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Country, Loser, Looks, Views, Winner, Inspiring, Rights, Strong, Life,
Responsibility, Politician, Principles

If there is to be a human future, we must bring ourselves into balanced relationship with one another and the Earth.

~David Korten

The professional study of economics has become ideological brainwashing. It is a defense of the excesses of the capitalist system.

~David Korten

Wall Street sees a social fabric or social contract as inefficiencies, which need to be removed.

~David Korten

In the US, most progressives start to see the differences between internationalism and economic globalization.

~David Korten

Capitalism and the market are presented as synonymous, but they are not. Capitalism is both the enemy of the market and democracy.

~David Korten

More humane societies are usually smaller, like the Scandinavian countries and Holland, where it is much easier to reach consensus and cooperation.

~David Korten

Money is a mechanism for control.

~David Korten

As long as you have a system that is based on the rational that if you are making money you are thereby making a contribution to society, these financial rogue practices will continue.

~David Korten

If you look internationally over the last 50 years there have been

improvements in the third world, but in the last 20 years the reverse has happened, with debt crises and increased poverty.

~David Korten

We can have democracy and a prosperous, just, and sustainable human future. Or we can have corporate rule. We cannot have both.

~David Korten

There is a huge shift taking place in the global awareness in the last 5 years with strong views about globalization and the power structures of major corporations.

~David Korten

I think one of the most important skills of a local organizer of a local economy is an ability to put on a terrific street party.

~David Korten

So, there is enormous instability in the global economy with a shift of winners and losers.

~David Korten

Money is not wealth. Money is a claim on wealth.

~David Korten

There are actually very few US politicians who have integrity and vision.

~David Korten

But we can also take the radical view that the test of an economy has to do with the extent to which it is providing everybody with a decent means of living.

~David Korten

Moreover, statistics can be deceiving: the growth of jobs in the US in

the 90s was due to many part-time jobs, with no benefits and generally low pay.

~David Korten

We should be moving toward local currencies not global or European currencies.

~David Korten

Global competition is about winners and losers.

~David Korten

There is no visible sign that the current politicians in the US are willing to see the need for change.

~David Korten

Europeans say they are proud of their social fabric, of strong rights for workers and the weak in society.

~David Korten

If you look at the US economy over the last 15-20 years wages have been stagnating or even declining.

~David Korten

It is interesting to note that the 200 richest people have more assets than the 2 billion poorest.

~David Korten

Capitalism has defeated communism. It is now well on its way to defeating democracy.

~David Korten

Our global economy is out of control and performing contrary to basic principles of market economics.

~David Korten

As an economy measures performance in terms of the creation of money, people become a major source of inefficiency. ~David Korten	

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