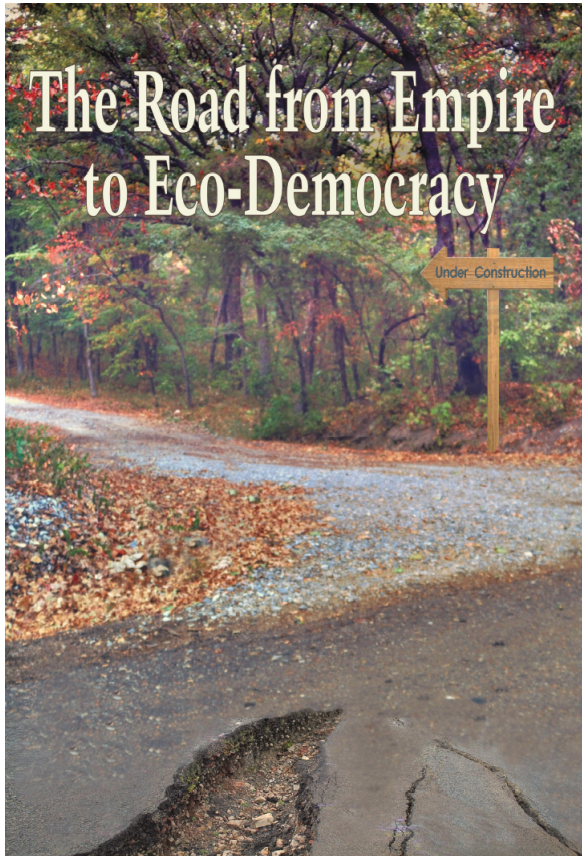


# An examination of **Social Awakening, Long-Term Vision, Social Understanding, & Strategies of Transformation**

As viewed by five United States Citizens in 2011

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