

## The Vision we need for the Dreams we share

At Tyndall Conference yesterday star speaker Naomi Klein expressed 'movement-building' in terms of stepping up attacks on fossil fuel production/supply rather than consumption/demand. [This would be true also of 350 McKibben, Hansen 'Fee & Dividend' & other similar approaches].

Klein's approach is good and fine and she was fully justified in drawing attention to some of the successes already achieved with the 'divestment' campaign as a part of that broader campaign and the various other adversarial actions alongside [anti-fracking/tar-sands etc.].

However, as some point out, it is fossil-fuel consumption:demand that drives production:supply. Moreover, while this consumption is now almost global, the production is definitely not.

### Fee & Dividend is a tactic; fine but not enough for 'Movement-Building'

That said, the Klein/McKibben/Hansen focus on production amounts to 'tactics', not least because measuring remotely where this is going to go - or *ought to go in action* - is not possible. Moreover, when these tactics are set against the McKibben budget of 154 Gt C or the Hansen Budget of 171 Gt C, to which they are obviously intended to relate, it is simply not possible to see how: -

[a] these tactics tally against the very limited carbon budgets they now say are available [which necessitate very steep emissions reductions]: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/cbat-domains-Hansen-McKibben-Betts/Domains.swf> \*

where *urgency* and *equity* ought to govern *adequacy* [Tyndall Speakers were shockingly ignorant of this] and

[b] they could take all that to UNFCCC with any expectation that the already deeply conflicted negotiators will actually negotiate to action these tactics, let-alone define the goal-focused strategy we need?

The UNFCCC negotiations are already bad enough, indeed they are riven [which all acknowledge]. So pushing yet more tactics there would make those 'negotiations' even worse, about which nothing is said.

Carbon budgets are defined as 'emissions' [consumption:demand] and the sharing of that is defined as C&C: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/cbat-domains/Domains.swf>

In principle this is 'strategy' because it is *predicated on compliance* with the objective of the UNFCCC, in a way that UNFCCC negotiators and 'policy-makers' can numerically see and relate to in terms of UNFCCC-compliance.

So the bottom line is, if supply & demand are to balance subject to the carbon-budget that equals UNFCCC-compliance, then strategy is a framework that in a numerate way, embraces all these tactics.

The tactics will help deliver that strategy, but no strategy means no deal and the tactics with no strategy will become increasingly fraught and futile as the movement fails and the corporate Barbarossa rolls on . . . .

### A C&C-equivalent-deal at the UNFCCC *predicated on compliance*

That said: - we should argue what we're for, above what we're against – in other words equality under the law/[limit] Lincoln/[climate] more than rail against slavery to fossil fuel interests and corrupt governments . . . .

Sell this as "*Truth and Reconciliation*" and as "*Climate Justice without Vengeance*" assumes success not conflict.

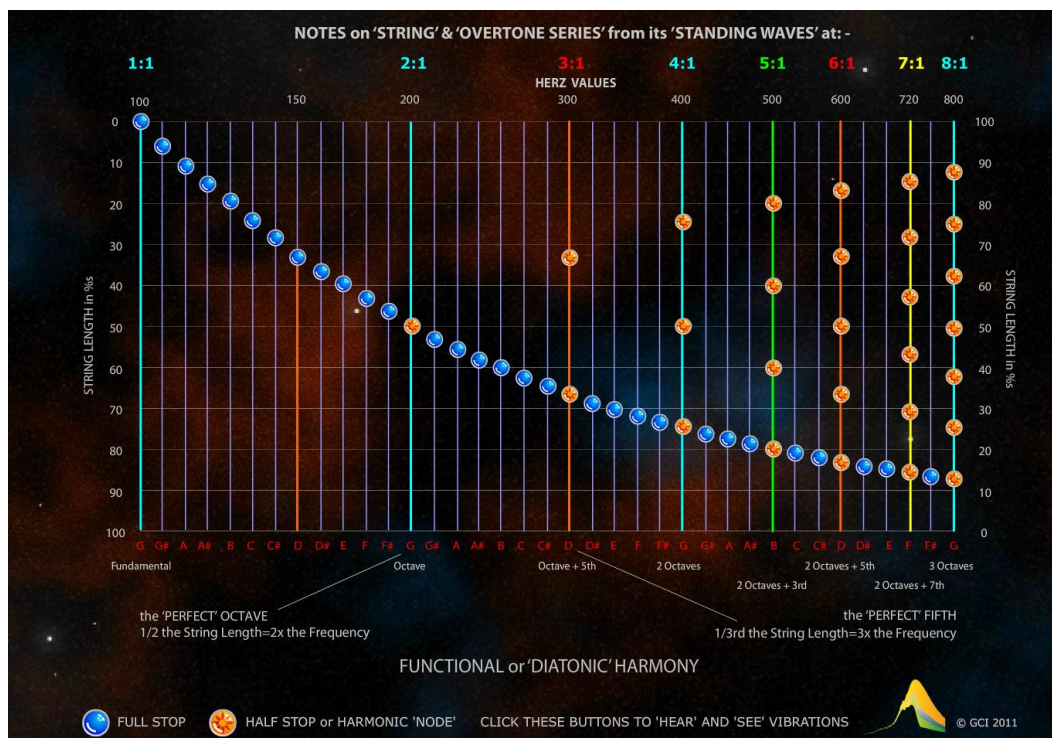
It is naïve to attack the fossil fuel sector and undermine the UNFCCC in the same pass and yet expect to get a 'global justice-based deal' that also protects present indigenous people and all future generations because it will [Despite Tyndall's ignorance] adhere successfully to the Hansen McKibben Carbon Budget of 154/171 Gt C for zero emissions globally by ~2040/45. That is a chaotic, self-deceiving and a hopelessly self-defeating approach.

## A C&C Strategy to govern the tactics & the 'algorithms of avoidance'

Moreover the approach taken at this Tyndall conference by my dear friend of many years Larry Lohman, which pits the 'science-algorithm' against the 'science of solidarity', deepens the false dichotomy that assures conflict, failure and oblivion. This approach was canvassed as many people around the world [justifiably] are saying [a] we did not make this mess so [b] it is not our problem. [a] is profoundly right especially about the indigenous peoples amongst whom he does so much of his brilliant work, while [b] is profoundly wrong. Does anyone think at this stage they will be exempt from the dreadful problems that will come to attend UNFCCC non-compliance?

All the points critiquing the wrecking power of Capital are right and I agree with them. All his points defending exemptions amongst indigenous and local peoples are morally right but situationally and strategically wrong. Like a palindrome, they simply mirror the attitude of many of the very cavalier capitalist interests Lohman rightly derides – but that includes *everyone* who just says this is not *my* problem. The truth is that it is everybody's problem because sooner or later *everybody* is going to get hurt by non-compliance.

Larry and I are both violinists. We've played together [the last time was in the Philippines ~2001]. **The string on the violin we play is the algorithm [half the length, double the frequency] that governs playing together in-tune and in-time.** Yes, in an apparently 'middle-class' way, that just happens also to be error-free as empirically demonstrated and proven by Pythagoras nearly three Millennia ago. Today Stephen Hawking correctly calls it today 'the first law of theoretical physics'. It is not for or against solidarity; it is simply true; a non-ideological algorithm. No person [string-player or not] and no UNFCCC-compliant strategy can avoid this: we all need to become in-tune with each other in time to stop the rate of climate change going out of control - QED.



Touch see and play here: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/animations/vibrating-strings.swf>

The C&C principle which Larry supports [or used to] is based on the algorithm embedded in the stringularity here: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/music.html> It is the source of truth and reconciliation. Though we use it all the time, it is non-anthropogenic and non-anthropomorphic. It is perennial Golden Section and the basis of all Symmetry of which we all are part throughout creation/evolution. Some argued at the conference, we are caught in the trap between Alarmism and Avoidance. This is being caught between 'Dead-Carrots and the River Styx', and just breeds the dissonance of despair and 'algorithms of solidarity' actually feed that as just more 'algorithms of avoidance'.

## The truth & reconciliation of a 'Well-Tempered Climate Accord'.

Truth and reconciliation; Justice without Vengeance; these above all are what we should argue that we are for, as together they are perennial values and the basis of any political strategy for justice and peace that has a hope of success. As with Lincoln and later Mandela and as they both did in working to resolve great conflicts, we should argue this as the '*fundamental constitutional freedom*' of '*equality under the law*'. It ended the US Civil War. It ended the Cold War. It reasonably ended civil strife in South Africa.\*\*

Doing this gives our best chance for avoiding the global wars of climate change that threaten and means that 'truth and reconciliation' are at the heart of becoming compliant with the objective of the UN Climate Treaty; that being so, it makes sense to say so and organize accordingly.

This in turn means keeping within the limit of safe & stable atmospheric GHG concentration. Inevitably and inexorably this limit determines a rapid global contraction of the GHG emissions driving climate changes and the convergent international sharing of that emissions contraction; all this together is the symmetry of C&C. That will not happen by accident and so people can explore this, here it is true at any rates: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/cbat-domains/Domains.swf> [+]

Lincoln and Mandela would project this as 'equality under that limit' as they would assume [rightly] that it is the only sensible basis on which to try to build the global consent needed for UNFCCC-compliance under that limit. It is constitutional & makes projecting the above [+ ] possible.

The imperative of avoiding dangerous rates of climate change means blue-printing and inscribing the C&C principle at the UNFCCC so we are all guided to do enough soon enough to prevent the runaway rates of change that otherwise ensue to engulf us, because of doing too-little too-late assisted by the burgeoning complexity of more and more unresolvable argument.

It is a way of calling the cards of those who continue to ignore and/or justify [for whatever reason] the de facto economics-of-genocide that underpins doing too-little-too-late. More tactics with more of the 'Algorithms of Avoidance' will not achieve this. At best they will achieve emission control rates that are too-little too-late and many will say why bother at all.

That means rationalizing and presenting rates of C&C in a unifying and transparent way so negotiators can do their job – organize for UNFCCC-compliance [and specifically *not disorganize* for *yet more avoidance*]: - <http://www.gci.org.uk/cbat-domains/Domains.swf>

## The Vision we need for the Dreams we share.

Of course it also means we should argue, organize and act against what we are against as much as what we are for. Of course fossil fuels need to be left in the ground and conversion to renewables for ecological recovery and tactics to that end are needed and are vital. They do not hinder; indeed they justify the need and also help the realization of the C&C strategy that demonstrates as well as consolidates UNFCCC-Compliance.

Since tactics without a strategy is just more blind man's bluff, we really should link, integrate and argue them together as, '*the vision we need for the dreams we share*'.

Like that a C&C strategy can help bring about the "*Truth and Reconciliation*" that achieves UNFCCC-compliance at rates that are enough, soon enough. We should argue this as Mandela would have, as "*Climate Justice without Vengeance*".

\* The 'Budget Clocks' [etc] on this still default to CBAT Basic – they are being re-set

\*\* Even though this is work in progress, the Aspinall-Goldsmith in the 1980's approach may have supported indigenously defined Inkatha and not the ANC, but it actually fed the PAC.