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Dr. Papazian has made innovative proposals in relation to the global sovereign crisis and the structural and systemic solutions required. He is the author and inventor of the novel concepts of Space Value of Money, and Islamic Monetization. He has designed and conceptualized a new instrument called Public Capitalization Note, which transforms money creation methodology to date.

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