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It is an insightful exploration of the obsolete 'culture of contest' that has dominated social expression for a very long time and of what is required to shift to a new paradigm based on cooperation and reciprocity, the only way in which the human species can conceivably survive beyond the 21st century. Michael Karlberg shows how the currently prevailing 'culture of contest' is not only both socially unjust and ecologically unsustainable, but that the 'culture of protest' that it generates is an inadequate response to the social and ecological problems confronting The culture of contest raises us in a mindset that normalizes adversarialism, conflict and contest, and looking at other ways of organizing society and world seems unrealistic and naive at best. Although the current culture of contest has led us to where it has, This book is simply amazing in its analysis and commentary on the current state of the world.

Michael Karlberg mentions playing a different cultural game and not buy into the culture of contest - the rules are set up so that the ones with the most money will win in the long run - so the mode of operation is to play a different game, and win by attrition. As more and more people will switch over to play a different cultural game of mutualism, support and cooperation, the old order will slowly fall. Surrounding this culture of contest is a culture of protest. In response to the social and ecological problems engendered by our culture of contest, we engage in protests, demonstrations, acts of civil disobedience, partisan organizing, litigation, strikes and other oppositional strategies of social advocacy and change. These competitive and conflictual social norms have become so ubiquitous that they appear natural and inevitable to many people.

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