primary Values *(Inform major life choices; second only to Level 1)*

Value	What It Means	Recognition Signs
Relationship Repair / Family Obligation	Sees brokenness as requiring active repair; carries family bonds seriously despite distance	Initiates repair conversations; feels obligated to estranged relationships; won't write people off; does family therapy work
Purpose / Mission	Entire life organized around a calling larger than personal success	Can articulate clear life purpose; willing to sacrifice financial success for mission alignment; legacy-focused
Natural Law / Ecological Alignment	Major decisions organized around proximity to natural systems and regeneration	Lives in rural/bioregional context by choice; practices gardening/food production; makes lifestyle choices for environmental reasons; studies ecology
Epistemological Integrity	Committed to seeing clearly; willing to be changed by truth; values hard-won wisdom	Revises beliefs when evidence changes; embraces paradox rather than forcing false resolution; thinks deeply; not dogmatic

Who Shares These Primary Values?

People who've gone through major life transitions (left career, relocated, rebuilt after crisis) and emerged with clarity. **These are your co-founders and core team members.**

LEVEL 3: Secondary Values (*Important; influence choices; subordinate to Levels 1-2*)

Value	Recognition Signs
Creativity / Artistic Expression	Daily creative practice; uses art as meaning-making; integrates beauty into spiritual practice
Mastery / Craftsmanship	Pursues skill seriously; becomes “journeyman” in their field; makes/fixes things; values quality over speed
Health / Vitality	Prioritizes wellness; uses holistic/alternative approaches; integrates health with values; doesn’t pursue radical life extension
Compassion / Repair	Believes in redemption; won’t write people off; oriented toward healing not punishment; resists dehumanization

Who Shares These Secondary Values?

Most spiritually-oriented, ecologically-conscious people at mid-life or later. **These are your community members and collaborators.**

LEVEL 4: Tertiary Values (*Present; influence specific decisions; not life-organizing*)

Value	Recognition Signs
Economic Justice	Critiques extraction; gives to causes; sometimes inconsistent (tension between ideal and practice)
Ecological Stewardship	Makes lifestyle changes for climate; supports local economy; practices regeneration
Community / Belonging	Values chosen family; seeks aligned community; intentional about relationships
Beauty / Aesthetics	Curates beauty; values natural beauty; integrates art into life

Who Shares These Tertiary Values?

Many conscious, educated, affluent people in 40s+. **These are your participants and supporters.**

LEVEL 5: Instrumental Values (*Used as means to higher ends; not ends in themselves*)

Value	Recognition Signs
Wealth / Financial Security	Pursues wealth strategically; not idolized; used for autonomy and mission; describes self as "privileged" with gratitude
Education / Learning	Values learning that's <i>lived</i> , not credentialed; skeptical of institutional education
Social Recognition	Not pursued; prefers substantive work to fame; values influence over reputation

How to Use This Value Hierarchy for Community Building

To find aligned people, ask:

1. **Do they hold Supreme Values 1-3?** (If yes, they're core community material)
2. **Do they hold most Primary Values 1-4?** (If yes, they can co-lead)
3. **Do they hold several Secondary Values?** (If yes, they're solid members)
4. **How do they relate to Tertiary Values?** (Informs their role and contribution)
5. **Do they use Instrumental Values instrumentally?** (If yes, they're not corrupted by money/status)

Red Flags for Community Building:

- ❌ Someone who values Level 5 (wealth/status) as supreme value
- ❌ Someone who won't integrate contradictions (demands purity)
- ❌ Someone who hasn't done inner work (still in Innocence phase)
- ❌ Someone who's dogmatic rather than epistemically humble

Green Flags for Community Building:

- ✅ Someone who's lived through multiple phases of the journey
- ✅ Someone comfortable with paradox and contradiction
- ✅ Someone with clear primary values AND practical engagement
- ✅ Someone who's done healing work
- ✅ Someone who can hold both spiritual depth and pragmatic action

SECTION IV: PHILOSOPHICAL & RELIGIOUS ALIGNMENT

This person synthesizes elements from multiple traditions. **Use this to identify and categorize potential community members.**

Primary Tradition: Christian Mysticism (Reformed, Anarchist, Incarnational)

What This Means:

- Uses Christian language (Creator, redemption, grace, alignment) but in radically reformed way
- Emphasizes *direct experience* of divine, not ecclesiastical authority
- Rejects institutional religion but retains mystical depth
- Believes sacred is incarnate in all things (not separate from material)
- Values practical ethics (works) over doctrinal belief (faith alone)

Who Shares This?

- People who left Christian churches but retained spiritual orientation
- Contemplative practitioners with Christian background
- Mystics who use Creator/God language but reject doctrine
- People with liberation theology sensibility

For Community: These people bring spiritual depth + social justice orientation + practical mysticism. They can create sacred community without dogmatism.

Secondary Tradition: Libertarian Anarchism + Deep Ecology

What This Means:

- Political: anti-state, pro-voluntary association, anti-hierarchy
- Ecological: biocentrism, regeneration, commons-oriented
- Synthesis: community development WITHOUT coercion; natural law as governance principle

Who Shares This?

- Regenerative practitioners building alternatives
- Permaculturists with political consciousness
- Activists who shifted from political organizing to regenerative building
- People practicing mutual aid and voluntary association

For Community: These people bring political clarity + ecological grounding + non-coercive organization. They can build structures that actually work.

Tertiary Tradition: Perennial Philosophy (Selective)

What This Means:

- Recognizes wisdom across traditions
- Emphasizes direct knowing over doctrine
- Values mystery and uncertainty
- But insists on particular divine/natural orientation (not claiming all traditions equivalent)

Who Shares This?

- Interfaith practitioners
- Serious spiritual seekers who've studied multiple traditions
- People comfortable with both/and thinking
- Contemplatives with ecumenical consciousness

For Community: These people bring sophisticated understanding of spirituality + respect for diversity + humility about ultimate truth.

The Synergy: Why This Combination Creates Effective Community Builders

When someone holds:

- **Christian Mysticism** (spiritual depth + social justice) +
- **Libertarian Anarchism** (anti-hierarchy + voluntary association) +
- **Perennial Philosophy** (respect for diversity + epistemological humility) +
- **Deep Ecology** (biocentrism + regeneration)

They create communities that are:

- Spiritually grounded without being dogmatic
 - Politically conscious without being coercive
 - Ecologically regenerative not extractive
 - Respectful of diversity while holding clear values
 - Practical and visionary simultaneously
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How to Identify Philosophical Alignment in Others

Ask these questions:

1. **Do they reject institutional religion but practice spirituality?** (Sign of reformed mysticism)

2. **Do they critique capitalism but not destroy markets?** (Sign of anarchist sophistication)
3. **Do they respect multiple traditions without claiming equivalence?** (Sign of perennial philosophy)
4. **Do they prioritize nature regeneration as spiritual practice?** (Sign of deep ecology)
5. **Can they hold all four simultaneously?** (Sign of integrated worldview)

If someone answers yes to all five: **You've found a core community builder.**

SECTION V: INTEGRATION QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH

These questions help this person (and anyone on similar path) deepen their integration. **Use these with potential community members to assess their depth and growth edge.**

1. How Do You Hold Both Pacifism AND Self-Defense?

The Question:

"When you say you believe absolutely in nonviolence, yet also believe in absolute right to self-defense, how do you reconcile these? What's the difference between defensive action and violence? Can you articulate a principle that lets you hold both?"

Why This Matters:

This question reveals whether someone can think sophisticatedly about ethics. People who collapse into pure pacifism *or* pure self-interest won't build sustainable community. People who can hold both show mature ethical thinking.

Community Application:

Ask this in interviews/conversations. Listen for nuance. Someone who can articulate the difference between *initiating harm* and *restoring violated boundaries* is philosophically sophisticated.

2. How Do You Pursue Wealth While Rejecting Property?

The Question:

"You critique property as artificial construct, yet you pursue wealth. How do you

reconcile this? Can wealth exist as stewardship rather than ownership?"

Why This Matters:

This reveals whether someone's politics are theoretical or lived. It also reveals their maturity about resources. Immature versions: either pure asceticism (unrealistic) or unlimited accumulation (corrupted). Mature version: stewarding resources for mission.

Community Application:

Look for people learning this integration. They won't be stuck in either poverty consciousness or unlimited consumption. They'll contribute resources to community while staying values-aligned.

3. What's the Difference Between Your Ideals and Your Actual Life?

The Question:

"You believe in veganism intellectually but practice reductarianism. You have pets despite philosophical opposition. Where else do you compromise? Can you describe this as honest engagement with human limitation rather than failure?"

Why This Matters:

This reveals someone's relationship to perfectionism and shame. Communities built by perfectionists fail. Communities built by people comfortable with honest contradiction endure.

Community Application:

Look for people who acknowledge contradictions without shame. They're more trustworthy and more sustainable than people claiming perfect alignment.

4. How Do You Hold Individual Autonomy and Collective Purpose?

The Question:

"Your entire life is organized around a mission, yet you value individual freedom above almost everything. How do you reconcile these? Is this commitment coerced or chosen?"

Why This Matters:

This is the central question for non-hierarchical community. Can someone commit

deeply to collective vision while respecting individual autonomy? This is the difference between healthy community and cultic group.

Community Application:

This is your test for non-hierarchical fitness. Ask potential leaders this question. If they answer well, they can help create healthy structures. If they can't hold both, they'll tend toward either tyranny or chaos.

5. How Do You Engage Strategically With Systems You Don't Believe In?

The Question:

"You say the state has no legitimate authority, yet you use legal frameworks when practical. How do you stay strategic without becoming corrupted by the system? What are your non-negotiables?"

Why This Matters:

This reveals whether someone is an absolutist (unrealistic) or strategic (effective). Practical community builders need to navigate existing systems while building beyond them.

Community Application:

Look for strategic anarchists, not purist ones. They can work within systems when necessary without surrendering to them. They're the ones who can actually build regenerative alternatives in a broken world.

6. What Does Engagement Look Like When You're Disengaged From Systems?

The Question:

"You avoid systemic engagement (news, politics) to protect your mental health, yet you're building community alternatives. How do you stay informed without despairing? Where's the line?"

Why This Matters:

Activist burnout is real. Communities built by burnt-out people fail. Communities built by people who protect their own energy endure. This question reveals someone's self-care and boundary wisdom.

Community Application:

Look for people who've resolved the burnout question. They'll bring sustainable energy to community work, not depleted crisis-mode.

7. How Is Your Spiritual Practice Connected to Your Political Engagement?

The Question:

"How is your daily meditation/prayer practice connected to your work building alternatives? Is spirituality personal renewal or collective transformation? Can it be both?"

Why This Matters:

This reveals whether someone sees spirituality as escape or as fuel for action. Healthy community integrates both contemplation and action.

Community Application:

Look for people whose inner practice feeds outer work. They won't be activists without grounding or contemplatives without engagement. They'll bring both.

SECTION VI: RICHARD TARNAS'S ARCHETYPAL FRAMEWORK

What Tarnas Contributes

Richard Tarnas's work establishes that:

1. **Archetypal patterns are real structural principles**, not merely psychological projections
2. **These patterns repeat across individual lives, cultures, and history** in recognizable ways
3. **Consciousness of pattern is liberating**, not deterministic—allows working *with* forces rather than being unconsciously possessed by them
4. **Synchronicity and meaning are real dimensions** of experience, not delusion
5. **Individual lives participate in collective evolution**—personal patterns are never only personal

Why This Matters for Community Building:

When you understand that your individual journey is **archetypal** (shared by many), you stop feeling isolated. You recognize: *Other people are on the same pattern. We're not alone in this. We can find each other.*

The Core Archetypal Pattern: The Prodigal Sage

This person embodies a recognizable archetypal pattern. **Many others are embodying the same pattern.**

The Three-Part Structure:

Archetype	What It Represents	In This Life
The Prodigal	Fall from grace; disillusionment with inherited systems; wilderness journey; return to truth	Fall from inherited faith → recognition of false systems → return to natural law/divine alignment
The Sage	Seeker of truth; bearer of hard-won wisdom; one who sees through illusion	Recognition that "mass adoption is not knowledge"; deep questioning; commitment to seeing clearly
The Guide	One who helps others through their own initiations; wounded healer; elder	Explicitly stated mission: "open gates for others to follow"; mentoring; teaching

The Archetypal Journey:

This person moves through phases:

1. **Innocence** (inherited systems)
2. **The Fall** (disillusionment)
3. **Wilderness** (healing, questioning)
4. **Awakening** (clarity of calling)
5. **Emergence** (building alternatives)
6. **Elderhood** (transmitting wisdom)

This is not personal biography—it's an archetypal pattern. Many people are at different stages of this same journey.

Who's at each stage right now?

- **Innocence** — Most people (unconscious)
 - **The Fall** — Growing number as systems fail (aware something's wrong)
 - **Wilderness** — People in therapy, spiritual practice, deep questioning (healing work)
 - **Awakening** — Those emerging from wilderness with clarity (rare; ~5% of population)
 - **Emergence** — Those actively building alternatives (your core community)
 - **Elderhood** — Older people transmitting wisdom (your mentors and elders)
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Tarnas's Planetary Archetypes Active in This Life

Tarnas associates archetypal forces with planetary themes. These are **not astrological predictions—they're psychological/spiritual patterns.**

Saturn: The Teacher Through Limitation

What It Represents:

Time, boundaries, discipline, mortality, responsibility, the initiatory teacher

In This Life:

- Time is precious ("Will I finish my work before I die?")
- Discipline and daily practice are foundational
- Recognition that limits are teachers, not enemies
- Teaching emerging through integrated suffering

Gift: Wisdom earned through acceptance of limits

Task: Integrate mortality as making life meaningful

For Community Building:

Look for people who've done Saturn's work. They:

- Accept that one person can't do everything
 - Work within real constraints (time, resources, energy)
 - Build sustainable practices (not crisis-mode forever)
 - Teach from real experience, not theory
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Chiron: The Wounded Healer

What It Represents:

The unhealable wound that becomes medicine; shamanic initiation; authority from underworld travel

In This Life:

- Extensive trauma + extensive healing work = capacity to guide others
- Path itself is the teaching
- Transformation of wounding into purpose without denying pain

Gift: Authority earned through walking the underworld

Task: Make the wound available as medicine to others

For Community Building:

Look for people who've done Chiron's work. They:

- Can hold others' pain without being destroyed by it
 - Bring real healing capacity (not theoretical)
 - Don't perform false wholeness
 - Can guide others through darkness with credibility
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Pluto: Death, Rebirth, Power, Transformation**What It Represents:**

Cycles of dissolution and renewal; alchemy; transformation at deep levels; power

In This Life:

- Repeated pattern: fall into false system → awakening → rebuild (at deeper level each time)
- Not failure; it's initiation
- Capacity for radical transformation

Gift: Can face psychological/spiritual death and rebirth without being destroyed

Task: Use power without domination

For Community Building:

Look for people who've done Pluto's work. They:

- Can help others through their own deaths/rebirths
 - Hold power without dominating
 - Can transform crisis into growth
 - Guide collective initiations
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Jupiter: Expansion, Meaning, Grace

What It Represents:

Meaning-making, blessing, synchronicity, expansion, grace, philosophical clarity

In This Life:

- Clear sense of calling (not imposed externally)
- Meaningful synchronicities (right people/resources appearing)
- Natural teaching ability
- Sense of support from something larger

Gift: Ability to help others find meaning; recognizes and aligns with synchronicity

Task: Balance expansion with rootedness; avoid inflation

For Community Building:

Look for people blessed with Jupiter. They:

- Attract resources and collaborators
 - Can articulate vision clearly
 - Experience synchronicity (sign of alignment)
 - Bring optimism grounded in real success
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The Saturn-Chiron-Pluto Conjunction

When these three forces work together, they create **the archetypal pattern of initiation through suffering that produces guides and healers.**

What This Combination Creates:

- People who can hold both depth and practicality
- Leaders who've been broken and reformed (most trustworthy)
- Guides who've walked the underworld
- Teachers who teach from lived experience
- Elders who can mentor others through their own dark nights

Who Has This Combination?

People aged 45-70 who've:

1. Experienced significant crisis/rupture
2. Done intensive healing work
3. Emerged with clear purpose
4. Are now guiding others

These are your core community builders. Find them.

Collective Participation: Individual Pattern as Collective Pattern

Tarnas's Central Insight: Individual lives never function only individually. They participate in collective cycles.

What's Happening Collectively Right Now:

We're in a **collective initiation**:

- **Collective Crisis:** Institutional systems failing (religious, governmental, economic, ecological)
- **Collective Wilderness:** Confusion, questioning, searching for alternatives
- **Collective Awakening:** Growing recognition of what's real (natural law, interconnection, regeneration)
- **Collective Emergence:** Many individuals building regenerative alternatives simultaneously

This is not coordinated—it's archetypal. Many people are having the same realization independently: *We need to return to what's real. We need to build community. We need to live differently.*

What This Means for Community Building:

You're not creating community from scratch. You're **recognizing and gathering people already on the same archetypal journey**. They're scattered geographically but moving toward the same destination.

Your task: Find them. Recognize the pattern. Build containers for them to gather.

Synchronicity as Community Signal

Tarnas argues that **synchronicity is real**—meaningful coincidences that indicate alignment.

In This Context:

If you're:

- Building a community
- Articulating this vision
- Living this pattern authentically

You'll experience **clustering of synchronicities**:

- Right people appearing at right moments
- Resources manifesting
- Timing aligning
- Sense of being supported by something larger

This is not luck. It's alignment. When many individuals who are on the same archetypal journey come into proximity, synchronicity accelerates.

For Community Building:

- Notice the synchronicities
 - Trust them as navigation signals
 - Act on them
 - Recognize them as confirmation of authentic direction
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SECTION VII: FUTURE TURNING POINTS

This person will face specific archetypal turning points in the next 5-10 years.

Others on the same path will face similar turning points. Understanding these helps you:

1. Recognize which turning points others are at
 2. Know what's likely coming (and prepare)
 3. Understand that struggle is initiatory, not failure
 4. Support each other through necessary transitions
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TURNING POINT 1: The Relational Reckoning (Next 1-2 Years)

What This Is:

A confrontation with isolation and the necessity of genuine partnership.

Why It's Coming:

- Current isolation can't sustain large-scale work
- Community-building requires vulnerability
- North Node (soul direction) points toward relational deepening
- Solitude becomes loneliness if not integrated

The Initiatory Question: “Can I do this work with others, not alone? Am I willing to be vulnerable in partnership?”

Possible Forms:

- Co-founder conflicts requiring genuine negotiation
- Romantic or deep friendship offering demanding vulnerability
- Community initiative failing because attempted solo
- Health crisis revealing isolation costs
- Spiritual guide appearing, challenging independence

The Teaching:

- **Saturn:** Limit of what one person can do
- **Chiron:** Healing happens in relationship
- **North Node:** Purpose includes *being in community*

Integration Path:

1. Actively seek deep partnership (don't wait)
2. Practice vulnerability with at least one person
3. Test non-hierarchy philosophy in actual partnership
4. Allow others to lead in their domains
5. Build chosen family intentionally

For Community Builders:

- This turning point will hit many core people simultaneously
- Support each other through relational deepening
- Create structures that help people practice healthy partnership
- Recognize that vulnerability is strength, not weakness

TURNING POINT 2: The Integrity Test with Power (Years 2-3)

What This Is:

A situation where values and power come into direct conflict. The choice: remain pure/small or scale/compromise.

Why It's Coming:

- Work is succeeding; community is growing
- Success attracts resources and followers
- With resources and followers comes subtle corruption

The Initiatory Question: *“Can I use power without being corrupted by it? Can I scale without losing integrity?”*

Possible Forms:

- Funding offered with strings attached
- People treating the founder as enlightened/guru-like
- Community disagreement forcing choice between hierarchy and genuine power-sharing
- Opportunity to acquire significant land (own or hold in commons?)
- Media/publishing platform offered (serve or inflate?)

The Teaching:

- **Pluto:** Can power be held without domination?
- **Saturn:** Integrity means not taking shortcuts
- **Mars:** Real strength is refusing easy power

Integration Path:

1. Articulate clear non-negotiables (what you absolutely won't do)
2. Create accountability structures (mentor, council, transparency)
3. Test decisions against core calling: “Does this open gates or close them?”
4. Stay small when needed (refuse opportunities requiring compromise)
5. Trust that serving authentically is enough

For Community Builders:

- This turning point will be the test of your community's non-hierarchical philosophy
- Support each other in refusing corrupt power
- Create cultures that actively resist hierarchy
- Build accountability into structures from the start

TURNING POINT 3: The Bioregion Reality Check (Years 3-5)

What This Is:

Deep confrontation with gap between vision and ecological/political reality.

Why It's Coming:

- Knowledge of specific place is limited
- Indigenous communities may resist or have different visions

- Regeneration takes decades, not years
- Politics is more complex than anarchist philosophy accounts for

The Initiatory Question: *"How do I serve what's actually needed here, rather than imposing what I envision?"*

Possible Forms:

- Land restoration takes 10+ years; patience required
- Indigenous conflicts requiring real partnership (not leadership)
- Development pressure making efforts feel insignificant
- Political obstacles requiring strategic engagement
- Ecological surprises (climate events, invasive species)
- Competing visions (indigenous vs. regenerative vs. libertarian vs. spiritual)

The Teaching:

- **Saturn:** Realism about what's possible
- **Chiron:** Humility as medicine
- **Pluto:** May need to let go of original vision

Integration Path:

1. Deepen bioregional knowledge (years of study)
2. Partner genuinely with indigenous communities (follow, not lead)
3. Accept slower timescales (regeneration is 20-50 year work)
4. Engage strategically with systems (use politics, not avoid it)
5. Adapt vision based on what's working (empiricism, not ideology)

For Community Builders:

- This turning point hits when you hit reality
- Support each other through disillusionment with original vision
- Celebrate adaptation (not failure)
- Build relationships with indigenous communities from the start
- Play long game (50-year thinking, not 5-year)

TURNING POINT 4: The Mortality Integration (Years 5-7)

What This Is:

Deep awareness of personal finitude. At mid-50s approaching late-50s/early-60s.

Why It's Coming:

- Natural life cycle (Saturn second return ~58)

- His own question: "Will I finish my work before I die?"
- Recognition that one person cannot do everything

The Initiatory Question: *"What's my actual legacy? What must I let others finish? Am I living as if dying?"*

Possible Forms:

- Health challenges or close calls
- Need to complete unfinished relationships (especially estranged family)
- Recognition of succession—what gets passed on?
- What work am I willing to let go?
- What's worth preserving in my life/work?

The Teaching:

- **Saturn:** Death is the ultimate teacher
- **Chiron:** Mortality makes everything sacred
- **Pluto:** Letting go of immortality fantasies

Integration Path:

1. Create genuine will (spiritual, not just legal)
2. Complete unfinished relationships
3. Mentor explicitly (name successors, transfer knowledge while alive)
4. Simplify (focus on what matters most)
5. Live as if dying (daily practices reflecting mortality)

For Community Builders:

- This turning point creates elders
- Support each other in mortality acceptance
- Create succession structures before you need them
- Recognize that mentor work becomes primary
- Build communities that can outlast founders

TURNING POINT 5: The Collective Reckoning (Years 7-10)

What This Is:

Confrontation with larger collective forces that can't be controlled—climate acceleration, political collapse, economic disruption.

Why It's Coming:

- Bioregion work exists within larger breaking-down systems

- Climate change accelerating (especially in vulnerable regions)
- Political instability increasing
- Economic disruption likely
- Migration pressures intensifying

The Initiatory Question: *"How do I help humanity navigate collective transformation, not prevent it?"*

Possible Forms:

- Climate crisis hits (hurricanes, drought, heat in bioregion)
- Political instability forces decisions (leave? adapt? resist?)
- Economic collapse (inflation, debt crisis, currency failure)
- Mass migration (refugees, climate displacement)
- Spiritual crisis (efforts seem insignificant against larger forces)

The Teaching:

- **Pluto:** Collective death/rebirth can't be controlled
- **Saturn:** Not responsible for whole; do your part
- **North Node:** Purpose is helping through transition, not preventing collapse

Integration Path:

1. Shift from prevention to adaptation
2. Build resilience communities (can weather disruption)
3. Become elder to collective initiation
4. Hold both/and (grieve what's lost AND work toward regeneration)
5. Trust human resilience

For Community Builders:

- This turning point forces collective maturity
- Communities that have done prior integration work will adapt
- Build adaptive capacity from the start
- Create redundancy and resilience into structures
- Prepare psychologically for larger changes

SECTION VIII: COMMUNITY BUILDING WITH THIS PATTERN

Who This Person Is In Community Context

This person is:

- A **Guide** (helps others through their own initiations)
- A **Builder** (creates regenerative alternatives)
- An **Elder-in-training** (transmitting wisdom)
- A **Wounded Healer** (brings authority from underworld travel)
- An **Awakened Pilgrim** (models the return to what's real)

What Kind of Community This Person Builds

Based on their values, calling, and archetypal pattern, they're drawn to communities that are:

Characteristic	Why	Result
Non-hierarchical	Core value is freedom from domination	Communities where power is distributed, not concentrated
Regenerative	Believes natural law heals what's broken	Focus on restoration, not just sustainability
Rooted in Place	Committed to specific bioregion	Long-term, place-based, not extractive
Spiritually grounded but not dogmatic	Values direct experience, rejects institutions	Sacred community without coercion
Practical and visionary	Holds both idealism and realism	Builds what's actually possible, not just what's ideal
Relational and repair-oriented	Believes in redemption and restoration	Focuses on healing and reconciliation
Autonomous within commitment	Values both individual freedom and collective purpose	Voluntary association for shared mission

The Three Circles of Community

This person operates at three levels simultaneously:

Circle 1: Core Team (3-7 people)

Who: Others who share all five core belief pillars + have done deep inner work

Role: Co-leaders, co-creators, trusted council

What they do together: Strategic direction, difficult decisions, mutual support through turning points

Circle 2: Active Community (20-100 people)

Who: People who share primary values + are actively building

Role: Practitioners, teachers, builders

What they do: Daily work of implementing, teaching, learning together

Circle 3: Extended Network (100-1000+ people)

Who: People interested in the pattern; various stages of the journey

Role: Learners, supporters, participants, sometimes helpers

What they do: Learning, contributing when able, modeling for others

How to Build This Community Intentionally

Step 1: Articulate the Pattern Clearly

- Write down the five core belief pillars
- Describe the life arc (Fall → Wilderness → Awakening → Building)
- Explain the value hierarchy
- Share the philosophical constellation
- This helps people recognize themselves

Step 2: Create Recognition Mechanisms

- Use the integration questions as interview/conversation tools
- Ask about their journey (are they in Wilderness? Awakening? Building?)
- Look for people who hold paradox, not perfection
- Find the Saturn-Chiron-Pluto conjunction people (your core)

Step 3: Build Intentional Structures

- Start small (3-7 core people)
- Create accountability (mentor, council, transparency)
- Build decision-making that's actually non-hierarchical (not just claiming it)
- Create regular practices (meetings, rituals, learning circles)

Step 4: Scale Carefully

- Expand to active community (20-100) only when core is solid
- Maintain quality of relationship as you grow

- Don't let efficiency kill depth
- Remember: small, sustained communities outlast large, chaotic ones

Step 5: Create Containers for Turning Points

- Recognize that many people will face Turning Points 1-5
 - Create support structures for relational reckoning
 - Help people hold integrity during power tests
 - Support adaptation during reality checks
 - Mentor people through mortality integration
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SECTION IX: FINDING YOUR PEOPLE

Who Are You Looking For?

Use this checklist to identify potential core community members:

Minimum Criteria (Someone is core community material if they have):

- Supreme values aligned (alignment + integrity + autonomy)
- Done significant inner work (healing, therapy, spiritual practice)
- Clear sense of calling (not just wandering)
- Comfortable with paradox (not demanding perfection)
- Ecological/spiritual consciousness awakened
- Libertarian anarchist sensibility (or willingness to learn)
- Committed to both inner and outer work
- Experienced at least two of the life phases (Fall, Wilderness, Awakening)

Green Flags for Community Builders:

- Been through crisis and emerged stronger
- Can articulate why their old life didn't work
- Have practical skills + spiritual depth
- Teaching from lived experience
- Willing to be vulnerable about mistakes
- Already building or creating something
- Have mentors and are becoming mentors
- Age 40-70 (experienced enough; still energy/vitality)

Red Flags (Avoid these in core team):

- Still in Innocence phase (unconscious of systems)

- 🚩 Demanding ideological purity
 - 🚩 Hasn't done personal healing work
 - 🚩 Prioritizes status/wealth/recognition
 - 🚩 Can't hold paradox (wants everything resolved)
 - 🚩 Exploitative or using community for personal gain
 - 🚩 Charismatic but not grounded (guru energy)
 - 🚩 All talk, no action (no track record of building)
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Where to Find Your People

They're likely already:

- In permaculture/regenerative agriculture networks
- In contemplative/meditation communities
- In intentional communities or co-housing
- In anarchist/mutual aid networks
- In healing/therapy work (as practitioners)
- In environmental organizations (especially grassroots)
- In interfaith spiritual communities
- Running small social enterprises
- Starting community initiatives in their regions
- Teaching or mentoring others

How to Find Them:

1. **Live your values publicly** — People recognize themselves in authentic others
 2. **Speak the pattern** — Articulate what you see; others with same pattern recognize it
 3. **Use networks** — Ask trusted people: "Who do you know who's doing this work?"
 4. **Create containers** — Start a reading group, retreat, learning circle; the right people will come
 5. **Network at transitions** — Permaculture courses, spiritual retreats, conferences —places where people are shifting
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How to Approach Potential Community Members

Don't recruit. Recognize.

Approach someone with:

- "I notice you seem to be on a similar journey. I'm exploring community with others who've had similar awakenings. Would you be interested in exploring this together?"
- Not: "Join my community/movement"
- But: "I see the pattern you're living. Let's see if we can recognize each other"

This works because:

- It's honest (not manipulative)
 - It honors their autonomy
 - It's invitation, not demand
 - It creates authentic connection
 - It respects their journey
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SECTION X: BUILDING THE REGENERATIVE ARCHETYPE NETWORK

What's Emerging Collectively

Many individuals are living the Prodigal Sage pattern independently:

- Leaving institutions
- Doing healing work
- Awakening to what's real
- Building regenerative alternatives
- Becoming guides for others

You're not creating something new. You're recognizing and gathering something that's already emerging.

The Network Structure

Rather than one centralized community, imagine:

A network of nodes:

- Each node: 3-7 core people + 20-100 active community + 100-1000 extended network
- Each node operates autonomously (respecting local autonomy)
- Nodes stay connected through:

- Shared values (the five belief pillars)
- Shared framework (the Tarnas archetypal pattern)
- Shared learning (documentation, teachings, insights)
- Mutual support (mentorship, resources, collaboration)
- Regular gatherings (annual or periodic)

This structure:

- Respects libertarian anarchist values (no central authority)
 - Allows local adaptation (each bioregion does it differently)
 - Creates resilience (if one node struggles, others sustain)
 - Maintains quality (small, deep communities over large, shallow ones)
 - Enables learning (insights flow between nodes)
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How Nodes Connect

Through Documentation:

- This mythos card and similar frameworks
- Teaching videos or podcasts
- Written reflections on turning points
- Practical guides for specific work (bioregion regeneration, community organization, etc.)

Through Relationships:

- Mentors who travel between nodes
- Summer gatherings of core people
- Visiting teachers
- Apprenticeships between nodes

Through Mutual Support:

- Sharing resources
- Collaborative projects
- Crisis support (if one node faces difficulty)
- Knowledge sharing

Through Shared Practice:

- Daily practices (meditation, prayer, ritual)
- Seasonal gatherings
- Reading groups
- Learning circles

SECTION XI: TARNAS ON PARTICIPATION IN LARGER EVOLUTION

The Core Insight

From *Cosmos and Psyche*: Individual lives are never only individual. They participate in larger patterns that extend beyond personal biography.

Applied Here:

This person's individual journey—from disillusionment through healing to calling to building community—is **not unique**. It's **archetypal**. Many people are on this same journey.

By recognizing this, you understand:

- You're not alone
- Your struggles are initiatory, not personal failure
- Your work participates in collective awakening
- Others are having the same realizations simultaneously
- Community is possible because the pattern is real and shared

Synchronicity as Community Signal

When meaningful coincidences cluster, Tarnas argues, it indicates **alignment**.

In This Context:

If you're:

- Articulating this pattern
- Living it authentically
- Building community around it

You'll experience synchronicity:

- Right people appearing
- Resources manifesting
- Timing aligning
- Sense of being supported

This is not luck. It's confirmation that you're aligned with something real.

The Larger Story You're Participating In

Collective Context:

We're in a **collective initiation**:

- Old systems are dying (religious, political, economic, ecological)
- Wilderness phase is underway (confusion, searching, loss)
- Awakening is beginning (recognition of what's real)
- Building is emerging (regenerative alternatives)

Your Role:

By building community with others on this pattern, you're:

- Creating containers for collective transformation
- Modeling what regenerative alternatives look like
- Teaching others how to make the same transition
- Building resilience for what's coming
- Participating in humanity's evolution

This is not grandiose. It's honest assessment of what's happening.

SECTION XII: CLOSING REFLECTION

What This Report Is

This is a portrait of an archetypal pattern currently emerging across a specific demographic. It's:

- A mirror for others on the same journey
- A framework for recognizing kindred spirits
- A map for the territory ahead
- An invitation to community

It's **not**:

- Prophecy
 - Doctrine
 - Fixed path
 - Individual biography
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How to Use This Report for Community Building

1. Recognize the Pattern in Yourself

- Do these five core beliefs resonate?
- Are you on this life arc?
- Can you see your own turning points?
- This is your confirmation: you're not alone.

2. Recognize the Pattern in Others

- Who do you know living this same arc?
- Who holds these core values?
- Who's done the inner work and emerged with calling?
- Who can hold paradox and complexity?
- **These are your people.**

3. Create Recognition Mechanisms

- Use the integration questions in conversations
- Ask about their journey (which phase?)
- Listen for the core values
- Notice who's experiencing synchronicity
- Notice who's comfortable with their own contradictions

4. Build Containers for Connection

- Start small (3-7 core people)
- Regular gatherings (weekly, monthly, seasonal)
- Shared practices (meditation, ritual, learning)
- Decision-making structures (actually non-hierarchical)
- Mentorship and guidance for turning points

5. Document and Share

- Write down insights
- Share what's working
- Create teaching materials
- Build knowledge commons
- Help others recognize the pattern

Your Particular Gift

As someone recognizing and gathering people on this pattern, you offer:

- **Recognition:** "You're not alone; others are on this journey"

- **Mapping:** "Here's where you are; here's what's likely coming"
 - **Permission:** "It's okay to leave false systems; it's okay to build alternatives"
 - **Guidance:** "Here are practices that help; here's how others navigated this"
 - **Community:** "Here are your people; let's gather"
 - **Meaning:** "This matters; you're participating in something real"
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The Invitation

Read this report and ask:

1. **Is this my pattern?** (Do the five core beliefs resonate?)
2. **Where am I in the arc?** (Innocence, Fall, Wilderness, Awakening, Building, Elderhood?)
3. **Who shares this pattern?** (Who do you know living this?)
4. **What am I being called to?** (What's your next step?)
5. **How can I be part of gathering people on this journey?** (What role does community play?)

Then:

- Connect with others on the pattern
 - Create recognition structures
 - Build communities intentionally
 - Share what you're learning
 - Trust the synchronicity
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Final Word From Tarnas

"The universe is alive with meaning. Individual consciousness participates in larger patterns. By aligning with these patterns consciously, we participate in cosmic evolution."

You're not creating community from scratch. You're **recognizing and gathering what's already emerging.**

That recognition is your superpower.

End of Report

APPENDIX: HOW TO SHARE THIS REPORT

With Individual Potential Community Members

Share this report and ask:

- "Does this pattern resonate with your journey?"
- "Where do you see yourself in the life arc?"
- "Which of these core values matter most to you?"
- "Have you experienced the turning points described?"

In Your Community Documentation

Use this report as a reference for:

- Explaining your community's values
- Helping people understand their own journey
- Recognizing compatible community members
- Preparing for turning points together
- Teaching about archetypal patterns

In Public Sharing

This report is designed to be shared freely because:

- It protects individual privacy (no identifying information)
- It articulates universal patterns (applicable to many people)
- It invites rather than demands
- It honors both individual and collective dimensions

Share it with:

- Permaculture networks
- Spiritual communities
- Regenerative practitioners
- Intentional community builders
- Anyone seeking to understand why they've left old systems and are building new ones

This report is complete and ready for community building work.