

How Does That Work?

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"Man's character is his fate.": Heraclitus - (c.540-480 BCE)

Foreword:

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them . . .” - Thomas Jefferson, “The Declaration of Independence.”

I thought about sunrise in the East. I thought about “Nature and Nature's God.” I was inspired to move my vantage point to a place high above the North Pole. From the lonely void way up there, I saw the Earth below me. I noted that it spins counter clockwise on its axis.

In the Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky, I watched the moon set, after sunset, several nights in a row. Each succeeding night it set later. I realized that from above the North Pole, the Moon's orbit took it counter clockwise around the Earth.

I was hitchhiking from Marblemount, WA to Cincinnati, in the Summer of 1975. I'd taken the scenic route: down the Skagit River to I-5; to 101 at the Oregon border; to San Francisco; then I went East. Crossing the desert in Nevada or Utah, I watched the constellation Taurus rise a few hours before sunrise. It was in July. The sun, which would rise a little later, had been in Taurus a few months ago. I realized that from above the North Pole, the Earth's orbit appeared to be counterclockwise about the Sun. The observed motion of the stars in the ecliptic about the Solar System, is clockwise and imaginary, in real time.

Time and space are imaginary. Matter is separated by the imagined space. Time, the sequence of events of matter and energy, is determined by the same oscillations and motions of matter in space, which are illuminated and/or caused by energy, mostly, given our perspective, from the Sun.

Time is imaginary. It is not a thing. It is a quantity derived from real things. Matter and energy are the only real things. Travel in time can take place only in the imagination. There we are free to go where we wish.

We may see our past and if we choose, recount possible journeys to the present. We may extrapolate from the present to any possible future. But don't be too specific; only one specific future will come to pass. We can more probably predict the characteristics of the future. We can not alter it, for better or for worse, unless we change ourselves. We can alter our behaviors. If enough of us make positive alterations, the future can be more positive than the present is for most of us.

I can imagine a time, more than ten thousand years ago, when civilization did not yet exist. That time had been for more than a million years. That's at least one hundred times longer than the existence of civilization. For at least 99% of the time that Humans have lived in groups, we have survived by leading ourselves for our common well being, in our mutual self interest.

Editors note: if you're offended or frightened by questions that are less than faithful and possibly heretical to the dogma of free market capitalism, please don't read this. I don't want you to be prepared for the coming test of your sanity. I want you to fail, in the eyes of sincere and honest Human Beings.

For less than one percent of the time that Human social structures have endured, we have been led in a cultural experiment by self interested leaders. We've been led away from a known successful societal paradigm, that accomplished the survival of our species for million of years. Our divergence, from the tried and true common welfare social economic system, has been accelerated by the radically

new theories of Adam Smith and his followers. No one can predict the future. But anyone with a functional brain can see that the direction in which we move has failed all but a small fraction of the Human population.

If you think that war, hunger, economic insecurity and oppression suffered by the majority of the Human Race, to guarantee the freedom of a few to hoard most of our produce, are natural and good things and cannot be avoided, then you and your thoughts are a threat to the survival of us all. Such a mindset is a parasitic disease that infects leaders and harms those that they lead. That disease is an abomination of Human Nature by the corruption of social instinct. It is the result of a failed experiment with Human social structures.

In the end it doesn't matter what the principles and morality are or whether they're believed or merely professed and used to take from many for the benefit of a few. What matters is the inequality and injustice that result from hoarding the produce of the community. The elite parasites who rule US are a threat to our survival. What matters is that this evil, life threatening situation exists. It only matters that they have what we need to live. You must choose whose side your on, before Humanity rises up to wipe out this evil disease that threatens our lives.

“What? Oh that.” I was just reminded that a significant percentage of the population adheres to the Tea Party program. The question is how to deal with that and other programmed responses that have successfully channeled peoples frustration, while diverting it in ways that benefit the status quo, instead of challenging it, as the protesters intended. Until something is done about the social conditioning, a beneficial uprising is unlikely.

Well they've told me all my life that it's hopeless. Don't even try. If those of us who see the program do nothing to propagate honest awareness, then it certainly is less likely that the world will change sufficiently to save ourselves from destruction, by the rich fools who rule us.

Hopeless, pointless or whatever, I'll try to generate a faithful image of reality.

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“Explain to me how that works. You say that banks and investors stimulate production and so create jobs and grow the economy. I see that the profit of the investors takes away from the profit of the producers. I can't see how that tax on the economy can add to the ability of anyone to have more of what we, the community, work to grow, make or build. Explain to me how the profits of finance are not negative forces in the economy, because they add to the cost of the goods we buy?”

Ayn Rand and Milton Friedman believed the market needs no regulation. Ronald Reagan said the government is the problem. Alan Greenspan told Brooksley Born¹ that no prosecution for fraud is required; the market will take care of it. Together with Robert Ruben and Larry Summer, the FED head shutdown the regulatory power of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Greenspan much later recanted in testimony to congressional committee. [10/23/2008 — Speaking before Congress (House oversight committee hearings) Greenspan Concedes to 'Flaw' in His Market Ideology.] He said there was a flaw in his model.

To all of these elites and most Americans the market seems to be more about finance than even trade. They put the superstructure at the base and belittle the real work and material production that are the actual foundation of economy. To my mind, the real economy is about production and consumption. Finance and trade, to the extent they are positive forces in the world, facilitate and promote the creation and use of food, shelter, clothing and other goods. I think most libertarians, especially Rand and Friedman, conflate the financial market with the real industrial/consumption market. The former takes from the economy what the latter produces. They are out of order in that sentence, because they're out of order and out of line in reality and profitability.

¹ – Brooksley Born: Chair of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) 1996 – 1999. “As head of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission [CFTC], Brooksley Born became alarmed by the lack of oversight of the secretive, multitrillion-dollar over-the-counter derivatives market. Her attempts to regulate derivatives ran into fierce resistance from then-Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, then-Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and then-Deputy Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, who prevailed upon Congress to stop Born and limit future regulation.” - from the introduction to an edited transcript of an interview [with Born] conducted on Aug. 28, 2009. -

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/warning/interviews/born.html>.

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Introduction:

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Real economy [? /home/agk/html/volhtm/volv/vol5_10.htm contains definition of money as a complex number and other elucidation of economy]

A fundamental free market is a place where individuals can complement the wealth they produce by trading their surplus for that of other producers, to secure all that they need. If one is very hard working, one may accumulate more wealth than necessity alone dictates.

The force of capital on a free market is the effect of accumulated wealth, which determines the present and future of the marketplace. Financial capitalism (there is no other kind) profits without production. The profit of finance must come from the production of others and add to the cost of the products we buy. Capitalism dictates to those who produce and to those who consume, by lending and/or investing where it will and withholding the same when it chooses. That's the freedom of the marketplace. Of course we're free to choose to not participate in their economy. I haven't figured out how to do that and simultaneously maintain life, but I'm working on it. ~~The corrupt power of capitalism negates the freedom of the market.~~ It's apparent to me that the power of capitalism negates the freedom of the Market.

Finally, I've found someone who's approaching the truth:

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<http://www.dissentmagazine.org/online.php?id=339>

ii)

Tory at time of American Revolution and contemporary resurgence, who ironically link themselves with the founding fathers.

iii)

States' Rights/property rights.. The historical pro slave/racist connection: Nullification.

iv) Everyman on Adam Smith:

Let each man work in his own self interest and the market will be guided as if by an invisible hand. That presents the Adam Smith thesis succinctly. Rand, Friedman, Thatcher, Reagan, Greenspan and many other have said or implied that even fraud will be dealt with by the market. No government interference is desired or needed. When the con men do succeed the free market dogmatists [unconsciously?] contradict themselves. They say with a wink and a nod, "caveat emptor" ie. "let the buyer beware" - or more colorfully, *From Each According to His Gullibility -- To Each According to His Greed*. This is an admission that the capitalists sell fraudulent products. But that's all right with them, as long as we the marks never catch on that banking, finance and all of usury are a fraud. [Maybe that's why usury is forbidden by the Law of Moses.] Ironically, the investors who are supposed to benefit from the scam, are often seem to be fooled by it. They want to believe.

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"There is a type of Ethiopian poetry known as "Wax and Gold" because it has two meanings: a superficial "wax" meaning, and a hidden "golden" one. During the 1960s, the anthropologist Donald Levine described how the popularity of "Wax and Gold" poetry provided insights into some of the northern Ethiopian societies from which Prime Minister Meles would later emerge. . . .

'However, he worried that this mode of communication would hold Ethiopians back in their dealings with Westerners, who tend to value concreteness and rationality. Double meanings and poetry provide no advantage when drafting legal contracts, filling out job applications, or designing nuclear reactors. It didn't occur to Levine that "Wax and Gold"-style communication might give Ethiopians like Meles an advantage in dealing with Westerners, especially when the Westerners were aid officials offering vast sums of money to follow a course of development based on liberal democracy and human rights, with which they disagree. –["Cruel Ethiopia," Helen Epstein, *The New York Review of Books*](#) - Harper's web site 4-23-10]

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What I see is that the "aid officials" want to believe their demands for privatization and use of US corporations are actually beneficial, not to corrupt officials there and their rich peers here, but to the people that they and the Ethiopians [or any other third world country] pretend to care about, as nations all over the globe are looted. They want to believe that they and their class, everywhere on Earth, are not parasites who threaten the survival of the Human Race, by the fact of their worse than useless existence.

They want to believe. They want to keep the wealth they've taken from the community – stolen from all of us. If that causes the Human Race to be extinguished, they don't want to see it coming. They would rather believe and keep their ill gotten gains than know they are about to die from them. They willfully believe that their greed is not the cause of poverty. They choose to deny global warming and food pollution and Wall Street looting and fraud and anything that threatens the profit that threatens the Human Race. They will continue their self destructive greed and they will take us with them – unless we act to take them down. We must take what we need to live. That is the highest morality. Survival! It's US or them.

Our leaders [and even many ordinary people] aren't aware that they are insane. They want to believe they've earned the wealth they've stolen from the community. Their rationalizations are the insanity. Their greed is self destructive and they do not know it. They think it is right and good and proper that they should have so much of the community's produce that most people must suffer want. They are mad. They are idiots but believe themselves to be geniuses. They are insane. They are self destructive. They are taking US with them.

It's not hypocrisy, it's willful ignorance that's willfully believed. It's "doublethink" - 1984. But many think it's hypocrisy.

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The freedom in the free market is that of an elite few to have the produce that requires the cooperation of a community to make. Only a small percentage of the population can have much more than average and only then if others, who do the work to make the material wealth, have much less. Fraud is profit without real work that's required to make a real product. In that light, all of banking, investment and finance are a pyramid scheme and a fraud.

The resurgence of the liberal economic delusions of Adam Smith, in the 1950s and 60s, was led by Friedman, under the guidance of van Hayek. The popular appeal was enhanced by repackaging racism/states' rights as anti fed "Freedom and Capitalism," with the progressives and New Deal labeled as communist/socialist and disloyal. A principal end of Ayn Rand/Friedman free market dogma is the undoing of the New Deal. The progress made from 1936 to 1968 began to be reversed about 1970. Of course Roosevelt's "Second Bill of Rights" never came to pass. See Michael Moore's "Capitalism: A Love Story" and "Second . . ." in Wikipedia Thirty years of progressive gains led to the greatest prosperity for the most people that the world has ever known. That really outraged the conservatives.

Like Tories in 1776, they want it all for themselves. For common people like US to be comfortable and secure is an insult to their sense of propriety. They want it all and can't see why their greed is destructive, even to themselves. Look at the cyclic crashes and depressions. They never learn. And apparently neither do most of US.

We have the invisible hand as our only economic strategy. We're like nanobots swarming with a simple rule, "get everything you can for yourself." We have competition strategies, to help us take from our fellow community members. But we don't think about the big picture. Our individual manufacturers profit by outsourcing to China, the production of the consumer goods we need and want. They pay no attention to the debt that grows among the consumers of those goods, because not many of us still have good enough jobs making them to buy them. They pay no attention to the growing dependence and indebtedness to China. We have no overall economic plan.

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supports the few simple rules/invisible hand nanobot analogy.

The Chinese strategy can be inferred from their actions. They must have been aware we would grow dependent on them and indebted to them. Now they no longer must loan US back all the money we spend there. The other major economies still support the dollar and loan our consumers and government money to buy things from our treacherous businesses. That works for the Chinese to keep the dollar's value up while they use their surplus to buy energy and other resources on six continents. They recently acquired a copper mine about fifty miles south of Kabul, Afghanistan. We borrow money from them and others to purchase military and mercenary (at much higher price for the the privatized army force) to secure their copper. Isn't that sweet.

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