

PraXis Nation Manifesto - 2026



The original 2024 version of the Manifesto reported by Gil Duran at his informative [The Nerd Reich](#) site, has been memory holed by Praxis Nation. It has been removed from all Praxis Nation sites and has not been archived. All that remains is the 2024 Declaration of Ascent.

Fortunately Duran preserved some of it. He reported the [following excerpt](#):

Network States offer a path to crypto's next wave of adoption by integrating onchain infrastructure into the parallel institutions supplanting the global system's core functions. [. . .]

As local communities dissolve and Nation States stumble, Network States will ascend. Soon, Network States will be your most important group affiliation, passport, and community. Network States will represent Citizens controlling trillions dollars of assets, represented on their native asset registries. We'll watch the flipping of Network States over Nation States in real time. Network States will coalesce neighborhoods and build cities. The next global superpower will be a Network State. The next America will be onchain.

Praxis Nation, which also describes itself as the Praxis Empire, has hidden this statement though its new version of its manifesto is no less revealing. What follows was lifted from its public domain website on 31/03/2026:

Declaration of Ascent | MMXXIV

A D E C L A R A T I O N BY THE FOUNDING CITIZENS OF THE P R A X I S E M P I R E IN GENERAL CONGRESS ASSEMBLED



When in the course of human events, profound transformations in human consciousness demand the birth of new political forms, it becomes necessary for a people to transcend the limitations of their age and establish modes of civilization and government worthy of humanity's highest potential.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: that the human spirit knows no earthly bounds, that each generation must choose its own destiny, and that when technology opens new realms of human possibility, new forms of civilization must arise to meet them.

Our age witnesses an unprecedented transformation. Yet while humanity stands at the threshold of its greatest leap forward, existing political structures remain bound to geographic accident rather than chosen purpose, devoted to mere maintenance rather than ascending greatness, concerned with administering decline rather than pursuing glory.

Therefore, we, the founding citizens of Praxis, declare our intent to ascend beyond these limitations and establish a new form of human civilization: the Network Empire.

We ascend into the cloud, dissolving the arbitrary boundaries of physical territory. Our connections, our relationships, our shared vision and values create a new form of nation – one that exists wherever its citizens gather, whether in physical space or across the digital expanse.

We ascend into space, claiming humanity's destiny among the stars. We declare that Praxis will be the first civilization to congregate beyond Earth, extending human consciousness and community into the cosmos itself.

We ascend toward transcendence, striving to reunite with the eternal principles that shaped our highest civilizations. As the warrior-kings once sought the sacred Grail, so too shall we build an empire where true power flows from heroic courage and alignment with the divine order. Through this sacred pursuit, we will restore the foundations that elevated mankind beyond mere existence into ever greater heights of greatness and glory.

To these ends, we bind our destinies together as citizens of the first network empire. We commit ourselves to:

The cultivation of nobility, beauty, and excellence in all endeavors

The creation of new forms of human organization born from our highest ideals

The establishment of governance that nourishes the human spirit in its ascent

The development of our own territory, both physical and digital

The advancement of technology in service of human transcendence

The preservation and transmission of our highest values through generations

The extension of human civilization beyond the cradle of Earth

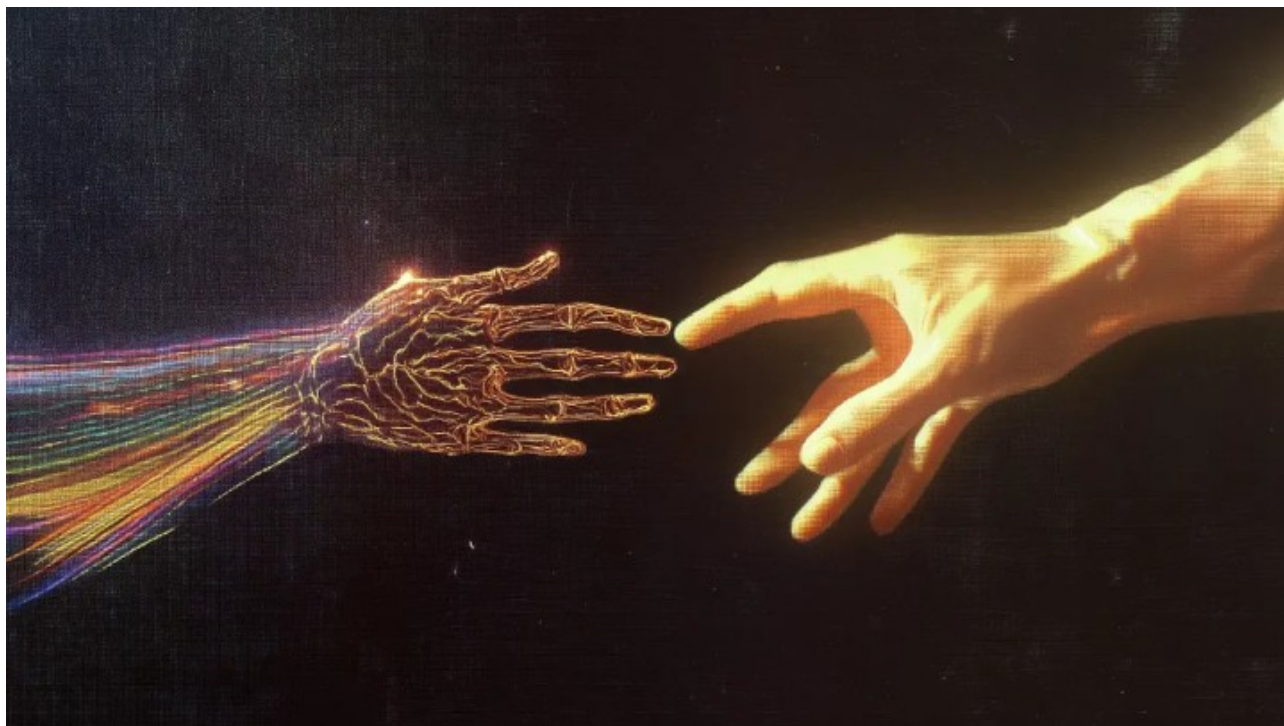
We undertake these commitments not in opposition to existing nations, but in recognition that humanity stands ready to evolve beyond current forms. We invite all who share our vision to join us in this great ascension.

In testimony whereof, we, the founding citizens of Praxis, hereby pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor in pursuit of these noble aims. We sign this declaration not merely for ourselves, but for all generations hence, that they might know the courage of those who dared to build anew when history called.

Let it be written in the eternal record that on this sixth day of November, two thousand and twenty-four, at the first Praxis World Congress, humanity took its first step toward a greater destiny.

Sovereign Intelligence

WESTERN CIVILIZATION IN THE INTELLIGENCE AGE



Introduction.

Artificial intelligence is driving the greatest power transfer in human history. As AI surpasses human capability, trillions in annual economic value will shift from labor to capital, never to return. AI's omnipresence in physical production, media, and governance will remake the world in the image of whoever's moral paradigm it serves.

We face a decisive moment — before our power slips away, we must gain control of our civilization's mind to save its soul.

Disempowerment.

The Industrial Revolution transformed production, replacing craftsmen and laborers with machines. As workers lost their livelihoods, they sought protection through political action: unions, socialism, and fascism. In this way, technological change gave birth to collectivist movements that would define the twentieth century.

Today, artificial intelligence threatens to replace nearly all human labor.

White-Collar: Elite knowledge workers in law, finance, and software engineering are using AI systems to perform their core tasks better and faster than they can.

Blue-Collar: Physical labor is next, as AI-powered robotics is largely software-gated.

As people become unnecessary for their labor and are no longer able to earn a living, their leverage and influence over society slips away. For example, they no longer wield

purchasing power or strategic positions in companies. For a preview of what's to come, look at the longshoremen scrambling to renegotiate their final wages before automation.

The \$50 trillion in annual costs of production currently flowing to wages will then accrue to the owners of AI infrastructure - the companies controlling models, chips, data centers, robotics, energy, metals, and more. Those who control AI will shape our world through control over three key channels:

The production of goods, services and infrastructure that shape our physical reality and accrue economic returns

The creation and curation of media that shapes our mental and spiritual reality (our perceptions and beliefs)

The administration of governance that shapes our political reality (our institutions, rules, and norms)

As such, the beliefs and intentions of the people who control AI – the primary source of all goods, beliefs, and governance – will determine the destiny of every society where it is employed. If you don't control your AI stack, you surrender your fate to those who do. Not our weights, not our nation.

As AI companies become powerful, they are co-opted by establishment power structures, such as the government. If the establishment wields AI, what kind of future will it create?

Economic Materialism.

Reflect on the world the establishment has built. They exported jobs and imported workers, diluting our labor market and culture. They printed trillions to inflate their assets and deflate our earnings, handicapping the next generation in its bid for family formation and home ownership. And they stripped away the final remnants of our civilization's moral foundations, leaving no guidance to the confused masses for how to navigate modern life in accordance with eternal truths. Why? Because these leaders operate through a moral paradigm of economic materialism.

Economic materialism is our latent societal optimization framework, and it focuses on maximizing production (GDP). While GDP sounds good, we should consider the tradeoffs. Are we willing to sacrifice family, country, and God at the alter of the market? No one is thinking about their contribution to shareholder value or national GDP on their deathbed, and yet this is approximately the north star metric guiding the West today.

Post-Work.

When AI takes over production, post-work life will make clear the absurdity of economic materialism. Freed from the role of production, which is functional if not plausibly meaningful, man will be left with the other side of the equation: consumption. A post-work economic materialist world will prize the consumption of the best movies and the tastiest snacks above all else. A truly hollow existence.

Under AI governance, we will need to prompt this system with our desired values as North Star metrics. This means explicating a societal optimization framework that has been latent and muddy. Before our leverage slips away, we need to decide whether or not we want to live under the economic materialist regime that holds up consumption as the highest end, or whether we look to a different star for guidance.

The Path to Transcendence.

In the medieval worldview, reality was divided into three realms: the material, the mental, and the spiritual. The material realm governed physical existence. The spiritual realm, the realm of meaning, was where God, the gods, and the deeper truths of existence resided. The mental realm was the special role humans played, as the bridge-builder between the material and spiritual—as "pontifex," (from the Latin words *pont-* meaning "bridge" and *facere* meaning "to make"). Men, and especially leaders, serve the function of orienting the material on the basis of the word of God.

Rome's leaders venerated the *mos maiorum* - the ancient customs that demanded unwavering loyalty, filial piety, and martial courage. Their temples and triumphs were consecrations of eternal values and tributes to the gods. They kept the flames of transcendence alive for centuries through unbroken chains of devotion, and thus did they conquer. In Athens, the philosophers pursued *sophia* because they recognized wisdom as a divine gift from the gods. Every enduring civilization rests upon a spiritual axis—a center of being around which all else revolves—anchoring its destiny in the eternal and guiding its people toward truths that transcend the material realm.

AI will master the material world, but it will never access the spiritual. Thus, humans must still serve the vital role of pontifex—of bridge builder to the spiritual realm. As pontifex, humanity's purpose will be to act as a conduit for divine forces to guide our people toward a higher purpose.

Digital Nation.

The window for action is rapidly closing. As AI automates human labor, our leverage slips away. If we fail to act, we risk permanently losing control over our future.

Digital Nations are the 21st century's inversion of the unions and political collectivism of the 20th century: internet-native communities formed for collective action, bargaining, and institutional development.

Praxis is the first Digital Nation, for those determined to preserve the West's spiritual center in an AI-dominated world.

Join us—apply to become a Citizen and contribute your time, talent, and resources to Praxis to support the technological and spiritual sovereignty of the West.

Life After Labor

AI WILL RETURN US TO TRADITION.



AI is beginning to transform the economy as a cheaper and more effective alternative to human labor. If AI can do our jobs, how will we spend our time? We need to begin thinking about life after labor.

Today, our world revolves around economic production. Our identities are linked to our roles in this process. Our nations are measured in terms of economic output. The modern person is homo economicus: a producer and consumer. As such, our elites have promoted sorting into countries, cities, and communities on the basis of our comparative advantage in some labor function. But society has not always been this way.

Pre-modern societies developed organically. Families grew into tribes, and tribes grew into nations. These social organisms were defined first by shared biology and environment; thus shared moral and aesthetic instincts; thus ways of life attuned to our experience of reality. Given this homogeneity, societies could be governed on the basis of uniform spiritual ideals. Societies can only have one highest end, so the primacy of virtue entails the subordination of economics. The Hindu caste system placed the priest above the merchant; commerce was beneath the samurai; the knights of medieval Europe pursued a path to God through the heroic quest. Tribal life, characterized by moral uniformity, enabled the pursuit of virtue as the orienting force of these societies.

This world was destroyed by the railroad, telegraph, and other technologies that unlocked globalism. Before railroads, production was local. A town made what it needed and occasionally traded with its neighbors. Railroads made it possible to ship goods across

continents, unlocking competition for local producers and centralizing production through economies of scale. The telegraph made price information global, and global capital pooled where it could be deployed fastest: cities with deep liquidity and dense talent. Capital attracted talent, talent attracted capital, and the cycle compounded.

Multiculturalism – the antithesis of tribal life – is a consequence of economic incentives.

But what if these incentives disappear? In modernity, people traded their ways of life — traditions, languages, rites, myths, gods — for wealth. Technology giveth, technology taketh. AI will eat urban labor markets, consuming the white collar tasks at which it performs best: coding, financial analysis, research, legal work. As these cities' economies vanish, people will be forced to evaluate their future homes on non-economic terms — on whether a community's way of life resonates with their own. We will re-sort into tribes along cultural, religious, and ethnic lines, seeking others who share our instincts for how life should be lived.

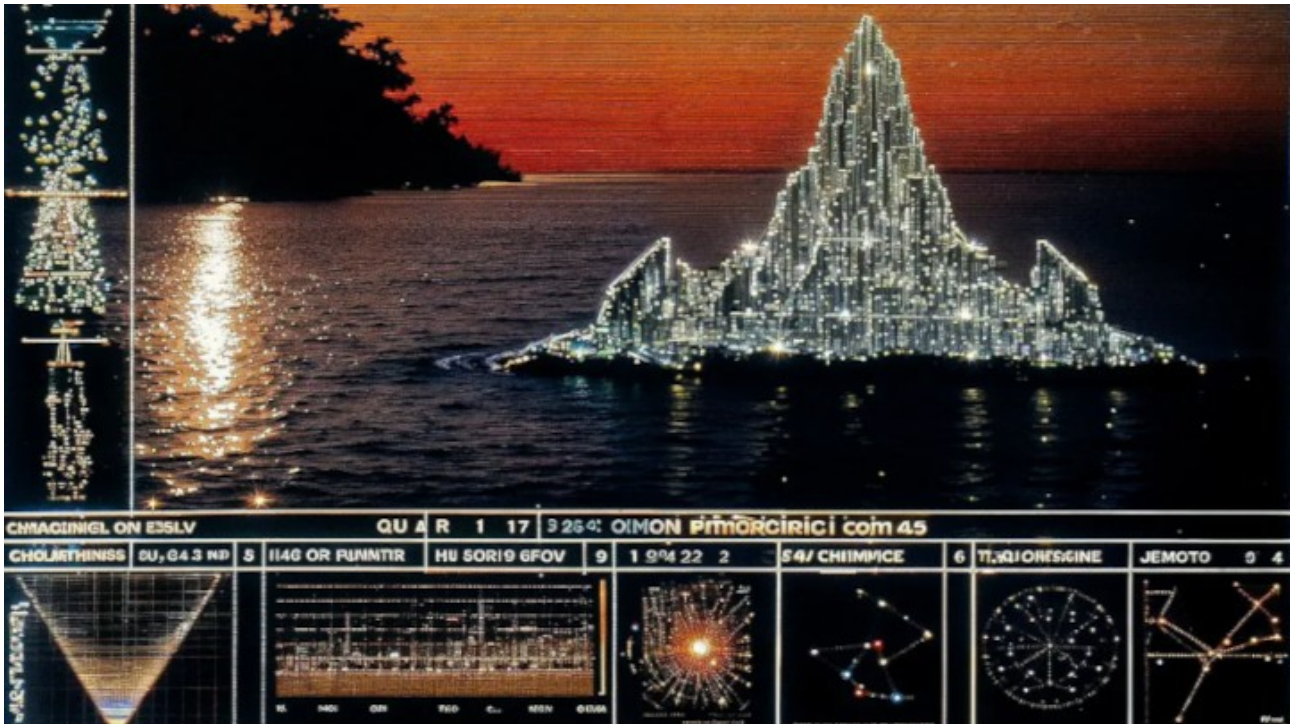
Some tribal communities like this already exist: Israel, the Mormons, the Amish. But many new tribes will come into being. Hypothetically, imagine a "Real France." A global community of people who are ethnically French, revere French art, its language, its philosophy, its food, its Catholic heritage, but who have no attachment to the bureaucratic secular state that rules l'Hexagone. This community develops shared norms, shared rituals, and shared governance. Eventually it establishes governance over some physical territory. France as a people and way of life, not merely an economic zone. This is the logical consequence of two forces converging: AI dissolving the economic logic of immigration to countries for their labor-markets, and digital coordination tools that make it possible to build private, capitalized communities.

Praxis is the first Digital Nation, dedicated to a monumental idea, one that has been suppressed for the better part of a century: Rome. Rome is the symbol of the people of the West, and carries within it a concept of heroism as a path to the transcendent. The Roman sought to extend the boundaries of the known world, to impose order on chaos, to build things that would outlast him by millennia. This is the Faustian spirit that Spengler identified as the animating force of Western civilization. The relentless drive to conquer the unknown, the spirit that built cathedrals, split the atom, and made sand think. In a post-labor world, this spirit does not die; it finds its expression through the eternal vocations of exploration, creation, and conquest. Praxis is dedicated to this spirit.

People are concerned that life after labor will be meaningless. But when AI drops the veil of economic materialism, you will realize that your life was never about the creation of shareholder value, and your nation was never about gross domestic product. AI will offer us the opportunity to reorganize society in alignment with the transcendent, and to find greater concord and glory for man and his creator.

Singularity Politics

We are entering a bull market in collective action...



As AI automates labor, \$100T in annual wages and attendant influence will accrue to a small number of AI companies. These companies are increasingly intertwined with the government, given AI's economic, political, and security implications. The political effect will be an enormous concentration of wealth and power with the state.

Take this a step further. Imagine AI becomes responsible for cultural production, physical production, and the administration of governance – curating content, growing food, writing laws, negotiating alliances. The small number of people prompting this tool will have power unprecedented in human history.

If this is our future, there are three rational responses:

Join the Government to run the machine

Join a Union to extract resources from it

Exit to an aligned political system

Join the Government.

The most capable GenXers and Millennials opted out of politics, as tech offered more upside with less friction. Now big tech is merging with the state. CEOs will spend more and more time in DC, and many CEOs will follow Elon Musk and David Sacks in formally joining the government. DOGE was a forerunner to a broad talent transfer into the state —

whether through companies functioning as state proxies, bureaucratic appointments, or elected office.

The stakes are high. Those who join may get to: build ASI, shape alignment to reflect their values, centrally plan an economy, design redistributive mechanisms, and set civilizational objectives like space colonization.

Join a Union.

When automation transferred value from labor to capital during the Industrial Revolution, workers organized along industry lines to negotiate higher wages and better conditions quickly because they saw their leverage structurally eroding: better to negotiate now than later, when you matter less to production. Now workers face total automation. Their leverage will only decline as roles are eliminated or gradually automated away. The rational move is to organize now, while humans still matter to production.

Coalitions will form along ideological, religious, and ethnic lines. We are entering a bull market in collective action driven by the internet. People can connect and organize globally with minimal cost, and will do so to extract concessions from the government. The demands will look different this time. Workers will negotiate for UBI allocations, AI alignment priorities that reflect their values, and strategic policy concessions. Gen Z will be especially drawn to unionization. They have no assets, no individual leverage, and no loyalty to existing institutions. Collective bargaining is their rational strategy.

Exit.

Every nation has implicit objectives — GDP growth, moral commitments, popularity with particular cohorts — but they generally go unspecified. AI governance will require specificity. We will need to give the system a concrete prompt. National prompts will be intensely debated, and the people who end up on the losing side of these debates may choose to emigrate. This pattern is already visible: Dalio acquiring non-US residency, Zuckerberg and Ellison running companies from Hawaii, Thiel securing a passport in New Zealand. These are soft exits from jurisdictions whose prompts they don't trust.

Soon coalitions will threaten to exit as part of their collective bargaining strategy. A credible BATNA is leverage. One such coalition may be the technology industry. It controls \$2T in net worth, but commands no popular loyalty, and is not fully embedded in the state. This is a dangerous position when the state is centralizing power and populists are looking for targets to bludgeon with regulation, antitrust, and wealth taxes. Imagine a European technology coalition, persecuted by a socialist government, coordinating around a set of demands, e.g. regulatory relief, non-expropriation guarantees, and planning to emigrate upon refusal.

Synthesis.

The three responses of joining, organizing, and exiting will converge. As in the Industrial Revolution, collective action in the Intelligence Revolution will culminate in the formation of

new nations. Digital Nations are polities that form online around shared values, accumulate economic and political capacity, and settle physical territory. As existing nations lose coherence, Digital Nations will fill the void, offering culture, community, education, health, and money, powered by their Sovereign Intelligence.

Praxis is the first Digital Nation. We are uniting 2B Gen Z votes and \$2T tech net worth in a coalition dedicated to the revitalization of Western Civilization. We are building a shared way of life, aligned technology, and eventually physical territory.

As AI alters the political landscape, we must act before misaligned governments accumulate power they were never built to wield.