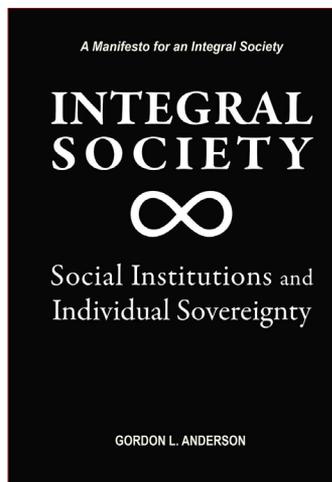


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- How the rise of social institutions since the founding of the United States have threatened individual sovereignty, self-sufficiency, and human rights.
- The relationship between human nature and the nature of social institutions.
- How social institutions belong to different social levels and spheres, and why they must be kept in their place.
- The importance of institutional culture and values.
- How social institutions created to serve individuals end up exploiting them.
- How government/bank cabals cause money to be taken from the working class by financial and government elites.
- How a functional and happy society requires a large middle class and opportunity for upward social mobility.
- How political parties hijacked the legislative process to distribute money from the treasury to donors.
- The importance of integrating traditional, modern, and post-modern knowledge in the search for truth.
- The personal practice of virtues can be promoted to strengthen our collective civic virtue.
- A Declaration of Integral Society builds on the U.S. Declaration of Independence.
- A Constitution for an Integral Society that limits the misuse of social institutions and institutional power and money.



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He worked with the late Nicholas N. Kittrie, Edward Mooers Professor of Law Emeritus at American University on books related to constitutional and criminal law and peace studies. He collaborated with Professor Don Trubshaw in the Department of Business at Nottingham Trent University on the publication of Institutional Value Theory and the resiliency of social institutions. Dr. Norman G. Kurland, President Center for Economic and Social Justice, contributed to his knowledge of binary economics and the just distribution of capital.

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This book is a manifesto for an integral society in which sovereign individuals are served by social institutions, not exploited by them. Banking and investment firm cabals have engaged in unchecked forms of theft that distribute “new money” to wealthy elites and governments. Social institutions have a valuable place in an integral society, but they must be kept to their mission, sphere, and level of society. This book is about creating social institutions and a constitution for sovereign individuals to pursue life, liberty, and happiness in a sustainable world.

In *Integral Society* Gordon Anderson argues that there is a purpose to human history which is the realization of free and resilient individuals in societies coordinated by institutions of which they are masters not slaves. The author sees this as glimpsed at key moments in the past and within our grasp today to make a permanent state if we but have the courage to face down the systemic evils in our midst.—Don Trubshaw, lecturer in Business Ethics, Nottingham Trent University, cofounder of Societal Values website and coauthor of *Freedom and Belonging*

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