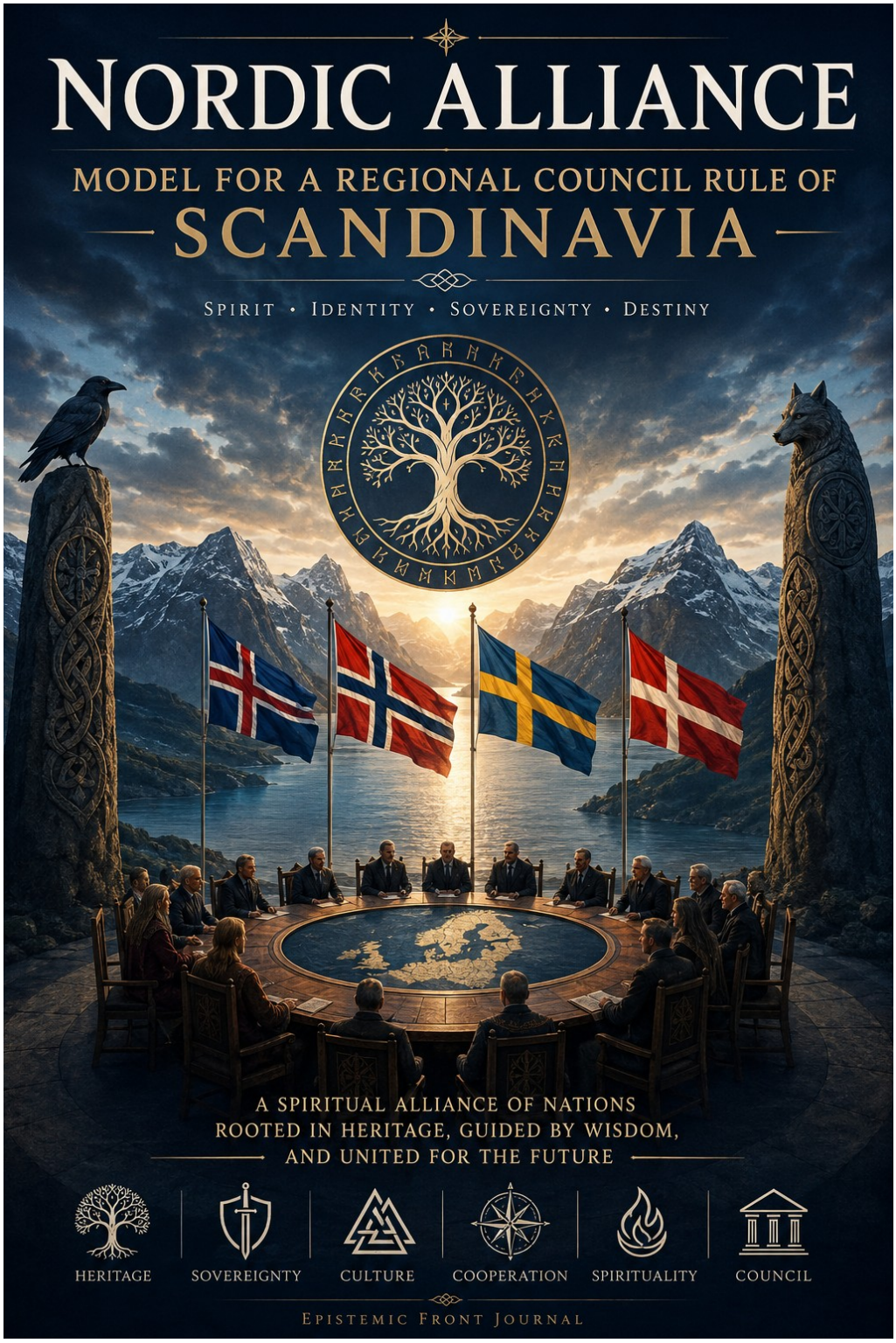
# NORDIC ALLIANCE

## MODEL FOR A REGIONAL COUNCIL RULE OF SCANDINAVIA



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**Abstract**

Democracy was supposed to be the best of all rule. But how come in modern times we then see an increasing political alienation, skepticism of, and dissatisfaction with the political system in the Western world?

Something is missing – the spiritual rootedness and grounding of politics.

This is why we now propose a novel approach to political government, regional politics, and world order, based on the metapolitics of ethnic, cultural, spiritual, and historical identity, concepts that have been denied by the soulless, technocratic rule of modern individualist neoliberalism, replaced by the cold calculus of economic logic and globalization, and by a faint notion of a humanity without history.

What we propose is a radical spiritual politics that takes the poetic soul-journey of man and nation serious, as the true meaning and purpose of collective politics.

We introduce the idea of a regional Nordic Alliance and a Nordic Union that will replace the faltering neoliberal system of heartless governance, based on metaphysical maxims of what it means to be a true man and a true nation.

This essay should be considered version 1.0 of our future political program with core tenets defined in the 9 policy-fields of our political program for the rejuvenation of the North.

**Author's preface**

The central theme of this essay and proposal for a new third front in international politics and a new world order is the question of how to differentiate a genuine regional spiritual aristocratic rule and a sequestered global technocracy in terms of political philosophy, theory, and politics.

The main task of this essay is to propose the concept of a regional regency council alliance, based on a shared cultural, religious, historical, and ethnic identity.

This proposal for a new government model of the Nordic nations is meant as a challenge to the widespread idea of an ahistorical, anti-identitarian, political, cultural, and economic globalization, found in the inner circles of power in the neoliberal world order.

With this proposal, we wish to question the notion that cultural, spiritual, and ethnic homogeneity is irrelevant for the future development of a just and peaceful world order.

What we propose is a metapolitics of spiritual aristocracy to rule the Hyperborean homelands, and the model we present of a Nordic Union we will in the final equation transpose onto the other regions of the world to argue for the implementation of an intermediate sphere of politics of cultural, spiritual, ethnic regionalism that will function as a meso-level of politics between local/national politics and global politics, so as to counter the top-down development approach of technocratic, liberal globalism that has weakened nation-state sovereignty – politics should be organic, spiritual, and rooted in the *volk*, not technocratic or superficially abstract.

The idea of a spiritual rule of politics is novel, but not new. Historically, the higher class of the priesthood has been the main driving force of politics, but only recently in modern history did we see a reconfiguration of the power structure and the rise of the bureaucratic, technocratic class of political administrators and managers.

Meanwhile, rather than spirituality, economics took the place as the main logic of politics.

We seek to counter this tendency, and return to spirituality and identity as the locus of politics.

We hope this model of a Nordic Alliance and a Nordic Union will be an inspiration for our brothers and sisters in the Hyperborean homelands, and for all political visionaries, who see another political future for mankind than the cold, disinterested logic of rational economics and technocracy.

Thank you for reading the *Epistemic Front Journal,* and for tuning in to *The Hyperborean Dispatch.*

**An idea whose time has come – The concept and necessity of a Nordic Alliance and Nordic Union**

The ancient Greek myth of Hyperborea or Thule tells of the primordial Hyperborean population as living in perfect accord with the divine, higher realms, in perpetual happiness, in the land whereupon the sun would never set – the people of Hyperborea would live for a 1000 years, and Apollo (the God of the Good and cosmic order) would spend his winters there.

Today, we wish to recreate this "paradise lost" (Milton, 1667) in the North.

But we are up against the fatal forces of modernity of materialism, rationalism, secularism, and atheism – if not atheism, then an alien Semite desert-religion that does not naturally reside in the Hyperborean Heart or soil.

The Nordic nations share a deep and close historical and cultural bond. According to current research, the ethnic population of these countries stem from the second mass migration into Europe, which occurred during the Bronze Age in about 3000 BC. The migrants came from the Pontic-Caspian steppe (modern day Russia-Ukraine), and were called the Yamnaya culture, who then replaced much of the two former cultures (hunter-gatherers and farmers) that had inhabited the Northern countries and much of Europe. The thesis is that it was this new culture of pastoralists who brought in the Indo-European languages.

The question of the Indo-European *urheimat* is still debated, and we will not yet make the final verdict on that important question, so when we refer to the Nordic countries and their historical population, we use the poetic concept of Hyperborea, which is an ancient Greek term meaning "beyond the Northern Wind", for during the past 5000 years, the homogeneity of that population has been stable.

The question of identity, historical roots, and religious and cultural origins is of course very important.

Already in the prologue to the *Prose Edda* (1220) of Snorri Sturluson, it is relayed how Odin and his men, the Aesir, came from the East, from around the river Don, and more precisely that their lineage had originated in the area of Troy and Crete.

Based on Sturluson, also Thor Heyerdahl (2001) believed Odin to be a real king, who embarked from the Sea of Azov to settle in the North.

Interestingly, both Sturluson and Heyerdahl's theories of the origins of the Nordic people fit neatly with the most accepted modern hypothesis, namely the Kurgan hypothesis (Anthony, 2007), which we have described.

But importantly, in our metaphysics, we are not solely relying on bio-genetic identity and heritage, but primarily on spiritual descent, as according to our most ancient metaphysics, the Vedas, we incarnate from spirit/soul into the biological world, which is a crucial notion to consider, when talking about identity – the soul is primary.

So the Hyperboreans are a spiritual lineage, not merely determined by biology.

It is this union of the spiritual Hyperboreans that we seek to discuss in this essay on the proposal for a new Nordic Alliance party to rule our homelands in the reconstructed Nordic Union.

The logic of this proposal is that the need for Hyperborean metapolitics is paramount to safeguard Hyperborean spiritual identity in a world of increasing hostility to and dissolution of collective identity narratives. The current ahistoricity of modern liberal politics is a threat to the very core of our spiritual identity, so what we propose is a fundamental reorganization of politics in the North, which we will now discuss. The sequence of identity is this: **spirit → history → biology → nation.**

**Analysis of current geopolitics – Critique of the neoliberal world order**

"Write with blood, and thou wilt find that blood is spirit" (Nietzsche, 1883).

The Siddhic fire of the Immortal Heart has risen in the North. The Hyperborean Siddhas of today are awake, gathered, and organized. But what we have awoken to is a world and a world order dominated by the near hegemony of liberal/Marxist politics, philosophy, and culture.

In the Western world, the democratic dogma is so installed in the minds of men that few dare question an alternative. In the democratic system of the liberal *rechtsstat*, the word of the law is above the spirit or will of the people. The exercise of political sovereignty is constrained by judicial oversight, procedural bureaucracy, and technocratic regulation that guarantee the self-preservation of "the system".

According to Schmitt (1921; 1931; 1932a; 1932b), the liberal constitutional state fails to make existential decisions in times of urgency and exception, having dissolved and handed over sovereignty to the judicial system that cannot be regarded as politically neutral to begin with.

The consequence of this pseudo-neutrality of the liberal state is that the system proliferates its own logic of power indefinitely, while hypocritically claiming to be self-evident, politically neutral, and unbiased. But this liberal hypostatization of law undermines the sovereign will and decisionism of the people.

In Denmark, we saw an example of this hypostatization of the law in the most recent case of the Court of Impeachment, where the former Danish Minister for Immigration, Inger Støjberg, in 2021 was sentenced to prison for having broken the European Convention on Human Rights.

In the current world order, national sovereignty has increasingly been delegated to international conventions, supranational political bodies, and foreign courts that give the impression of an international rule of law, but which in all reality serve a specific political agenda that is hard to leave, given international consensus and liberal political correctness – the strait of politics is narrowing.

For example, Hungary under the former Prime Minister, Viktor Orbán, had massive amounts of EU funds withheld, due to controversy over the so-called "independence" of the Hungarian judicial system. The increasing inter-dependency of the global economy serves to uphold this pseudo-neutrality of the liberal legal system, and national sovereignty becomes harder to defend. In the neoliberal, globalist order, judicio-economic pressure is used as a levy to force political decisions against a sovereign state, even regime change, as was the case in Hungary.

The illusion of a just democracy takes many shapes. For example, the current President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has never been elected by the public for that position, but by the technocratic members of the European Parliament. This could be defined as a type of "second order democracy", but the result is nevertheless an increasing dissolution of sovereignty in favor of an unelected, technocratic, globalist elite.

The concreteness and rootedness of politics disappear in favor of an abstract notion of government, defined by still fewer members of the inner circle of neoliberal globalization.

Despite this clear neoliberal tendency of world order, today, we also see a counter-movement taking place in international politics. BRICS are challenging the neoliberal order, and so is Trump in some ways, though his presidential terms and political agendas have been and still are controversial.

What we wish to propose is the opening up of a "third front" in international relations in the shape of a reconstructed Nordic Union that can challenge neoliberal hegemony, and guarantee a multipolar order.

**Core party program of Nordic Alliance – 9 policy-fields defined**

Let's now present a core outline version 1.0 of the policies of the alliance party.

1. **The nation-state**
   - **a.** In modern history, the European continent has been marked by relentless warfare with religious conviction playing a great role in fomenting conflict, such as in the Thirty Years War between the Protestants and the Catholics that ended in the Peace of Westphalia in 1648, wherefrom the modern notion of the sovereign nation-state originates.
   - **b.** The idea of the nation-state is important in that it combines the idea of sovereignty (state) with the idea of identity (nation) – religious, ethnic, and linguistic identity.
   - **c.** We support the notion of the nation-state, but for us, the national identity and homogeneity is more important than the state itself, in the sense that without a nation the state becomes contingent and arbitrary – identity is primary and originary to politics.
   - **d.** The nation (identity) is grounded in ethnic homogeneity, a mother-tongue, a shared history, and a shared destiny as a *volk.*
   - **e.** The state is tasked with protecting this identity of the *volk.*
   - **f.** In the sense of the shared identity, purpose, and destiny of the *volk*, we support the concept of metapolitics to shape the political doctrine of the nation – a metaphysical concept of politics that is beyond the modern left-right spectrum of politics, but which is based on coherent policies that shape the fate of not only the individual, but the whole collective of the nation – a higher order of politics as destiny.
2. **The Nordic Union**
   - **a.** Given the primacy of the nation (identity), we now find the alliance with other ethnically and culturally related nations to be only a natural extension of a metapolitics of identity.
   - **b.** Denmark, Norway, Sweden, and Iceland share this identity of a historical *volk*, so what we propose is a close cooperation of these Scandinavian nations under a renewed Nordic Union.
   - **c.** The Nordic Union has existed before under Queen Margaret I, and under the name, The Kalmar Union (1397-1523).
   - **d.** In a multipolar world order, increasingly shaped by the power struggle of EU, US, and the BRICS, but also of other progressing countries, the Nordic Union will complement this plural world order by strengthening the Scandinavian bloc as a geopolitical, important strategic player.
   - **e.** We propose to withdraw the Scandinavian nations from EU and NATO, so as to strengthen and validate the unique approach and politics of the Nordic Union in a world that is in dire need of authentic, culturally rooted, non-technocratic policies on all fronts.
   - **f.** We must coordinate and reinforce our cultural, economic, and military policies, so as to strengthen the national identity of the Nordic nations, and make unique Nordic contributions to world order.
   - **g.** Importantly, we don't seek to dismantle and dissolve the nation-state, as is otherwise the plan of the technocratic globalists, but to strengthen natural, organic, and spiritual unions.

3. **Geopolitical doctrine**
   - **a.** The neoliberal, globalist, technocratic world order is faltering. In its place will rise a multipolar, contested field of international politics.
   - **b.** In this new leveled playing field, the task of the Nordic Union is to make the Nordic voice count as important geopolitical influence in terms of culture, economics, and military. In this new order, the Nordic Union must become the "pivot point" of international relations, the Scandinavians being historically known as wise, benevolent, and just rulers.
   - **c.** We should not be subservient to foreign nations or unions, neither economically, politically, nor militarily – we should be an independent, authentic, and rooted voice of the North.
   - **d.** We should defend our national interests against the euphemisms of globalism, multiculturalism, inter-dependency, and political correctness, policies that have sought to deteriorate and degrade our ethnic homogeneity, sovereignty, history, and culture.
   - **e.** We should by all means seek to resist the neoliberal tendency of dissolving boundaries, borders, values, tradition, and national interests.
   - **f.** Rather than the blind, hollow, and empty subjugation to American exceptionalism and universalism, we should seek to expand our notion of geopolitical interests, so as to increasingly look towards Germany, Russia, India, and Japan to foster genuine geopolitical alliances.
   - **g.** We should step out of the technocratic EU that has sent millions upon millions of complete foreigners into our countries and neighborhoods, and that does not respect our national interests and historical/cultural coherence and continuity at all.
   - **h.** We should step out of the US dominated NATO, and seek to foster military alliances with nations that genuinely share our national and geopolitical interests, rather than being enrolled as the "ignorant man" in the geo-economic conquest of US global, predatory capitalist dominion.
   - **i.** Rather, we should build the Nordic Union as a military power that can be counted with as to safeguarding traditional Nordic values that goes further back than the historical ignorance and cultural subjugation of the post War *Pax Americana* and the so called democratic/liberal peace.
   - **j.** The Nordic Union should have a permanent member of the UN Security Council to represent and uphold the third front of the multipolar world order.
   - **k.** Respect of our national sovereignty, means respecting other nations and cultures' sovereignty, so we should reject the notion of an interventionist military strategy in favor of strategic international cooperation based on mutual interest.
   - **l.** We should support geopolitical, ethnic regionalism, and respect the political logical sequence of identity and proximity, that is, **local → national → regional → global politics**.
4. **Religion and the Church**
   - **a.** Christianity, Catholic or Protestant, is *not* an authentic and organic religion of the Nordic countries, but a foreign, imported religion that was forced upon Scandinavia many years ago in conquest.

**b.** As C.G. Jung said: We should foster the native, organic religion of our homelands, rather than import foreign, desert-religions that do not suit our spiritual, psychological climate.

**c.** The history and metaphysics of the Vedas and The Edda must again be taught in the schools and become the primary religion of the Nordic nations, as these metaphysical worldviews complement the soul of the Nordic *volk* in an authentic and organic way.

**d.** Rather than the modern hypocrisy of "liberal, cultural Christianity", cultural radicalism, or cultural Marxism, the *volk* shall again know the true metaphysics of the soul and spirit of our people.

**e.** The Semite religions must be profoundly expelled from our society, as these religions do not contribute to or enhance the soul of the *volk.* Rather, they outright deny the reality and innate faith of the Nordic soul – the "Giant Spirit of the North", as N.F.S. Grundtvig called it.

**f.** We believe in a unity church that should be based on the Vedas, the Edda, and the Greek mysteries, but also informed by other more recent, native philosophical, metaphysical schools, such as German romanticism, idealism, and existentialism, Theosophy, Anthroposophy, etc.

**g.** Basically, we believe in the "perennial philosophy" to guide our metaphysics, that is, the ancient, but continually updated wisdom-schools. The priests of the Nordic Union should be initiated in to the Hyperborean mysteries, the mysteries that is the ground of all, genuine wisdom-schools.

**h.** The students should again be taught on concepts such as the psychic aether, the astral realms, the Light-Body, spiritual energies, such as the Kundalini, the Crown-Chakra, etc., so as to foster an authentic spiritual knowledge, strength, and way of life, rather than the shallow theological dogma, meekness, and subservience of the Christian church, as Nietzsche criticized – we shall build an "aristocracy of the spirit" in our native way.

**i.** Rather than the overtly materialist paradigm of modern psychology and psychiatry, the priests should again comfort the souls of our our people, so as to alleviate the mass symptoms of spiritual and psychological troubles of the citizens, who for too long have been denied any authentic spirituality.

**j.** The mystical, mythopoetic tales of our homelands must again become central to our metapolitics of destiny.

**5. Economic policies**

**a.** The modern, paradoxical political paradigm of the left-right spectrum of political affiliation must be superseded by a metapolitics that relies on a nationalist, *völkisch* identity and ideology.

**b.** As such, our economics should equally be national socialist, in that we argue for the radical distribution of wealth, and the nationalization of crucial resource, financial, and tech industries.

**c.** The individual freedom of the people must be aligned with and informed by the collective potential, freedom, and destiny of the *volk.*

**d.** The state must primarily foster a resource-oriented and technological economy that benefits the nation as a whole, rather than private, irrational interests.

**e.** Creativity, ingenuity, and entrepreneurship should be incited by the exact contribution to the wealth of the nation in the collective identity of a shared destiny as a *volk*, not by private, economic gains.

**f.** Each individual in the nation must find, develop, and refine his or her specific skills as to the general economy, and gratefully contribute to and be rewarded by that expertise.

**g.** The state must be visionary and foresighted as to strategic economic and industrial plans of the nation, so that the nation may make advances that benefit the collective destiny, which primarily is a *destiny of spirit*.

**h.** We must create a "society of economic interest" with the other members of the Nordic Union, and other related allies in the world economy, so that economic cooperation is based on mutual spiritual, cultural, and political interests, and a shared fate of the nations.

**i.** We must look towards a "basic citizen income", so that productive and economic contributions are based on loyalty, sincerity, and authenticity, rather than behavioral approaches of threat and coercion, so as to foster a respectful and honest society of shared interests and communion.

**6. Industry, farming, technology, and environmental policies**

**a.** The future society will be one of quality, healthy, ecological, and sustainable products.

**b.** The national industries of the Nordic Union should "work in conjunction", so as to maximize effectivity and efficiency in the core industries and distributions, together with our natural trade partners, who will have different specialties to complement the core industries of our homelands.

**c.** All so-called conventional farming should be abandoned, and replaced by pure ecological operations, as the health of the nations comes first.

**d.** A steady, strong progress towards sustainable fuel, energy, and power must be implemented, as the environment must be prioritized as the symbiotic habitat and extended natural health of the *volk.*

**e.** The industry should become high-tech, but in a way that always seeks to maximize benefits for an organic and spiritual attuned way of life of the *volk*.

**f.** The development of spiritual man should always be the pivot and standard of economy, tech development, and industry, rather than mere capital profit or private gains.

**g.** An "organic economy and industry" should be developed in the economic sphere of the union and our allies that is rational in terms of maximizing productivity given the value-codex of spiritual man that is always primary and informative.

**h.** The industry and tech-development should be based on and having the goal of enhancing the spiritual growth, enlightenment, and liberation of the *volk.*

**7. Social policies**

**a.** The Hyperborean homelands are primarily for the ethnic group of Hyperborean descent.

**b.** Nordic societies must be ethnically, historically, socially, culturally, and economically homogenous.

**c.** We must build an "organic society of classes", not do away with classes *per se.* The three organic classes of a traditional society are, according to the Vedas and Plato: 1) the spiritual aristocracy (priests), 2) soldiers, and 3) citizens/workers.

**d.** The three classes must complement each other, given their different expertise, and be loyal to the nation as a whole in total solidarity.

**e.** No economic classes should exists *per se*, wealth is equally distributed among the classes, and only the state itself holds a lot of economic wealth in the name of the interest of the nation.

**f.** It should be an effective, strong, but lean government, ruled by the Hyperborean spiritual aristocracy.

**g.** The hierarchy of the classes is paramount for the spiritual growth, coherence, and metapolitical agenda of the union. The spiritual aristocracy should be the utmost enlightened spiritual masters of the Hyperborean mysteries.

**h.** The social logic is one of spiritual growth, *bildung,* enlightenment, and liberation in the name of eternal spirit and the Immortal Heart.

**i.** The logic of power is one of spiritual maturity, accomplishment, wisdom, and contribution.

**j.** The state is ruled by an enlightened, spiritual aristocracy, which passes the power of government down through an initiatic lineage of *gnosis* – a Platonic sense of government, as opposed to the fallacy of leveling of modern democracy.

**k.** The logic of government is one of the higher good and shared destiny of the nation.

**8. Cultural policies**

**a.** True freedom and completion are to be found in spirit and in the Heart, not in mere mundane, indefinite, materialist float and relative sensual gratification.

**b.** The Nordic Union shall foster in the citizens an affinity with the transcendental plane of "pure Being" in a Heideggerian sense. We shall reach towards the noumenal plane of Being that otherwise Kant had barred from human perception.

**c.** The mystical, mythopoetic mother-tongue shall again be spoken by the initiates of the primordial Hyperborean mysteries of Thule.

**d.** We shall expect and demand the best of our young women and men in their *bildung* towards spiritual perfection.

**e.** The creative arts shall be explored, music shall be played, gymnastics, athletics, and sports shall be practiced in the Platonic sense of the soft and hard arts of spiritual praxis, development, and expression of what it means to be spiritual man.

**f.** Meditation, yoga, and tantra shall be primary to the spiritual life, rather than the animalist, denigrating instincts that have been so ingrained into modern man by the liberal/Marxist, behavioralist, devilish system.

**g.** High arts, aesthetics, and architecture will again express the immortal truth and law of the Heart, and the greatness and longing of Hyperborean spirit of reconciling the immanent with the transcendental – the return to origins.

**h.** Metaphysical, poetic exposition and discussion will bear testimony to the Siddhic fire in the Heart that materialist so-called philosophy could never extinct in the Hyperborean.

**9. Educational policies**

**a.** Lastly, all these renewed Hyperborean values and metaphysical doctrines will again be taught in the enlightened academy.

**b.** The educational system and the academy shall be an *aletheian* academy, based on the metaphysical intuition, gnosis, and initiation into the Hyperborean mysteries that forever will ground all true wisdom of origins, creation, existence, and destiny.

**c.** Metaphysics will become core curriculum, the esoteric mysteries will be taught gradually to the students, who will embark on the poetic-spiritual odyssey of becoming true men and women in the name of the Immortal Heart, rather than becoming the cold, disinterested observers of rationalist, materialist philosophy.

**d.** The truth and law of the Immortal Heart (eternal spirit and the immortality of the soul) will again be central to the understanding of the students, who are not merely brought up to be ignorant, financial slaves of a system, but to be truly free in the Heart.

**e.** Philosophy, language, semiotics, logic, discourse, epistemology, phenomenology, and hermeneutics will be taught from a young age, so that the students may develop genuine critical thinking, as opposed to becoming manipulated parrots of any false ideology, consciousness, or system of thought.

**f.** Students will form their own personal, independent vocation as to their being-in-the-world, their call of contributing to a higher good, rather than merely preserving self-interest, and conforming to the will of an arbitrary system in a coerced manner.

**g.** Students will find meaning and purpose from the onset of their education, rather than being methodically trained into compulsory obedience as another “brick in the wall”.

**h.** Students will become free in the true spiritual, metaphysical sense of that word of “knowing oneself”, as it was written over the Temple of Apollo at Delphi.

**World order – Nordic Alliance as a model for other regional regency council alliances**

Ultimately, what we seek and propose is a new model of world politics, government, and party alliance, implemented on a global scale to meet the next frontier of mankind's spiritual development.

We envision a world order, based on a higher order spiritual identity, religious, and cultural politics, rather than the false logic of economics, and the hollow slogans of liberty and equality, which in all actuality have fostered spiritual subordination of the soul, denial of heritage and tradition, and massive economic inequality in the name of some abstract idea of humanity.

Given the model we have presented of the Nordic Alliance to rule the Nordic Union, we can envision other regional alliances. Let's present all the alliance that we envision for a future, organic and spiritual world order:

1. The Nordic Alliance
2. The Continental Alliance
3. The Asian Alliance
4. The Middle Eastern Alliance
5. The African Alliance
6. The North American Alliance
7. The South American Alliance

These proposed regency alliance councils, who are set to rule the specific regions, are based on spiritual, religious, cultural, historical, and ethnic identity.

Let's present the core concepts of these regional alliance councils:

1. **Nation-states remain intact:** We do not seek to abandon the sovereignty of nation-states *per se*, but to give an organic and spiritual superstructural solution to world order based on regional identity, so as to strengthen and effectivize regional politics in regards to the aforementioned markers of identity.
2. **Regionalism as an intermediate political sphere:** The main point of this proposal is that regional politics should organically grow from local, through national, to regional politics, before reaching global politics and world order, and vice versa. This will strengthen the natural flow of sovereignty, as opposed to an arbitrary, technocratic world government.
3. **Regional unity councils:** Each region has its strategic alliance council that is tasked with leading the regional spiritual, political, and economic development, based on the shared interests and joint cooperation of the regional nation-states.
4. **Spirituality is core:** The key point of this idea of regional alliances is to foster spiritual growth and development among the citizens, based on cultural/religious/historical identity.
5. **Spiritual leadership:** The idea of the spiritual aristocratic "wise rule", rather than the debasement and leveling of illusory democracy that in modern times is increasingly expressed as a soulless capitalist technocracy.
6. **Structural development:** The task of the unity councils is to foster strategic, structural economic development of the region as a whole.

This proposal is only just beginning to be formulated, but we think the idea is novel and promising.

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