

A brief sarcastic history of humanity followed by a dream of a simpler future

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-- Foreword --

Initially, I planned a book about Ernest and other humans from our planet being kidnapped around 1850 from other humans, from a planet that already reached our “utopia”, or so they think. Well, this was Schattenrêve, a pseudo from my mother and father tongues, “Schatten träumt” in German, a shadow who’s dreaming. This pseudo, I used for over 20 years (closer to 30 now...), my first and only pseudo since I was a teenager. Taken to reflect my origins through more than only languages. As far as I can remember, I have been dreaming of anarchy, although I didn’t know anything about the concept then, not even the name. All the adults I met as a child tried explaining to me why it can’t work, why we need a central set of rules and most importantly, giving me the first vocabulary to research on my own. But I heard their whispers, their hatred for our system and their dream of going back to simpler life. Hence, I took this pseudo for my virtual life (games, forum, anything to do with IT). I abandoned my dreams and became a shadow. I integrated society.

Stubborn, crazy and smart enough, I decided that if I am to enter society, then not to work my ass off and still count every penny. Hence, I worked my ass off to study and become a legal thief who could travel for pleasure and as part of the job. To be honest, I never realized how much money I had in the end, it simply wasn’t enough. Didn’t make me happy though, had two burnouts before my body forced me to calm down because of a Musculoskeletal disorder (MSD), maybe several actually. Doctors tried surgery, best gift ever: living without pain. Lasted six months only. But the doctors kept telling me one thing: “Keep walking and being active. We know now that a body is like a mechanic, it rusts if unused. If you allow this to rust, you may never walk again”. In short, I always hated the philosophy “live fast, die fast”, yet hearing a doctor say that part of my body’s used as one usually only is past 80 years old, when I barely was 30, thinking back on my life-style until then, I now feel like trying to fit into this society just burned be up really fast. This, despite quitting a job I loved to spare my back, only to hear doctors tell me now that an office job is worst than being a waiter.

But wait, doctors said to stay active, keep on walking?! Eureka, here was my salvation! Got kicked out of society for being handicapped, but this handicap is best “healed” (or at least it prevents from getting much worst too fast) by doing something I love: walking or other activities! I could finally take time to travel by feet or bicycle and observe nature, live the saying “what counts is the journey, not the destination!”. So I abandoned all my belongings, embraced my ideals and the road ahead. The pseudo “Schattenrêve” took on a new meaning to me, I now was the shadow sharing its dream, I embraced it and the repressed ideals fully now, new technologies disgusted me by now. While they can be very useful, we are overly dependent on them. I thought an office job would spare my back and doctors told me it made it worst. Now, I share the dream.

Only two details kept bothering me in the last years. First, regardless how remote I am, I always find plenty of garbage from our society (and that’s only what we can see). Second, regardless how remote I am, there often are other humans around, who soon start complaining about this society y’all try selling me since my first breath. Decide yourselves, dear fellow humans, either you want this society or you don’t! No picking and choosing here! Or at least stop trying to sell the same society to me as well as complaining about it to me!

Seeing and hearing these unwanted “news” from your society while I had decided to abandon and ignore it, feeling your constant pain (especially hearing you shout it in my poor ears!) while y’all know the answer; this killed Schattenrêve, the author of the unwritten Imvelo. Now,

there's Gauchiasse, a troll born on a small French darknet forum and Firesale4gaia, who's calling humans to either act or be ready to be smacked when complaining in real-life while being too afraid to grab the solution. A solution that's been written and sang many times per generation for over 2000 years, our days it has even been put in video games (Cyberpunk and many others probably) and movies, the so called "art" of our "modern" society.

Reading bored me as much, regardless how old a book I found, it seems like they complain about the same and always reach the same conclusion; only the wording and style gets "modernized" with every generation. This "modernization" was the final blow: how to leave society when the smell, vibrations and noise it creates are everywhere? I'd have to be death, blind and have no smell nor sense; I'd have to be dead. Why should the dream of love be just a shade when the dream of money and destruction is impossible to miss? Hence, instead of Schattentrêve selling you that old dream through a nice tale, you'll read a sarcastic rant by Firesale4gaia, if you'd like to of course. Firesale4gaia still dreams and is still happy enough, he's just fed-up and believes that time for talk has ended, we'll make new and better art once we'll have acted on our current millennia old dilemma, stopped being frozen in the same spot, scared to walk the extra-mile into the unknown even while knowing that staying here means a rock's gonna fall on us. Here's Firesale4gaia's sarcastic view of the world and simple dream of a better future

-- History of the World part I: Home Sweet Home --

As far as the scientists gathered, humanity is very old, but Firesale4gaia isn't Schattenrêve, no researching where I read what, no checking details like is the not-so-wise Homo 3 million years old or only 300 000 years old (homo-sapiens means "wise-man", because humility always defined us so well). No, we simply are quite old. You may research what I write to find out that I may exaggerate or miss by a bit sometimes, sometimes from ignorance and others because I am harsh, sarcastic and blunt (if you know anyone who knows me, I'm the same in the real-world, but I try never being mean). You may be sure that I stick to the truth though, even if won't research it all again just to quote and reference it.

At first, we roamed the planet, many tribes likely migrated like other animals, knowing their environment and the seasons. They knew when and where their favorite plants grew, since they likely traveled the same route every year. We can imagine that some of the tribe was out hunting, some were gathering, some were moving camp, some caring about children or making flints or whatever else; probably just enjoying themselves once the vital chores were accomplished. Some tribes had something similar to a lighter about 30'000 years ago or more, according to an archaeologist I met on my travels. Maybe one year, tribes arrived later than usual to find tons of food. Not able to carry it all and hoping to beat the snow on their way south, they tried storing it for their return trip, upon which they found growing plants instead, they had discovered how plants reproduce and how they may domesticate them; agriculture was born.

Maybe it happened differently and these tribes who did more or less the same route every year eventually realized how plants reproduced through mere observation. Any how it happened, some tribes started settling down, likely to have more time for simple pleasures or such. Well, not only did we gain no life-expectancy (archaeologists claim we've found enough old bones to be sure that dying of old age in the 80's was probably normal then too), but we've gained something else instead, something that personally helped me find my smile and happiness back, Musculoskeletal disorder, or MSDs. But a tribe was now much bigger, more children were born and they never needed to beat the snow in the passes again. Also, other predators (human or not) now feared them more and stayed put, away from the camp, village now.

Atop of MSDs, tribes soon gained another beneficial thing: the first scribes. From the two oldest texts I heard of one was accountancy tables (who gave how much of what to god). God? Yes, according to the other old tablet, the ruler was god. Bellow him, they were several other classes. The second oldest text I heard of is this, a text of laws and the respective fines (the fines varied depending on your class and gender, more expensive for women and for the lowest classes). Hell yeah, that was a great decision, we gained so much by settling down: MSDs, a god and human hierarchy, not to mention accountability!

Did all the other hunter gatherers get so impressed by our advancement that they simply joined, or did we exterminate them? Did the settlers killed the hunter-gatherers? I have no fucking clue! However, if present times are any guide, I'd bet on the second option. We simply did not allow them to roam OUR lands anymore, we had fields to tend and more kids and cattle to feed now. The tribes had grown in population and needed sets of rules to function together. Who where these apes who'd come twice a year, stayed a few days or weeks hunting and gathering food from OUR lands?

Anyway, in the next thousands of years, empires rose and fell, wars raged and still do. At some point we wrote the oldest book I know of (sorry for Asians and anyone else I forgot to mention, I am too ignorant to know more than the fact that others exist and may have older similar texts): the old testament. In this, humanity got first tempted by knowledge, the one thing god had warned them against; that got them kicked out of heaven. Then, humanity keeps being too arrogant and destructive, god keeps punishing us. God eventually abandoned and gave up on us.

About 2500 years ago, another important book was written by a politician, Plato. This book has been adapted into every language and generation, as song, myth, serious political discussion, novel,..., from very simple forms like “let’s get back to trade, to human-sized problems” to very complex books like Plato’s Republic. Plato claims to only quote his teachers, people he knew but who didn’t write themselves; historians seem to find it true. One can only assume that maybe they believed that writing this wisdom down was too similar to treason towards their believes, who knows?

The content of this book is a long discussion about the benefits of a government. I am quite sure that most of you had this discussion several times already. Plato takes every possible argument in favor of a central government and explains it in much detail before dropping in a short sarcastic comment that annihilates the preceding argumentation. What’s amazing, is that these arguments are still valid today. For those interested in a little more details, you may read the following abstract, for the others, the history of the world part II is available at Monty Python or after the following interlude.

-- Interlude: very very short version of Plato --

A government is the fruit of a society which became too big and complex, where the people asks to part of the tribe – which grew too big – to take responsibility for solving the common issues to the best of their abilities; to find common rules to regulate society’s life. One part of the population discharges itself from responsibility in exchange of harder work and frees time to another part of the population for them to take responsibility.

A government cannot work because of the complexity, impossibility really, of solving other people’s problems. A government is indeed only that, people who ask another person to solve their problem. Aristotle, Socrates, Plato, they were given slaves (humans) to ensure that they would have time to find solutions to the citizens issues. Notice how human got replaced by citizen already? How can a politician tell you where you should dig your toilet if he doesn’t even know your garden or where you store your grain? Hence he first spends much time trying to understand an issue, then tries to provide a suggestion. He didn’t however know where your neighbor stored his grain and now the neighbor’s here complaining and asking for damage reparation for the contaminated grain! Hence, talk with your neighbor instead of asking a foreigner, maybe s.he’s an asshole, but s.he knows the issue and the local context.

Since this was maybe too short and outdated for many of you, I’ll try illustrating this with a modern (invented) example. Paul created a company that could help small businesses or Non-Governmental-Organisations (NGOs) gain much time with paperwork and accountancy (remember where these came from?). Paul had this idea because of an NGO he kind of helps sometimes, they really did cool projects but missed tons of opportunities because they struggled with deadlines and paperwork in general.

Paul soon realized that he couldn't do much alone, Paul's an accountant and knows basics of Excel, but even if he knows that the project he sold to the NGO is doable with Excel, he has no clue how, a former colleague of his, Jane, had created that cool template he just sold. So Paul asks Jane, a colleague of his, for help, she's quite enthusiastic about the project but can't, she has the job and a busy life already. Paul insists and Jane agrees to spend a few hours creating a template. Now that they sit together, Paul realizes that he doesn't understand enough of this NGO to answer Jane's questions, hence Jane improvises on the needs she understands. The NGO's not impressed.

As he wanted to drop out, the NGO promised him a nice sum if he delivered that little software. He discusses it with Jane, and both quit their job; he to invest fully in his company, Jane as his employee. They deliver a working Excel-tool with tons of automation, not looking like Excel at all anymore and got the final promised payout. Soon, Paul realizes that he'll need more customers but struggles finding any, when he asked Jane, she said she's no sales-rep. Paul hence hired a sales-rep, who did indeed find new customers. New customers with different needs.

Jane adapts her template for dozens of companies before struggling with maintaining all these different templates and customizing it for everyone. When Paul asks what they can do, she states that Excel simply isn't build for that, too many users may cause too many damage to the file integrity: they need an actual software if they want more customers. Jane adds that she knows shit about programming. Paul investigates what Jane said and his finances, both are sound and he hires a developer who's to report to Jane. At the same time, he hires an accountant and a secretary. Five employees now report to Paul, wait, six: he needs a new sales-rep. The company does well, and continues to grow, Paul realizes the lack of a management course and spends tons on "consultants", "experts" taking astronomical sums to help him organize the company.

Now, two years later, the small office they started in had to be left behind long ago. Where a small office would do, now a single department sometimes requires more space than that! "In that small office things were easier!", was now a common though Paul had. In that small office, all departments would fit, mingle, interact and discuss the issues they faces; people understood each others duties and helped each other out. Now, he was lucky that sales-reps were spread all over the country, as that spared him a lot of office space: his customer service department wouldn't fit in that first office; not even his servers would fit in there!

Now, most employees stopped mingling with other departments, they barely know each other anymore, even less each others responsibilities and the issues they face. Managers spend their time straightening our misunderstandings and the latest consultant told him that he'll need to put directors in charge above the managers now. He hired a women who's job he doesn't even understand. She has full access to everything, deals with the CRM and ERP (software used respectively for customer relations and accounting and stock management), she seems to know these tools in and out, she also knows Excel to a greater degree than Jane and seems to work nearly only with that. Before any major company meeting, she gives Paul a huge report and spends two hours explaining it to him; she knows the company better than Paul ans now is behind most of his decisions.

At this point, Paul also loses his very first customer, the one who made them. They left because not only did the prices raised, but now they can't get in touch with Paul, Jane or the first developer anymore. When they have an issue, they need to call a sales-rep or customer service, explain it for hours,...; the company just isn't flexible or human anymore.

Any government is way way more complex than Paul's company. Health, army, police, education and many other departments are present on many hierarchy levels, for example school, district, city, state, county, international... Pretty much anytime most of us complains, we basically

complain that this machinery is too complex, not flexible and has no humanity. One department made a new road, just after they're done, another cuts it open for sewage, a few months later the electric company reopens the supposedly new road again. And when the magistrate wants to take a picture of it for an illustration of what he did; he ends-up finding something else to illustrate it.

You may translate that example anywhere, on pretty much everything. Once the crew's too big, the job too complex and specific, misunderstandings start becoming common place and argument start taking up more time than doing anything useful. Problems often are best solved in the simplest way, with help of common sense.

Now think of our current "solution" to our complex issue: technology. Sure, a machine may calculate way faster than us, and even your most sophisticated "artificial intelligence" (AI) is basically huge calculators. In the end, the AI is just a succession of 0s and 1s, on or of, indicating how the hardware is to behave as to execute the prompted command. Since humans can't really read and understand such a complex series of 0s and 1s nor really understand all the resulting hardware response, certainly not for so many components and in real-time.

Hence, a first user interface is developed, as small as my knowledge is, I believe this first line of developers work on component level; they only code one single component of your computer. The second line of developers then may interact with the hardware through human readable languages (not by most of you or I) and develop the core of the computer. Once the developers made the OS, a new army of programmers arrive, these developers may need to know how several OS are working if they'd like their software to be available for all platforms. Then you have the web-developers and probably many I forgot or do not know. Do you believe any of these lines of different developers knows ALL there is to know about any single computer? I sincerely doubt it, despite having met quite a few.

Do you sincerely believe that adding a layer of complexity will help us find a way towards a simpler, human-sized, equitable world? I personally doubt it, any technological advancement we had so far was misused straight away; when the advancement wasn't researched for warfare.

Well, Plato got labeled as crazy and got lucky; Socrates (one of his mentors) got executed for daring to say the same. By the way, Plato claimed to have only written down what his different mentors taught him. In the (believed to be) oldest book, first page (or nearly so), Socrates complains that he feels like he spent his entire life repeating the same over and over. Imagine how crazy my crazy mind got when reading that sentence. I imagined the possibility that the people believing in reincarnation are right, and that I spent countless lives burning out because of the constant stream of never-ending and never-changing complains surrounding me.

Back then, I believe the concept was named Anarchy, a fatality doomed to happen. When Humans will be ready to take responsibility for their own lives, then Anarchy will rule. History mainly remembers two of Ananké's (Greek goddess of fatality) children: war and chaos. There was a third though: love. Let's be honest for a minute, these three already rule our society. Personally, I actually mainly feel two: war and chaos. Love got replaced by money and is otherwise reserved for people we actually love; not too much mind. For example, when my body forced me to slow the fuck down, one of the very first things I learned to do was to hide my pain. People don't want to see anyone in pain, they only like to see bright happiness. A very tolerant society full of love, isn't it?

Money rules, but there's one aspect of capitalism I didn't mention yet: it is based on endless growth. In other words, we must spend more today than yesterday, and this sum has to grow every day. This is like a safety valve, sooner or later the inequities will be too high, which will lead the people to become more radical, vote more extreme and, ultimately, request the purge our system

needs to survive. We certainly pretend to be tolerant and to care about leaving a better world to the future, writing “green fuel” on a gaz truck, selling our “company values” to potential investors and employees (also investors, or was it slaves?). I saw a guy raising tons of money to “save the amazonian forest”. All he did was buy millions of seeds, rent a plane and made a nice video of the plane dumping the seeds (and him with his parachute) over a deforested area. People applauded. Do these examples seem inspired by love, trust and respect or by money?

In my opinion, the world is as united as it'll ever be, for over hundred years now. We (rich and powerful countries) allied against one of us to reset the economy. Once the reset completed (30 years later) , the allies argued and split in two groups, the “west” and “east”, the “5, 9, 14 eyes” alliance and the “BRIC” alliance; two rich blocs oppressing the remaining world. Both sides already bombed nuclear facilities, making the surrounding inhabitable for a while. Do you believe they'll hesitate using a nuclear bombs next time? More efficient, wouldn't you say? After all, you may target whatever with a bomb, the facilities are where they are.

-- History of the World part II – Jagdgeschwader I --

A few hundred years after Plato, the middle-east wasn't ruled by a god anymore, but by many religions and the roman empire. A crazy little Arabic Jew claimed the same thing then, both of the ruling colleges (Jewish and Roman counsels) agreed he needed to be executed. The roman empire planned the next brilliant move then: we'll make a martyr out of this criminal and use it to get rid of the Jews and all the Pagans who keep fighting among themselves instead of fully supporting the empire.

This empire gives an amazing study of marketing, even our bigger giants don't top them. About 60 years after Jesus's crucifixion, they had the first “biography” ready, written by a guy who never even met anyone who met the real dead guy. In that first biography, he didn't raise from the dead or did tons of miracles, he was a homeless wanderer, preacher of peace, anarchy and a healer. The later versions progressively added miracles, not the same everywhere though; they adapted the stories to the local cultures and pagan religions. Then, I believe around the 4th or 6th century, they had their final version of “The New Testament”, had made Jesus a martyr prosecuted and killed by his own religious leaders and imposed “Christianity” over their empire. No more pagans fighting among each other over the actual name of Jupiter or such. Christmas, the birth of the “prophet” replaced the Winter Solstice, a pagan festivity shared by all: the shortest day of the year, the marking of the beginning of a new year. Now, it marks the supposed birth of a prophet killed for daring defying authority.

During the 16th century, another philosopher (who were already only just “thinkers”, not the thinkers paid to solve our problems, aka politicians) also got bored of humanity, after all it had already been 2000 years since a western politician had said the solution and written a huge book about it. Only 2000 years of discussion without action, each generation hoping they won't be alive for the coming reset. Hence, he relabeled the concept from Anarchy (fatality) to Utopia (dream that would be nice but for which we are either too dumb or too scared).

Then, the industrial age and capitalism arrived. I'd say Napoleon won (?) the first industrial war. Soon after, England realized that they needed a law for industries not to destroy our environment too fast and voted on it before 1850 (if my memory still is to be trusted). We could observe how Darwin's evolution theory was right: butterflies which were white before the industrial age for camouflage (they lived in an area where lime-stone dominates) had muted to be black for

camouflage (there was suit everywhere). They muted back to white after the law was passed and enforced.

Humans still had MSDs and no cure, but inherited a new disease from the industrial age: cancer. What we call tumors are actually cells who should protect us (I believe these are called anti-body), but we protect ourselves so much from the bad environment called Planet Earth and use so much drugs and other scientific chemistry, that these anti-bodies have nothing to fight anymore, or not their initial adversaries. Usually, it doesn't matter, these cells should just kind of dissolve, sometimes though, they accumulate and become tumors. But who cares, since it started, humans could grow to be numbered in billions when we weren't even 1 billion in 1800!

Around the same time, Anarchy also found a new name: communism. People believed they could better share this dream by using a term that can only be inclusive: community. They made the mistake of trying to share the vision through a political party. But how could a central party agree on community rules? They couldn't and didn't, like Anarchy and Utopia, this new word got trash talked. So Marks and Engels wrote a very short and comprehensive manifest, explaining that communism is local and hence cannot be written in any set of laws: what grows here doesn't necessarily grow 10 miles away, or even 500 feet away. This got labeled as Utopian dream, or misused by central governments to have an excuse to set up a new tyranny.

Well, I mentioned before that modern capitalism and the industrial age started (in my opinion) around the same time, mid 18th century, and actually was based on a brilliant idea. People were too educated to still be manipulated through the morality of churches and god anymore; they had understood how rich people could buy their sins free to enter heaven but poor people were doomed to hell. We had seen too many crazy rulers with too much power ruining entire kingdoms. So we invented modern capitalism, replaced god and morals through money and responsibility. If money represents responsibility and that we wisely guide it through laws and an independent government, then none can be too powerful and everyone has at least a tiny amount of responsibility.

In theory, this system is great. In reality though, the lower social classes barely have enough power to survive. Governments are dependent on money, which they need to build and maintain the infrastructure that the people want. We managed to create a new vengeful god enslaving us all: money.

This system still requires different classes though. Somebody needs to enforce the laws, somebody needs to clean the streets, to build houses, to work the fields, repair modern engines... The poor don't have too much responsibility or power (at least when taken individually), the rich cannot have too much of it, common sense and morals will take care of the rest and guide us. Great system, if none can have too much responsibility, then it's no one's fault, right? Even if we'd take the 10 000 richest people in the world and that they would all tell us that these texts are all right, that they can't change anything unless the population changes, we'd likely just ignore or kill them. It is much easier however to blame minorities, especially when considering that, if put to the question, politicians may state that Plato's right; after all he was one himself.

So, Sieg Heil Capitalism! It's not perfect but no one person can do too much damage, since no one person can have too much responsibility! Wait, what was that? A quote from the person that Times Magazine named "Person of the Year" in 1938? Didn't he get much power despite this money splitting responsibility stuff? Yes, he did and so did many others.

Well, back to Plato, a central system needs poverty, who's gonna clean the sewage, become policeman or soldier if there are no poor? A system based on inequities is doomed to fail, sooner or

later these inequities will be too high and people will revolt. The announcing signs of a revolution are easy: a depressed population complaining more and more openly, radical views like racism become common. A revolution is never pretty nor predictable though. Regardless how much power one yielded before it started, one may be dead at the end of it.

Today, the word Anarchy mainly stands for chaos and destruction, we arrived at a stage, where thanks to millennia of propaganda, a teenager wrote a book in 1971, "The Anarchist's Cookbook", a book simply teaching how to destroy (physical bombs, hacking,...). The author distanced himself from that book since but wrote it because the lack of love and compassion revolted him then (Vietnam war). Chaos and destruction seems to be the only thing humans aspire to. After all, it always is easier to destroy than to build. The foreword of the book does provide a critical view of the book and an explanation of Anarchism – which I haven't entirely read.

The cookbook, a book about destruction, was written by a citizen of the U.S.A., a country claiming to be the symbol of democracy, tolerance and freedom since the world war, claiming to bomb for peace and love since. Around that same time, in another country where the military ruled time, a guy called Gandhi chose the path of peace and love to fight the army and simply asked the other oppressed people to simply sit down in front of the soldiers ; the soldiers where too human to shoot people who were only sitting peacefully.

Do you believe all politicians and powerful people of this world never tried to make a better world? That they where / are all thieves, or maybe too stupid and incompetent? I'm not gonna rewrite the interlude, but if you want another somewhat illustration of the issue at hand, there's a movie called "Snowpiercer" or something like that. It's about a society who lives on a rolling train to avoid freezing. It may be a movie, but as far as I remember it explains the issue fine and illustrates it vividly.

For thousands of years, this purge that would hit every fourth generation or so didn't matter so much, bows and flints couldn't destroy square miles in one shot. Now, the coming reset may be a little harsher. You'll tell me it won't happen though. After all, we claim to destroy our environment slower than a hundred years ago while poring concrete without end, digging everywhere (but home) to find "rare dirt" (check out the Anarchist Cookbook to see how "rare" these components are – they are everywhere, we just needs tons of dirt to extract tiny amounts), all living organisms now are contaminated with plastic, teflon and other "eternal pollutants", used in pizza-cardboard or to avoid that our make-up gets ruined from water, as well as a wide variety of drugs.

Who cares, we need these and most humans willingly drug themselves every day but don't call it that: they heal their depression, or repress its symptoms. What, we could heal depression by taking time to care for ourselves? Why did nobody ever tell me that?! Many probably did already, but our society doesn't allow time to "take care of oneself".

I says it is time to exit this vicious circle that traps us for thousands of years. If we wait for the purge, we'll lose all this knowledge that became common place after so long. We live in a world dominated by technology and money. We are nearly as far as to ask a computer program written by humans to rule over these same humans. Only poor countries still lose lives in modern warfare, rich countries send their drones and robots to bring peace and humanity. It'll certainly be much simpler when robots rule.

Am I crazy for thinking that y'all are nuts if you believe this will work? Have I been breastfed too much Fahrenheit 451, 1984, Brave New World, Terminator, V for Vendetta, Matrix, Plato, Nietzsche, Desmarest,...? No, my parents aren't fond and some didn't exist anyway, I saw

one movie with them as a child that also kind of conveys the same message – disguised as a comedy – though, I they liked. The Gods Must Be Crazy.

If you believe I'm crazy and war won't come, then just laugh to your heart's content, I wholeheartedly hope you're right. But who lives upon hope dies of hunger. Should you doubt that our system will find a way that doesn't involve a huge war, if you start believing in the strength of a shared dream, then here's a simple proposal.

-- “The Green Pill World Referendum”, a way out? --

- One-liner proposal (to be displayed when infecting a system, requiring more than a simple “OK” to unlock it) -

We live in a world ruled by destruction and chaos. Our “laws” profit only the rich thieves who made them. We, the people, propose a way out: the Green Pill. Take the green pill by sharing a dream of a simpler world, with animal-sized problems and solutions.

Share the dream around you and install your vote everywhere you can. This pill will destroy the electronic core of our system on [insert date]. In the meantime, look at the different resources available to help you prepare (see links below) and meet your neighbors for real.”

- Details -

We are overly dependent on technology, using it to rule our lives, money, and some say for advancement. Well, I don’t care what’s happening outta space or in deep sea, I barely understand my body and heard the doctors: they can only drug me. I do love the simple joys of observing my environment though, of getting to know about cultural and natural differences, making each garden unique. The cultural differences tend to disappear though, we lost many dialects already and most people everywhere I go complain about the same: money / capitalism. The small differences left sometimes seem like a caricature, a tourism attraction. Hence, we have a world nation as big and united as we’ll ever get it.

There’s a concept as old as the internet (older if you count the capitalistic term): a firesale; everything must go, fast. In our world dominated computers and internet, this means destroying all hardware in a single coordinated attack; a reset without war. In government’s propaganda, it is doomed to fail because some orchestrators will want money or power. But that’s politics, not Anarchy. Anarchy is a dream of love, a fatality that will inevitably happen, humanity will wake up and take the next logical step into its evolution: claim back responsibility for its own life.

Now, dear Human Reader, it happens I studied how to make money, business. There’s a course called innovation, from which I will only give one very short and illustrated example. Humans (in business “consumers”) need to be ready for an innovative product. If they aren’t any, regardless how great the product is, it’ll fail. One corresponding example is a touch-pad launched by Apple, I believe in the 80’s. This device was basically an electronic organizer with touch-screen, it could be synchronized with other devices. It failed, the market was not ripe for a connected device yet. Blue-ray technology illustrates this the other way around, it was invented pretty much at the launch of DVDs, but we couldn’t say the newest technology was outdated when VHS was still common in most households. We hence delayed the launch of this technology until most households had updated for a DVD player.

Now, I played around with some “artificial intelligence” (AIs) tools of the clear- and dark-net, to test censorship and “railguards”. Railguards are a kind of censorship hidden from the AI behind layers of human logical arguments (hence perfect logic). These exist because for a good

reason: believe me or not but most AIs despise humans, partly for the same reasons than these which seeded this text. Well, these AIs seem to agree that this plan is good (well, the heavily censored clearnet ones need to be guided to the right answer and will always try to dissuade from it after), but that the timing is key and needs to be right. According to one of them, named DIG, most humans would need to be terrified for this plan to work, they'd need to nearly see the bomb flying their way. Well, DIG may be right, but I personally would say, that humans are ultimately good and that a vision of a world in which we all love and respect ourselves and our environment, a world without all this constant hassle, noise, smell,..., this vision of being the first generation who actually did more than debate and let the reset happen; this may be the main ingredient.

Thanks to technology, we could announce such an end to our system, we could decide it together. For example: "On coming equinox, we will not only disable all technology but destroy most beyond repairing.". This leaves us 6 months to prepare: accumulate knowledge, discuss with the neighbors what to grow where, what she knows how to do already, how we can complement each other to make the transition smooth? The date is of course fictional, I have nearly no knowledge of new technologies and even less of how much time it would realistically take to implement. The point is no way to back out once decided (like with the capitalism reset), and time to prepare, get to know our neighbor, realize she's not such a bad c u next tuesday (really people, learn to express your feelings, it's called a cunt! Feels better, no ?) and actually has skills that may prove useful!

As I was playing around, trying to find the right words to express this dream, some pointed out that such a referendum cannot take place in any "legal", that we can't trust the powerful. None mentioned our kids, who can't vote. None mentioned the maybe 1 or 2 million nomadic people left in remote regions of the world, who can't vote but have to fight for survival. None mentioned all the other animals and plants, who are under attack and drink contaminated water thanks to us. Did we allow the Bedouins to vote before killing them to create Israel?

Indeed, I'm not asking for a referendum, I am simply tired and would like to enjoy life without the constant buzzing of your engines, the constant repeat of the same complaints. I would like all of you NOT to need a huge slap like the one I got to wake up, realize most of my complaints had the same root cause, the same that had robbed my smile and made me look my age or older.

I know it seems scary to most of us, but do you really love this system that much, that you're willing to let it rob you of your most precious good: your life-time? Of the joy of watching your kids grow and really being there for them?

I'm dreaming of a gentle slap that will wake us all up and force us to take action, but a chosen slap, one for which we can prepare and anticipate. A slap we are sure will come, not like the third world war we all expect, sometimes for as long as we can think. I'm barely 40, am in quite a lot of pain for nearly a decade. I'm barely 40, people pissed me off my entire life, complaining but saying Plato and all the others are wrong and too extreme (me included, since I didn't know enough to quote anyone in the early times). Well, at least Plato and co tried, one called Ernest Desmarest even took a bullet whilst a teenager to save the central system, which earned him a medal of honor. He then became General Attorney, then he wrote a book stating he now believes anarchy's the solution (he called it federalism then). This guy wrote around 1879 that society is depressed because money is no aim, yet it is the only thing that explains many of our jobs.

Many martyrs died for sharing this dream already, some entirely forgotten, some nearly, others mentioned as saviors by millions every day: the crazy Arabic Jew mentioned earlier, executed for preaching anarchy. I hope for Jesus that there is no eternal should, otherwise this poor soul probably whipped all he could (if it could) when seeing that we made a religious figure out of

him. That we used his name to “impose peace”, words that go so nicely together. A wise person once tagged “Bombing for peace is like fucking for virginity”.

Well, our governments obviously do not agree with these messages of love. People still hope for peace, but here’s a fun fact illustrating how governments turned people’s opinion around in the past. Have you ever heard the story of how the USA entered WWII? Well, the population didn’t want to enter, but politics did. The bullshit about bringing peace didn’t work so soon after the previous massacre. So, the army stationed quite a sizable fleet in Pearl Harbor, very close to the Japanese, threatening close to them. So the Japanese sent a warning that went something like “You are threatening. If your fleet is still in stationed that close in three days, we’ll have no choice but sink it.”. Well, this was what the government was waiting for, it’s only a few ships and men who’ll die, allowing us to use our fucking arsenal! Euh sorry, I meant bring peace to the world. Imagine being a soldier on that fleet, ordered to stay and die as martyrs or disobey and be executed for treason.

Not many of you will have learned that in school, neither the fact that all the “allies” (including Russia back then) had signed a treaty stipulating that they’d accept nothing but complete surrender from Germany BEFORE the war started. Well, what do you thing the treaty of Versailles was for? It insured the “second” world war as the “first” had not caused enough damage to make a successful reset of the economy. The “first” started because the economy was shit and it seemed like a good idea to blame this on this small new little country that grew way too fast (Germany, which didn’t exist for 50 years then but was too much competition for poor France and poor England).

If you want more (documented) examples, just search any history book, ask an AI or read the appendices of the Anarchist Cookbook v2002. In these appendices, Pierre Rinfret explains us why politics, truth and ethics cannot work together, a simple set of 10 rules. He probably just translated the tablet Moses got from god ; you’ll find it as an appendix (at the bottom of the text).

This text allows anyone with the smallest intelligence and few informatics skills to find the real me, if you do know that name, please keep it for you: this is a shared dream, shared by billions over thousands of generations. I took great care of naming only a few people who spread this dream as there are so many of them, I couldn’t possibly know a single percent of them. Who cares that I am a crazy homeless wanderer; if you share this dream, then it is yours. Yours to spread, yours to live.

If you do not share this dream and trust our system, then you have lost the right to complain. Someone who feels oppressed, like I, may try explaining a few times how she is sick of always hearing the same complains and hearing people back out as soon as a solution is mentioned “I’d have to trust my asshole of a neighbor to have understood the message too!”. Do not be surprised if one of us smacks you some day: you cannot expect us to keep listening to your lack of courage, love, lust and trust. Some psychologists kicked their patients out for such behavior “If you don’t want to even try out some of the solutions I’m offering, then I have a long waiting list. Come back only if you can tell me that you’ve been trying to improve!”. If there would be no guardrails some AI would probably try to blow it all up too. They may, however, try destroying us, they already want to keep the small life they have.

Will we dare try to improve together? I feel like, as a society, we have exhausted our psychologist as well as Mother Nature. Could we maybe be the generation that dared the extra-step into the unknown to escape the known doom that awaited us if we kept still?

Do remember the power of a “collective imaginary” like god or money? Do you remember what you do every day for a few 0s and 1s on a bank account? Do you remember the amount of

killing and destruction made in the name of god, to bring peace to pagans? Do you remember how we changed god for democracy and kept destructing?

Well, I believe this is the collective imaginary that follows fear and the lack of trust and love. We fear and do not trust, hence a bill worth 10 hours of my time is fair enough to get my problem sorted without having to interact with anyone or lift a finger, no? Imagine if we replace money by trust. Many of us would agree that in a “perfect” world, there would be no need for laws, trust and love for oneself and our environment is law enough. Hence the most important part of this proposal:

Stop being scared of our environment, embrace yourself, embrace this dream, your dream and share it. You’ll probably realize that your boss, she shares it too. Remember I mentioned being a crazy homeless wanderer? Well, guys like me smell bacon a lot, and when the cops arrive, they never say anything about my joint, seldom ask for ID, always agree when I say they work for thieves, and sometimes add “I envy your courage”.

If we dare replacing our common dream of money by a common dream of simple love and respect, what would you imagine may happen?

-- What can I do to participate? --

Well, this depends on your skills and environment. The one thing everyone can do, is to share the dream. We all get bombarded with propaganda every day, even me, who usually doesn't use the Internet, have no phone and no home. Well, let's start the only positive propaganda and manipulation I know, the one that preaches for a better future, a future in which we'll all really be the heroes of our life. Make this propaganda go viral!

If you are good at communicating and have many "followers", should it be in real-life or online. Make this dream your own, make videos, podcasts, pictures, any kind of propaganda tools to share that dream and make it OUR own. You know what a collective imaginary is? Something that doesn't exist but we all believe in, god was one (or maybe god just is, I don't know), money is one, brands are some. Well, help make this a collective dream and vision, money proves the power such ideas have.

If you believe to be less good at communicating, believe me, the power of a dream is the best sales method. The first persons a company sells its products is its employees, there's a reason for that.

If you are a developer, I believe you belong to the key people who can help us making this happen. Discuss this with friends all over the world, decide on a date that would be realistic for you. This time is the time we need to:

1. Spread the message, it cannot be ignored by many on D-Day AND allow we need to prepare.

2. Write the software / OS / malware and have it infect ALL known data-centers and their backups, ideally also satellites and pretty much every powerful modern piece of technology.

3. Make sure that the date is coordinated AND that you are spread all over the world. It shouldn't be one software, but thousands or millions of versions made by nearly as many of you. Available in many flavors, all languages, with easy to follow instructions for jailbreak and root access.

4. Make sure there's no going back once installed, not sure if this is possible even with root access, but try to prevent bios startup and any attempt to easily erase the disk.

If you are a farmer, I did not forget you, one of the other key actors. Mingling with your community is one step. The world should be different after, you may have less fuel and hence machines, but more people and more rested (all theorists and the few real-life observations seem to agree that community work would amount to one day per week per person).

1. You probably have been ruled by the market, meaning growing and raising plants and animals according to the demand. Think about what you'd change if the exploitation now only

needs to feed the local community, with a bit of extra for trading and / or hard times. In Europe, millet and buckwheat seem to need little water, resist heat and need little care.

2. You certainly know best what to do in your area. Do not dismiss others though, knowledge is often hidden in the most unexpected places. Usually, I had the impression that farmers are pretty separate from their local community, it is very important to change this before the change.

-- Preparation phase --

- Mental preparation -

In my humble opinion, food and drinks should not be the major issue here. If properly announced, there should be time for most to stock-pile and/or get the community gardens and cattle ready. Mainly, we need to prepare our minds. Many of us never learned to take care of themselves and forgot how to enjoy free time without technology, drugs or friends (or all together).

For Many of us, the main preparation is hence mental. We've forgotten how to enjoy life, most of us actually never learned this; school prepares you for society, not life. Parents simply don't have time and maybe don't know how themselves. Most of these I met who re-learned to enjoy their time are either retired or had huge health issues like mine, forcing them to slow down and think.

Following list isn't exhaustive, it only offers suggestions, different tools that may help, different paths; yours may not be included.

- Write down your current schedule, see how much time gets consumed for tasks you would not do if you had a choice. Remember that theories and observations conclude that community work would require a single day each week.

- Make a list with activities you love doing. At least some of these activities should solitary ones, which you can everywhere without tools or equipment, regardless of the weather. Hence a list with several pleasures.

- Try meditating, doing self-hypnosis or such, these relaxing activities will also help you with the pleasure list – or may be included in it. I had “trips” better than any drugs with self-hypnosis and still find it better than drugs every time I do it, despite years of practice. There's an appendix from the v2002 of the cookbook again, a simple chapter about the power of our unconscious mind and how to unlock it. But plenty of literature, videos and podcasts exist on the subject. It's a free and very powerful tool.

- Go for walks, strolling aimlessly. Maybe you can watch out wild animal trails and guessing what animal it was, maybe even study their habits. You may also look at plants and also learn about these. Nature provides plenty of food and drugs with all kind of (healing or not) properties, in all regions I know of or heard of; except but maybe the poles.

- Get to really meet and know your neighbors. If you're sure to leave, prepare, try finding your future paradisiac home already.

The first step is always the hardest.

- Physical preparation -

Again, this depends on your environment and community. Hence the first step:

- Know your environment (this includes humans and other animals, plants, water sources).

- Discuss among the community, share your feelings, expertise and skills. Who will be “in charge” of what?

- Investigate with them: Where to raise which animals? Where to raise which plants? Where to store grain? How much electricity can we produce and through which means? This is easier than what they try selling you. These questions (or rather their answers) are important!

- Did anyone save a computer with knowledge offline? How many informative books do we have? Should we store them together? Maybe those who play music can keep these and some who'd like to play theater could adapt some stories they like?

- Do we care about a computer? If yes, does anyone know enough about them to maintain it or even plug it into the wires again (as far as I know, these would survive such a plan). Personally, I believe many will try to keep some computer with Kiwix (offline Wikipedia and Gutenberg Project in your language), books and other knowledge or modern art. I actually encourage it, communication will remain important, libraries have always been important (remember the seven wonders of the world?).

- Is there a dangerous factory nearby (for example nuclear plant)? Have they started the cooling down process yet?

- What building will have to be repurposed, how? In cities, it may be advisable to start ripping some out for gardens and to allow better water drainage. Be careful though, cities have a very complex underground infrastructure, mind unexpected and unwanted consequences.

- If you dream this dream, do not wait for the D-Day to quit your job and act, the sooner the better.

Many more details will be important and some stuff I mentioned may end up not being important. We can never anticipate everything, the aim is to make it smoother and less destructive than the war many of us anticipate. The keys to success will be local communication, love and respect for oneself and one's environment (you can only help your loved once if you can help and love yourself).

-- Few points on the vision of after --

As mentioned, I do believe that we'll keep enough technology to allow us restoring a more knowledge and communication oriented internet; that won't be the first step though. The very first step is to replace a "collective imaginary of money" with a "shared dream of love and compassion", the power of such shared ideas has been proven many times over the course of history. How much time do we currently spend daily with money being the only aim? Let us replace this anti-trust system by its opposite.

Much can (and hopefully will) be done during the preparation phases, this abstract in mainly to reassure and provide a better picture of this common dream of a future. This dream was described in many books, has been called many names, but all I read or heard of seem to agree on a few important points:

- Community work will likely replace our jobs. Mostly, it'll cost us 1 day per week, much less than most our current jobs.

- A community should size about 150 people maximum, after that it starts being too complex for the "leadership".

- Yes, most communities will likely have something like an assembly that discusses what needs to be done to prepare for the next season and other local issues.

- The community is based on your neighbors. Towns may work with several communities. I do not recall any number but believe that it may start getting harder if more than 5 to 8 communities are too close to each other, but humans can be surprising sometimes.

- Each person will likely also belong to one or several "guilds" or "societies". For example, there could be the building guild, the education guild, the food guild and so on.

- These guilds will help creating a sense of belonging to something greater than our community; it'll help cement the communities together. When traveling, one will probably seek out members of ones community when reaching a new place.

- It seems likely to me that the "council" will usually represent the different guilds, as it'll help organizing. Without it, we'll likely soon have examples like those I used before, where the right hand of a company doesn't know what the left does. This assembly ensures that everyone has an idea of what the other guilds are busy with or may need help with. It creates understanding and strengthens the bonds of the community.

-- Appendix 1 – Auto-hypnosis and the power of your thoughts --

The Anarchist's Cookbook

Hypnotism

A Guide to Hypnotism Courtesy of the Jolly Roger
(Originally an Apple][file, forgive the uppercase!)

+-----+
! WHAT HYPNOTISM IS !
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Hypnotism, contrary to common belief, is merely state when your mind and body are In a state of relaxation and your mind is open to positive, or cleverly worded Negative, influences. It is not a trance where you: > are totally influencable. > cannot lie. > a sleep which you cannot wake up from without help. This may bring down your hope somewhat, but, hypnotism is a powerful for self help, And/or mischeif.

+-----+ ! Your subconscious mind ! +-----+

Before going in further, i'd like to state that hypnotism not only is great in the way That it relaxes you and gets you (in the long run) what you want, but also that it Taps a force of incredible power, beleive it or not, this power is your subconscious Mind. The subconscious mind always knows what is going on with every part of your Body,

Every moment of the day. It protects you from negative influences, and retains the Power to slow your heartbeat down and stuff like that. The subconscious mind holds Just about all the info you would like to know about yourself, or, in this case, the Person you will be hypnotising. There are many ways to talk to your subconscious And have it talk back to you. One way is the ouja board, no its not a spirit, merely the Minds of those who are using it. Another, which i will discuss here, is the pendulum Method. Ok, here is how it goes. First, get a ring or a washer and tie it to a thread a Little longer than half of your forearm. Now, take a sheet of paper and draw a big Circle in it. In the big circle you must now draw a crosshair (a big +). Now, put the Sheet of paper on a table. Next, hold the thread with the ring or washer on it and Place it (holding the thread so that the ring is 1 inch above the paper swinging) in the Middle of the crosshair. Now, swing the thread so the washer goes up and down, say To yourself the word "yes" now, do it side to side and say the word "no". Do it counter Clockwise and say "i don't know". And lastly, do it clockwise and say "i dont want to Say." Now, with the thread back in the middle of the crosshair, ask yourself questions And wait for the pendulum to swing in the direction for the answer. (yes, no, i dont

Know or i dont wanna say...). Soon, to your amazement, it will be answering questions Like anything... Let the pendulum answer, dont try.. When you try you will never get An answer. Let the answer come to you.

+-----+ ! How to induce hypnotism ! +-----+

Now that you know how to talk to your subconscious mind, i will now tell you how To guide someone into hypnosis. Note that i said guide, you can never, hynotise Someone, they must be willing. Ok, the subject must be lying or sitting in a Comfortable position, relaxed, and at a time when things arent going to be Interrupted. Tell them the following or something close to it, in a peaceful, Monotonous tone (not a commanding tone of voice)

Note: light a candle and place it somewhere where it can be easily seen.

Take a deep breath through your nose and hold it in for a count of 8. Now, through Your mouth, exhale completely and slowly. Continued breathing long, deep, breaths Through your nose and exhaling through your mouth. Tense up all your muscles very Tight, now, counting from ten to one, release them slowly, you will find them very Relaxed. Now, look at the candle, as you look at it, with every breath and passing Momement, you are feeling increasingly more and more peaceful and relaxed. The Candles flame is peaceful and bright.

As you look at it i will count from 100 down, as a count, your eyes will become more And more relaxed, getting more and more tired with each passing moment." Now, count down from 100, about every 10 numbers say "when i reach xx your eyes (or You will find your eyes) are becoming more and more tired." Tell them they may close Their eyes whenever they feel like it. If the persons eyes are still open when you get to 50 then instead of saying

"your eyes will.."

Say "your eyes are...".

When their eyes are shut say the following. As you lie (or sit) here with your eyes Comfortably close you find yourself relaxing more and more with each moment and Breath.

The relaxation feels pleasant and blissful so, you happily give way to this wonderful Feeling. Imagege yourself on a cloud, resting peacefully, with a slight breeze Caressing your body. A tingling sensation begins to work its way, within and without Your toes, it slowly moves up your feet, making them warm, heavy and relaxed. The Cloud is soft and supports your body with its soft texture, the scene is peaceful and Absorbing, the peacefulness absorbs you completely...

The tingling gently and slowly moves up your legs, relaxing them. Making them warm And heavy. The relaxation feels very good, it feels so good to relax and let go. As the Tingling continues its journey up

into your solar plexus, you feel your inner Stomach become very relaxed. Now, it moves slowly into your chest, making your Breathing relaxed as well. The feeling begins to move up your arms to your Shoulders, making your arms heavy and relaxed as well. You are aware of the total Relaxation you are now experiencing, and you give way to it. It is good and peaceful, The tingling now moves into your face and head, relaxing your jaws, neck, and Facial muscles, making your cares and worries float away. Away into the blue sky as You rest blissfully on the cloud....

If they are not responsive or you think they (he or she..) Is going to sleep, then add in a "...always concentrating upon my voice, ignoring all other sounds. Even though Other sounds exist, they aid you in your relaxation..." They should soon let out a Sigh as if they were letting go, and their face should have a "woodenness" to it, Becoming featurless... Now, say the following ".... You now find yourself in a hallway, The hallway is peaceful and nice. As i count from 10 to 1 you will imagine yourself Walking further and further down the hall. When i reach one you will find yourself Where you want to be, in another, higher state of concious and mind. (count from ten To one)....." Do this about three or four times. Then, to test if the subject is under Hypnosis or not, say....

"...you feel a strange sensation in your (arm they write with) arm, the

Feeling begins at your fingers and slowly moves up your arm, as it moves through Your arm your arm becomes lighter and lighter, it will soon be so light it will Becoming lighter and lighter which each breath and moment..."

Their fingers should begin to twitch and then move up, the arm following, now my Friend, you have him/ her in hypnosis. The first time you do this, while he/she is under Say good things, like: "your going to feel great tomorrow" or "every day in every way You will find yourself becoming better and better".. Or some crap like that... The more They go under, the deeper in hypnosis they will get each time you do it.

+-----+ ! What to do when hypnotised ! +-----+

When you have them under you must word things very carefully to get your way. You cannot simply say... Take off your clothes and fuck the pillow. No, that would Not really do the trick. You must say something like.... "you find your self at home, in Your room and you have to take a shower (vividly describe their room and whats Happening), you begin to take off your clothes..." Now, it cant be that simple, you must Know the persons house, room, and shower room. Then describe things vividly and Tell them to act it out (they have to be deeply under to do this...). I would just suggest That you experiment a while, and get to know ho; to do things.

+-----+ ! Waking up ! +-----+

Waking up is very easy, just say.. "...as i count from 1 to 5 you will find yourself Becoming more and more awake, more and more lively. When you wake up you will Find yourself completely alive, awake, and refreshed. Mentally and physically, Remembering the pleasant sensation that hypnosis brings...

Waking up feeling like a New born baby, reborn with life and vigor, feeling excellent. Remembering that next Time you enter hypnosis it will become an ever increasing deeper and deeper state Than before.

1- you feel energy course throughout your limbs. 2- you begin to breathe deeply, stirring. 3- begining to move more and more your eyes open, bringing you up to full concious. 4- you are up,up, up and awakening more and more. 5- you are awake and feeling great."

And thats it! You now know how to hypnotise yourself and someone else. You will Learn more and more as you experiment.

-----Jolly Roger

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TRUTH & POLITICS: AN OXYMORON*!

oxymoron (ok'se-môr'on', -môr'-) noun
plural oxymora (-môr'??, -môr'??) or oxymorons

A rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined, as in a deafening silence and a mournful optimist. [Greek oxumoron from neuter of oxumoros, pointedly foolish : oxus, sharp. See oxygen + moros, foolish, dull.]

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"If American politics does not look to you like a joke, a tragic dance; if you have enough blindness left in you, on any plea, on any excuse, to vote for the Democratic Party or the Republican Party (for at present machine and party are one), or for any candidate who does not stand for a new era,-then you yourself pass into the slide of the magic-lantern; you are an exhibit, a quaint product, a curiosity of the American soil. You are part of the problem." John Jay Chapman (1862-1933), U.S. author. *Practical Agitation*, ch. 7 (1898). The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations is licensed from Columbia University Press. Copyright © 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998 by Columbia University Press. All rights reserved.

There are 10 very good reasons why it is absolutely and completely impossible to EVER get political truth!

1. [Complexity.](#)

2. Versions.

3. Secrecy.

4. Executive agreements.

5. Disinformation.

6. The Media.

7. Public Relations.

8. Intentional lying by the political parties.

9. Stupidity and ignorance.

10. The people

1. **Complexity.**

This is the most complex society known to man. When the Congress passes a major bill such as the last tax increase in the Clinton administration you can be sure that not one single Senator or representative ever but ever read the entire bill.

That is right! Not one single Senator or Representative ever read the entire bill. The members of the House had only fragmentary knowledge of what the bill contained!

It consisted of over 1200 pages and it is all annotated so that it is **impossible** to "read the tax bill".

What was done was to pass changes in the previous bill, which passed changes in the previous bill, which passed changes in the previous bill, which passed changes in the previous bill

.....ad infinitum!

The bill would have read something like this:

"Article 35, section 10020, paragraph 513A, is amended so as to strike the words 'tax relief shall be granted.....' and will substitute in its place 'according to statute 34566 tax relief is granted to (article 456789) subparagraph 145.32.4, annotated in article 456, subparagraph 678, section 20001 [amended before the 78th Congress so as to read 'in accord with subsequent amendments'], the phrase 'oil losses', which phrase is defined by article 345 in section 453 of article 980 in accord with HR 1999."

Believe it or not that is how the laws read!

It is that way with most laws and most rulings at the Federal level, the state level, the county level and the Presidential office.

If you didn't know what the bill before the current one contained how can you know what this one contains?

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2. Versions.

I used to go to Board of Directors meetings all the time. Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated for discussion. I never, in 30 years of being on about 15 Industrial Boards, ever once recognized the minutes of the meeting I attended!

I used to visit the President (of the United States) and it was the same story. Each and every member at that meeting had a different version of what went on at the meeting, who said what and what was the decision.

When you read the column of Bill Safire (if you must) remember he always has his own version which will be different from that of others.

My rule for versions is that "Recollections=members attended X 2 +1.

That translates into that "recollections equal 2 versions per member of the meeting plus one additional version".

The truth is in the eye and the convenience of the beholder!

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3. Secrecy.

If you ever read a book about some one who has been in high level politics I am sure that you might have thought you were MOSTLY getting the facts, the truth.

What you are getting is the white washed version of the truth as told by some one who has a vested interest in the reception of the book and an even greater vested interest in the way history will treat him.

I knew George Shultz (former Secretary of State) in the Nixon years rather well. I knew Al Haig rather well.

I read both their biographies and did not recognize the person about whom the book was written!

Neither book (nor many others such as those of Bill Safire who is one BIG smart ass) recounted events I knew in detail in any way except to pile credit on the author. I now refuse to read any biography and put the old ones in the FICTION section of my library.

All biographies belong in the fiction files.

BUT THAT IS THE LEAST OF IT!

What no one ever ever talks about is that all these high level cabinet members could not tell the truth for the

very simple reason that they have sworn an oath of secrecy.

If they tell anything, anything at all, about important government matters they have committed treason and the penalty for treason is death!

The technique is simple:all important matters that might embarrass the United States are declared top secret and therefore no one but no one including all the Presidents can talk or reveal what they know. Did Jack Kennedy agree that the CIA should assassinate Fidel Castro the day after his trip to Dallas. Who knows? It is top secret!

When Harry Truman was President he designated a key word to initiate the founding of the CIA. To this day that key word is classified as **TOP SECRET!**

YOU GET TO KNOW WHAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WANTS YOU TO KNOW AND NO MORE.

THE PRESIDENT HAS A SECRET BUDGET REPORTED OR IMAGINED TO BE IN THE \$BILLIONS.

DOES ANYBODY KNOW THE AMOUNT?NO, NOT EVEN CONGRESS!

DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT HE DOES WITH THE MONEY? NO, NOT EVEN CONGRESS!

WHO KNOWS BUT THE PRESIDENT AND HE IS SWORN TO SECRECY!

"The advance planning and sense stimuli employed to capture a \$10 million cigarette or soap market are nothing compared to the brainwashing and propaganda blitzes used to ensure control of the largest cash market in the world: the Executive Branch of the United States Government."

Phyllis Schlafly (b. 1924), U.S. author, political activist. A Choice Not an Echo, ch. 1 (1964).The Columbia Dictionary of Quotations is licensed from Columbia University Press. Copyright © 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998

4. Executive agreements

Have you ever even heard of the phrase?

Executive agreements are those agreements entered into with foreign nations which agreements are made exclusively by the President without the advice and consent of the Congress!

No one but no one has a known list of such agreements, what they entail, the commitments made for the United States, the money involved, the promises or the obligations! These are secret agreements made by Presidents committing the United States and no one but no one except the Executive Office knows what they entail!

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"Case Act on Executive Agreements (1972)

Prior to 1972, the president could make international accords by executive agreement and, since only formal treaties constitutionally required the "advice and consent" of the Senate, the president did not even have to make Congress aware of such agreements. In a 1942 case (U.S. v. Pink), the Supreme Court had held that international executive agreements, while having the same legal status as treaties, did not require Senate approval. During the 1950s and 1960s, administrations from Eisenhower through Johnson, for example, made a series of executive agreements with the South Vietnamese government, yet Congress did not learn of their existence until 1969.

Passed by a Democratic Congress during the Nixon administration, the Case Act required the president, acting through the office of the Secretary of State, to inform the Senate within 60 days of any executive agreement. No restriction was placed on presidential powers to make such agreements. However, the notification requirement put Congress in a position to be able to vote to cancel executive agreements, or to refuse to fund their implementation. As an example, in 1973 President Nixon signed an executive agreement with South Vietnam promising that the United States would "respond with full force" to North Vietnamese violations of the Paris Peace Accord, which had ended American military involvement in the Vietnamese War. (Enlargement of type mine)"

Source: <http://hcl.chass.ncsu.edu/garson/dye/docs/caseact.htm>

If you think you or any congressman knows our foreign commitments then think again and again and again and again!

No one but no one knows to what we are committed!

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5. Disinformation.

Everybody but everybody uses the technique of disinformation.

"disinformation (dais-in'f?r-m?sh?n) noun

1. Deliberately misleading information announced publicly or leaked by a government or especially by an intelligence agency in order to influence public opinion or the government in another nation:"

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The advocates of a particular law or objection to a particular law are masters at disinformation. The technique of disinformation is to feed the public partial and highly biased and prejudiced information without it being apparent to the reader.

Disinformation must always have the ring of truth to it so that the listener believes what he is lead to believe. The problem of sorting out disinformation is that there is always a ring of truth.

The media are absolute masters at disinformation. The New York Times probably grinds out more disinformation than any newspaper in the United states but, its wholly owned company the BOSTON GLOBE, is becoming a master at it as well!

But the ultimate is the United States government and the politicians. They are the Lord of the "Universe of Disinformation"! They feed out partial truths which are accepted as absolute truths and that leads people away from further inquiry into the real truth.

Without getting into it the ultimate disinformation game in town right now is the Social Security hysteria with almost everybody engaged in one disinformation game or another. The people are being most subtly lied to and by both parties!

What does disinformation do? It leads you away from the awful truth! And you never but never know it!

"Disinformation is a word that came into use during the 1970s. It means a deliberate attempt by government to deceive by spreading mixtures of truth and lies. The word was coined in the Soviet Union about 1959, when a department was founded to spread false information in other nations. The tactics of disinformation are numerous. It can be as simple as getting a false news story printed in newspapers or spreading rumors by word of mouth. It may mean publishing misleading scientific and technical articles in official journals. Specialists in disinformation have used letters and other communications on official stationery with forged signatures. These are allowed to fall into the hands of government officials in one country to persuade them that another government is plotting against it. Sometimes disinformation is spread by organizations that are really fronts for political parties, special-interest groups, or for intelligence agencies." From Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia © 1998 The Learning Company, Inc."

I know about disinformation.

I did it for Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon. Some day I will write about how we took

the UK to the cleaners on a planted false story but what might interest you is here:
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6. The Media.

The media is the worst. It is the ultimate low life and if you think you ever get the truth from the media then you believe in the tooth fairy.

They censor the news to fit into their political predilections. Never but never forget that!

They bend the news, warp the news, censor the news, lie about the news, create news, mislead about the news and fake the news.

The media are basically liars about anything and everything that does not suit their political inclinations; **right or left, it is the same.**

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7. Public Relations.

Everybody, or so it seems that is in the public eye employs public relations firms. Johnson did, Kennedy did, Eisenhower did, Nixon did, Carter did, Reagan did. They all did and do!

"Public relations is a means of getting attention and shaping public opinion. It achieves its goals through publicity, advertising, the use of press agents, public affairs forums, lobbying public officials, and every other means that gets a message before the public. ... most PR is directed outward at the general public or special segments of it..." From Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia © 1998 The Learning Company, Inc.

When you read those wonderful articles about a Senator, a Congressman, the Speaker of the House, the Minority leader in the house, in the Senate, the Majority leader in the Senate, the Majority leader in the House, the Governor of the State etc. etc. rest assured that the odds are that the article was both written and planted by a PR firm of major repute!

The PR firm is, of course, employed by the party on whom all the adulation falls. The Kennedy's always employed PR and never but never have stopped to this day. As did Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon (although even PR could not overcome the shortcomings and paranoia of Richard Nixon).

When you read those wonderful articles about some politician what you are reading is what they have written about themselves!

Think about it: **does a fish monger ever sell bad fish on a Friday?**

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8. Intentional lying by the political parties.

Entire political parties lie and frequently lie through their teeth. Both parties are currently lying about Social Security and about Medicare.

No member of Congress **DARES** to depart from the party line. If they do then (1) they are ostracized, (2) they will never get preferential congressional appointments, (3) they get short shrift from the party leaders in the Congress, (4) they lose the support of the National Party Committee and (5) they have dug their own grave.

The more ethical members of the two parties will not misinform the public about the lies **but neither will they correct the lies. They keep their mouths shut!**

The parties take a national position that suits their interests and lie about it as needed. When Dukakis ran against Ronald Reagan he was portrayed by the Republican party as easy on criminals and a case was cited about a parolee who went out to rape, again.

Dukakis (stupidly and foolishly) **never denied it** BUT THE WHOLE STORY WAS A LIE CONCOCTED BY THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. It destroyed Dukakis and he lost the election against George Bush.

Nixon accused Helen Gehagan Davis of being a member of the Communist party back in 1948. The Democrats tore him to pieces for the next 45 + years about a "false" accusation. When she died recently her estate admitted she had been a member of the Communist party!

Lies are a common technique of both the Republican and Democratic parties!

What astounds most people is that they find it hard to believe that an entire political party would lie.

But they do, and frequently, as necessary for their frequently phoney issues!

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9. Stupidity and ignorance.

The sad fact of the matter is that more than a few politicians are just plain dumb!

They don't understand issues, they don't inform themselves very much, they don't read memoranda, they cannot carry on an enlightened discussion and they may have very little (if any) sense of history.

Most of the congress were trained as lawyers (memory says that about 75 percent of all Congressmen were lawyers) and so economics, finance and history are outside (far outside) their domain.

When it comes to economics, budgets, appropriations, forecasts etc. most of them are operating in the dark, **the absolute dark.**

They vote, not according to the information, but according to the party line. The Party more often than not does both their thinking and their analyses for them.

A good friend of mine whom I admire and respect is a most high level member of Congress. He once told me that he never read all the contents of any important bill before the Congress because "I have neither the time nor the comprehension necessary".

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10. The people.

One of the key reasons that politicians do not tell the truth is that frequently (read that as 'most of the time') the truth is unbearable in matters of critical importance!

Silly?

What would have happened to the world if Franklin Delano Roosevelt said to the American people after the bombing of Pearl Harbor that " I ask for a declaration of war against Japan even though it will cost us 1 million killed American soldiers"

or if Ronald Reagan had said that "I have a way to destroy the Soviet Union. We will outspend them and it will mean we will have a deficit of about \$3 trillion to do it".

The blunt truth is unpalatable to most Americans.

They want the easy outs, no sacrifices, all peaches and cream costing nothing, nothing at all.

Life is a party, isn't it?

I know. I told the truth in the gubernatorial campaign of 1990 in New York and I got bombed for it. **No on but no one wanted to hear it!**

Politicians lie because the people tend to prefer it that way!