

NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE POPULATION

A Manifesto of Fanatic Apathy?

The first Essay of a series

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Dedicated to those who dare doubt.

This text is not "My Struggle," rather an expressed desire to be left alone by all systems and the herd. The real enemy is efficiency. This collection represents different roads to the same destination *en extrema*. The whole is different than the sum of its parts.

Chapter 1

CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE

1. Introduction

No closed system is permanent. All civilizations wane over time. The Machine may be slowly winding down. Entropy demands less than absolute efficiency, despite human claims contrary to the second law of thermodynamics. This realization, especially applicable to the United States, must be faced. The ignorant will die. Massive social pressures continually threaten to burst and disrupt the machinations of a system dedicated and dependant upon technique.¹ The power structure is perhaps very vulnerable, however in respects previously unconsidered. A massive collapse, effecting the technological world, could occur before or beyond effective damage control is possible. The crisis will most

¹ See Jaques Ellul, The Technological Society, 1964 for a detailed discussion regarding "technique." I will generally use this Concept according to his definition. Efficiency is the main goal.

certainly be economic, and precipitated by a sudden, unmitigatable world shaking event. The world monetary system has passed beyond any real control. This essay is not about prediction, rather perception. A downward spiral is simple to illustrate; the basis is another matter. For example, the current mass imprisonments of drug offenders, in response to a health crisis, embodies a conflict between competing techniques each striving for maximum advantage and efficiency. The whole is different than the sum of its parts.² South Africa and the USSR each incarcerated huge segments of their populations, and consequently experienced the expiration of their respective systems. The United States is unlike either, however all share the impact of removing millions from the economic sphere. Even laboring prisoners will not prove economically productive over the long term. Inmates are not consumers. Real debt levels may only rise. Accounting techniques may ease the situation for the government and multi-national corporations, however lower social classes will not enjoy this luxury. Bankruptcy and debt forfeiture measures can not be magically erased. Economic quick fixes will eventually prove worthless. How can stimulus packages benefit the entirety, when many able-bodied men are imprisoned or even lack the skills for productive work? In addition, real working wages have stagnated, and even slightly declined via inflation³. A feudal society may be the end result of this particular scheme, but runs afoul of consumerism. Advertising and propaganda convince the need, but fail to offer any solution other than credit for

² A tool believes greater.

³ i.e. entropy.

supplying the funds. Hence, greater default levels. Weed choked farmyard and decaying inner cities are typical local patterns resulting from the vicious debt cycle. Agribusiness, public assistance, and penitentiaries will ease some impact, but offer far less than previous cycles in their potential. The watch hands are winding down. Their efficiency must necessarily be less than total. The same may be evidenced on a national or even international scale. The sickness may have no systemic cure, being a by-product of itself. Presently, much popular support is derived from the sub-urbanites⁴, who have managed to flee from the above extremes. Living vicariously through media, in a verbal world⁵, these people devote their time away from television commuting, working and sinking further into debt. Earnings may increase, but the debt required to maintain their lifestyle actually shrinks their real income, via interest payments and planned obsolescence of "necessities," like automobiles and washing machines. Most will never actually enjoy true equity. A car is paid-off, only to break down. A new car is bought, while repair bills are still owed to a credit card company. Real estate will probably be sold before the completion of a 30 year mortgage agreement, or borrowed against. Money appears not to be regarded as a commodity, which is indeed the case since the abolition of the gold standard. Only death

⁴ Actually, an archetype...

⁵ This term was first coined by Jaques Ellul, *ibid.*, and elaborated upon in propaganda, 1966. It is similar to my own "virtual world" used below which includes imagery.

brings permanent relief for the individual.⁶ Even bankruptcy is no solution. The individual will be forced right back onto the debt cycle due to economic reality. The sub-urbanite actually believes this state is beneficial and necessary. Any other existence is inconceivable, or hopelessly idyllic. Hence, their cars suck all life away from themselves and the planet. A collapse, and consequent lack of fuel, would be most disastrous for this sort. They would prove docile sheep for anyone who could offer to preserve their existence, and easily exploited for maximum advantage. The sub-urbanites will not even probably realize their own state as tools, having been long conditioned to be so while believing themselves free. Their perceptions have been guided by the official power structure, providing an accessible path of least resistance. Puppets can be very dangerous, especially a herd believing its own individual worth and identity. These people may be written off, but never ignored. Their particular decadence is too pervading and insidious.⁷

Whereas the sub-urban achieves stagnation through its particular decadence, the rural has skipped ahead to full fledged nihilism. The urban may prove more like the latter than the former. Small, relatively isolated rural communities have been hit hard by economic globalization, especially the agricultural, timber

⁶ The economy will still suffer the consequences of unpaid debt.

⁷ Although, the above scenario is simplistic, a basic theme has been illustrated: the economic system is partially based upon perception and belief. Currently, the official power structures encourages stasis through stability. Other ends could possibly be achieved.

and mining sectors. Many family farms have seen generational land foreclosed to pay debt incurred recently. Timber has been curtailed due to market forces and environmental concerns.⁸ Mining has given way to recreation and tourism - a poor substitute. The close-knit ruralites have witnessed economic hardship and resultant social consequences, including unemployment, displacement, and general despair. These people may not easily escape their surroundings into televised illusion and distracting decadence. The lies justifying control do not apply or relate to most ruralites; hence, less easily swallowed. Survival is more immediate. Dying small towns are difficult for the residents to ignore. An unresponsive government ignores most issues unconcerning big money, and brands the objecting ruralites as racist, redneck subversives.⁹ Efficiency will tolerate no real opposition to mythical progress. The tactics are similar to those employed against the so-called left. A divide-and-conquer approach has been utilized to direct rural resentment toward the population centers, while portraying rural concerns slightly akin to criminal behavior. The dissident is always insane, and purged for the good of everyone, especially anyone so misguided to object significantly. The April, 1995 Oklahoma City federal building bomb blast was a predictable nihilistic lashing out. Each death has

⁸ justified by either legitimate scientific concerns, or upper middle class elitist environmental propaganda.

⁹ Never mind, not all such rural folk are white. Hispanics, Anglo whites, American Indians, and blacks, among others, feel similarly. The racial politics have been emotionally charged, thus precluding any rational debate from ever occurring. Agitation propaganda may always be used for maximum advantage. It also effectively divides rural and urban interests...

been distastefully exploited for maximum gain to justify a crackdown. The machine acts quickly, thereby achieving the most favorable slant for the official power structure. Law enforcement may be fully mobilized without much public opposition. Long term policy may be identified and implemented by this approach. Conspiracies are unpredictable, whereas 169 unfortunate deaths may rationalize anything by (false) logical connection. Automatic weapons may be demonized, even though no firearms were involved in the crime. Anyone or anything may be thus targeted, including constitutional rights. Hence, an important document becomes window dressing for the police state.

The ruralite probably does not differentiate between the urban and sub-urban. The population centers are uniformly associated, and encouraged by blurring the distinction in the media. The entire area is referred by a single name: a metropolitan area. Propagandists have focused much attention on simplified inner city issues with images of welfare cheats, drug users, deviant behavior, impoverished minorities, illegal immigrants, gangs, criminals, the elusive counter-culture and other undesirable rabble. Common ground is completely lost among imagery and rhetoric. The news media concurs by appealing to the lowest-common denominator. The controlling big money interests expect returns on and off the balance sheet. National woes are set squarely on the backs of those unable to purchase access and defend themselves. Freedom of speech does not guarantee a venue. A statistical minority portrays a larger picture which projects upon everyone. Backlash is avoided by simultaneous division and unity to a higher, less tangible cause

like patriotism. The federal budget deficit is attributable to valueless vermin, rather than the military industrial complex.¹⁰ Each group realizes the falsehoods projected toward themselves, but believe the media image due to lack of first hand experience. The information age may not prove to be so liberating, rather enslavement by incorrect false perceptions. Belief is a powerful motivator. Western culture has not progressed far beyond religious dogma. The fixations have changed. Modern man is a product of his psychology, essentially another self-fulfilling prophecy. Cause is confused and reversed with effectual relations. This spoon-fed population lacks any ability to focus. Docility is achieved through economics and entertainment. Decadent instincts are harnessed to maintain stasis. Energy is displaced toward the dangerous, violent and self-destructive. The villains created provide valuable targets to deflect mass frustrations. Real issues are obscured by emotionally charged non-issues, like school prayer, flag desecration and abortion. All issues regarding class are redirected by this technique. Television and other media delivers the message, while educational incompetence and mediocrity are never discussed. Stupid people deserve sensitivity? These sort just haven't been beaten enough. Diversions would prove less stimulating by those actually interested in learning. A thousand lies form a different untruth. All roads lead to similar places. Isolation breeds ignorance. The whole is not comprehensible due to its massive complexity, while individual threads can be followed.

¹⁰ Note the complete lack of ethics possible in a moral society.

Popular mass psychology demands the opposite. The ego may be a false notion. Ignorance may never be admitted. The herd would die first. The omniscient delusions may be directed for maximum advantage. A war over oil becomes one fought for freedom: how reassuring! The isolation of the sub-urban is most complete. The rural and urban must deal with local matters due to proximity and necessity. Federal police must concentrate on these areas. The government outlaws all monopolies, but its own. Only corporations can steal. Those having lost most are set at each others throats as false opposites. The real enemy is common. Efficiency demands elimination of any subversive or potentially destructive elements. An opportunist will utilize these resultant opportunities, provided by the support system as paths-of-least-resistance, for maximum advantage. Vicarious and voyeuristic tendencies may be catered by propaganda.

The militia movement has become the traitor scapegoat, similar to black panthers and anti-vietnam war advocates, for the moment. Its power is exaggerated by constant exposure. Their real firepower is minuscule compared to a massive police apparatus, and the most powerful military on the planet. Citing constitutional precedence, the militia movement is comprised of many different types of people. However, a reactionary fringe seems to continually speak for all. Access is not a guaranteed right. The lowest common denominator justifies focus toward the extreme. Ratings improve. This does have the unintended consequence of uniting the movement. However, it could never prove threatening, unless backed by sympathetic military units. This must be avoided.

Tim McVey was a veteran. Shared threads must be severed. During massive internal disorder, any such potential threats must be long neutralized. Power voids may only be filled by those capable. Perhaps, this senecio is better than the alternative. Popular fascism is worse, and uglier than mediocrity. Fuel lines provide the Achilles heel for any martial law decree. Only one hundred days of fuel are kept in the national reserve. This nation is built upon cheap energy. Central command might fall, but its replacement could be far worse. The sub-urban would support anyone capable of preserving their life. Edicts could not be uncontested. A junta need only control food sources and fuel. The USSR partly fell over shortages. Real feudalism is more undesirable than bastard capitalism.

The urban populations centers will continue their steady decline.¹¹ Public policy is most successful when directed toward that which the policy makers relate. Thus, public policy leans toward the interests of the suburban. Subtleties regarding urban and rural life will only be mutually grasped second hand. Hence, small towns and inner cities both slowly die, while the suburbs become the only acceptable lifestyle for many led to the conclusion. The rural has reacted with productive nihilism. The urban is fragmented, spawning unproductive nihilism via decadence.¹² Alienation has many outlets. Identification provides a sense of belonging, but these must not threaten stasis. The rural and urban

¹¹ Gentrification creates suburbs.

¹² The nation of Islam may be the closest urban parallel. Its militancy has been focused in a similar manner, only different issues (although fundamentally economic).

regard the others turf as battlegrounds, while missing (or ignoring) their own exploitation. Common ground is never seen. This must change, or anyone capable of filling a power vacuum must be negated. The insanity produced by disorder might allow a few scores to be rectified. Unity is fascism.

The Oklahoma City bombing is not a blow for freedom. The Branch Davidians are not martyrs--simply dead. Information is generally not actively controlled, simply supplied at a constant accelerating rate inversely proportional to content. An exceptional memory would be required to fit many connections. The herd has no recall, and cannot admit its own faults.¹³ The system is made stronger by any such acts, no matter the outcome. Optimal interpretations will follow any event. Any scapegoats will be hung out to dry, and replaced with someone essentially identical. Any opposition has been conditioned by the same system, and supports certain elements. Intellectuals are the most indoctrinated. The enemy of your enemy is not necessarily a friend. Good causes are usually bad ideas. The government provides and maintains basic sanitation and infrastructure.¹⁴ The third world is not a far step away. The government exists on many levels, and provides some benefits. Many will pragmatically support the power structure based upon this consideration alone. Its disruptions would cause

¹³ or never ceases, which is far more irritating. The constant whining and humbleness before God is my main objection to the anti-natural tenants of Christian belief. Even creation is more realistic...

¹⁴ Reliable epidemiological surveys have demonstrated that average life expectancy has increased about 35 years from the last century. Only 6 years is attributable to medical advances. The rest is prevention. How about a heaping glass of cholera?

massive instability. Efficiency seems preferable to most. The slow death is more desired. The official power structure may not be violently overthrown, and will crush any perceived threat like a roach. Enemies are always needed. It will decay from within, and require broadening categories of subversive. Anyone interested in personal freedom would well advised to avoid notice. Martyrs should be given their wish. Entropy will take its toll. Many potential enemies will be destroyed, and possibly weaken the greater. The thought brings a smile...

Insurrection is past its time for the current system. The machine is a deeply entrenched monstrosity that is invulnerable, short of nuclear warfare, capable of crushing any annoyances. Entropy will eventually take its toll. Any collapse will be systemically initiated via internal decay. Opposition only strengthens, by either demonstrating its benevolence or making an example of threats. All corpses decompose the same. Martyrdom is for suckers. The end can not be dramatically hastened. Patience sees few benefits in present society. Instant gratification will only frustrate. The reactionary and the radical have proven their desire for liquidation. This wish should be granted and accommodated. The alternatives are probably worse. Pronouncing their deaths is easy, and deserved. The Twentieth Century is steeped in the blood of those killed for ideals. Most would have preferred no involvement. Propaganda can supply the rationale for the herd. The individual can choose otherwise and sanely. The group has shown its inability. The herd should die with its system. The possibility can be anticipated, avoiding victimization

by thugs and fascists.

Personal and family preparation is the first and longest step. Premature formal organization could eventually lead to a purge. The public eye is best avoided. Informal arrangements are another matter, and draw less attention. The individual has no place in this system other than choosing brands. A private arsenal could be quietly amassed before the complete abolition of the second amendment by well intentioned, weepy left-wing fascists. Common caliber rifles will be unnoticed and ammunition readily obtained.¹⁵ Shotguns were outlawed by warfare convention for a messy reason. The average citizen can become a major irritant with hunting weapons. A cache containing camping equipment, and canned goods may be leisurely gathered over the decades. Allies may be gathered more slowly, based on long-term association, including police, active and former military personal, or government officials. Many shared sympathies are unseen due to social isolation caused by a technological society. Stop watching television, and talk to people. The aim is preparedness after a collapse, not immediate armed rebellion. The system is seen by many to be rightly superior to collapse. Once the checks start bouncing, many loyalties will be redirected on that day. Bigotry and classification are products of instilled propaganda. Those notions are best forgotten. Inbreeding leads to stagnation. The police and military are an extension of official policy. Many have

¹⁵ An old M1-style peep sight may improve rate of fire over conventional modern sighting equipment. A miss is more easily, and quickly compensated by this World War I sniper technique. Any competent gunsmith can perform the necessary modification, or better learn that useful skill.

only truly seen the situation while performing their duties -- not all are over-socialized swine. The usual justifying rhetoric is predictable, and offers nothing new. It plays right into the hands of the propagandist.

In summation, all governing systems suppress personal freedom to varying degrees. Tighter control is a sign of systemic weakness. A slow downward spiral will experience a coinciding counter-reaction to preserve stasis. The second law of thermodynamics states that any closed system will succumb to the effects of entropy, or disorder. This system¹⁶ can only expand globally before becoming closed in this sense. Of course, the situation could be rectified by adopting a dynamic system. Social and cultural evolution has not yet reached this point. Finger pointing produces nothing, but new targets for public ire. The breaking point must be seized. Basic infrastructure should not be allowed to take and hold hostages. The sewage treatment engineer may someday be the highest social pillar. Crackdowns and liquidation must be avoided meanwhile. The failures will serve hard prison time.¹⁷ A rebel is a slave with delusions. The machine will die of its own accord. The prepared opportunist will better guide their own destiny. Anarchy is a pleasant daydream. Reality will see the power vacuum filled. The lines are best drawn in advance. The future will be determined by those able. Laws and rules will be mere words. The wanna-be despots must be quickly eliminated by any means available and necessary. Injustices

¹⁶ Mainly economic, but all technique (see Ellul, 1964).

¹⁷ Leonard Peltier is an example.

against that type are amusing, and best encouraged. No matter lip service to freedom. Often "none of the above," is the best choice.

2. i. Guns provide protection from enemies.

ii. Guns ensure protection from neighbors.

iii. Guns safeguard protection from friends.

3. Most Opposites are merely matters concerning degree, often approached from different reference points. Great care and will power is necessary to avoid becoming the enemy. Periodic self re-evaluation may be required. Scale may have prime consequences. False analogies should be discarded. Absolutes breed absolutely.

4. Left wing ideology has grown stale. Tyranny in the name of the people has proven the worst lie. Communists have killed far more people than the Nazis. The reasons may differ, but dead is dead. One death is a tragedy; a million is a statistic. Right wing beliefs are centered around past ideals which never existed. Those days are over. Progress is a most powerful lie. The political spectrum is far too limiting. Advancement has been defined by ideals which should have been discarded at their inception. Nothing real is offered or presented, only eventual degeneration and ruin. Reality does not bend to idealism. Failures result from self-imposed limitations. Development is retarded by all lowest common denominators necessary for the herd mentality. A dynamic world requires adaptation and re-adaptation. New information and knowledge can change entire outlooks. A will to power is required. Losers throughout history have fallen in this manner. Any potential invader of Russia has learned this lesson. The United States experienced defeat in Vietnam due to egotistical ignorance.

Arrogance kills millions for no good reason. The world could use fewer leaders and less sheep. Politics is about control. Hitler and Stalin killed nobody personally under their regimes -- others acquiesced to their megalomania. The current system had done away with such inefficient personalities. Hence, the political has passed into the realm of the largely illusionary.¹⁸ General political variables only provide justification for means and ends dictated by the requirements of efficiency. Theories are difficult to question, making these intangibles the preferred method for control. Politics has been minimized above the local level. Religious influence has waned beyond meaningless debates subordinate to efficiency. Cultural evolution has been effectively halted by complete emphasis on technological progress. The comfortable is stifling and smothers all natural instincts in favor of the decadent anti-natural.

Reality respects neither comfortable delusion nor agitation provoking lies. The tyranny of the masses is no better than the machine; it will always become the same. Human definitions have fallen to technical necessity, thus creating a new, kinder, gentler slavery. Constraints may only be false, unquestioned blindness. Inertial and entropy are physical laws applicable to the social and cultural sphere. Complex systems evidence chaotic behavior. The timeless absolute is a myth, and generally long gone before its reformulation. Limits are not always real. A foundation may actually be erroneous, being deeper or shallow. Obstacles can be

¹⁸ See J. Ellul, The Political Illusion, 1967. Thirty years has seen these earlier identified trends strengthen. Technique has become pervasive.

overcome, or ignored. The difficulty lies in the appropriate determination. The ability can be intuitive or learned. The alternative is peonage to else and self. A rebel is a tool. Human ancestors would have perished heeding the artificial. Morality and ethics constrain and supply static states. Change is inevitable, and hardly idealistic. Any species turning its back on reality will its own extinction. The same applies to individuals and small groups. The alternative is life. Reality makes no distinction.

5. Unity is the bad part of community.

6. The coming decades will be a time of increasing unrest driven by mainly economic factors. Indicators exist across the social spectrum. Natural instincts have been driven toward the decadent and nihilistic. The young have become disillusioned before their time, making their outlook old and tiresome. Among the desensitized, apathy is resultant and widespread. Energy is channeled toward entertainment, not survival. Self-destruction has taken many forms, and may be accomplished at different rates for the same end result. Many ignore these trends, or dream unworkable solutions that do not tackle real causes. Topical ointment will not heal a wound to the belly. Survival requires sight, preparation and desire. This civilization has largely dulled these instincts in favor of comfort and security. These people will die with the herd. Like the fabled Lemming, the human species may possess instinctual mechanisms to check overpopulation. The big brain requires more stimulus to render the job, than merely marching over cliffs. Of course, the real difficulty may lie in a natural impulse operating in the anti-natural technological world.

Suicide should be cleaner...

7. On Crackdowns, Cold War and Capitalism:

Crackdowns are ultimately self-defeating by diverting long range interests toward myopic power requirements. The drug war may primarily shoulder the responsibility for the massive U.S. national debt. Even bastard capitalism, practiced in the United States, requires profit for survival. The drug trade will always exist. This money represents an ever increasing unregulated and untaxed economic sector in the multi-billion dollar range. Perhaps, the drug trade is the last true bastion of capitalism -- a natural system prompting survival at the expense of others. Altruism rarely has any place in this scheme not unlike the food chain. However, true capitalism would actually more equitably distribute wealth by ensuring the continual circulation of funds. The drug crackdown, in response to a national health crisis, has come at the expense of the government's own coffers. The remedial solutions employing property confiscation will not make any sizable difference, only inflame passions by allowing tangible symbols for focus. Incarcerated individuals have been put to work, but will prove less economically productive than regular unskilled workers. No incentives exist. The cold war has seen many undiscussed casualties. Society has suffered from the industrial military mentality.¹⁹ The same power structure capable of awesome destruction has been weakest domestically. Fifty years of war

¹⁹ In fact, President and former Five Star General Dwight D. Eisenhower did warn against the eventuality during his farewell address in 1960, while coining the term "military industrial complex."

produced many unsustainable high-wage jobs. Military equipment must be used or sold for any return. Nuclear weapons are not suitable for either. Once the rationale for these weapons was no longer sustainable, the associated employment opportunities quickly faded. Economic recession followed the downturn. Dissent was certainly voiced, but prosperity rectified much potential damage. Only minor concessions were ever granted.²⁰ The drug war is just another example of agitation propaganda applied inward. Before the militia movement, the hysteria was focused elsewhere. Ethics is completely lacking in this moral society. Therefore, new co-targets may be added to the list, such as firearms. Prohibition does not work, but its enforcement mechanisms can be redirected. Drugs may become legal and taxed for medical treatment of addiction. The DARE program will say no to something else. Public disapproval is easily induced. Hitler proved similar propaganda tactics work effectively. The myopic power elite have learned from previous examples of their enemies. Decadence has been harnessed to accomplish the task. Those socially isolated will usually react to supplied stimuli, and not know better from lacking relevant experience. Imposed stasis will lead to decay. A great hope: the filth will liquidate themselves.

8. On Capital:

Money changes hands in return for an actual commodity. Money is no longer representative of any standard. Currency cannot be undermined by world financial markets. Indeed, stateless capital

²⁰ Although, mountains can always be made of mole hills. Is true equality defined by equal opportunities to be exploited by capital?

has even appeared.²¹ Money has changed its meaning. Rather than based upon gold, money is based upon a combination of factors, broadly termed clout. Perception is a basis for clout. Obviously, sheer national economic strength is the deciding component. The US, Great Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland and Japan all enjoy relatively stable economies reflected in their respective currencies. These each can erode the others through clout. Lesser parties could accomplish the same by convincing the masses of a devaluation. Indeed, rumors can sometimes negatively impact entire economies. Bank runs, stock and bond markets crashes have been influenced in this manner. Often some will profit at the expense of others. This position could prove an achilles heel, especially where the motivation is not profit. An unforeseen mitigating crisis could bring down the whole house of cards. Of course, this could occur by accident. Credit and its accompanying debt may be the key. The devices of modern accounting may accomplish more than guns or bombs...

9. On Centralized Control (strength v. weakness):

Central government control dictates agricultural, timber and mining policy. Consequently, rural populations have been made subordinate, and effectively held in check. Transportation networks have enabled access to even remote regions. Disasters, such as the Oklahoma Dust Bowl, the Great Depression, forest fires, and flooding, have required Federal intervention to alleviate rural hardship. Economic measures have often benefited the rural

²¹ See Steven Solomon, The Confidence Game, 1995 for an account of centrally controlled world financial markets.

populace while creating dependence on the system. Indeed, price supports and global economic strategy have favored larger operations, thus eliminating self-sufficiency. The small mining, logging or family farm operations have essentially ceased to exist. Rural electrification projects, like the Tennessee Valley Authority, have connected most rural residents to the power grid. The old-style wind vanes have almost completely disappeared from the American landscape. Hence, these people are compelled into the corporate consumer culture by exposure to mass media, such as radio and television. Electric utility sales require the bill be paid with money, rather than traditional barter methods, to power electrical appliances²² and machinery. Heeding to the demands of efficiency, this situation has produced circumstances where entire regions are owned by a few large corporations, devoted to a single product. Any potential rural uprisings could be quelled by closing transportation hubs and waiting. People would starve from gross nutritional deficiencies in the corn fields of Nebraska (or the banana plantations of Central America). The price of unity: rural Americans have been relegated to a status similar to feudal peasantry.²³

The American West (excluding the coast) and especially Alaska have been affected to a lesser degree; generally concentrated

²² These must be paid for as well. This requires currency obtainable only through the economic system, thus binding further. Competition with large scale operations require equipment debts. Many small midwestern farms were ruined by this cycle and foreclosed or forced to sell out to big business. Farmers now are paid low wages to work land owned by their fathers. Resentment should be expected.

²³ Except with a few consumer goods and shiny toys.

economic strips exist along major transportation routes, or scattered pockets. These massive territories are managed more effectively than any other comparable regions in the world. The late 20th Century shows largely voluntary relocation to large population centers. The alternatives are less appealing to many: low wages including crushing poverty, or the decadent tourist industry, which produce nothing.²⁴ Real wealth comes from the ground. The benefits largely enrich national and multi-national corporations, while leaving the residents a few crumbs. Once the market reaches a point where smaller concerns are profitable, the bottom drops out.²⁵ The third world is more easily exploited.

Efficiency is the prime motivator. Maximum gain for smallest expense is demanded by doctrine for highest economic performance and profit. Progress is a strong myth. The circumstance have been exploited for maximum advantage. Checked rural populations, long out of direct reach, are simply an added bonus for the power elite. Those believing conspiracy have been led by the nose. The complex world economic order requires rising to meet demands, not futile or inefficient attempts at controlling events. All else would be waste. This deficiency is attributable to a tendency to personify the unhuman in human terms. Propaganda supplies the image and

²⁴ A very small percentage survive off the land, or live outside resorts collecting wages reflecting a high cost of living. Ranching operations might benefit individual families controlling interest in large tracts of land. A few small business owners prosper. Federal programs and subsidies provide a living for many. Third world conditions mostly exist on Indian Reservations (who perhaps wisely might actually like it). However, the dollar amounts are minuscule compared with the grand total.

²⁵ Examples include gold, silver, and especially oil.

maintains the trait through repeated usage. Any opportunist may accomplish this task by these procedures. Hence, counter-propaganda is created using the same techniques and readily available avenues. Both convinces the individual of his freedom while binding him with chains. The former must be overcome, thereby loosening the latter. Most will not admit their own stupidity in these matters. Convinced in their minds, conditioned by the myth of the right answer, and believing spoon fed half-truths, these sort restricts their own potential. Very few would admit to their true state. The herd requires self-respect for the best possible grazing animal. A hundred million people declaring bankruptcy would shake the financial world and far beyond. However, most people stay in constant debt because they fear the effect discharge would have upon future credit. The worst possible consequence would be the blessing of never going into debt again. A large mass of capital forfeiture would not be easily absorbed. Clout would be negatively impacted. Hence, people must be convinced otherwise for the sake of efficiency. A hundred million signatures on the proverbial dotted line could bring real freedom from economics, but this will never happen. The herd is weak.

10. Blatant totalitarianism has been discarded in the developed world. Dictatorial governing systems tend not to be self-sustaining once the central figures have died or been eliminated. More advanced and stable systems have accomplished the task, often with a kinder, gentler touch. The Soviet state was the first such

successful attempt.²⁶ After stalin's death it survived. Its failure was attributable to outside pressure affecting the internal. Stronger competing economic systems improved upon those techniques within their own sphere. Propaganda was tied with market concerns in the mass media. Therefore capitalistic agitation and stabilizing propaganda may be performed more efficiently. Dissent may even be allowed, provided it goes nowhere. Occasional mass movements, such as for civil rights and anti-Vietnam war, may enjoy limited concessions. However, these wane once specific issues have been addressed and co-opted by the system. Hence, the supporters believe their own strength and willingly maintain its mechanisms. Instability is alleviated through these means. Ripples exist, rather than waves. Mass media increasingly moves at a faster pace, thereby reducing the attention span of the decadent. Focus is directed toward the moment, thus erasing past and future. The herd has forgotten all that glitters is not gold. Rebellion has been reduced to a hallow shell, easily exploited and drained. Capitalistic mechanisms have again been used for maximum advantage. Reduction to the status of mere commodities trivializes expressive outlets. Only a chump would believe a rock star preaching anarchy from a limousine. The great marketplace tragedy is created by the lowest common denominator embraced by the herd. Class division may be easily maintained by pitting the haves against the have-nots. Issues become blurred and deflected toward product identification. The money spent could be

²⁶ The United States began adopting these characteristics after World War II, although the framework had been laid earlier.

used for better things, thus blunting social stagnation. Submission defines the pecking order, or the opposite through backlash resentment. Reference points have become malleable. Individual perception becomes confused through these mechanisms, and easily manipulated for opportunistic purposes. The field has been tilled. Almost anything may take root. Clarity may be only a matter of refusing to believe. The herd will not even bother, mollified by comfort and security, to achieve clarity. Brains do not imply wisdom. Pinned sheep shit all over each other. Constraints do not need to be accepted. Human cultural evolution will stagnate, unless we believe this system is not the pinnacle of the possible. Efficiency, masqueraded as progress, is simply no substitute for real advancement.

The disappearance of the question denotes the onset of any dark age in thinking. Technology is too often confused with real ideas. Propagandistic semantics must be cast aside for any hope of renaissance. Myopia can be fatal. Coping skills are gradually drained by the technological society. Despite their pretenses, the power elite will be swept off the same cliff with the herd. Their doom is deserved. Some few individuals may deviate from that course by being like a child with adult experience. The remainder will regroup, and begin a new cycle. Regression will need to be consciously avoided. A single viewpoint is too limiting. Accepting the lies mean suicide. One might begin by substituting the calculator with the abacus...

Chapter 2

Considerations and Digressions

1. On the Abuse of Police Power:

Police are often portrayed as mavericks by the officially sanctioned popular culture. The hero cop routinely bends or even breaks department rules and regulations for the ultimate common good. In reality, the para-militaristic police mentality is an extension of official policy decisions. Certain exceptions exist. However, no governing entity could ever even make the pretense of official control without widespread backing of its police force. Each police unit must actually enforce policy decrees. Police brutality simply mirrors the level existent in the whole system. Apparent distance is a matter of public relations. The developed world operates in this manner. The police are more a limb than the military. What of amputation?

The United States is experiencing social pressure unique and unseen in world history. Amalgamated immigrant cultures have never been observed on this scale. The traditions²⁷, stability, geography²⁸, support structure²⁹, industry and a massive resource

²⁷ The U.S. Constitution represents the oldest surviving governing framework in the world. The United States is comprised of peoples from every corner of the globe. Immigration has been a continuous factor in its history. The frontier spirit still exists. No other nation has been this flexible.

²⁸ The United States spans a continent, enjoys a long coastline with many warm weather ports, and its overall climate is moderate. This list could be added and expanded to fill volumes.

²⁹ The interstate and subsidiary system has no comparison. Russia has ones rail link across Asia. Energy is cheap and plentiful. Many countries import all their oil and minerals. Etc.

base are a combination with no other parallels. Regional competitions are less intense since 1865, the last major internal war, being connected by a strong federal system. The roots are not as deep. Other world powers do not share all these advantages. Europe and Japan are small territories. Russia is cold and remote. China has been too unstable. Most countries are intellectually inbred. The U.S.A. also excels in war and destruction. The Native American population has been almost eliminated.³⁰ Spain was brought to its colonial knees. Germany and Japan were simultaneously crushed. Iraq was devastated during 100 days of intense bombing. The Soviet Union was checked. Defeat has only come from lack of will (not necessarily a bad thing.) The binding national concepts were primarily influenced by European thought and religions. However, it has managed to grow from others. The changing ethnic composition has threatened certain notions regarding supremacy. Opportunists have seized upon this discontent. Real and imaginary grievances have been capitalized for maximum advantage. A relatively small faction has seized the moment to appear representative of a larger whole, whereas propaganda used this stance as an excuse to eliminate all opposition. Anyone who questions is branded a racist or militia (which is associated). The far-right reactionary fringe fascist agenda is even worse than the slow grinding wheels of the machine. Unfounded fears are being whipped into a frenzy, thus driving the herd deeper into the sickening embrace of the power structure. The right is being purged similar to the left. Ironically, many had been the loudest

³⁰ Only about 2% of the total populace is considered native.

cheering section while the same happened to others. The left was a scapegoat for cold war alarmism. The right is deeply entrenched, therefore it will be eliminated more cleanly. Military factions would be more likely to support their agenda. A small number has advocated violence. Passive resistance is not part of their world view. Hence, less time will be spent tearing them down.³¹ Contrary to popular propaganda, the Oklahoma City bombing clearly demonstrates the possibility of being caught in the middle, either being willing to trample over others. The local police may be the only possible allies against both. The elected county sheriffs may be the most important. Their office is the only directly elected, able to employ force.³² Some have been willing to prohibit or prevent state and even federal action. Their importance is underrated. No other law enforcement arm has the same grasp of locality. The sheriffs office is less controlled by higher policies, being locally and directly accountable. Weeding the scum, the best could accomplish more than any para-military action. Alternatives may already exist, rather than extremes. A fool dogmatically writes off any potential resource.

The federal government is a massive societal support system. Many benefits are incurred. The majority would suffer greatly were it to collapse. Most would never support a violent overthrow for these reasons alone. Circumstances could change in another few generations with its degeneration. A global debt-ridden economy

³¹ Also methods employed have advanced in effectiveness.

³² One of the last true worthwhile political causes is ensuring currently appointed county sheriffs are elected.

could provide enough sentiment along regional lines. Big brother's pockets run deep, but a global depression might prove impossible to overcome. Entropy must affect all closed systems. The world population will eventually peak. Once the global economy is integrated and cannot expand, the analogous thermodynamic condition will occur. Disorder will gradually increase to crisis levels hitherto unseen. In the United States any significant militant movements will have been crushed. Their existence will be historical curiosity, except possibly lukewarm environmentalism.³³ The willfully patient may be the only prepared. Hence, the individual might seize the moment. A few worthy allies could prove crucial.

As the economy slowly sinks further into a debt quagmire and better wage jobs move elsewhere, the average standard of living will decrease accordingly. A breaking point would probably center around an un-mitigated currency crisis. Many other factors would certainly contribute. The broken back of the power elite may unleash a brief period of anarchy. Less pleasant factions will need to be fought off. Any remaining far-right supporters will be long weakened and easily swept away. The power vacuum will be filled by support of either the remaining police or military. The lesser evil is idealistically unappealing. However, reality is another matter. Civil law is preferable to martial law.

Any contemporary coup or revolt would be swatted like a fly, then exploited for maximum advantage by propaganda. Examples will

³³ Unless debatable global warming or significant ozone depletion becomes a noticeable reality. Even propaganda might not adequately quell resentment.

be made to the fullest extent possible. Mcvey's executions will offer an opportunity greater than his trial. Sedition is currently not possible. Technologies, designed to fight nuclear war, have been directed internally. This might be lessened over time. Individuals may accomplish much with ever cheaper tools. The system will rot from within. Stasis is not maintainable. Let the reactionary commit suicide. Tax dollars have never been better spent: a fitting end for patriots. These people waved flags celebrating other crushing defeats. Their enthusiasm seems waning... Dinosaurs should be extinct. Avoid purges and wait. Contacts with local law enforcement may prove beneficial, including the removal of certain records...

Alternatives are not rote.

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 - i. All cops are not swine;
 - ii. All criminals are not victims.
3. The resultant misery brought about by a governmental collapse must be regarded being completely undesirable. Participation in the few remaining open processes might ease or negate some consequences. One must not be above utilizing channels or offices for these ends. Idealism is a luxury employed by losers. Resource allocation could eventually prove crucial. Sustained anarchy is a fantasy. The power vacuum will be filled. All majorities will be able to enforce their will unchecked. The constitution will be only so many words. Inequality will finally be a reality. One will be forced to protect rights. The question: True freedom or another form of slavery?
4. Regarding Martial Law:

In response to massive civil unrest, the military is always called upon to augment law enforcement and quell disturbances. The 1992 Los Angeles riots were handled in this manner. A truly national disturbance would even tax the military. Uncooperative local police forces could seriously hinder or even undermine those efforts. Many troops would resent their role, thereby causing dissension in the ranks as they were pushed to full police duty. The military has always played a backing role, and would find itself unprepared for primacy. The lack of local intelligence would cause headaches. Military personnel would not be employed anywhere with local connections due to possible sympathies. Strong arm tactics would halt trade, worsening the crisis. The lone military would prove ineffective.

The additional hinderance caused by rebellious local authorities could grind the machine to a halt. Food and fuel would be unable to be transported. Any situation impeding cheap energy would handicap military efforts once national reserves were exhausted. Destroying sections of the interstate and regional highway system would paralyze the continent. This nation was built on cheap resources, necessitating such actions as the 1991 Gulf War. A civil war could erupt along regional lines. Unity would evaporate with creature comforts. The United States could follow the world wide trend toward balkinization.³⁴ Technology might drive apart by promoting decadent isolation where few care about their neighbors. Trade no longer requires personnel contact. Perhaps

³⁴ World government will not be a reality anytime soon, except along economic lines. The United Nations is a poor joke.

the situation will come full circle -- provided anyone survives.

5. On Megalomaniacs (a Practicality):

Local alliances will form and dissolve once central control has faded. Circumstances and personalities will both play large roles concerning success or failure. Steps must be taken to prevent the ascension of the power mad. Stalin is the only needed argument.³⁵ Quiet preparation will dissuade the impatient. However, some would surely bide their time for the opportune moment. Meanwhile, information technology can enable communication or create appropriate disinformation. The media is a prime example of a workable system. Propaganda can only be battled with its own mechanisms.³⁶ These techniques should be studied to enable proper understanding. The machine will rust on its own. Armed rebellion is unnecessary. An open distortion policy might sidetrack conspiracy charges through the typical purge. Any such attempts will require certain methods be exposed and negated. The mirror opposite has more potential being less condemnable (lest a backlash is created). Infiltration is no concern. The stated objective is waiting for a natural decline and fall of the global corporate empire. Most government agencies would find the notion absurd. The government is immortal to those people, even were it to be dust.

The final stages, including open action must wait until the

³⁵ Stalin was able to seize power through his office of secretary. He controlled internal information among the fledgling communist party. Hence, Lenin's death-bed warnings concerning him were silenced.

³⁶ See Jaques Ellul, Propaganda, 1966.

point-of-no-return. The federal authorities will have too many problems. A line will be drawn. The moment for the initial strikes must exploit chaos for maximum advantage. Once the dust settles, all remaining enemies must be treated like cancer and liquidated. Mercy is weakness; hastiness is another. Timing, patience and determination are the corner stones for ultimate victory. Potential megalomaniacs should be treated sacrificially. The death will serve better purpose than their continual existence. Meanwhile, the wait should be spent wisely.

Great satisfaction and even amusement may be had by exploiting and exposing future threats. Let your tax dollars work to destroy control freaks across the political spectrum. Laugh once the system destroys itself. All enemies will get their reward. Factions are particularly vulnerable. The media may be manipulated, hence weakening the system while it destroys all enemies. The stick will not be seen. The media will fall dazed and stunned like a dumb cow. Journalists believe their own self-importance.³⁷ Let them be the tools they yearn to be. *Carpe Diem*.

The restraint of outrage will concentrate the power of retaliation. Patience is life.

6. On the prevention of thuggery:

A widespread collapse will present many challenges. Once all enemies have been broken, measures will be necessary to prevent a degeneration into factionalization and armed thuggery. These must be put down without becoming the enemy while employing the same ruthless spirit and methods. Individual potential must no longer

³⁷ Their incompetence is truly amazing.

be stifled. Personal destiny is the only true freedom. The new barbarians must smash the remnants of the herd. Cynicism will have a place beyond alienation. Ethics are found lacking in those products of morality. Order must become a limited concept or the cycle will resume. Justice must include the certainty of retaliation, rather than appeals to a higher power. Laws are made to be ignored. Respect must replace fear. The underlying philosophies must be capable of flexibility without breaking. Rigidity only exists for the dead. The lies must be eliminated.

Neither the government nor the population has the best interests of the individual at heart. Lip service means nothing. Their coinage is bankrupt. Their deaths will be well deserved and should be kept final. There will be no second coming. Martyrdom is for tools. The human herd animal must be largely exterminated by suicide. One need not lift a finger until the final remnants are eliminated. The next step in human cultural evolution will be extremely bloody. Hopefully, this will be the last war. Future fights will be more personal. Humans are social creatures, but the herd is a dead end. The pack will rise again, driving the herd screaming over the cliff face. The leaders will be the last. Their only use is meat. A pack will scatter and regroup for maximum advantage. The herd will huddle. One must find distance, including the manipulation of the slow declining process. Enemies should be encouraged suicidal preemptive errors. Their stupidity will enable this tactic. These people actually believe themselves immune, hence their easy susceptibility. Morality has encouraged overpopulation. The environment might not sustain these numbers.

Numbers will mean death. No longer will outside barbarians topple the decadent. These must come from within. Entropy will reign. An individual should see its effects and learn the consequences. The boiling rate can be controlled to a certain degree. Unnatural constraints represent opportunities. Most will believe their reality; the individual will discard those lies. The species can be saved from extinction, but only for a price. Difficult choices must be made, else swallow hemlock and be removed from the problem. The government and population represent the lowest common denominator. The time has come for a new math. Negation is an alternative.

7. What of the political left? The left tends towards the dreams and optimism of the herd. These ideologies are essentially identical to religious doctrine, employed by the right. The masses and flock are merely semantical differences. The dreams of one are often very ugly on a grand scale. An admirable dream is a fantasy. Once forged and forced onto reality it becomes a tyrannical lie. The blinds must be removed. Social pressures cause even the decent people to walk in line. Sheep dreams are sheep dreams. These kind must be given while believing they took, often to their own detriment. Given their desires they will gorge themselves, while never realizing the harm. Witness the compulsory over-consumption of food, drink and petroleum products. Dignity has been supplanted with materialism. Absorption into the lowest common denominator will mean eventually death, not matter how comfortable. The herd is doomed -- only the means remain uncertain. Morality would seek to halt this eventuality, being the preservation instinct of the

herd, by dominating the individual. Entropy ensures this approach will fail. Morality will destroy self and species. The herd mandates must be discarded for preservation. Rationality is only a component. The all-inclusive should be avoided. Absolutes are mostly lies. Morality is one such example. It constrains while offering nothing lasting. The short term subjugates the long run. The herd has a death wish. Morality must be avoided for self-preservation. Let the lie go. The potential for something greater must be seized. Refuse the role of lemming: struggling to be the last to die is not a viable alternative. Outlive them all.

Chapter 3

Factors

1. On the Demise (Contributions):

Many signs are apparent regarding the eventual destruction of the old guard. The Power Fabric is unravelling, attributable to a host of factors. The whole is different than the sum of its parts. The entire social strata is suffering from decadence and even nihilism. It would seem isolation has its price. Generational expectations have declined. The pie has many more mouths to feed. The fastest growing sectors of a booming economy create only low wage service jobs or information related sedentary employment. Labor is slow. Neither adequately replaces industry. The forced hopes and dreams once sustaining the population are evaporating for many. Even the educated elite are not immune. Their disenfranchisement has historically marked turning points for widespread revolts. Ellul has demonstrated the susceptibility of Intellectuals to propaganda.³⁸ Hence, their interests and pursuits are directed toward the out dated, trivial or decadent. Once this situation could have led to widespread revolt or dissent.³⁹ Now, only vicarious hollow shells remain. Politics offers nothing except for the rich and middle class appeasement. The forced

³⁸ Essentially, intellectuals are better informed, thereby encountering propaganda more frequently. Their easily battered ego will prevent acknowledgement.

³⁹ During the 20th century, the disillusioned educated elite has fomented most revolutions and resistance campaigns. A notable exception is the case of Maoist China. The anti-Vietnam War movement was largely instigated by college students. Civil rights were supported widely across many campuses. The Russian, Cuban, and Iranian Revolutions were led by educated people. Most simply could not find jobs.

commonality preached by the left, and conservative values parroted by the right are equally nauseating. The lowest common denominator is encouraged by bastard capitalism and socialism. A "free market" offers more meaningless diversions. Unrest is negated, creating stasis. This anti-natural state does not respect entropy. The cost is internal rot.

i. On Bastard Capitalism:

The phrase, "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Property," was first stated by John Locke, describing the fundamental rights of man. These words espouse the meaning of capitalism, which no longer exists. Thomas Jefferson later replaced the ending with the less specific and esoteric "happiness." It seemed slave owners felt the common man did not too much encouragement. While the lower classes sought a myth, the monied elite never forgot Locke's words, if not the spirit regarding competition. Hence, we observe the idle corpulent hoarding wealth. The circulation of funds has been impeded to the point where debt becomes necessary for maintaining the status quo. Debt is really the Achilles' Heel for the rich. Artificial control and stimulation measures will only prolong the situation. Its alleviation is often attempted where the varied systemic mechanisms are not even understood by the managers. Corporate state socialism will eventually bankrupt the masses.

Eventually, massive instability will occur once a statistically significant world figure experiences default. The wealthy underwriters will be ruined. Currency devaluation can occur by seriously damaging clout. Stateless capital funds would

collapse, being based upon even less. The power structure will face a crisis when its revenue base disappears. The global economic system will collapse, causing international strife. Civil order could be thrown into chaos. The population will have grown soft and unable to survive otherwise. Ugly exchanges would be probable. The power vacuum must be filled.

Only the time frame is indeterminate, occurring between 10 and 110 years. The longer duration will ensure the greatest disturbance due to full integration levels. True anarchy might last a few hours. Power will be seized and maintained during this period. Justice will be redefined. No benevolent pretenses will exist or be honored. Rights are a luxury. The power elite's death spasms will trap or ensnare many. Care must be taken to avoid that fate, although it certainly applies to enemies. Revenge will follow. The system will have fallen by its own accounting. The tab must be paid.

ii. On Living Vicariously:

Cultural and social decay is evidenced by decadence. Its advanced stages will lead to nihilism. Many have already chosen escape and isolation through chemical and/or electronic stimulation.⁴⁰ Both have become readily available. Criminalization is merely a tool for sometimes opposite ends. Somebody profits from the tragedy. Delusion finds a ready supply and demand. Illusion fills the shelves. This situation could be considered the physical manifestation of entropy for this system. Progress is merely the mask. Artificial stimulation has slacked restlessness,

⁴⁰ Why is only one considered a drug?

without supplying a natural solution. Entertainment is the true opiate of the masses. The power supply must not be interrupted. The corporate media has painted a dangerous picture by exaggerating danger. Crime sells. Inane politicians are amusing and make the citizen feel better by lampooning his supposed betters. The ever-increasing power of the real criminals goes unnoticed, except in the financial section. The populace is pliant and passive. Consumerism has created commodities from rebellion and the officially sponsored popular youth culture. Is the selling of the blood soaked Berlin Wall any different than its construction? Servility is maintained. Poor but loyal. Religions cannot fight the trend once their institutions have become a part of the system. Hence, Christians are good; Muslims are bad. Economics has an effect unseen by Marx and Engles, but not by Demming... The old institutions deserve death.

Arms will not combat the machine. Skill and knowledge will be the weapons of the future. The clever will not let more physical abilities deteriorate. Balance is the key. The spins may be reversed by the same methods. Their wholesale denouncement might shed uncomfortable light, and will be avoided by the propagandist. Ever decreasing spans present a marvelous opportunity. Simply space the campaigns, until its validity is unquestioned even by opponents. Propaganda affects everybody including its makers. Conspiracy creates the illusion of greater power. Official norms can prove a boon, rather than a ban to the individual. Weakness sought can be made strength. The wolf among the flock is an apt analogy.

Death to the stupid!

iii. On Dissent:

The broadest meaning attributable to dissent would be disagreement with official views and policy. The U.S. Constitution supposedly guarantees this right, but only when it doesn't hamper or offend the power elite. The illusion must be maintained. Therefore, dissent becomes a matter of semantics. The degree allowed unhindered is proportional to its irrelevancy. A crackdown will always follow dissent beyond this allowed boundary. Certain viewpoints are dangerous to the official power structure and must be dealt accordingly. The reaction may be an actual indicator of systemic weakness, or utilized for a propaganda example. The two cases may not be easily discernable, or even separable. Tools have multiple uses. Actual force employed would signify actual decay.⁴¹ A quantifiable approach could be developed over time, thereby minimizing error, to gauge the actual decline and consequent vulnerability. Direct action should not be considered until the appropriate parameters have been reached. The time scales involved, spanning decades, will ensure the minimization of a potential error. The proper moment will not be realized until a purge can no longer be a likely concern. The official power structure will have enough problems at that point.

Vanity should be discarded.

iv. Concerning Civil Disobedience:

Henry David Therou was a superb naturalist, but his theories

⁴¹ This assumes the decision was rationale and based upon reality (never certain).

on resistance are based upon 19th Century realities. Those days are over. The next step after mere dissent is seen as civil disobedience, but this assumes one actually cares (or indeed able) to change the system based upon technique. Energy might be better spent smashing lies to rubble. This requires an internal honesty that few possess. How many would actually admit to their own propagandizement? The enemies of individual determinism deserve their destruction with their machine. True social evolution will only otherwise wear a stagnant mask. How many are prepared for the lengths required? Morality is the result of the weak Christian mentality. It will need discarding for this work. The herd must die. Its motivations must be regarded meaningless and contemptuous. How many will buck their own socialization which each views themselves the exception? Lies are more comfortable. How many will restrain their vicarious impulsiveness? Instant gratification is the foundation of the media culture. How many will be strong enough to discard their decadent instincts? The isolated will die alongside their unknown fellows. The social and political needs elimination, not superficial change. How many can overcome their senses? The picture is always necessarily false. Subservience is the same, whether it be to feudal barons or the people. How many will understand, and admit their own peonage? Equality is the vilest lie. Followers are sheep for the slaughter; leaders are fatter sheep. How many will willingly wipe out their own herd? The answer: too few, therefore everyone deserves their doom.

2. On Money:

A slow push has already begun towards a cashless society. A cashless society is easier to regulate, tax and control. Even panhandling would be affected, forcing the dispossessed into the sterile embrace of the machine. A cashless society must either be combatted, or expedited to bring its end quicker. Actual physical commodities will be necessary for barter under the nose of the monetary system. A certificate of ownership, including money, is just paper. Legal tender can be nullified. Crime prevention will justify this action. The noose is always tightened. Big brother does not need video surveillance; economic means will suffice. Certain loopholes will always exist for the benefit of the wealthy. These should be exploited while still possible. Useless diversions and decadence will present false opportunities. These should be ignored. Base materials mean power. Choice is only a means for squandering potential. Historical benchmarks may supply the best opportunities. Gold coins will always have value. Spices may well again. Money is no longer based upon any commodity, therefore it should be exchanged towards equity. Liquid assets spill too easily. Credit even presents windows. A ledger may indicate insolvency while possessing a king's ransom. Debt levels are indicators of economic strength and weakness. The situation may prove the undoing of a cashless society. Preparedness is advised.

3. Simultaneous division and unity is the key for the maintenance of authoritarian control. A significant act of will is required to break this circle. One must acknowledge the source of their (false) beliefs. No must mean more than a two letter word. Its consequences may prove resounding and possibly fatal. One should

take care to be removed. Herein lies the difficulty: actually removing the shackles without simply replacing them with a shiny new substitute, or a coffin.

4. On Socialization:

Every culture and society prioritized and promotes behavior patterns deemed acceptable, thereby promoting a level of unity in deed, if not thought. Morality represents a tool to those ends. Those things regarded undesirable are considered immoral, and discouraged by varied means. Western ideals concerning love and romance are an example. Other cultures would view these as strange or even immoral. Arranged marriages are still the rule in some regions of the world. The barriers may be malleable, but the extreme will almost always invite condemnation. "Living in sin" might be an outdated concept, but marital betrayal is still regarded unacceptable. Penalties may change, but standards erode slower. Adultery might not be punishable by the stocks, but few approve. One failing might be ridiculed, where elsewhere they would be praised for the exact same behavior. Moral absolutes exist only for the nearsighted. One might be best advised to concentrate on true priorities. All else is decadence. Fulfillment comes from within, despite advertisements to the contrary.

This society smothers much individual potential under an overwhelming mass of ideals. Love is not the pinnacle of existence. Our history proves it. The capacity is simply beaten out of human beings. Else men would not fight wars, and women would not be consumed by the trivial. Hatred is a que. Love has

been extroverted and cheapened by narcissistic absorption. Impossible expectations destroy much, and limit the remainder. Unrealism could be the true cause of much considered immoral by the herd. High intensity can usually not be maintained, rather a natural waning towards maturity. The perfect state does not exist even though many expect it. Paradoxically, social pressures cause many to accept even less. Hence, misery is preserved. The sublime is ignored and obscured by non-issues. Life is lost in this process. Suppression and repression are both cheats. Those crappy products should remain unsold. Decadence has some advantages. Ostracism is no longer a concern for those who reject, but most will never even realize the advantage.

If personal lives cannot even be maintained with any equilibrium, the rest will soon follow (although differently).

Chapter 4

Related Concerns

1. The American Ethnicity:

Since our apish ancestors first left the trees and began their roamings, populations have continually mixed and intermingled. The result has always been a stronger breed. Ideas and practices are exchanged, adopted or traded. Inbreeding is reduced and its dangers alleviated. The last five centuries have witnessed an acceleration hitherto never before seen. New ethnicities have arisen from the old. The Western Hemisphere has become the proverbial melting pot of the world. Many nationalities have become associated with these new peoples, such as the Mexican and Jamaican. The United States has been an exception. An American Ethnicity does indeed exist, although has been ignored in the interests of national unity and allegiance. Various subgroups are separately identified and pitted against each other. This situation requires all to look for a central authority for guidance and dispute resolution. The core issues are always economic while wearing many different masks, even among those involved. An American may have ancestors from diverse backgrounds, being essentially a mutt. The implications being that even if one is not an "American," distant relatives may be found who are indeed American. Almost anyone can be one. This idea has several implications. First, immigration must be restricted by total numbers, rather than subtotals, which is presently the case. Racism becomes nullified, thereby effectively undermining nationalistic agendas. The flag is no longer a rallying point,

rather the all-inclusive American Ethnicity. War becomes more difficult to justify and wage. Class and cultural issues are more easily resolved. Prejudice is reduced. Totalitarian measures need no longer be applied. The great unmentioned can serve as a basis for respect, rather than racial dissension. Dignity replaces patriotism.

Of course, most would rather see the situation in the same old terms. Few would admit the source of their beliefs...

2. Race is a logical irrelevancy, used for manipulation and control. Agitation must be easily spawned, and aggression directed toward desired targets. The Romans first applied this technique toward the Carthagians. Skin color and other physical features are nothing but climatic adaptations. Only extremes will set various peoples apart. The Inuit have qualities suitable for extreme cold. Arabs can suffer through desert heat. However, individuals may acclimate over time. Generally, these things are little noticed, except when called to attention. Propaganda has been built upon old ignorances. Depending upon the desired outcome, these may be built or ridiculed (often at the same time). Entertainment and news are useful tools for these ends. One would be advised to treat both as fantasy. Do not confuse the base issues, especially the economic. The benefits and rewards inherent in experiencing the possibilities of humanity are the only needed incentive. Fear is ignorance. The lies used for maintaining this state are easily combatted: simply ignore them. Very little remains...

3. On the greater issue of ripping-off cultures, and the lesser concerning "wannabes:"

Cultures have been toppled, crushed, externally redefined, eradicated, pillaged and even ignored throughout human history. Strife has been a constant factor in the human condition. Genocide is an entirely more recent matter. Previously, the vanquished were seen to possess something worthwhile. After all, why bother to conquer someone for nothing; even if only for rape, plunder or enslavement. Often the defeated were accorded some honor befitting enemies. The Romans flew the standards of their conquests, and even beneficially absorbed Greek culture. The great tragedy of the Americas is the refusal to afford the same respect toward the vanquished native peoples. The indigenous cultures and people have been systematically eradicated. Only about 2% of the U.S. population can be considered native. Genocidal policy has been practiced with few exceptions throughout the Western Hemisphere. The survivors are steadily losing their heritage and identity. A few generations will see even these remains disappear. One should afford them the courtesy once given to those defeated, and let their once-proud cultures die in peace. Popular trivializations represent the final insult by consigning them to a worthless consumer fad. Suburban sweat lodges are a decadent affront to these memories. Western culture may seem weak, but spitting on the few survivors of genocide is not an improvement. Rather, it doubly confirms the decline. Restraint has been supplanted with pathetic angst-filled spirituality. Too much has already been taken.

Genuine character and beliefs are respectable. Slumming

"wanna-bes" only invite contempt and scorn for their fakery. Even flattering imitation is condescending toward those with little or nothing but their identity. The paranoid may even become suspicious of motive. If one rejects the mainstream it should be created anew. Decadence is no real answer in response to a deteriorating society. One must employ sentience rather than flight or fight reaction. The sickness can be easily driven out by employing the fore-brain. Even pacifism may sometimes prove optimal, rather than fighting someone else's battles. However absolutes negate survival and should be avoided. Commodification is the worst sin. Bastard Capitalism can and will buy and sell anything. Sometimes the price is too high. Western symbolism is unique and certainly has characteristics worth acknowledging. A few things could be learned from the native cultures, besides a dollar value. Strength lies in character, not farcical observances. Marketing scams can damage. Respect is earned, not purchased. Pretentious attitudes mean nothing. Native art and ritual has meaning beyond the banal avant-guard fraud. Self-pity is worthless and disgusting. It demonstrates the lack of will. Death is a preferable alternative, having more real meaning than a stupid fad. The monsters can be ground into dust by those with strength. Otherwise eat cyanide, and clear the path for those more able. The first step is a hard, fast and resounding "NO!" The remainder requires hard work, not trendy illusion. Stagnation is the real enemy.

4. On Homosexuality:

Who care?

5. On Sexism:

Plumbing.

6. Equality v. Inequality:

Equality and inequality are hardly opposite extremes. Both states are forced by authority, and are only relative to one another. Either can be based upon reality or an irrational basis. Those perceived states may be disregarded or ignored, whereas those existent in truth must be overcome. Decrees are only words. Circumstances may provide challenges, thereby strengthening the deficiencies. Forced equality often finds theoretical, even popular appeal, but these situations may not actually respect truth. Communist states were all impeded by their ideologies concerning equality. Democracies have been ruined from the beginning. Talk means nothing. In capitalist societies, the wealthy have a stronger voice and carry greater weight than the lower classes. Sometimes associations will allow the semblance, which will be discarded once its uses have waned. Equality and inequality both offer a challenge -- to stand apart from the pack. The imposed states stifle individual spirit. A recent example is the curious and nauseating realm called political correctness. Language is subverted by allowing semantics to force equality, thereby making all the same. Those disagreeing are labeled, and categorized deficient i.e. unequal.⁴² Propaganda is shoved down the gullet, and discourse discouraged. This would appear a rather pathetic attempt at fascism. The bleak Orwellian picture has been

⁴² Those speaking languages with masculine and feminine tenses, find this notion bizarre. Imagine french being emasculated to satisfy stupid people...

painted over, supplanted with decadent notions, and now sparkles with freedom and tolerance. However, the lowest common denominator does not change simply through multiplying by a factor of 1. This system fails to give anyone any credence, which is not too surprising considering academic mediocrity. The world will indeed be improved by the death of the last idiotic ideals originally espoused during the 1960s. Different perspectives are often critical, and even fun. These kinds would trade idealistic ignorance for knowledge, and deserve nothing but contempt. The alternative is coping with different perspectives, and hopefully learning something in the process. Dogma is the realm reserved for dullards. The means differ according to each individual, and may be regarded unique. Common references are necessary for communication, but not always for thought. Hence, the political correct product speaks well, but thinks nothing. Even identical twins have separate personalities. Robots belong on assembly lines, not the class room. Mistakes are opportunities for learning, not mere chastisement. Victories contain flaws. Criticism need not be directed or taken personally. Emotional response may be conditioned and therefore suspect. The sublime would know their own self, and determine the source. Learning and growth is antithetical to stagnation and ignorance. Hesitation may give mixed results, but honest mistakes sometimes open far more doors. The secret is knowing action from inaction. The learned and innate each have merit. The instinctual does exist, otherwise how could one breath?⁴³ Even a veal can learn. Learning is the

⁴³ Try smothering yourself if you doubt it.

prime instinct of the human animal. Fear and terror may blunt the drive. Those extinguished are worse than dead. Accepted nonsense defines losers. Dread may be replaced with wonder. Even the immediate may not be entirely known, let alone the greater world. Easy answers simply cheapen the experience. Awareness is lost. Sometimes a specific weakness may offer better chances for success than an obvious strength. British imperialism was ended in India by such Strategies. Arrogance is no substitute for placed confidences. The strongest have the least to prove. Even weakness may be sublime. Our own evil is necessary. The possibilities are only self-limited. Homogeneity is stagnant and boring, whereas cultural diverse crap piles lessen the possibility of something greater. Eliminating supposed extremes can be stimulating. Pride is sometimes deserved. The herd morality must be suborted, or accept the fate of cattle. Uniqueness is not boring. Protection is a necessity. Firearms can be a useful tool, but the butt-end of a rifle may be as effective and potentially less tragic. The dead do not rise. Murder is a choice. Society did not pull the trigger. Misfortune provide opportunity. Natural laws can be utilized to widely different ends, but never subverted. The anti-natural is a decadent fraud. The stars burn for a reason. Thermonuclear weapons bring a little piece of the sun down on Earth. Some problems may not be ignored or glossed over by niceties. True equality is standing firm, not hiding behind paper. The greater rarely has the best interests of the individual. Fear incapacitates and enables tyranny better than any other element. Those drives may be harnessed. Illusions and lip service do not

change realities concerning oppression and suppression. The blow is only softened. The inevitable is just dragged out. Death is the same in the end. Division is facilitated and encouraged. The tragedy of the marketplace has enabled oppression like no other. One actually pays to be kept down. Two dimensional imagery should not be according the same import as experience. Life is being superceded by entertainment. The plug needs pulling. Even the alternatives offer nothing different. The images can prove useful by providing clues regarding weakness, but film is not the same as life. Money is invested in expectation of greater returns than numerical financial profit. The exploiters can be exploited. Propaganda represents art and science. False unity may be smashed like a ripe nut. The meat gained can be used for opposition. These methods can prove instructive. Investment is roughly proportional to importance. All news is art. The subtle indicate mythical reverence. This may be exploited for maximum advantage. Insight negates being tooled. Propaganda (and advertising) techniques have been developed based upon sound science, and implemented through artistic expression. Mild colorations may induce wildly different reactions. Upward views convey the superiority of the image; downward views portray a position of advantage. Profiles and perspectives can be manipulated for any number of purposes. O J Simpson certainly appeared more sinister on the cover of Time than Newsweek, even though it was the same picture. Hence, guilt opposed to confusion. The Gulf War offered a gross case study. Very few mainstream press sources have ever confronted the issue. The trivial has been given top priority.

Meanwhile, we are free to buy all the worthless junk we don't need. Lame entertainment offers no choices. Pop-cultural rebellion is a demographic. Rock and Roll is big business. Televised religion is even worse. The drama is no longer even interesting. Suckers have made their choice. Real freedom includes failure. Con-artists teach valuable lessons. Jaded responses may be as ignorant as blind acceptance. The sublime have the courage to face the truth and then fly into its face. The consequences can always be mitigated. Most instead sweep failures under the rug. Reference points can always be changed. The low road may be less glamorous, but often provides the greatest reward. The price is not always worth paying. The sheltered are simply lost without going anywhere. Shit floats. Accomplishment is worth realizing. Less insults everyone. Self-reliance is difficult. The messenger is not the message. The context must always be accounted. Propaganda guides where no one wants to go, only gladly. Its development was no accident. The meanings within meanings are sometimes crucial. Quotes may be distorted to the point of actually saying the opposite. Neither Nietzsche nor Beethoven were Nazis. Their misuse does not discount their work, rather illuminated the perpetrators.⁴⁴ Resistance should not mean wholesale rejection. Small satisfactions may have deeper meaning than all society or economics hitherto. Hatreds should belong to oneself. Ignore imposed fears, and concentrate on those real. Conclusions should be pondered, rather than rejected because one feels uncomfortable.

⁴⁴ In fact, Nietzsche lamented ever writing his Zarathustra in German, lest it be used for aspirations of the Reich.

Possibilities are guesses; the future is unknown, but can be made. All scenarios warrant consideration. All dinosaurs are extinct for a reason. Avoid their death throws. The drawn out death is worse than the quick clean end, but sometimes only barely. Custer will be slain once again by those awake.

The end is unknown.

Chapter 5

DATA

1. On Information Manipulation: a Warning

The importance paid informational access is overstressed in relation to the actual ability to digest its significance. Data, taken out of context, lacks meaning and leads to erroneous assumptions regarding absolutes. The computer has been marketed as the savior of the technological society. Instead, the computer skews balance by encouraging blind acceptance of the mountains of often meaningless data, disgorged by electronic media. An opportunist would be ill-advised not to exploit those so limited. Public education stresses operation over enabling students to actually question validity. This situation progressively worsens by increased reliance of computers in the classroom. Interpersonal skills and intellectual ability are compromised by the lack of human interaction in understaffed schools. A computer cannot think, or respond creatively. However, computers are cheaper and less demanding than real teachers. A computer does not strike or require medical benefits. Meanwhile, the wealthy mostly send their children to private schools, which actually educate. Rote memorization is no substitute for actually learning and stimulating thought. One must know the right questions. The educated elite generally understand the situation, but few have motivation or wish their positions compromised to upset the status quo. The system provides nicely for those people. Why bite the hand that feeds? Informed decisions prevent one from becoming a tool. Instincts can be valuable, but sometimes logically flawed. True education and

life experience enable one to tell reality from fallacy. One must understand self-motivation and knowledge to successfully combat emotional manipulation. This could be considered the anti-thesis of docility. The chains that bind are made of bits and bytes of meaningless data. One must know more than just to question. Blind questioning is the providence of rebels. A rebel is only a slave with delusions of freedom. Rebellion might offer fertile ground for independent thought, but most rebels are mere tools to those they despise. Rebels have always made effective examples. Effort must be expended beyond revolt. Thought is required for true progression. One must consider the practical. Idealism is the dead-end prevention of substantive change. Fluidity does not come easily to a society made rigid by the dictates of herd-morality.

An old cliché states "truth is subjective." Those truths applicable to oneself must be determined, along with those greater. The definitions may be supplied externally. The individual must learn and acknowledge those greater truths, thereby determining their own place in its scheme. Powerlessness must be seen and dealt with accordingly. Most just turn a blind eye. Lacking context, information may be manipulated to ensnare those unwilling or unable to determine its uses. Gains and losses must be appropriately assessed for accurate conclusions regarding content. Forced reliance upon interpreters must be resisted on every level. The news is a mouthpiece for capital interests, and will always reflect this stance. Discourse is often the path to truth. Its divisive effect is uncontrolled and therefore discouraged by those with something to lose. An objectionable or even repugnant notion

may stimulate far greater than the comfortable or agreeable. Of course, this should not be confused with agitation techniques employed by propaganda. One must question themselves, or be content with fear and ignorance. Unfortunately, academia is among the worst places to look for guidance. Cloistered, pretentious and even parasitic, academia is dogmatic to the extreme of stupidity. Generalization is frowned upon and esteemed less than compartmentalized specialization. Linkages remain unseen or are ignored, resulting in incorrect or incomplete conclusions. Big money has invaded academic circles, thereby directing its course and encouraging ignorance beyond the unprofitable. The arrogance is also sickening: academia digs its own grave.

Knowledge is valuable when utilized alongside wisdom and insight for properly understanding its significance. Misplaced information leads to a poorly substituted refuge of lies. Limits are created where none exist, such as the political spectrum and laws. Blind adoption binds one in chains. Exploitation is easy. The fleeting false path is best left untrodden. The enemies of self-determination will eventually begin to believe their own lies, and wither by their power. The battle may be won without lifting a finger. The self will overcome the dictates of herd and authority by discovering its own truths. Morality rarely has the best interests of anything beyond the herd. Passivity over independence; equality over individuality; acceptance over thought; stagnation over advancement; indeed, death over life are its dictates. These abominations may be resisted easily by an act of will, then vanquished. Freedom is thinking: Let that be your light

through the darkness. The dawn will reveal little substance, for most power derives from instilled belief with little basis. The desperate remainder, failing this task, will be easily dealt with one way or another, by those who have seen the daybreak.

2. Technology dulls the intellect and facilitates the lowest common denominator by several means. First, the species is isolated from the base physical world. The anti-natural has superceded the natural by its allure of security and comfort. The weak survive. This state may not always be maintained, and could lead to unpleasant consequences for those unable to cope with anything else. Second, the playing field is leveled. The exceptional are made equal with the mediocre. Striving has become equivalent with surviving. Both are weakened in this process, by confusing the aims and goals. Third, technology provides a medium for dissemination stimuli with little or negative value. A million theatrical deaths discount the reality, thereby making it both palatable and potable. Anything may be reduced to its market value. The above three arguments may be only slightly restated, regarding politics or Christianity. Both have been the subject of past wars. Will technology be the scapegoat for future conflicts? Warfare is the process of natural selection among the human herd animal. Removing these causes would not end war. New justifications would arise or be created. Of course, the elimination of the herd might be an entirely different matter. We really like killing each other, but the instincts regarding war might be lessened in scale (if not intensity). Feuding is less nauseating. Physically killing someone is far more personal than collateral damage. One

must have the courage to face, even embrace, their own destructive drives. The herd mentality would have no influence over such individuals. Heroes are no longer needed, only created for propaganda purposes. The genuine article needs returning, rather than servile machines. Extinction is a deserved potential for those failing this task.

Refuse to be a lemming!

3. Pity those who speak with another's voice; feel sorrow for those heads filled only with the thoughts of influence; mourn for wasted potential; never trust. These types are dangerous, like a spinning saw blade. Their reasoning abilities have been discarded, and may be manipulated even against self-interest and preservation. In fact, numbers should be exploited for maximum advantage: six of one, half dozen of another. Their choice has been the herd, but the ends can differ. Their conditioning is fertile ground for those possessing proper means and methods. Those seizing upon populist notions have an inkling of the technique. Greater success requires more contempt. The individual must learn the skills for resisting and even employing propaganda. Social conditioning is just another term for long range propaganda susceptibility; a pre-conditioning for the actual goals. Any image must mirror the original for greatest acceptance. New notions or fads may be requires to overcome inertia. Familiarity will receive less critical attention, and may be unconsciously absorbed. Cosmetics and semantics are crucial. Short attention spans will increase the likelihood. The idea will be regarded eternal. A seed of doubt may be planted to weaken both state and herd. Popular ideals can

be vivisected in the same manner their opposition was refuted. Glass may prove more valuable whole than smashing it.

Similar approaches have largely failed by becoming co-opted by selling out to big money interests. A new trend will simply be bought. The old will not be considered worthy of such attention, only existing in its background niche. The highest bid is not always the best. Capitalism provides avenues for which Soviet dissidents would have bartered their souls. One must understand promotion.

4. Computers can be an important and useful tool. Care must be taken to avoid seeing more than a binary sequence of 1s and 0s. The motivations and gains expected by the programmers warrants questioning. Even the best simulations are incomplete. Computer literacy curriculums emphasize only operation and programming languages. Understanding is crucial, but the question seems forgotten. The computer should be regarded akin to a hammer. Use both wisely.

5. Officially sponsored rebellion is the market response to unsanctioned rebellious impulses. Profit may be gained by this approach. Otherwise, both accomplish little. True power is refusing to acknowledge imposed constraints and limitations, opposed to their mere defilement. A law is made to be ignored, not broken. This notion may prove unsettling for some. For example, mainstream environmentalism views the planet as a series of losses and gains. Dissatisfied with lukewarm moderation, monkeywrench environmentalism seeks the further step, such as destroying logging equipment, making the operation unprofitable. Despite its charms,

such action generally leads nowhere. The perpetrators are arrested and criminally portrayed. Their crimes are made examples, and their damage is covered by insurance. A false conclusion is promulgated: the opposite of criminals must be supported, lest anarchy prevail. Instead, let the car rust while building with stone. The planet will survive humanity. Conservation and other delaying actions only encourage the same old consumptive patterns. Aluminum cans will not disappear from landfills. Some future enterprise will mine the trash. Altering the old will only prolong the inevitable. The mechanisms are only useful for combat, not peaceful change, and their uses have already been determined. Forging new tools will only make the job harder. The path of least resistance is taken for optimal effect.

6. On linear thinking:

For any system, the sum of its parts are different from the whole, not merely greater. Fallacies adopted by linear thinking result in failure to comprehend complex systems. Linear systems exist almost exclusively on paper, the remainder are special instances of a more general case. Mathematically a system with more than two bodies has no exact solution. Larger systems produce perturbations. Superposition will only simplify linear cases. Conspiracies rarely succeed for this same reason. A maxim for power: events must be reacted appropriately and exploited for maximum advantage. However, the illusion of conspiracy can serve a useful mask for inadequacies and portrayal of greater power. It's simple to claim responsibility after the fact. Image has been promoted equivalent to reality. The territory is not the map. One

may exploit those failing to see otherwise, which is basic advertising principle. Linear thinking sells by reduction. Acceptance is a learned response become automatic. This cornerstone may be undermined. The population will not be educated. Most do not wish to listen. Simply use that which has been provided to different ends. *Carpe Diem.*

One might choose following general trends to their obvious conclusion, then insert it undoing or undermining. Be mindful, the longer lasting trends are most entrenched and difficult to influence. Random variables may intercede. One may see the forest, but the details may prove elusive. Larger trends should serve as a guide. Victory is always dependant upon resources. Rigidity must be avoided, while celebrating uncertainty. Delusions are for tools. The ease may prove laughable.

7. A Short Lesson:

The map is not the place; the place is not the map. Fluidity in thought and opinion are important, but only when worthwhile. Symbolism can obscure truth. Image has been promoted over substance: so be it.

8. Crackdowns are the result of policy decisions, but sometime betrays weakness and past indecision. Repression may prove a useful indicator of the extent, once the media spotlight has been lifted. Euphanisms are employed to ease impact. The gulf war was called an operation. Vietnam-era unrest was blunted by tighter restrictions, deemed essential for nation security. Opposition was downplayed as too negative or a tolerated right. Policy makers often learn from their mistakes, but must first overcome systemic

inertia. The new opportunities are exploitable until changed. The past will not reoccur. The government is not as decadent as society. The opposition must be even less.

9. Never permit or allow the trains to arrive on time. Efficiency is the enemy of personal empowerment. Singapore anyone?

10. On Military Propaganda and Civilian Order:

Televised warfare makes the remote horrors of war accessible, though surreal. Killing is trivialized by transforming three dimensional life into a two dimensional image. Still, cameras do have a impact for the opposition by bringing the war home. Perhaps the audience may still relate to those familiar components. Military censors have learned to limit graphic content on a personal scale (unless highlighting a supposed enemy atrocity), while emphasizing bombing runs (which appear like advanced video games). The aftermath is further limited to enemy surrenders. Photo opportunities measure success. The civilian population becomes desensitized to official brutality on all levels by bulk exposure. One dead soldier looks pretty much like another. Cops are supposed to beat prisoners. Unity is promoted by lowest common denominator jingoistic drumbeats and everyone can feel good about killing. Techniques are constantly improving. The propaganda mill learns from past mistakes. Vietnam will be the last public relations disaster. Victories will be quick and limited to appear decisive. The enemy can even be left in place. Defeats are simply a lack of national will. Propaganda specifically facilitates control, and extend beyond immediate uses. The military first gained acceptance then became blurred with the police. The war on

drugs may now be fought with actual troops. No eyebrows are lifted during martial law decrees. A society dulled by diversionary stimuli more readily accepts the police state. The same methods developed during the cold war have been turned to other, more immediate uses. Stalin's KGB would be proud, even while superceded. The secret police are unnecessary. The opposition only squabbles over its piece of the greater lie. Nothing concrete exists to rise above, only ideals and economics. The likes of Robert Oppenheimer will never be seen again, only unfairly accused dupes like Lenard Peltier. Status above and beyond the childish whining of privileged children will not be found in a decadent society. Those sort deserve a bullet, but their position ensures the opposite. Meanwhile the rest rot. Control is easy to maintain without significant oppositional leadership. Figureheads make good target practice. The best and worst are made equal when nothing exists for which to fight. Per-packaged superficialities only deserve a tired yawn. The underlying support structure is another matter. One must see under the shiny veneer. The satisfaction alone is worth the trouble. Empty alternatives mean nothing. The party line is only so much tinsel. The sublime path is following ones own destiny, not cheering celebrations of slaughter. The propaganda is worth ignoring, thereby putting its purveyors out of work. Their kind deserves and requires obsolescence, just like their jack-booted forbearers.

Chapter 6

Power and Negation

1. On the Nature of Propagation and Negation of Power:

An Argument might be advanced concerning a correlation between many social ills and the repressed killing instinct of the human animal. Most never even kill their own meat. Meat is primal. Meat is both sign and symbol of prosperity. The clever might exploit the readily available supply, thus bolstering claims of economic strength. The absence of meat might even cause the population to revolt. The Soviet Union may have expired by discontent over shortages. Meat would not prove least. On the other hand, an over-abundance may be regarded as a sign of decadence. Consumers do not generally appreciate the consequence, significance and natural beauty of the food chain. Reactionary vegetarian is an un-natural response to this anti-natural situation. Meat is not the problem, rather its easy availability to a sedentary populace. Vegan anti-meat propaganda is almost nihilistic. These people have turned their backs on nature. Few could support their diet without the benefits of industrial agriculture and transportation networks. The decision against eating meat is appropriate for dietary concerns, or among those who can kill. Our divorce from nature has left this society complacent. The machine provides -- halting it would mean the death of most. Readaption is simple, especially with well made survival equipment. Every person should experience the wilderness in all its glory. A few serious camping expeditions could offset a century of conditioning. The alternative might someday prove a

self-imposed death sentence. One need not fall prey to circumstances. Simply do not accept the present as permanent. Most real advances occur for those not static. Stagnation is a chosen reality. Stopping short is a comfortable cheat -- security is fleeting. In theory, social mechanisms can force change, but fundamental notions are more resistant. Perception may be manipulated and modified by aforementioned propaganda techniques. The herd desires the familiar, while cosmetic change has been packaged beyond its reality. Real change could be downplayed using reverse mechanisms. In a society where image rules, the power belongs to those controlling perception. Equality and freedom are examples. Their antithesis is often used as a false comparison. Fear has been capitalized for purposes of division, and conquest. The herd mentality certainly facilitates the ease (note again the complete lack of ethics in a moral society). Lies are easily swallowed, but not the individual. Even as entertainment would have us believe the opposite, individual initiative beyond the economic is discouraged. The nation and herd must be sacrificed for self and species. The sustaining myths and lies, such as progress, exist only for those choosing to believe. None exist without reason. The social order supports these values, but may be negated at the source. The big lie is different than the sum of its parts. No real secrets have been divulged here. Imposed perception may evaporate like mist under a hot desert sun. Their exposure blunt or negates their effects. Those still clinging deserve their fate as mutton. A choice has been made to live within lies. Ethical constraints are moot: give them the fate over

which they crave. Food is food. One must realize the danger and utility represented by those insistent on remaining fodder. These sort drag anything greater down. Their interests may be negated by a simple act of will. Identical conclusions are valid when no bound by fear. Respect will follow, making all battles less bloody. Violent struggle will never end in a species of carnivores, but can be minimized. The concept of nations is drenched in blood, and deserves toppling. Extinction is the only destination on that dead end road. Only a fool believes in divine inspiration. Drive must come from within. Rejecting state and leaving the herd offers life. One may walk through walls, even while appearing to respect those boundaries imposed by force. Tearing them down will only result in incarceration or execution. Rebellion needs a reevaluation. Those days are over. Many obstacles cease their importance by refusing to acknowledge their existence. Power may be revoked more sublimely in the information age. Armed struggle is unnecessary and unneeded. Troops in the streets are bad for business. One must accept the passing of rebellion, or be stomped into dirt. Rebels are been broken and made tools, or left rotting. Futile gestures are no substitute for freedom. Existence is possible beyond fear. Many chains will simply disappear, leaving only skeletal remains. These may be toppled into a pile of bones. The real battles are now fought on the edge of perception for the mind. Vulnerability may exist under closer inspections. Altering mass perception could even bring around a mitigated collapse. The power elite does not even control its own machine or even the direction. Technique has superseded

control. Many fabricated illusions would portray otherwise. Stop marching in line. The machine is unprepared to deal with the inherently inefficient. Let it finally know fear. A new machine might arise from the ashes of the old, but that will give some purpose for another fight. Authority warrants constant challenges, even after it breaks. The best approach is negation. Turn outward by turning inward.

2. On Cognition and Economics:

Cognition concerns the perception of the internal and external world. Accordingly, depression is regarded largely a matter of (falsely) negative perception. Hence, overcoming its effects are accomplished by replacing negative with positive perceptions and notions. Illogical inconsistencies wither in the light of reason. Obstacles are challenges, rather than overwhelming impossibilities. This view can be helpful. However, cognition has been exploited by others than clinical psychologists, namely propagandists and economists. By comparison, propaganda actions are almost esoteric compared with economic applications. The reality concerning money cannot be ignored. Worldwide class struggle has been over the base premise of haves v. have nots, where currency defines the situation. The United States, despite the racial masquerade, is no exception. Economics are always the heart of these conflicts. Cheap labor has always been desired by ruling capital. Albeit guided, the lower echelons fight over the pecking order for the scraps tossed from above. Once brute measures, including slavery and indentured servitude, were deemed socially unacceptable throughout the industrialized world, wages became the means for

controlling labor. Early trade unions were formed to deal with capital on behalf of the workers, which essentially legitimized the wage system. In the United States, the struggle eased somewhat with the outbreak of World War II. Available jobs exceeded supply. Unions agreed to forego strikes. The result has been a steady decline in the power of unions after the war, and continues to the present. This could only be accomplished by high levels of economic prosperity. The price was debt. War can prove an economic bounty, but a cold war leaves a huge surplus in weapons. These products were built never to be used, and cannot be sold. Once their justification ceased, the weapons industry was forced to downsize. The effects are far reaching. The lower-paid service economy will not absorb the difference. Hence, more debt is required to maintain stability. Credit has become the rule, rather than the exception, which only prolongs the situation. Meanwhile, the wealthy continue to grow richer, while the rest stagnate. This short-sighted policy could eventually prove disastrous. Consumerist culture is regarded eternal, but the bill will someday come due. Considering interest, the final price will be high, and may collapse the status quo. An economic highwire act will be necessary to prolong timing, but eventually entropy will reign. Static solutions will ensure a slow downward spiral into the murk of defunct bastard-capitalism. Once the specter of nuclear war was most menacing. Now economic chaos and environmental degradation have taken its place. The quick death has been replaced by the slow. The solutions required must move beyond the cogitative.

World population levels are rising at an alarming rate which

threatens ecologic devastation. Birth control has not kept pace with increased infant mortality levels. Unfortunately, outdated religious moral decrees ensure the situation will not change except for developed countries⁴⁵ and China. The one child policy approach may prove a costly victory, like most attempts at artificially regulating human behavior. Due to a traditionally patriarchal culture, chinese value male children over female, which are aborted and even killed in the present scheme. The proportions will have deep social implications in another generation. The resultant unrest generated will occur on a scale unseen. Ultra-rational solutions are not respected by nature, or often culture.

Consumptive patterns and expectations will require reductions throughout the economic social spectrums. More mouths will require less for everyone. Future generations are already beginning to feel the bite, and should not expect the same levels enjoyed by their elders. The only mitigation attempted has been through decadent entertainment, which produces nothing worthwhile, or half-assed environmental measures. Recycling only encourages the same consumptive patterns including those products which cannot be reused indefinitely. Hard choices are avoided wherever possible. Generally, the only benefit being people merely feel better about their own parasitic status. A slender leach is still a leach. Illusion has become life. Paper products deteriorate. Metal corrodes. Civilizations fall. Diversions will not change anything, only drag out the consequences. Perhaps, the wheels of

⁴⁵ Whose population levels generally increase due to high immigration levels from the developing world.

progress need derailing...

Society requires massive restructuring, towards more communalism and less unity. The Israeli *Kibbutz* provides an excellent example for blunting population pressure by eliminating redundant production. Trade is even stimulated by each group producing different complimentary necessities, raw materials and other goods. Group efforts can do quite well economically, without every separate household employing the exact same means. Food waste may be reduced, and the remainder composted for the communal farm. Communication systems have made isolation more practicable. This trend needs to be overcome, lest we suffocate under our own wastes. The anti-natural will not be respected by nature.

Global transportation networks need better engineering to reduce energy dependance and pollution. Increased internal combustion engine efficiency is only a step. Driving can only be discouraged by practical alternatives. Passenger rail usage has almost disappeared in the western United States. The automobile culture has become a major social subgroup. Cars suck away all life. Alternative schemes require serious implementation, not just feel good measures. Cleaner energy sources can replace fossil fuels, but big money would probably see such plans scrapped. However, the 1992 Energy Policy Act (EPACT) does provide a 1.5 cent per kilowatt-hour generated subsidy for wind generated utilities, making the latest technology cost competitive. This shows some progress, but requires expansion. The bottom line could no longer resist the pressure. Oil interests will prove far more difficult, but must be superseded. Electric cars need to be built with the

same power output. Technological innovation will prove beneficial for someone. The myth of progress is not all bad. The time frame will determine success.

Essentially the changes required for future survival will need to occur with a speed and scope hitherto unseen. The resistance will be basic social inertia on the part of those losing most. Propagandists will attempt to further maintain the static-state demanded by the elite. Information campaigns fail due to misplaced faith regarding reason. Most pay more attention to glitter, than doom-sayers who piss and moan. Hence, a band-aide attempts to heal a gaping chest wound. The underdog is denigrated, therefore the same tools of propaganda must be utilized to ensure respect by creating the cognitive perception of equal strength. The establishment interests will be forced to tread lightly, lest they discredit their own methods. Figures may be manipulated to say anything. Truth means nothing in this arena. The rules have been established and may not be bucked by any opposition. Propaganda is too entrenched. Economics is too accepted. People will only listen to those things agreeable with prior conditioning. The information age is simply a flood of meaningless data, including so-called facts. Manipulate, exploit or die are the only alternatives. Ideals mean nothing, except death when applied. One must walk the path of the mainstream to destroy or divert its course. Cognition of one sort needs replacement with that of another, which affirms life. The realization is a matter of perception. The rational may always be struck down with the irrational. Negation may be negated with negation; nothing must be

fought with nothing.

3. Concerning the religious right:

"One should not go to church who wants to breath *pure air*."

-Friedrich Nietzsche

The opposition periodically issues warnings concerning the perceived rise of religious right influence over society. Calls have been heard to combat the grass roots campaign aimed at dominating public policy, especially at the school board level. A nausea felt regarding outdated morality is understandable. However, conventional opposition usually draws more attention than could otherwise be managed by a coalition of church groups. In addition, the opposition also has an agenda of its own, often holding the same fascist tendencies in a different guise. Both camps are equally repulsive. In warfare, a battle may be analogous to chess, but this struggle against all forms of oppression will be fought in a less tangible manner. The information-based culture effectively excludes anything more radical than the democratic party (which should have died in 1968). These camps will be cast as participants and even defenders of the american value system (whatever that means). These sort gain much power from perceived support. Removing or dulling that perception can effectively negate much built upon fear, and distortions. Power and influence rely upon acceptance -- pro or con. Ignoring the agenda of the religious right may prove more suitable than supporting an opposite, possibly worse cause. Once robbed of rating potentials, the leaders will slither off to greener pastures worth ignoring. This discussion will present a strategy towards those ends,

including a partial proof of its effectiveness. Minimal effort need be expended by an indirect approach. Both the religious right and opportunistic counter-movements may both be dealt the same. A wise utilization of available resources is preferable to mass squandering which only prove to strengthen their targets. The best opposition may be none at all.

The religious right is primarily concerned with promoting a relatively narrow Judeo-Christian morality. These people are simply responding to a decaying social structure by attempting its idealistic reversal. The leaders are conscious of their declining importance and esteem. Their followers' insipid faith has blinded their vision, allowing easy political exploitation. Their program seems aimed primarily towards suppression and repressing individual rights and liberties, acceptable according to the standards of their herd mentality. This reactionary backlash against decadence is understandable, but unwittingly creates more. Anything disliked by these sort is viewed favorably. Therefore, its appearance and strength is proportional to its actual undermining, and eventual demise. The strong and healthy would feel no need for such reactions. The religious right only invites ridicule directed towards its stance. Corrupt and perverse figureheads further hurt the movement by their inability to practice what they preach. Many possible sympathizers are simply turned off. Censorship brings the material to attention, thereby further weakening their position. Controversy sells. The religious right has embraced capitalism, and will not succeed by its mechanisms. Morality undermines itself. The opposition only makes the religious right stronger,

unlike its own action, by providing an anti-node to rally against. Aggressive stances can always be manipulated and exploited for maximum advantage. Rather, simply ignore the hype and concentrate on the localized remainder. Power is perception. Controversy fuels, whereas its disappearance may provide partial negation. Corporate media must still make a profit, thus directing free publicity elsewhere. An ephemeral public attention span will sometimes work to advantage in this manner.

The power base claimed by the religious right is also largely a matter of media perception. Pro-religious right elected officials will only move when confident of public support i.e. the perceived proportion. The true power exists with monied interests (also maintained by perception). Hitler was backed by business interests. The religious right is just another decadent safety-valve. Multi-national power would not allow their free reign. It would be bad for business. The political spectacle does not effect many demands placed by efficiency. The exceptions prove the general. The religious right has been duped. Morality means nothing compared to profits. The religious right will fall like a house of cards at the hands of big business. Their tolerance is proportional to the movement's irrelevance. Once advertising dollars dry up for religious programming, the FCC will sell the airspace to the highest bidder. Meanwhile, change the dial. The remainder will be just another weak dissident faction. This strategy might prove worthwhile against others as well.

In conclusion, the religious right can be stopped. The marketplace requires the coin of controversy, and will look

elsewhere for info-tainment. The real issue are worth concentrating effort towards, rather than those of ignorant rabble. Fanaticism is difficult to sustain. Its fate is extinction. Let them die quietly.

4. Could the human tendency toward war be attributable, not to our carnivorous nature, but rather the herbivorous? Popular sentiment might espouse the opposite, but such notions are often incorrect, incomplete or even delusional. Aggressive herd animals will hold optimal ground, whereas social carnivores will move with the game supply. Agriculture is the civilized cultivation of the herbivorous instinct; hence territory and the necessity of conflict over resources, like water and soil. The human animal may have removed itself dangerously from its roots as hunter-gatherers. Our cultural evolution has possibly halted our physical. Our future descendants may become degenerate from ignoring the natural. The human species is forgetting the skills for living. Outer space is a fantasy. Baring visitation of extraterrestrials -- a new face of the old savior lie -- faster-than-light travel is impossible and unknowable according to fundamental physical laws.⁴⁶ One would need to travel backwards in time to satisfy causal relations. Slow speed space exploration and colonization is more realistic, but the time frame would be thousands of years for travel beyond the solar system. The earth would still be necessary for base support. That far future might never arrive in time -- another decadent risk.

⁴⁶ The light barrier is not analogous to sound. The speed of light is an absolute, and identical in all reference frames. Jets breaking the sound barrier are a problem concerning aerodynamic design efficiency. A physical constant is an entirely different matter.

Fiction is not reality. The fault lies not in dreams or dreamers, but culturally pervasive notions which skew perspective. Widespread acceptance has been conditioned and cultivated for a reason. Entertainment has other purposes, besides docile preoccupation. Even the elite are not immune, simply better educated and informed. The cycle continues for the supposed good of the herd, but not even the herd benefits over the long term. Shortsightedness can be corrected. Morality is a prime example, being absolute behavior codification at the expense of everything else. Morality even undermines those drives seeking the betterment of self. Ethics are indeed a sad joke. The herd mentality smoothes the mean, hence prevailing over starvation and disease. Technology is a development of human evolution. Its emphasis has become disproportionate, and hence anti-natural. Humanity needs to move beyond and over. The herd has now outlived its usefulness. The choice is its maintenance or stagnation and eventual death. Cultural inertia may only be overcome by hard work on real problems. Fiction represents a pleasant diversion, not life. The end reward may prove incalculable. A clear choice must be made to move beyond and over. The ashes and ruins of the old may still hold some promise, but the dead weight will be eliminated by its inability to cope. So be it. The remainder will reap the spoils. The machine is doomed. The individual must live to piss on the graves of the state and herd. One need do precisely nothing to see those ends. Ideologies will wither unto meaning nothing. Power will rest in the hands of those who have taken it for the self. Dominating others won't even be worth the trouble. Economics will

be smashed to dust. Their symbolism will not stand against nature. Entropy is the only true savior. The lies of neither the government, nor the population will be believed. Their empty shells will collapse inward. Challenges will arise requiring other than simply reacting like a puppet with no strings. This decadent society deserves to die by the logic of its own devices. The time has come for something else. Tools exist for its direction or devastation. The irony is both amusing and sad. The human race deserves better.

Pretty funny, huh?

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NEITHER THE GOVERNMENT NOR THE POPULATION

Appendices

1.1 The morning of April 27, 1997, a local AM news radio station aired a piece concerning encryption. The FBI director was complaining to congress: right wing extremists communicate through privately encrypted messages over computer links. Bill Gates had previously disclosed plans to counter government monopolized encryption chip manufacture, at a loss if necessary. Later that day, the Justice Department announced an Anti-trust suit effectively blocking a planned Microsoft merger with Intuit, a financial software firm. Further action against Microsoft was alluded. The justice department may have seized the opportunity to slap Bill Gates in the face, with could never be alleged publicly. Profit through national tragedy is a common practice, but never spoken. Libel laws exist for a reason.

The most distressing aspect of this account concerns the increasing reliance on entrepreneurial capitalists to preserve freedom from the old guard system. Expanding enterprise conflicts with limiting personal freedom. The new billionaires, like Gates and Ross Perot, are perceived more trustworthy. The average man admires and relates to self-made money. Charismatic oligarchical fascism is a potential danger. Ronald Reagan may have only been the tip of the iceberg.

1.2 No parking zones around potential soft targets could be accomplished by creating more "No Parking" zones on adjacent streets. Many extreme measure are unnecessary, and only justify more fascism. Fear can make one a tool.

2.2 During the outbreak of the Vietnam war, minor state department officials would deliver presentations at local schools and churches. The purpose was to espouse the *en vogue* cold war doctrine and justify intervention. False connections were drawn using the usual propaganda regarding communism and the "yellow peril." One could point out that the Vietnamese and Chinese were ethnically different and had been in conflict for thousands of years. In fact, the Soviet Union supplied the North Vietnamese, but only after the U.S. government refused to back the anti-french colonials. Indeed, China invaded northern Vietnam after the American withdrawal in the late 1970s. The minor state department official would turn slightly red, then chastise the dissenter as a communist sympathizer -- a fashionable label at the time.

These little chats were particularly effective by choice of locale. Chumps would sit in the pews and believe nobody would lie before the ears of God. Schools were equally effective because popular sentiment believes these places to be one of truth and learning. Hence, official history is believed. The backdrop, rather than the message, always ensures the success of propaganda. The personal touch is particularly effective. The Chinese communist party and the Third Reich utilized similar tactics. One must learn not just to question, but the proper question.

2.2 The United States was founded on the theories of law. Whether the end result should be respected is debatable. The practical aspects have required the legal profession to greatly shape the American cultural and political landscape. Lawyers are acutely aware their position enable them to exploit the system for maximum

advantage. Justice had no ears for truth. Lawyers are both tool and tool user. Specialization has weakened most positions. However, the legal profession continues unabated. Perhaps, the systemic weaknesses may be found in this arrangement. Their removal would be interesting.

2.3 A balkinization of North America, particularly the United States, periodically becomes a topic of speculation. Some believe all 50 states could split into a confederate arrangement, granting each federal independence with no central control. This argument may be criticized on its merits alone. First, the lower 48 boundaries are artificial, being drawn by political and treaty agreements. States are often already internally divided over geography and resources. Examples include the western and eastern sections of Washington, Oregon, and Colorado. Hence, the split would further fragment these, and other states. Second, interstate trade would seriously be impeded by lack of uniform regulations and federal highway monies. Many large, sparsely populated states, like New Mexico, receive a disproportionate amount of federal funding for interstate and other transportation systems. These would no longer be maintained. Third, the western U.S. has water issues which require external intervention. Water would no longer be parcelled and re-diverted. Waterway systems would deteriorate. California, Nevada, Arizona, Texas and the midwest would resort to open warfare to settle water disputes over major rivers and watersheds originating in the Rocky Mountains. Artificial climates have been created by this system and would dry up. Agriculture would be eliminated. The situation would be most unpleasant and

unworkable.

Of course, a regional fragmentation could occur into several large sub-nations. The west, south, east and Alaska could all go their separate ways, but not along individual state lines. Mexico and Canada would probably follow suite. Quebec has already made the attempt. These regions are all large enough to sustain themselves. Of course, the issue of common currency would be a large hurdle...

4.1 The capital city of the Aztecs, located near present day Mexico City, was once the largest city in the world. Most public school textbooks fail mentioning the achievements of pre-spanish conquest Mexico, but that civilization was relatively advanced, including military tactics. The spanish Conquistadors were terrified of their power. Primitive firearms were slow and noisy, compared with longbows. Cortez ordered his fleet burned to the water line for incentive. The Aztecs fell for several reasons. First, their neighbors sided with the spanish in retaliation for centuries of exploitation and tribute. Second, Small pox, a disease brought by the spaniards decimated their resistance. Spanish forces alone could never has managed this feat. Indeed, plague was brought back to Europe in return. Disease topples nations. The vector exchanges between hemispheres altered world history.

Now, we have different, less obvious cultural diseases. These may be transmitted, but how?

5.1 Shadow legislatures mimicking the affairs and protocols of office and state might prove amusing. The charade must be copied by following normal procedures. The actors could even solicit

funds from lobbyists. Their terms would be limited by the gong of disapproval. Even the gallery could be mocked. It would be interested to gauge the effect upon the electorate...

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