

# Into Pyramid's Shadow: At War with Ourselves

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## Like Taking Candy from a Baby

As natural as the end of summer giving way to cooler temperatures and the changing colors of the trees, the vast machinations of the military-energy industrial complex has yet again begun to spin in preparation for the upcoming midterm elections, using the myriad number of tools at its disposal to manipulate the electorate into once more voting against its own interests, into voting for the interests of the elite few. Knowing the absolute ignorance, gullibility and lack of critical thinking of the American masses, those in power are able, once more, in what has become all too familiar throughout the annals of history, to skew the decision, mentality and vote of large segments of the population by simply reaching to the primitive instincts of human nature and manipulating emotions, psychology and the instinct of survival prevalent in every living organism.

To the corporatists and elites steering the nation, this exercise is like taking candy from a baby, for having a citizenry devoid of reason, logic and common sense has its privileges. Unaware that their lives are in firm control by the elite, not knowing the level of manipulation they are subjected to, ignorant to their incessant brainwashing practically from birth, the American masses are like sheep being herded from pasture to slaughter, unable to understand the control over their lives, unwilling to confront the malignancy that festers in their midst, and subservient to the wolves disguised as shepherds that lead them up the ramp of mirages into the corral of complete manipulation.

Indeed, the energy/petroleum industry, already morbidly obese with record breaking revenues, with each conglomerate literally making tens of billions of dollars in profits in multiple fiscal years, all at the expense of the average American consumer, has seemingly made the decision to sacrifice one fiscal quarter, or three months of revenues, choosing to break even instead of raking in billions in profits. This decision, of course, is to help ensure that the vital mid-term elections are decided in the direction most favorable to the industry. It has been the corporatist Republican Party, after all, that has in the last six years enabled the industry to lay claim to unimaginable levels of profit, power and control, both over the citizenry and the course of the nation.

Those at the helm of these oil multinationals have become our overlords, in the process making the government, now more than ever before, their instrument of domination. It was at their behest, their demand, that Afghanistan and Iraq were invaded and occupied, that the nation's institutions have been infiltrated by the industry's executives and lawyers, that the nation's tax laws were rewritten so as to exclude the elite and appease the corporate world, that America's environmental laws and regulations have been gutted, and the reason the American consumer has for six years been fleeced at the gas pump, with ever increasing prices becoming the new normal, so much so that if the price of gas drops fifty cents, as it is

today, we think it wonderful, even though today's discounted prices are much higher than those two years ago.

So profitable has having absolute control over all levels of governance been for the industry that the sacrifice of one fiscal quarter of its enormous profits to insure its interests are retained will have no ill-effect on the corporations. To these giants of petroleum, breaking even for three months is the price of doing business, of assuring themselves the unbridled opportunity to once again fleece the American consumer at the pump. After the election, with a little patience, after a small pause in momentum and through a minute restraint on greed, the rape and pillage of the population's bank accounts can continue unabatedly, once again using the full force of the state and the corporate world to methodically subjugate the people. For while the energy/petroleum industry is forced by necessity and realism to think in the long-term, the American people have no such inclination, or desire. Rather, they think exclusively in terms of the here and now, of the selfish ego of wallet and security. The genius of the industry's manipulation, of course, is that the People are as unaware of what is being done to them as a lemming is to the periodic migration that will eventually cost it its life. Nobody seems to worry, nobody seems to care.

The greatest profits, and hence shareholder wealth, in the history of the corporate world have been born through the spilling of blood in the Middle East, for nothing increases the price of a barrel of petroleum more than instability, war, violence and devastation. War, threats, fears and instability in the lands pregnant with the devil's excrement invariably lead to the manipulation of supply and demand, helping to fatten the coffers of the governments possessing oil fields, the corporations elected to extract and bring it to market, as well as the stockholders owning the conglomerate. The name of the game, the geopolitical chess match among powers, the contest played between the elites of powerful nations, and the reason America has its claws wound tight throughout the Middle East and around the Caspian Basin, is control of both the spigots spouting oil and the pipelines deciding which direction black gold flows, as well as possessing the power to manipulate the lever of stability upon which the supply and demand of petroleum is based.

These are the games elites and corporations play, and we are but sacrificial pawns in their next calculated move.

### The Chimperor and the Pyramid

Indeed, the perpetual control of the masses by the elite few has been a hallmark of human kind, going back millennia, spanning every known civilization and region of the planet, evolving from the social hierarchy of mammals to the social structures of primates to the eventual creation of social classes and castes of modern man. The inability of humankind to escape a reality and a society based on hierarchical pyramids, with a powerful few at the top, a subjugated and weak majority at the bottom, and a sizeable middle fed the crumbs, bones and scraps of the elite that fatten and make comfortable their existence, their lives engineered to act as the barrier between elite and masses, invariably gives credence to the fact that perhaps humans are genetically, psychologically and by nature predisposed, like all social mammals, to live in societies separated by hierarchy, based on an accepted control of the few at the top of the many at the bottom.

Perhaps our perpetual struggle with classes and castes, with rich, middle class and poor, our incessant inequality and injustice, our fight with greed and indigence, comfort and suffering, with the societal cancer that affects all aspects of human civilization, is as much a part of

the human animal as anything else ingrained in our condition. What else explains our historical inability to escape a system where an elite few subjugate and thoroughly dominate the poor masses? What explains the perpetual control by one minute group over one enormous in size, and the inability of the masses to ever overtake the elite? Why do societies, over and over and over again, allow themselves to be governed or ruled by the puppets of the elite or by the elite themselves, knowing full well that the interests of the masses have never and will never be furthered? Why has it been impossible for the many to usurp power from the few for a prolonged and constant timeframe? And why, when it is perfectly understood by the masses that the state and its institutions are designed to further the interests of the elite few, does nothing ever change, and complacency always prevail?

History, it seems, is but an affirmation of our mammalian and primate reality, as the hierarchical pyramid has never had its foundations shattered, nor has its top ever come crumbling down. In fact, the pyramid continues to reach skywards, building itself a much wider base and a smaller apex, with the elite reaching where gods once roamed with the masses being buried deeper and deeper into the ground. Yet it is this same pyramid, long a stalwart companion to the human condition that, the longer time passes and the greater our numbers multiply, threatens to tear all of civilization apart, for it is the inequality and injustice prevalent today, whether that defined as state versus state or social class versus social class, that is engendering ever more levels of anger, resentment and hatred. The consequences of this reality could be disastrous.

Commencing in our mammalian days, with Eden still virgin and pristine, still not contaminated by the plague called humanity, its forests and jungles and grasslands full of life and splendor, the silence of its beauty as enjoyable as today's most inspiring symphony, at a time when we hung from trees and lived in nests, at a time when we were preyed upon and hunted, before we embarked on mass extinction, turning everything we touched to waste, we lived in groups dominated by an alpha male, an animal larger, stronger, more aggressive and endowed with higher levels of testosterone than his competitors, able to offer the best available resources within his territory to available females while possessing the abilities needed to defend his territory from all potential male rivals. It was this male that reigned over his female harem, as well as his male subordinates, allowing no competitor or rival access to the group of mates needed for procreation. With his life he guarded this most cherished female possession, for inside the wombs of his females his genetic immortality and lineage depended.

Thanks to natural selection no rival could match his strength, stamina, aggressiveness and political skill, assuring himself that his seed propagated itself even after his death. It would be his offspring, too, that would retain his genes and traits, the skills and abilities evolution created to survive and thrive in the violent and aggressive world of our primate ancestors. It was only in old age, robbed of energy, testosterone and strength by the sands of time, made weak by years of living, that a newer, stronger rival would dethrone him, thereby creating new genes and new social and political interactions. A new leader could emerge at any time, challenging the alpha for dominance and for copulating rights, his presence coming either from a stranger outside the group or from within, usually from a son or relative thinking himself able to defeat the chimperor in battle.

As we evolved we retained much of our primate ancestors' linear dominance hierarchy, and among the pre-human hominid group, both the males below the leader as well as all females aligned themselves according to this hierarchy, a pyramid evolution created to

delineate rank and importance, for in their social interactions an order existed, one based on group dynamics, blood relationships, age, abilities, aggressiveness, political skill and, most likely, intelligence. In this setting, all males were considered dominant over females, though not above the alpha male, the chimpanzee.

The establishment of a hierarchical pyramid among our early ancestors, perhaps even among those rodent-like mammals that preceded our primate days – a behavior which can readily be seen in today's social mammals – has as purpose the survival and perpetuation of the species, in evolutionary terms becoming a mechanism and an asset designed to minimize the rivalries and the competition that would naturally grow within social species as aggressive and intelligent as ours, creating synergy among peers of the group, even if unequal members, instead of divisive politics and unsettling jealousies, and bringing in unison several pieces of the collective puzzle rather than the disintegration of the group dynamic.

Weak, slow, fragile and rather impotent in nature compared to other species, early man had to rely on the strength that numbers afforded, depending on sizeable groups, and the social interactions between the members, for survival. Our early ancestors, whether primate or hominid, relied on strength in numbers for cooperation, hunting, gathering, resource protection, thinking, problem solving, migrating, subsisting, mutual defense and for warfare with other human groups. For it is the social interactions of man, based on the synergy that grows from brainstorming, our psychological need to live among our kind and our drive to depend on and trust others that is our strongest asset. Along with our intelligence, our social dependency and synergy has allowed us to become the dominant species on the planet.

Without our social traits we would have never been able to leave the forests of East Africa, most likely becoming one more failed species to become extinct. The ability to live in and interact with social, tight-knit groups in our infancy as a species, even if the group was divided by tiers of importance was, therefore, a monumental leap in our evolutionary path, allowing us to thrive and expand to all corners of Earth. For millennia this human socialized behavior has been ingrained into our existence, becoming part of the human condition, a vital reason we are who we are today.

Evolutionary wise, the hierarchy pyramid has served mammals, as well as humans, in minimizing the competition between rivals inside the same group, whether male or females, for the power and control that instinct naturally tries to attain. Hierarchy gave structure to group dynamics, a sense of normalcy for a species all too comfortable with violence and aggressiveness. Evolution worked allowing our ancestors to thrive in group synergy, with divisions based on hierarchy serving to prevent civil war among peers, for it is when two power-hungry, greed-mongering rivals are on equal standing that jealousy, selfishness, conniving, competition, backstabbing and political unscrupulousness are at their most intense levels. Division based on domination and submission has been an evolutionary bedrock for millions of years, serving to maintain the delicate balance that exists within groups.

In the world of our ancestors, the lack of a hierarchical pyramid, meaning equality among all, would probably have resulted in the complete disintegration of the group dynamic and as a consequence, of the individual selves as well. For without the group individual apes, wondering in the natural world, no matter how intelligent, would not survive. Indeed, it was the separation of powers and the division by hierarchy that allowed the first human groups to work so well, just as it does in the mammal world of today, enabling the human species to

expand instead of cannibalizing itself through the emotions and psychology we are so familiar with today. Millions of years living with this linear dominance hierarchy, deeply embedded in our psyche and behavior, thus cannot be made to disappear in ten thousand years of civilization, much less overnight. Evolution does not work as fast as a scalpel, nor as fast as anti-depressants.

The division by hierarchy cemented itself even further with the growing intelligence of our species. Language brought forth communication and political partnerships, as well as the growing power of chieftains and tribal leaders. Tribal chiefs, whether through agility, strength, talent, leadership, greater levels of testosterone or by proving themselves on the battlefield, retained power, over time becoming the kings of large and growing tribes and clans, oftentimes passing their reign over to one of their sons, or daughters, until that time when the offspring passed the throne to one of his or her children, thereby assuring family power and control over the tribe for generations.

With the arrival of kings and the growth of the tribe into the village, town and then the city-state came the appointment of underlings, lackeys and the creation of separate state agencies. Bureaucracies were developed, agriculture emerged, different industries were spawned, entire armies were organized and overall, the ego of man combined with the selfishness and love of power and comfort to begin creating class divisions. The various state institutions and enterprises were usually given based on nepotism or favor – much like today's corporate media – with many selections coming from within the ruling family or between its closest acquaintances. These in time were themselves given again and again to members of that bureaucrat's family, thus cementing wealth into the family. This way, nobility, royalty and the upper classes were formed. Meanwhile, those not lucky enough to win favor with the royal family, comprising the majority of the growing city, became compartmentalized servants of the state, working in agriculture, the military or in the various state institutions and enterprises. The rise of the lower classes was thereby fomented. After a few generations the state was the sole domain of the royal family, with all other members of the city-state stratified based on delegated roles or according to relation with the royals, relegated to serving under the direction of and in the interests of those now in power.

With the arrival of fiefdoms, kingdoms, empire and the nation-state the dynamics of the tribe and city-state can be magnified. The levels of class division only continued to grow, the gaps between rich and poor expanded and the masses were, as always, ruled by an alpha male, with the occasional female at the helm, and, as always, based on a linear dominance hierarchical pyramid which assured the dissemination of stratified social structures. The interesting phenomenon during our long and oftentimes brutal history is the fact that a constant pattern of being ruled by tyrants and totalitarian emerges the more we study our history. From Mesopotamia to Persia, from Assyria to Egypt, from Greece to Rome, from Genghis Khan to Hannibal, from the Holy Roman Empire to the Ottoman Empire, from the kingdoms of Africa and India to the dynasties of China, from the empires of the Inka and the Maya and the Aztec, from those of Spain, England and France and Russia and everything in between, humanity has always, with few notable exceptions, been ruled by tyranny.

It seems that humanity is incapable of extricating itself from being ruled by alpha males, with these men oftentimes complete authoritarians, whether as emperors or kings or dictators or prime ministers or presidents. It is almost as if our nature demands the leadership of a Machiavelli type despot to rule over us. It is almost as if we demand to



suffer, to never enjoy peace or tranquility, to always be ruled by totalitarian elements. This might be, perhaps, why democracy has only worked in spurts over history and why the world is still saturated by tyrants, whether disguised as warlords, dictators, emirs, kings, prime ministers or presidents, and why, after two centuries of so-called democracy in America, the nation threatens to succumb to the forces of authoritarianism.

If in fact humankind suffers from a preference for authoritarian rule, whether conscious or subconscious, then perhaps the battle against ourselves has truly just begun. If we are our own worst enemy, perhaps it is prudent to know and understand ourselves better before marching on to war. Only by knowing who and what we truly are can we defeat our most potent enemy: ourselves.

### Illusions and Delusions of Democracy

With the arrival of comfortable yet brisk autumn air comes another election cycle, yet another voting mirage the elite perpetually exploit to impress upon the electorate the belief that the democracy of their dreams – the kind nurtured since birth from the bosom of brainwashed conditioning – is indeed the democracy of reality. In truth, however, the myth of American democracy is a carefully orchestrated charade that only serves to perpetuate the idea in the minds of citizens that the interests of the people are being satisfied through the election of chosen representatives.

In reality, American democracy, a systematic dance of deception, relies as much on manipulation and conditioning of voters' minds as it does on the financial backing of a candidate. In this day and age, where television is the new worshipped god, the apparatus that will convince the voter which candidate to vote for, lessons are about the image of the person running, the psychology of the voter, hiding truth from ever emerging into the conscious of the electorate, and smears directed to decimate an opponent's reputation.

The subtle ways of manipulating the masses into voting for corporate and elite interests and away from those serving the people continues to be perfected by a corporatist cabal expanding its understanding of the American citizenry, as always aided by a populace consumed both by the myopic vision resulting from unfettered ignorance as well as by a comatose indifference spawned by materialistic addiction. This is America's "new normal".

Predictably, the interests that control the nation are maneuvering those instruments that affect the financial condition of the electorate as well as the emotional psychology of the citizenry, hoping the mental manipulation stimulates the voting energy as well as the myopic, short-term attention span of the average American citizen. In what will again be a case of the masses voting for the wealthy so that the wealthy can make themselves richer and more powerful at the expense of the masses, the mid-term election will not amend many of the problems affecting the nation and the populace, instead only succeeding in bringing in to power a new generation of charlatans and miscreants.

Elections in America – outside the state level – and most other nations purporting to espouse democracy are but a game of revolving musical chairs where only the most unscrupulous, cutthroat and backstabbing elite get to retain their seat, using the comforting hymns of seductive promises and the harmonious tunes of idealistic diatribe to hypnotize the citizenry into the voting booth. Like the Pied Piper, politicians play their magical flute, captivating the rat race into a frenzy of deluded belief and gullibility, capturing the emotional fragility, the wishful thinking and psychological needs of the population until that

time when the rat race's vote is no longer needed. Once the mighty leaders of the so-called democratic state are securely fastened to the seat of power the rat race can thus be lead down the precipice of indifference, falling into the raging waters of inconsequential invisibility, left to drown and be forgotten, the interests promised them vanishing with the morning fog.

There are, to be sure, a few honorable exceptions of scrupulous men and women whose virtue and principle favoring the interests of humankind cannot be denied, though unfortunately the honest observer of politicians must acknowledge that rotten apples are the rule, not the exception, for politics, especially at the highest levels of national office, are highly contested and coveted positions, a place where a ripe apple is a dead apple. When power, influence, wealth and control are up for grabs, becoming the rewards awaiting the victor, only humans possessing the most vile levels of morality end up in triumph, for to win an election of such sort, with so much on the line, one must be willing to sell his or her soul to the evil's of human nature, becoming the corrupt tornado sweeping over rivals and one's own principles, becoming the worst in the human condition.

It is the lying, cheating, corrupt and immoral individual that sits in power today, those willing to compromise virtue, as well as our interests, for their own selfishness, greed and thirst for power. These humans are, today, our elected officials, individuals that promise us heaven and lead us into purgatory; human beings whose thirst for power is only matched by their need for control; so-called representatives that possess the worst traits and characteristics of the primate called man. Elections have become, thanks to the evils of money and the myriad number of rewards for the winner, brutal, harsh, vicious and depraved, encompassing a cocktail of backstabbing and cutthroat tactics that seeks to win no matter how immoral the strategy may become.

Politicians and candidates must make deals with the criminals, thieves and murderers of corporate and elite domination (the real terrorist evildoers), making promises detrimental to the nation and the populace to those whose dollars fill the coffers of the campaign. Politicians are individuals depraved of honor, pathological liars and masters of spin, human beings wretched enough to sell their own children into bondage if that is what it would take to possess power. In the land of winner take all, in the nation of the individual, only those willing to sacrifice their integrity and morality will in the end be triumphant, sitting a top the halls of governance, smearing and destroying reputations, perpetually lying and spinning in selfish inebriation, selling their souls to greed and power, caring not one ounce for the interests of the people that voted them into power.

This is today the reality inside Washington, where one does not need to have wisdom or intelligence or honor to run for office. All that is needed is wealth, an ability to become a prostitute to power, unscrupulousness, membership in the Establishment and a desire to decimate friend and foe alike on the way to power and control. Running for national office is a game reserved exclusively for the elite and its chosen puppets; the peons, of which the masses are comprised, simply vote them into office under the illusion they have a say in American democracy, thinking the masquerade placed at their doorstep grants them choice and freedom in whom they can vote for, living the delusion that their interests will be well served by the corrupt deviant they decide to cast their vote for.

Unfortunately, choice of candidates has for decades been predetermined by those in power and control, thanks to the manipulations of the corporate media, the distortions of journalists and the mechanisms of money, power and capitalism, leaving only the freedom

to choose the lesser of two evils whose two-headed hydra retain one, indivisible body. In America, the choice to be made by the electorate consists of two parties, a duopoly of political control, one neo-fascist and one right of center, almost mirror images of each other, one authoritarian and another anorexic, both the complete dominion of the corporate world. The only choice for a voter to make, realistically, is between this two-headed hydra, a monster reigned in and controlled by the elite, for the elite and of the elite. In fact, one cannot run unless the elite, the Establishment, have given the green light to proceed.

If the Establishment does not wish for one to run, it will make sure the potential candidate stands not a chance at succeeding, using its vast arsenal of weapons at its disposal to crush any upstart that thinks they might have a chance. By simply cutting off donations to the campaign, contributions from corporations and the rich, and by censoring, smearing, manipulating and distorting the campaign through the media, possibly making the candidate disappear completely from the airwaves, possibly negatively altering the electorate's perception of the candidate, the Establishment can destroy any possibility of victory.

In this day and age, when television and media dominate and control the minds of the population, constructing or destroying image, creating and molding thought and opinion, manipulating decision making, it is the candidate the corporation and the Establishment want in office that will inevitably be chosen by the voting public. For the masses are used as the conduits by which the elite get placed in power; we are the grease lining the engines of corruption, greed and immorality; the threads and cottons lining the expandable pockets of the wealthy. We are, in short, but tools of the elite, a means to an end, automatons unknowingly manipulated into whom to vote for, granted permission to push the levers and buttons that will invariably lead to the ascension of our masters and to our ever-diminishing fate.

Almost religiously we head to the voting booth, eager and excited to cast our vote, all the while knowing that our choice is limited and that in the end, the more things change the more things stay the same. We vote knowing that professional politicians are lying and unscrupulous power mongers, yet we vote anyways. We vote knowing that those we vote for are from an elite aristocracy, their interests completely at odds with our own, knowing that only the elite will benefit from our votes, at the detriment of our interests, yet we vote anyway. We are made to believe, almost zealously, in the leadership of our candidate, though we are fully aware that only the corporate world will be made better off through his or her victory. We delude ourselves into believing the illusion of democracy, even when we only have a choice of two candidates whose platform are almost mirror images of each other. We know we are lied to almost pathologically by our chosen candidate, knowing full well that truth is anathema to a politician, yet we believe or wash away these lies, preferring to drink the refreshing Kool-Aid of pretending democracy exists than confronting the reality that it is but an illusion to control and placate the masses.

It is as if the middle and working classes are resigned to the fact, and reality, that the elite have been and always will be in power, possessing dominion over their lives, even though they are few and the masses many. A perverted fatalism seems to always linger above the aura of the world's citizens, willing to concede power to a tiny group that only expands its own powers while letting the majority of human beings rot in misery. From Latin America to Asia to Africa to America and Europe, billions accept as destiny the usurpation of power by a minority of wealthy and powerful human beings, from old wealth elites to those in control of the corporate Leviathan, accepting that their lives will be made worse, not better, by the



same interests they help place in power. Is it any surprise that with elites in firm control over most of the world's governments and resources inequality and injustice have grown exponentially, with no end in sight? Is it any wonder why disease, poverty, suffering and perpetual war continue to erode the tenets of humankind? Is it surprising why billions languish in primitiveness, living on two or three dollars a day, while the wealth of the elite continues to expand skywards?

We see governments all over the world falling like dominoes, not chained to communism but to predatory capitalism, with government and its institutions now owned by the corporate world, with the elite of every nation in firm control over the lives of the masses, yet indifferent we have become to our dwindling plight. Throughout every nation on the planet a small minority of the state's elites always seem to sit at the throne of power, decade after decade, year after year, forever holding on to the reigns of governance, forever expanding their wealth and power while decimating the lives of the masses. They have transformed government institutions in their mirror image, designed to expand their own interests, serving to further subjugate the masses. Laws, rules, regulations and policies are written and implemented with the interests of the elite in mind, with those of the majority given little concern. Nationally owned businesses and resources, the patrimony of the state and its people, are, thanks to neo-liberalism, privatized and given, sold at a pittance, to the elite and their cronies who, for a few million dollars, get a return on their investment in the hundreds of millions if not billions of dollars.

The global institutions of the elite, the World Bank, IMF, NAFTA, neo-liberal policies and World Trade Organization, to name a few, are designed to further expand the exclusive interests of the elite few, at the enormous detriment of the masses, in essence creating an evolved mechanism of human enslavement, making the rich richer and poor poorer, enabling the elite unfettered profit and power while chaining the rest of us, billions strong, to the dark caverns of subservience. Through these institutions the elite have retained domination over the masses, expanding their mastery over all of us and proving, yet again, that since the dawn of time humanity has been unable, or unwilling, to alter the corrosive state of man's pyramid of hierarchy. It is that stratified layer of subjugation that incarcerates minds and extinguishes energies; it is an ingrained reality of the human condition, a degenerate manifestation of mammalian social behaviors, where the exploitation of the many by the few has only increased, and the will by the masses to finally exterminate the cancer upon humankind only continues to decrease, as if billions have decided that fatalism and submission to the elite are preferred to a revolution and renaissance by the many.

This is, today, the state of human democracy, a shining beacon of smoke and mirrors that serves only as the mirage needed by the elite of every nation to retain power, in perpetuity, making the masses believe their voice is heard, their vote matters, their interests are being met. Yet reality is altogether different, for the elite care nothing for the peasant class, of which you, me and everyone else is an integral part of. America's elite gladly send the sons and daughters of indigence to war, sent to become the cannon fodder of the corporate world, the centurions for the deluded vision of crazies. Tens of thousands come back maimed, both physically and mentally, while thousands more come back infected with radiation, the depleted uranium they unleashed on Iraqis coming back to fester forever in their bodies, eventually sickening and killing them. Up to 250,000 Iraqis and Afghans have been killed in an illegal and immoral war based on lies and deceptions. Three thousand innocent civilians were murdered on 9/11 by a government reeking of elitist neo-fascists, wishing to

start an imperial project in the Middle East, wishing to create a new Pearl Harbor that would unhinge authoritarianism at home and hegemony abroad. Thousands more who were in Lower Manhattan, either assisting or living there, will inevitably die from the toxic cloud of vaporized concrete, glass, asbestos, plastic, metal and human remains they were forced to breathe, all the while assured by their government that the air was clean to breathe when it knew otherwise. Thousands of African Americans died and were displaced from their homes because the elite cared nothing for New Orleans and its citizens, preferring the building of tanks and bombs over the breaking of dams and lives.

The same statistics could be repeated over and over again, throughout the world, clearly showing a pattern of disregard and indifference to the plight of billions whose lives have been made to suffer at the hands of the elite that rule the nations of the planet. The message is clear: the chosen few care nothing for the condemned many. Billions of humans rot away their existence in utter indigence, living in squalor, at the margins of society, in shacks or shantytowns, dying of disease and malnourishment only a few miles away from the posh neighborhoods of the elite, full of mansions and estates, full of stolen money or wealth achieved through subjugation and exploitation, full of gluttony and greed. Here the ministers, secretaries and officials of governance dwell, where CEOs and executives of corporations sleep, where stepford wives shop and little juniors develop. Here the wealth expands into perpetuity, for every mechanism of the state benefits the lives and interests of the elite. They are the government, they control its institutions; they decide the course of the nation and the future of the masses.

Elections come and go, changing dynamics, personalities and faces, yet the misery of the masses remains as has always been, in fact getting worse with each passing decade, the exploitation and subjugation of the masses expanding in linear correlation with inequality and injustice, with the exponential growth in wealth of the elite. There thus arises the truism that this group of human beings does not care or concern itself with the lives of its servants and slaves. They care nothing for us, and the faster we realize this truth the quicker we can try and alter our strategy. We are and have always been the pawns of the elite, from time immemorial used and abused and exploited for our toil and energy. We are their servants, they our masters. They concern themselves for expanding their own power and wealth, at our expense if necessary, at our death if expedient. Making money on Wall Street is much more important to them than saving the life and health of thousands of New Yorkers. Shopping for shoes on Fifth Avenue and golfing in San Diego are of more importance than overseeing the evacuation of New Orleans, of caring for the plight of thousands of African Americans.

Democracy is at odds with the interests of the elite, for to this group democracy is a dangerous invention of human thought, a giant barrier they must jump in order to continue their supremacy. It is a malignant cancer to the elite, for in it they see their power eroding, their grip on control eviscerated. They are aware how perilous their hold on power truly is, for they know their numbers are minute compared to those of the masses. If they had their way, democracy would be non existent, replaced with the authoritarianism the masses seem to prefer.

More and more, democracy, in America as well as the developing world, is but the latest reincarnation of control, the historic enslavement of the masses by the elite that for millennia has marked our scarred presence on Earth. The genius of modern day democracy, however, is in the illusion it engenders that the masses have a voice and a say in their future. They are made to believe in the divinity of "power to the people," in the great

expectation that change is only a vote away and that their lives will improve through the election of the chosen leader. It is this charade that shackles the masses into the false belief of comfort and placidity, into the hypnotized stupor that since they voted, all will be well and that their interests will improve. It is this fallacy that maintains the masses quiet, submissive and contained.

Democracy, from its inception, has always been an idealistic principle better implemented in theory than in reality, an institution thoroughly incompatible with human nature, evolution and, most importantly, modern predatory capitalism. Its principles conflict with the behaviors and evolutionary psychology of man, with our social structure and our instincts for pyramids of hierarchy. It seems at odds with the historical preference, subservience, acquiescence and acceptance of the masses, generation after generation, of authoritarianism and tyranny, traversing our long journey through the vast smorgasbord of chieftains, high priests, kings, nobility, emperors, feudal lords, masters, slave holders, dictators, autocrats, fascists, despots, and presidents.

### The Revolution that Will Not Come

Democracy is such a charade, such a fiction imprinted in the minds of the masses, that for centuries now, regardless of election or of time and place, the elites of all nations have yet to lose the power and control of their respective states. They have yet to be displaced by the people for an extended period of time. We might think revolutions as possible exceptions to this truism, yet in reality they are momentary glitches in the system, almost becoming self-correcting mechanisms the elite use to improve their grip over the majority of humanity. It is as if the elite grant us a moment lost in time to satisfy deep seated frustrations, an opportunity to shout our concerns and our demands, only to later crush our hopes and dreams once again.

Revolutions, in the context of human history, are indeed small blips on the screen of control, minute corrections from which the elite learn how to better manipulate and control us. Through these manifestations of discontent, the elite sacrifice the short term so that they can better prepare for the long term, knowing full well that the memory of man is only as long as the death of one generation and the birth of another. With adjustments and gained wisdom, the elite become aware that they must offer more crumbs, bones and scraps to the people, in order to control them for the next stage of civilization's evolution, or devolution, until that time the people rise up again in frustration and hunger for more crumbs and scraps picked off the table of the elites' gluttonous appetite.

The elite are also aware, consciously or subconsciously, that the masses rise up on rare occasions and indeed, much less today than in the past. The masses, especially in the lands of the north and those wealthier, semi-developed nations of the south – excluding much of Latin America which has undergone great social change – today live under better conditions than ever before, as hard as it is to think that true, and is the main reason why these populations have become obedient and complacent creatures. The levels of comfort granted them – as a result of the elite loosening the spigot of greed and actually increasing the size of the crumbs and bones given the masses – have enabled the aura of comfort to control the very emotions and frustrations that once served as catalysts for animosity and dissatisfaction. Thanks to the genius of credit cards and debt created by the elite, the masses can fully absorb the hypnotizing powers of consumerism and materialism, purchasing to their hearts content, filing their worthless and unhappy lives with the substitute goods and services that will add meaning and comfort to their lives. Through the

consumption of goods the masses feel less inclined to complain about their lot in life, and thus less willing to confront the elite in revolution.

Meanwhile, the accumulation of debt enslaves the masses even further into slavery, making the elites even more powerful masters of the state. With so much comfort, with so much escapism through television and distraction through sports, music and video games, the populace is contained, deluded into thinking their lives are better than they actually are. Revolution cannot arrive through the comfortable existence of the masses, nor through the unbeknownst delusion of the people. And so, while the nation is gutted of its treasury and of its youth, while its education is eviscerated in favor of the instruments of war, while new Pearl Harbors are created and Mesopotamia is destroyed, while the state is becoming the fiefdom of the corporate world, while the government murders 3,000 people in New York and contributes to the death of 3,000 more in Iraq, the mass of the population sits on their couch for hours at a time, picking their collective butt hole, their bodies expanding in obesity while their minds shrink into oblivion as they are fed a diet of bread and circus, watching television and escaping into fantasyland, obsessed with the gossip of celebrity and of so-called perfection, not knowing why they are so unhappy, why they are so overworked, yet unable to pay the bills, why they must pop pill after mind-altering pill, why their children have the intelligence of a sock puppet, why their home is on the verge of foreclosure, why their health has become a liability, asking why they are made to fear of an ambiguous dark-skinned enemy.

Yet revolution will never arrive in America, for human beings seem to possess a genetic predisposition for suffering, becoming over years of existence a race of masochists, thriving in deprivation and submissiveness, seemingly preferring the corruption and incompetence of alpha male autocrats rather than the wisdom and intelligence of honor bound councils. There exists too much comfort, too much ignorance, too much indifference and laziness to care to lift a finger against the instruments of the state, no matter how detrimental they may become. An entire generation of America's youth has become gluttonous and spoiled, following the example of parents, incapable of marching like the students of yesterday, incapable of understanding the complexities of a movement, unable and unwilling to be bothered by the activism necessary to alter the course of their authoritarian future. Millions of individuals have been taught, through years of brainwash education, to only think of themselves, to see the world in black and white, in the today and not the tomorrow. They would much rather listen to their Ipod or play their Playstation than seek that the government change course.

To many, their beautiful minds cannot be bothered by suffering or death or war, nor by the burdensome consequences of seeking change or truth or accountability; many more are too busy pursuing the ultimate charade, the greatest fiction of all, namely, the American Dream, a genius concoction by the elites to manufacture entire generations of exploitable slaves and brainwashed consumers. For entire lifetimes millions chase this unreachable dream, thinking one day they too will join the ranks of the elite, if only they can work hard enough, long enough, selling their souls to the evils of capitalism, becoming the unscrupulous carbon copy of many elites, bleeding, sweating and crying for a dream that ultimately will become a nightmare.

Power of the People has been made extinct in the land of the free and the home of the brave, its strength gutted by years of methodical conditioning of the masses by the elite. Only a minute few take to the streets these days, a virtual hiccup of brave patriots that barely makes noise on the national stage and hardly ever surfaces beyond the echoes of

city streets. This group is almost non-existent, with clusters and groups spread throughout the nation, unable to force change, unable to inspire a now lost generation, unable to stop a most ominous course. To the elites, they are mere pests, easily swatted away by a few dozen police officers. The land of the complacent and the cowardly thus continues its inevitably slide into decadence and authoritarianism, without so much as a whisper or a yawn from its apathetic population.

Without care, without concern, indifferent to anything except the next episode of American Idol, 300 million individuals will forever be known as the generation that lost America to the plague of neo-fascists living among us. The “no-sacrifice, no-care, always-me” generation will not know what it has lost until it is too late, until they become nothing more than the army of good Americans. By then, 300 million people will be impotent creatures subservient to authoritarianism and repression, their rights and freedoms taken away, their liberties eroded, their lives further manipulated by the elite. The nation that once had the capability, indeed the momentum, to break free of the eternal chain of bondage called our hierarchy pyramid, that natural evolutionary mechanism that has enslaved us to its unyielding control, has failed miserably in its monumental opportunity, instead becoming yet one more victim to our human nature, our evolutionary psychology, our inner demons, the bastards called the elite.

The pyramid that assures the elite remain at the top, basking in the glow of bright and warm sunshine, while the mass of humanity remains shackled at the bottom, freezing in the nadir of darkness, remains an unbreakable and omnipotent force. It cannot be cracked, it seems, nor can it be shattered. Atop the apex of this design of the human condition is the ever-watchful eye of the powerful, forever looking down at its subjects, for millennia sitting at the throne of control, for millennia unable to be usurped by the large majority of humankind. From time immemorial it sits comfortably at the helm of civilization, expanding the wealth and power of the few, subjugating and oppressing the many, ruining the lives, opportunities and fates of the same masses that after all this time have yet to make a dent in the system.

Perhaps this is as it should always be, as it has always been. Perhaps this is how humanity wants to live, how we are predisposed to become. We have yet to stop its momentum, its sinister reality, becoming accepting of its consequences on our lives, never once thinking what our society would be like under different, under truly human, and not mammalian, behaviors and instincts. Perhaps one day we will awaken, fully awaken, ready to be reborn, ready for an enlightenment away from what we have been and currently are, into a realm of what we are capable of becoming.

Perhaps the day will soon arrive when the masses, the People, will awaken from their slumber, realizing that if the course of history is not changed, human history itself will cease to exist. Too many people are suffering; too many people are dying and living in misery. Levels of inequality and injustice keep increasing; the gap between the rich few and the poor masses continues expanding. This pyramid of subjugation and submission cannot sustain itself, it will collapse from under its own weight, bringing humanity down with it. It is only a matter of time, an inevitability given our growing population, our growing frustrations and anger, our diminishing resources, and our continued disregard for the health of the planet.

The question thus arises, does it fall on its own or with the help of six billion human energies? Can we defeat our comfort and materialism and greed and indifference and declare a new course for human endeavors? Can we rise united, or fall individually? Can we



exorcise our evolutionary demons and make extinct our linear dominance hierarchical pyramid, or are we condemned to live divided, stratified and segregated by class and caste? In our answers to these and many other questions lies our destiny, as well as the future of our children. To them we will bequeath either the ruins of a failed society, or the blueprints of a new civilization.

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