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### **The problems with venus projects Worlds Resources survey**

The Venus Project claims that we need to conduct a survey of all the worlds resources, now while the technology to scan into the depths of the earth exists, this will prove to be a hugely difficult, immense and highly coordinated task.

The idea that we can know what resources we have available at any one time and where they are located would be useful, but there is a side to this which I feel the project has not considered. Consider the following points:

**First:** they do not have the availability of researchers and field tools to carry out the survey themselves, therefore the venus project is reliant on any data made available to the public, this means they are reliant on the potentially out of date or flawed data. The only realistic survey this group can conduct is searching

**through public domain resource maps and data.**

**Second: the surveys that are currently being conducted are by multi national conglomerates with special interests in the field of resource capitalisation, this data uncovered is unlikely to be made available to the general public without a fee or a delay. The possibility that these companies will freely hand over this lucrative and much sought after information to the venus project is minimal to none.**

**Third: should the venus project manage to glean any information on resources then this information will be stored in their data banks, made public and then will simply be available for other multi national companies to capitalise on it should they wish, and can the venus project stop them ?**

**Fourth: should they pull the survey off, what resources are they looking for, and do they have contingencies for what they may need as resources in the future? could it be they have no idea what the future holds therefore the database will only be a limited one of certain resources, not everything necessary.**

**Fifth: what if the resources are held by national companies or countries who wish to maintain ownership regardless, or wish to keep their resources hidden and protected, these may be essential resources, this basically pulls the entire resource based economy down in one action, this is also a potential for economic hi-jacking or resource based terrorism.**

**Sixth: if you are attempting to spread equal wealth and allow everyone to reach the same equity level, is there a possibility that using all the earths resources may put strain on and have an adverse effect upon the earths ecological system?**

**Perhaps these are valid points to consider ?**

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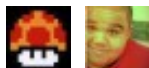
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1. This is so true. the fact is that the entire validity of the venus project rests on one single claim. and that is that there ARE enough resources for everyone to live a very good life. and that there ARE enough resources in the world that can be sustained so every organism can live on this earth in harmony.

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And their only response is that it is logical to assume that their claims are correct. well im sorry but logic isnt reality, or at least not all the time. if i make up something in my head right now and say its true because i feel that it seems logical that doesnt actually give it any meaning whatsoever.

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logan



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2. Buckminster Fuller proposed a similar idea with his “World Game,” which to the best of my knowledge hasn’t led to anything anything useful:

[http://www.bfi.org/our\\_programs/who\\_is\\_buckminster\\_fuller/design\\_science/world\\_game/introduction\\_to\\_buckminster\\_fullers\\_world\\_game](http://www.bfi.org/our_programs/who_is_buckminster_fuller/design_science/world_game/introduction_to_buckminster_fullers_world_game)



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- Good then I am right in stating that there are problems with this idea, and there are sensible reasons why it has not come about in reality, it will have major problems and stumbling blocks.

Jacque claims Bucky was a ‘friend’ of his and interestingly enough his work also appears to plagiarise Bucky’s previous ideas too.



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3. Okay, these a very good points to consider. As I was reading this I couldn’t help but remember what Roxanne Meadows said. She said that for everyone to start making a Resource Based Economy a reality, the amount of scientists and technicians they would need would be up to 7,000 folks – I’m paraphrasing. That even sounds realistic to me. But imagine if they did get those numbers. If they did that, I’m sure they could somehow form a petition to be able to get access to see how much resources we have on this planet, as long as they ask for humanitarian reasons and pointed out that they only want to see how much resources there and propose a plan to help spread the extra resources that are not in use to communities that are in poverty. If they just ask, it would make them suspicious from those looking at the Zeitgeist Movement outside. But as far as opening doors, I’m sure the Freedom of Information Act can help to an extent. And of course there would be many many steps to get to that point, but it does seem impossible to do after considering the points. A massive collaboration would be needed for this project, but offline of course. But how many scientists/technicians do they have now? Well, they got Douglass Malette from NASA.

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/v-radio/2010/03/15/a-nasa-engineer-for-the-venus-project>

But anyways, if Jacque Fresco is against space exploration, then is this guy useful at all? TZM to me just seems to be showboating him only for his credentials. Which is funny on many levels.

But any ways, back to their plan – if this was their goal, I would expect them to start sending activists out to colleges to reach to professors, go to seminars and reach out to scientists and so on. I guess this will be projects that happen with independent ones. Maybe this is where RBEF steps in.

As far as spreading the wealth goes, that wealth would have to be the resource that are not in use. And I think it would be smarter to figure out how to produce more for those in need of food and water. As far as resources to reproduce, these resources would have to fall in the category for what to use to make buildings and homes with. But this whole idea would have to be open-source so people can see what resources are

being collected (data-wise) so that other people can tell others what other resources should be checked and why those resources would be considered important in the first place. If someone is searching for something that is rare — like rare minerals — most likely corruption would come out of that. Because what is considered rare in the monetary system can make you bucks, therefore pointing out that the person looking for non-important things doesn't really care about the planet or the people living on it. But this idea alone sounds like something that should happen in a transitional sense, something that can't happen now.

Just thinking.

I was just reading the World Game idea from Bucky there and noticed how he said we need to system's approach, it certainly sounds like the way Jacque Fresco and Peter Joseph talk. It makes you wonder. It reminds of reading the eBook (Designing The Future) by Jacque Fresco and Roxanne Meadows – go to page 6 and you'll see what I mean.



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4. “This is so true. the fact is that the entire validity of the venus project rests on one single claim. and that is that there ARE enough resources for everyone to live a very good life.”

I managed to involve a dozen post grad students in such a survey back now almost 20 years ago. Our conclusion was that even assuming the least amounts of resources that there probably are, the carrying capacity of the planet would be in quadrillions of persons.

Several resources stuck out as impossible however, as they would run out. Including fossil fuels and nuclear fissible materials.

The best point to make about this survey is that its a four day long game the way i played it, but that required having an expert in 5 different subjects actually present and working.

The question I would ask the venus project is, whats so hard, and why haven't they done this already?

How is it that I managed to talk a dozen post grad students into playing with me, whilst they have been suggesting this but incompetent to implement it for ...? how long?

3 years if we start with PJ... 20 or 50 years i guess if we start with Jaques.

Anti cultist is right about the core problem being that its very hard to get a fix on the actual resources and so they have to be estimated.

Having two post grad geologists and a post grad ecologist handy

sure helps you pin down reasonable estimates.

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5. “As far as spreading the wealth goes, that wealth would have to be the resource that are not in use. “

no, the flaw of the current system is that it wastes all of the resources in assorted ways to prevent them from being used for egalitarian purposes.

In fact you can't even systemically claim such resources are being “used,” they are being shuffled and abused to prevent them from being used.



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I get what you are saying. Okay.



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6. I'm a proponent of the Venus Project and although I try learning about it through the Zeitgeist Movement, sites like this blog and conspiracyscience.org have confirmed my thoughts that promoting these ideas through zeitgeist websites is a waste of time. I can shed some light on how this global resource survey would be undertaken. Fresco talks about how this survey would be conducted once the Venus Project is socially acceptable. The idea is that nations and corporations would not be self-interested and everyone would cooperate, so that's not something to worry about. Unless this happens, though, a resource based economy couldn't exist anyways...

Your concerns about what people will do if the resources do indeed to be scarce are the most important to me. Fresco asserts that there's abundance for electrical energy, so there must be abundance for all resources like water and minerals and yada yada...but this is a leap of faith. Whenever I bring this up with folks at the local Zeitgeist chapter, they respond with "we won't know what resources there are until a complete global survey is conducted" which is code for "heck if I know."



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- Agreed the whole leap of faith and assumptions everything is perfect or will be perfect not only scares me it makes me doubt their knowledge completely.

How can one assume everything will be fine before we get there, and implement a worldwide change based on its conjecture ?

To me it seems delusional and misguided, as well as completely unscientific.



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7. While I agree that the whole leap of faith thing is a worrying idea, the real question we should be considering is whether this economic system would be able to manage and distribute the available resources \*better\* than the current capitalist system. Sure, there may not be enough resources to maintain a truly abundant lifestyle for everyone, but we need to consider whether it may not be better than what we've got at the moment.

At any rate, The Venus Project is a theory just like any other and deserves intense skepticism until questions like these can be answered by the proponents.



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