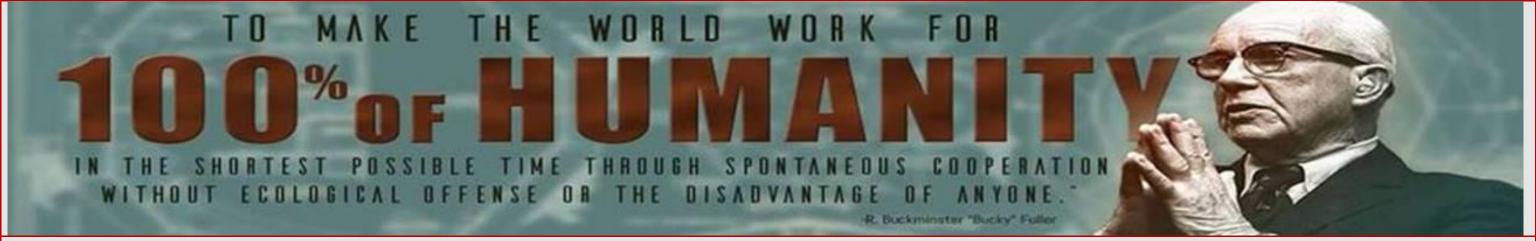
"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government."

- Thomas Jefferson



.....starts with one person, one relationship, one family, one neighbor, one neighbor, one neighbor, one village, one city, one state, one nation, at a time..simultaneously.

In the second Gilded Age, the mansions get bigger, and the homeless get closer

The capital of america's second gilded age is los angeles, where homes worth tens of millions of dollars look out over a city in which the middle class struggles to afford shelter and the number of homeless increases daily.

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Build no small mansions

CHAPTER 1

The Gilded Age began about a decade after the end of the Civil War and ended around 1901, when President William McKinley was assassinated and reformer Teddy Roosevelt took office.

It was an era of robber barons such as Rockefeller, Carnegie and Vanderbilt; of state legislatures (which at the time elected U.S. senators) controlled by railroads and other special interests; of giant industrial monopolies known as "trusts;" of financial crises, including the panics of 1873, 1893 and 1907; and of a populist reaction against all of the above.

Tycoons built 70-room marble oceanfront "cottages" that they occupied for only four to eight weeks a year. A New York couple spent \$400,000 — more than \$9 million today — to throw a costume ball at the Waldorf Hotel. Sociologist Thorstein Veblen termed the phenomenon "conspicuous consumption."

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