

# Sharism

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- Sharism suggests a re-orientation of personal values. We see it in User Generated Content. It is in the plans of future-oriented cultural initiatives
- Sharism is also a mental practice that anyone can try, a social-psychological attitude to transform a wide and isolated world into a super-smart Social Brain

# The Neuron Doctrine

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- A neuron is not a simple organic cell, but a very powerful, electrically excitable biological processor
- Groups of neurons form vastly interconnected networks, which, by changing the strength of the synapses between cells, can process information, and learn
- A neuron, by sharing chemical signals with its neighbors, can be integrated into more meaningful patterns that keep the neuron active and alive

# Reward of Sharing-01

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- Almost all sharing activities will generate positive results
- The first reward that you will get comes in the form of comments. Then you know you've provoked interest, appreciation, excitement

# Reward of Sharing-02

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- The second reward is access to all the other stuff being shared by friends in your network.
- Since you know and trust them, you will be that much more interested in what they have to share. Already, the return is a multiple of the small meme you first shared

# Reward of Sharing-03

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- The third reward is more dramatic. Anything you share can be forwarded, circulated and republished via other people's networks. This cascade effect can spread your work to the networked masses

# Reward of Sharing-04

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- The fourth reward is that sharing has a meaning not only for you, but for the whole of society
- If you so choose, you may allow others to create derivative works from what you share. This one choice could easily snowball into more creations along the sharing path
- After many iterative rounds of development, a large creative work may spring from your choice to share

# Challenges

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- Copyright -- Intellectual property protection
- Privacy
- Get the credit for inventive ideas and seek financial rewards.
- Digital citizenship



# Solutions to Sharing Problems

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- Most sharing platforms offer choices for the degree of sharing (picture sharing, video sharing, etc.)
- Cyberspace legislation
- Creative Commons protection

# Sharism and Web2.0

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- Sharism is the Spirit of the Age of Web 2.0
- Sharism will transform the world into an emergent Social Brain: a networked hybrid of people and software

# Conclusions and Predictions

## Sharism and Blog

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- The biggest and truest sharing platform: blogging
- More bloggers created more readers, and more readers made more blogs.
- A new profession emerged: Blogger

# Conclusions and Predictions

## Sharism and Creativity

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- The new economic formula is, the more people remix your works, the higher the return
- Sharing help you become popular cheap and easy

# Conclusions and Predictions

## **Sharism and Copyright**

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- Sharism is not Communism, nor Socialism. Under Sharism, you can keep ownership, if you want. But you can choose to share

# Conclusions and Predictions

## Sharism and Politics

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- Sharism will be the politics of the next global superpower
- It will not be a country, but a new human network joined by Social Software

# Conclusions and Predictions

## Sharism and Government

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- The collective intelligence of a vast and equitable sharing environment can be the gatekeeper of people's rights, and a government watchdog
- Policymaking can be made more nuanced with the micro-involvement of the sharing community
- This "Emergent Democracy" is more real-time than periodical parliamentary sessions
- Sharing will also increase the spectrum of our choices, beyond the binary options of "Yes" or "No" referenda
- Representative democracy will become more timely and diligent, because we will represent ourselves within the system

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## Sharism and the Society

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- Sharism will result in better social justice. In a healthy sharing environment, any evidence of injustice can get amplified to get the public's attention
- Sharism can improve communication, collaboration and mutual understanding
- Sharism fundamentally revolutionize educational environment and system
- Sharism can be applied to any cultural discourse, and an antidote to social depression
- The future world will be a hybrid of human and machine that will generate better and faster decisions anytime, anywhere
- These vast networks of sharing will create a new social order—A Mind Revolution



# Conclusions and Predictions

## Sharism and New Civilization

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- The less you share, the less power you have
- The more open and strongly connected we social neurons are, the better the sharing environment will be for all people (butterfly effect)
- The more collective our intelligence, the wiser our actions will be
- People have always found better solutions through conversations. Now we can put it all online

# Terms

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- blogosphere
- content- sharing architecture
- meme
- Remix
- folksonomy

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