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Dedicated to my children,
with the wish that they may live in a world fairer and better than
the one we inherited.

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THE WORK

LIBERTALIA

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LIBERTALIA, by **Luc Arden**, is a single work developed through **three separate books**, each of which approaches the same idea from a different perspective.

BOOK I

THE SALVATION

In the first book, the author recounts the journey of **Mike Harris**, a simple, ordinary man who decides to challenge what is taken for granted.

Faced with powerful interests, structures of power, and a world that seems impossible to change, Mike attempts to turn an idea into a vision: the creation of a world that is freer, fairer, and more humane.

THE SALVATION is the story through which the vision of Libertalia is born.

BOOK II

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In the second book, the author uses two of the story's main characters—**Mike** and his wife—to explore a different question:

Could Mike's vision become a reality in today's world?

THE LOST CHAPTER attempts to bridge fiction and reality, describing a possible path through which an idea could gradually evolve into something real.

BOOK III
THE WAY TO LIBERTY
In Three Volumes

In the third book, the vision moves from theory to structure.

The author attempts to set out the **principles, rules, and institutions** that could support a different way of organizing society.

Across the three volumes of **THE WAY TO LIBERTY**, issues are examined concerning democracy, justice, the economy, technology, artificial intelligence, everyday life, and the social changes that may shape the future.

At the same time, the work attempts to address questions that the pace of technological and social evolution is already creating—even when today’s institutions have not yet had time to provide answers.

THE WAY TO LIBERTY represents the attempt to transform Mike’s dream from an idea into a comprehensive framework of principles for a different world.



The Lost Chapter

The Plan

This chapter forms part of **The Salvation** by Mike Harris, a **fictional hero who dared to dream of a different world**. It was removed from the main edition and is presented separately because it moves beyond the narrative and reaches into the very foundations on which Mike's vision might be transformed from an idea into reality.

It was written to complete the work while revealing the human side of a hero who suddenly finds himself facing the weight of a vast idea: a possible new leader who is not portrayed as infallible or fearless, but as a man who doubts, who is afraid, who recognises the dangers and, despite them all, chooses to hope for the future.

In this chapter, the divine element appears neither as proof nor as an answer to everything, but as a force, a catalyst and the driving impulse behind the undertaking. As that almost imperceptible presence that makes Mike wonder whether certain ideas are born by chance, or whether sometimes a person is simply called to follow them.

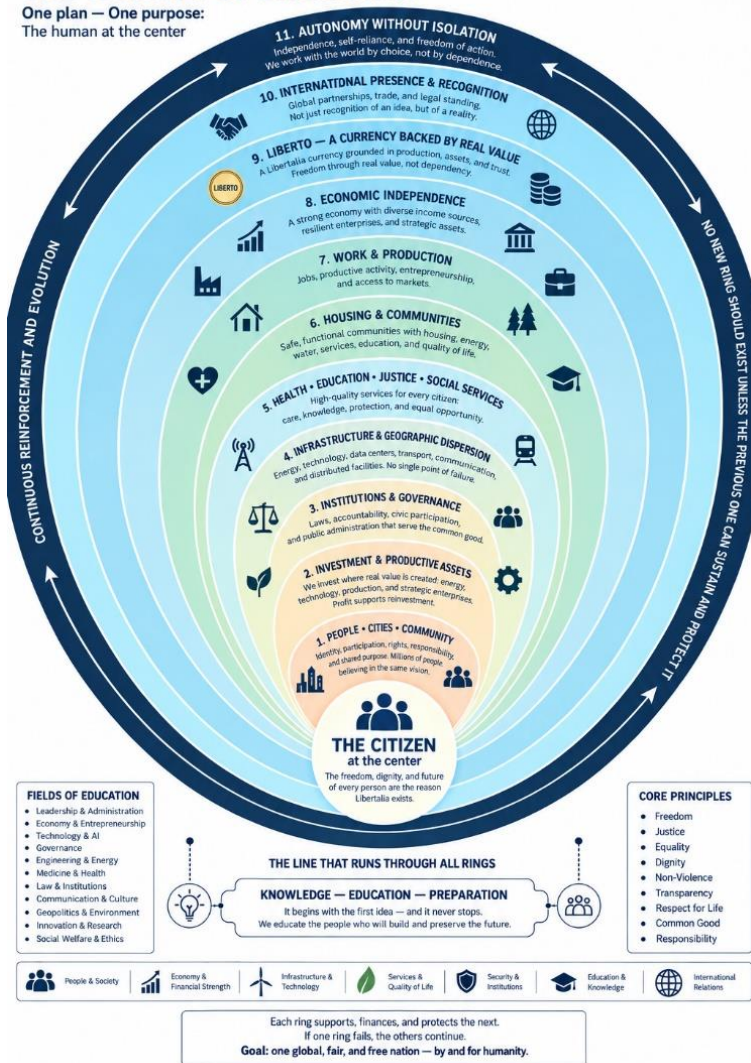
Yet whether the force behind the vision is human or divine, the
ultimate aim remains exactly the same:

**to free humanity from modern forms of oppression and to seek a
different, fairer future.**

Mike began to draw eleven circles.

THE 11 RINGS OF LIBERTALIA

One plan — One purpose:
The human at the center



Jane spent a long time looking at the circles Mike had drawn on the paper.

“There’s still something I don’t understand,” she said. “Even if all of this can be done, sooner or later you’re going to unsettle people who have far more power than you do. States, banks, major corporations, governments. Why would they let you?”

Mike put down his pencil.

“They don’t have to let us, Jane.”

“Then what?”

“We have to avoid giving them a reason to stop us before we have enough strength to survive.”

Jane looked at him.

“That is the real meaning of the rings.”

He pulled out a fresh sheet of paper.

“We’re not simply building Libertalia piece by piece. We build each piece in a

**way that creates the money, the people,
the knowledge and the infrastructure the
next one will need.”**

He drew a small circle.

**“And we never move on to the next one just because
we’re impatient to grow.”**

“When do we move on?”

“When we’re ready.”

FIRST RING

The People

“At the beginning, we have nothing,” he said.

“That’s encouraging.”

Mike laughed.

“We have no land. No bank. No army. No factories. No billions.

But we do have something that may prove more powerful than all of them.”

He wrote in the centre:

PEOPLE

“You know, perhaps at the beginning we’ll have to reject everything — even our own role — if we truly want this to become real.”

“Libertalia’s first mission is to bring together people who believe in the same dream.”

Verified people willing to give it a chance.

Not to ask them to abandon their countries.

Not to ask them for money.

Not to force them to change their lives.

To ask them to take part.

One person in Greece.

One in France.

One in India.

One in America.

One in Africa.

One in Japan.

Millions of people who may never have met one another, yet agree on certain fundamental principles.

“This is where we create the digital identity, the citizens’ registry, the first institutions and the mechanisms for participation.”

“And what does someone gain by becoming a citizen?”

“At first? Not many material things. And we have to be honest about that. They gain participation. Access to the community. The right to propose, to vote, to evaluate and to help build it — and, little by little, to help protect it.”

He paused.

“But there is something even more important.”

“What?”

“They learn.”

EDUCATION BEGINS ON DAY ONE

Mike drew a line beginning at the first circle and passing through every circle that followed.

“This isn’t another ring. It’s the line that runs through all of them.”

He wrote:

KNOWLEDGE – EDUCATION – PREPARATION

“If we wait until we have businesses before we start training entrepreneurs, we’ll already be too late.

If we wait until we have an administration before we train people to govern, we’ll already be too late.

If we wait until we have energy facilities before we start looking for engineers, we’ll already be too late.

And if we wait until we have real political power before we teach people how that power should be handled, we will have made the greatest mistake of all.”

Libertalia, then, would begin early with a global system of education.

Not just schools.

Vocational training.

Administration.

Economics.

Technology.

Artificial intelligence.

Cybersecurity.

Medicine.

Construction.

Energy.

Agriculture.

Law.

Crisis management.

Diplomacy.

Public administration.

“We’ll train today the people we’re going to need in five and ten years.”

“Without knowing whether you’ll need them?”

“We will need them. The only question is how many.”