

THE ROAD AHEAD

CURRENT PERSPECTIVE # 43

CURRENT PERSPECTIVE # 43 THE ROAD AHEAD briefly summarizes the last 20 years of E M Risse’s professional career in the field of REgional Strategy. From the vantage point of December 2020 this *CURRENT PERSPECTIVE* also sketches out the content of the next five *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES*.

THE PAST

It required focused observation, effort and recall from 1948 until 2000 to amass the facts and insights necessary for SYNERGY to publish ***THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE: VOL I The Critical, Overarching Impact of Human Settlement Pattern on Citizens’ Economic, Social and Environment Well-Being; VOL II Prospering in 21st Century New Urban Regions.*** (Every word of this and other titles and subtitles in *PERSPECTIVES* are important.)

Ten years later SYNERGY published ***TRILO-G: Foundations, Bridges, Action.*** This volume articulated The ***ESTATES MATRIX*** tracing 700 years of “estate” (ENterprise, AGency, Institution and HouseHold) transformations and ***THE THREE STEP PROCESS*** to create functional and sustainable components of REgional Governance and the related components of Human Settlement Patterns.

These two books are summarized on the *PUBLICATION page* at <https://emrisse.com>. A third volume – ***THE LITTLE BOOK*** – has been completed in draft form. This book profiles the state of Human Settlement Pattern UnderStandings that evolved during the decade from 2010 to 2020.

Starting in May of 2010 a series of over 40 *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES* reflect E M Risse/SYNERGY’s professional practice including attempts to ignite a citizen movement to support Profound Transformations of the Economy and of the Governance Structure.

Starting in June of 2019 the *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES* (Henceforth styled as “CPs”) have focused on the morphed human condition triggered by the Nation-State election of 2016.

Key Reference Resources include: Bill McKibben, *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?* (2019)

In December 2019 CP # 41 *THE TIPPING POINT* documented the end of any factual basis for questioning the existence of Homo Sapien-caused global climate change.

In August 2020 CP # 42 *EXTINCTION* documented 22 HeadWinds facing Humans continuing existence.

WHERE TO FROM HERE? THE PLANNED CURRENT PERSPECTIVES BY E M RISSE / SYNERGY

CP # 44 THE PROFOUND TRANSFORMATIONS

CP # 44 will reinforce the need for The Profound Transformation of:

Governance Structures,

The Economy, and

The Social Safety Net

These Profound Transformations were explored in *THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE* and further articulated in subsequent publications by E M Risse / SYNERGY.

This future CP will start with a summary of the immediate work that needs to be accomplished to repair the damage done over the past four years.

Key Reference Resources include: *Authoritarian Nightmare: Trump and His Followers*, John Dean and Bob Altemeyer (2020)

Next CP #44 will explore priorities that have been on the table for years, decades and centuries.

Key Reference Resources include: Daniel Kemmis, *Citizens Uniting to Restore Our Democracy* (2020)

Finally CP # 44 will focus on the required Profound Transformations that are beyond what is currently found within Overton's Window (the window of common discourse).

CP # 45 THE ANATOMY OF NEW URBAN REGIONS.

Since the publication of *THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE* there have been several inquiries concerning the anatomy of the New URban REgions. Over the past 52 years the SYNERGY practice has focused on the Washington-Baltimore New URban REgion. In this context it has been simple for those with serious interests in New URban REgions to understand the parameters applicable to that REgion.

This short CP will rely on the publication of an illustrative Nation-State wide map that instantly communicate the scope and scale of New URban REgions.

CP # 46 A NEW LOOK AT HUMAN SETTLEMENT PATTERN IN THE URBANSIDE AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

This CP will consider two complementary and comprehensive approaches to functional and sustainable Human Settlement Patterns:

A. One inside the Clear Edge around the Core of New URban REgions – **The UrbanSide** –, and

B. And a second outside the Clear Edge around the Core of New URban REgions – **The Countryside**.

Key Reference Resources include: Chris Smaje, *A Small Farm Future: Making the Case for a Society Built Around LOCAL Economies Self-Provisioning Agricultural Diversity and a Shared Earth* (2020)

CP # 47 AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE SHELTER

CP # 48 AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING MOBILITY AND ACCESS

ON VOCABULARY & CAPITALIZATION.

This NOTE updates both **APPENDIX ONE – LEXICON** and **APPENDIX TWO – CORE CONFUSING WORDS** of *THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE* (2000)

In the evolution of a robust and functional Vocabulary to accurately articulate the complexity of Human Settlement Patterns, SYNERGY / E M Risse avoids the use of several Core Confusing Words and attempts to evolve words, phrases and letter sequences that are intuitively clear in the context used. The Core Confusing words that are avoided include **UNCAPITALIZED** use of the words “city”, “exurban”, “family”, “local”, “rural”, “sprawl”, “suburban” and “urban”.

Capitals are employed for the key elements of the settlement pattern Vocabulary because words that have specific meanings with respect to Human Settlement Patterns must be treated like Proper Nouns to avoid confusion. Within the guidelines of conventional grammar, ENterprises, AGencies and INstitutions are free to employ All Caps, Initial Caps and Interior Caps to differentiate and advertise their products and services. Parents create new Proper Nouns when they become parents.

Why should those trying to UnderStand and articulate the complexity of Human Settlement Patterns be required to rely on confusing words and phrases and arcane rules of grammar?

Due to the fact that Capitalization survives most inter-system translations, Capitalized terms are employed when a specific definition of a word or phrase is intended. ALL CAPS are used for emphasis. This is because *italics*, underlining, **bold**, **color** and **highlighting** are often removed in software translations – e.g. different software used by email providers.

Many words, phrases and letter sequences used in SYNERGY / E M Risse communications, Perspectives and books that APPEAR to exhibit ‘irregular capitalization’ are defined in the GLOSSARY linked from the *RESOURCES* page at <https://emrisse.com>. The evolution continues and some use of Capitalized words have not yet been added to SYNERGY’s on line GLOSSARY. Many of the words used by SYNERGY are defined in *THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE*, APPENDIX ONE – LEXICON, however, these definitions were current when the book was last revised.

In addition to consulting the GLOSSARY, one can Google ‘e m risse’ followed by the word, phrase or letter sequences in question – for example ‘e m risse J / H / S / R / A’ – and find a definition and / or find the word, phrase or letter sequence used in context.

Links are not provided for referenced resources which are out of the control of SYNERGY. References to resources not authored by E M Risse can be located via an Internet search.

An expanded Capitalization strategy has been employed since the publication of CP # 33 (June 2014). In the past, a second capital has been used **WITHIN** compound words with specific meanings (e.g. OpenSpace, SubRegional, etc.) to focus attention on the need to understand the exact meaning of these terms.

As noted in APPENDIX TWO of *THE SHAPE OF THE FUTURE*, there are some confusing words for which there is no good substitute in English. In the past the words Unit, Cluster, Neighborhood, Village, Community and Region (including New URban REgions) have been capitalized. In Current Perspective # 33 and subsequent publications, a double capital is used to start the title of each organic component of human settlement pattern – e.g. UNit, CLuster, NEighborhood, VillAge, COmmunity, REgion. Also additional words will be given Interior Capitals (e.g. HouseHold and SubREgion) as the need arises.

If you do **NOT** find the avoidance of Core Confusing Words and expanded Capitalization to indicate the application of a precisely defined Vocabulary useful to articulate a comprehensive Conceptual Framework for Human Settlement Patterns, you are welcome to create your own Vocabulary system to achieve UnderStAnding in the context of Awareness => Interest => UnderStAnding => Informed Action with respect to Human Settlement Patterns.

However: Do not be deluded and think that you will achieve UnderStAnding much less Informed Action using an inadequate Vocabulary which triggers Unfounded and Conflicting Neural Linguistic Frameworks. These words reflect Disorienting Naive Reality founded on Primitive Genetic Proclivities. See Current Perspective # 24 *Live By / Die By* linked from the *CURRENT PERSPECTIVES* page at <https://emrisse.com>.

NB: Evolving a functional Vocabulary is an ongoing process and feed back is welcomed. Please DO NOT provide blanket negative feedback UNLESS you also provide an alternative strategy to

evolve a functional Vocabulary. The continued use of Core Confusing Words and limited Capitalization of words – especially for the organic components of human settlement – is NOT an acceptable response. Also see ***Millennials Destroyed the Rules of Written English and Created Something Better: The Spelling and Grammar Rules Do Not Apply on The Millennial Internet***, Rachel Thompson, *Mashable* (2 APR 2018).