

***Politics, Globalization - Listen to the complete interview of Michael Watts, Ph.D.***

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**Introduction Track: Keywords/Phrases**

- Food crises
- Famines
- Food scarcity
- Millennia
- Local knowledge
- Planting strategy
- Food markets
- Food systems

All sample questions are designed in order to apply internet search as a basis for exploring and discovering new information.

**Sample Questions**

- Distinguish food crises, famines, and food scarcities.
- Dr. Watts asserts these human disasters occur because of problems in the food markets. What sorts of problems are these? Who controls the food market of the United States? Do you see any evidence that the U.S. food market and system could break down?
- What do you have “local knowledge” of? Is that knowledge any more or less valuable than the knowledge you receive in your school studies? Explain your rationale for your assertions.