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TVP ex 1970-1980's member speaks

I have compiled all these comments made by Euripide Sneed from the Earth 2 blog, where they appeared here and gave us an insight into what it was like being a member during the 1970's-1980's, this is for ease of reading. More comments and information may very well arrive, and be added should they feel the inclination.

Welcome to the club. Literally hundreds of people gave their blood, sweat and tears, since the 1960's, to help make Fresco's dream possible. Once these followers are parted with their money, their services are no longer required, and they are dumped, and he leaves town. Marxism (by any other name) cannot tolerate spiritual beliefs, because you need to break a few eggs to make an Omelette. Just ask Pol Pot or Fidel Castro. Ask Fresco where the money came from to purchase the Venus Property in the first place. And what happened to the investors who never got their money back. Fresco's favorite line is "The Venus project IS NOT a DEMOCRACY". It's his way or the highway. Imagine if he was in a position of power where he could "really" do some damage! It's great being an avowed Atheist, morality is "relative" regardless of who is hurt in the process. The rules of morality are made up as you go along. That being said, his reading list is still well worth looking at, artistic drawings have their limitations without foundational information.

In reference to your question, I don't want to elaborate to the point that it sounds like I want to bash Fresco. Because, in fact, there are many worse people in this world. And, he lives a life of frugality, having survived the depression. So, those of us who invested in his projects do not have the interest in ever taking him to court, because he has been and always will be a "grandfather" figure to us. That being said, "fool me twice, shame on ME". He doesn't solicit money from people to buy fancy cars (as do some religious leaders), almost ALL the money he receives goes back into his art

work, and toy models. So, under the circumstances, I gave him a “pass” for his actions, a long time ago, and in fact learned a lot from his various lectures. I learned to think straight, and corrected many of my metaphysical “assumptions” about the universe. But, like many eccentric “creative types”, he has a sort of tunnel vision when it comes to remembering who his friends and supporters are. You’re IN today, OUT tomorrow!

In the 1970s he was having regular membership meetings at his home in Miami. With a weekly group of maybe 10 to 12 followers. Up until then, everything was only on paper, with “nothing” to show the rest of the “non-believing” world. So, the group (called Sociocyberneering at the time) signed an agreement to purchase some land (near Miami where they all lived) and they agreed to make regular monthly payments until the land was paid off. It would take several years to complete the payoff. The group had the vision to “live the dream” in their own little dome community. The community was to be self-sustaining with agriculture and other manufacturing products Fresco had designs for. They even donated funds for some small dome molds, which could be used for acquiring government grants. The group made regular payments, many of them making only minimum wage (most of members were low income, well meaning do-gooders). Whatever it took to make the monthly payments was done, even if it meant skipping a few meals a week. The goal was to show the world “what is possible with futuristic science on your side”.

One day, without discussion, the land that was purchased was sold. A new “legal entity” was created in the middle of nowhere (Venus), so that the investors would not be able to live there and commute to work at the same time. The new entity was called the “Venus Project”. The proceeds from the sold land was “funneled” into this new entity. The original investors in Sociocyberneering would have no “standing” or voting rights in the new entity. There was no other reason to change legal entities except to protect the funds from those who had built up the fund. If the goal was just to locate a nicer neighborhood, the Sociocyberneering entity could have continued to have control and voting rights of the new land. But, not so if you “dissolve” (under the attorney’s advice) the first entity, and create a second entity. Those members who were upset about this surprise move were assured that they were still welcome to “visit” the new entity and new land “anytime” they wanted to. But, they would have NO voting privileges as to how the money would be spent with the new entity. In the beginning, the 2 hour drive from Miami was tolerated, just to “visit” the new property. But, in the end, most of the investors cut their losses, and stopped contributing further, and said goodbye to any money they had deposited. The bottom line is that we are talking about events that happened over 30 years ago. Some of the members of the time are no longer alive. Most have all lost contact with each other. But, it is safe to say, in spite of all the financial disappointment that happened, most if not all the former members would like to see Fresco succeed. BUT, they prefer to admire him from “afar”, in the same way you can watch and enjoy a “Kung Fu” demonstration on stage, without having to jump on stage in the middle of all the “Kung-Pow” and get kicked by a “well meaning” performer. I would recommend anyone who has not heard

any of his lectures to do so. He is one of the best of what he does, namely, explaining “systems approach” methodology to those students who never heard of the phrase. And also he helps people understand “TEC” (total enclosure) systems, as found on cruise ships, and applied to small futuristic communities. I’m sorry I have no other specific details about what happened 30 years ago. I am a strong believer that people should “experience him” directly, on their own terms, and determine yourself what he is or “is not” in terms of his personal behavior. I was particularly moved by your “experience” at the beginning of this blog, and how your well meaning words just “bounced off” him. But, to be honest, if I were to meet Einstein in person, I can’t guarantee that he would be any easier to deal with on a “human” level. “Uncommon people” many times cannot relate to us “common people”, and maybe it has always been that way.....

As far as Venus Project is concerned, there is no voting membership that I know of. Just Jacque. That was the main advantage of dissolving Sociocyberneering, no more “votes” to contend with.

In reference to your other point about forgiveness, I must confess that I WAS distressed while it was all happening, and it DID take several years to cool down. The same is true for the other members. It is “not” his goal to bite the hand that feeds him, it just happens with him “naturally” out of habit. He is focused on the goal, and not the intricacies of “give and take” which is all a part of working with a team. He works best when he is alone, period. He just wants someone to hand him a billion dollars and “shut up”, and not ask any questions. Consequently, none of the multiple millionaires who were introduced to him in the past, by some of his supporters, were interested or enticed to “buy in” to an “offer/relationship” like that. It’s almost funny that he seems “surprised” that no one in a position of responsibility wants to just “dump” a bag of money on his lap, with no questions asked. We try to explain to him that this only happens in the movies, but he is never amused by this observation. Anyway, keep up the good work, and I will enjoy reading your updates in the future...

There never was any classroom. People sat on a couch in his living room at the peak of the membership in Miami. Over half the pictures in the video, including classrooms, is “stock video” that the film maker took from some video library. The people you list were all volunteers who tried to contribute to his cause at one time or another. They come and go like a revolving door. They come in “excited” and “inspired”, and leave “despondent”, knowing that the organization is about teaching, but not necessarily about “team work” and “doing”. It has always been a one man show, and always will be. I compare it with “grade school”. It’s a “crucial” experience towards teaching us the 3 “R”s, it prepares us for the real world or college, but the course is fixed and limited. You will never learn Calculus, Chemistry or Physics there. It’s a nice place to visit, “but I wouldn’t want to live there” as the old saying goes. But, I must stress that it is up to the individual, to decide when they have had enough. Some people have had enough after 1 lecture, others continued to learn for several years before leaving. 90% of the lecture content has not changed since the 1950’s. And that’s OK. That’s what grade school is about. Should we stop teaching basic math in grade school simply because it was taught 100 years ago? No, children still need to learn 1+1 before they move on to Calculus. We can’t start children on Calculus (at least, not with current technology). We need Fresco to pull us out of the “mental mud” that society exposes us to as children, in that he teaches us to think more clearly, with our “brains full of mush”. BUT, then that moment must come, and only “you” will know when that time “is”, and you are told “time for you to leave” (either by Fresco, or your inner voice)....

for many adult minds, there is no lightning bolt listening to Fresco. Fresco's entire "lecture circuit" is a combination of several influences in his life: The (ancient) movie "The shape of things to come" (Wells), The Technocracy Movement, The works of BF Skinner, The works of Buckminster Fuller (modified by Monolithic Dome concepts), and books such as Tyranny of Words, The Natural History of Nonsense, Science & Sanity, Mechanistic Conception of Life, Pavlov, Prefabrication theory using space age plastics, and finally "Engineers & Price System" (Veblin). There are 100 more books, but these are the core concepts of his lecture circuit. Many students graduating high school today or in College will probably "never" read most of these books in their life time. And they probably have no desire to. So, a lecture from Fresco puts all these concepts together in just a few hours. But, I agree, it is best to read the books directly if you have the time.

The property near Miami was purchased for approximately \$16,000, which was a lot of money in the 70's, when people were trying to live on minimum wage. I don't know how much it was sold for, since it was still undeveloped. Probably approximately the same price. The property in Venus was approximately \$40K, because it was more acreage. I believe that the property in Venus is under his own name so that there is no distribution requirement if he sells the property. When he sold his home in Miami for over \$100K (or maybe \$150K?), there was enough money to pay for the Venus property, with the help of the Sociocyberneering funds. So, he did put up a few buildings on the Venus property which would serve as his new home. But, the value of all the buildings "combined" would be under \$100K because they are sort of made of metal and gunnite, as opposed to more expensive materials like bricks or lumber. So, the asking price of the land is a little high compared to values of the surrounding acreage. Yes, I had read someplace that some politicians in Ecuador invited them to live there at their own expense, and maybe help with tourism. It is possible they may have even offered him a grant to build some safer housing that could survive disasters of weather or earth quakes. But, I've been out of the loop for many decades.

The housing prices in Miami have always been higher than the “Florida” average. There is a lot of unused land in Florida. A chart of “Miami” that only goes back 20 years gives a closer approximation, as follows:

<http://mysite.verizon.net/vodkajim/housingbubble/miami.html>

The home was actually a 2 bedroom, in a borderline neighborhood. It needs to be understood that he never “made it big” doing what he does. He mostly was, and is, unemployed. His income from giving lectures at his home was only \$10-\$20 per lecture, 2 or 3 times a week. Roxanne, being an unemployed art major, helped a little with the rent. But, no, I don’t envy his current financial status. This recent “lecture circuit” is probably more lucrative than anything he has done before. But, I have NO idea what his going rate is these days to be a “guest speaker”, plus per diem? But, it definitely helps to pay the bills, compared to what he was making doing “odd jobs”. Now, if he actually gets \$700K for that land, I will change my opinion about him being poor. That would make a nice nest egg. But, I think the actual value might be closer to \$200K-\$300K, if they can get that much.

Id say that they are doing OK, since the land is already paid for with no mortgage.

It was very common to bring a tape recorder to the lectures. Sometimes 1 person would bring one. Other times several people would bring one. Admission varied between \$1 per lecture session to \$3 per lecture session depending on what year it was. In the 70's it was \$1 per session, in the 80's it was \$2-\$3 per session. It was affordable to most people, and if they couldn't afford it, they could attend any way for free. Part of the fun was just meeting some of the other attendees after the session, and going to a restaurant for a snack. I haven't heard the quality of the sound, but normally the microphone was only a few feet away, since it was in a small living room (informal). If the price is high, you may be able to get a used copy on eBay for a few dollars. The lectures are well worth listening to if you never heard them. Especially if you don't want to read the hundreds of books that some of the information is extracted from. The problems came when we started to invest in the "futuristic commune", living like Captain Kirk, with beds that make themselves, and robots that would plant the crops, harvest the crops, and using only organic pest control and fertilizers. In those days organic foods were expensive, so it would be great to get it at a low cost through automation. Star Trek was big in those days, and most of us would pay anything to live that life style immediately, rather than wait 100 years when the rest of the society would have it. But, it wasn't meant to be, as you know....

Some of my statements were tongue in cheek. I definitely wasn't there in the beginning. Just mid-seventies forward. He began many of his public lectures in the 60's. I'm not really worried about his return to public speaking. I believe it is a temporary thing. Eventually, things will gradually begin to implode as the lecture audience begins to thin out. The cult following will probably continue to market his materials even after he retires. For example, his first book "Looking Forward" now sells from \$200-\$400 each. I remember I had 10 or 20 copies, years ago that were \$6 each. But, they got lost over the years...

Anyway, part of being a fanatic is to NOT listen to reason, to get angry with friends and family who are trying to warn you that something is wrong with this guy. But, like “religion”, when you fill one “crutch” (religion) with another crutch (promises for tomorrow), in the end, you are still with a “crutch”. You defend your crutch “to the death” (symbolically), imperfections and all.

Then when you finally find your pockets empty, and the “crutch”, cheating on his first girlfriend, with the second girlfriend (Roxanne), the light goes on that you are dealing with “two” people. One “on stage”, one “off stage”. But, in fairness, isn't that true for all “performers”? It's part of the “gig” you are trying to “sell” for your “bread and butter”.

While you are looking at the left hand, the right hand will getcha. Just follow the money.... Ciao...

~ by anticultist on April 14, 2010.

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46 Responses to “TVP ex 1970-1980's member speaks”

1. Roxanne made a reply on VTV's blog calling this person above a liar, interesting lets see what an external party has to say about that shall we ?

Well, lets take a look at some things:

Jacque and Roxanne quoted on VTV's blog:

“We now have just compiled 15 of these lectures on three 5 CD sets and on almost all of them you can hear Jacque at the end say it is \$3.00 for non-members and \$2.00 for members of Sociocyberneering not the \$10 -\$20 this person claims Jacque charged. This helps to show you what this person says below is utterly false in regards to what Jacque used to charge”

This is the claim they are talking about:

“ His income from giving lectures at his home was only \$10-\$20 per lecture, 2 or 3 times a week. Roxanne, being an unemployed art major, helped a little with the rent.”

But wait, check out one more thing Euripide Sneed said:

“ Yes. It was very common to bring a tape recorder to the lectures. Sometimes 1 person would bring one. Other times several people would bring one. Admission varied between \$1 per lecture session to \$3 per lecture session depending on what year it was. In the 70's it was \$1 per session, in the 80's it was \$2-\$3 per session.”

When he said “\$10-\$20 per lecture” what he must have meant was that Jacque Fresco made \$10-20 total from the 10 or so people who showed up and paid \$1-\$3 each. They have taken his words out of context. His actual claim about the cost of admission is \$1-\$3, the same amount that they state, there is no discrepancy.

Jacque and Roxanne are the ones who are lying here. Not Euripide Sneed.

anticultist said this on [April 14, 2010 at 4:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o You know, I posted the above comment on VTV's blog as well and he deleted it. What a wiener.

<http://v-radioblog.blogspot.com/2010/04/reply-to-euripide-sneed-on-anticultist.html>

Sky said this on [April 17, 2010 at 7:08 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Yes. Thanks. Absolutely, that is what I was saying.

In the first instance I used the word “income” of \$10 to \$20 (depending on what year it was because the fees changed). I did not say admission fee. I was NOT saying he made a lot of money, I was saying he made very little money. Geeze!

The second instance of \$1-\$3, was supplemental information which specified “admission” and not total income. Again I was trying to say that he did not make much money. And not what she is insinuating in her response (that I was trying to make it look like he charged too much money)....

I will try to respond to the rest directly on your blog...

ES

anticultist said this on [April 17, 2010 at 2:30 pm](#)

2. Its nice to hear a bit of history, and helps show that Fresco has always rather struggled with finances. I can quite understand his desire to do things his way, and not to get too much into bed with those with money, its a difficult game for sure to play, where your not being played.

Finance does seem one of the common issues effecting many efforts to change the world. A good book on the aspect of not always having the right skill set for a task is the E-Myth (<http://www.e-myth.com>), I fond most useful in spotting the weak areas in myself, and I think people like Fresco could benefit from it (If he’s not already read it, as its been out for a while now.), as I think he is a genius in some areas, but like many people I know of with great ideas, lack the business skills to make it a reality.

That I think is something we can help folk like that with, develop something they can make money with, so they can afford to put their ideas into practice.

Often money making is seen as a great evil by the more idealistic, so it isn’t always a good marriage with followers who are poor and hate the rich, and idealist geniuses who have the ideas, but no way to put them into practice.

I hope the history talked about here, shows the need to be more Donald Trump like to get things done.

Nanos said this on [April 14, 2010 at 5:41 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o I think your optimistic view of this man and woman is quite different to my own view in light of this new information. To me it just seems all rather snake like and manipulative, not to mention the levels of control freak being perpetuated.

I personally think they know enough about finances to get by just fine, and quite honestly if they start making millions from this new found interest in their ideas you might see some more dubious dealings and turns occurring. When Jacque passes away it might get a little interesting too.

anticultist said this on [April 14, 2010 at 5:47 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Even if Fresco has been captured by the monetary system, who isn't? I'm not surprised if he is. How many times have I heard him say, "the monetary system makes you a son-of-a-bitch." I'm not surprised at all. But I feel our interpretation of the events may be skewed a bit to far by a bias that is inclined to maximize the possible negative aspects of Fresco. Although, I do have the same hunch everyone else has.

Nate said this on [June 17, 2010 at 4:28 am](#)

- o I just go by the events of what happened and that is what ES says happened because even Roxannes official statement in reply to this blog did not deny it, in fact it further compounded it as truth. Then I add on the fact the Venus project is a profit company and a non profit charity that does nothing but promote media and make models and generate income, money and more members to promote it and buy into it.

So Jacque can say all the double talk and lyrical muddying he likes it wont change those facts.

anticultist said this on [June 17, 2010 at 9:28 am](#)

3. Below is a reply from Euripide Sneed regarding Roxanne Meadows reply to his details provided above:

I just checked your blog to respond, but apparently her comments were not made there, but some place else. That being the case, that means my comments are on some other Forum, which was not my intention.

Many people who attended the lectures that Jacque held in his home wanted to get together and purchase land and build something. Jacque was going to supply all of the designs. Jacque offered drawing lesson so people could participate in some way but it really boiled down to three people do did most of the work the others were mostly verbal.

No argument, here. Most of the members were unskilled, and participated by giving money, since they had regular jobs they could not quit.

They did put up enough money to get a down payment for about 40 acres of land in Naples, Florida for about \$600. an acre, but they did not continue the payments except for 3 people but those 3 could not make the land payments alone so a lawyer friend of Jacque's, Cleave Herring, came forth and continued the payments until we could sell the land. Nothing was made on that venture.

These are details that are fair, but do not contradict what was stated, which was that some people invested money, and never got it back. And some people wrote it off as a loss. It is sad that they were in such a hurry to sell this land, since it was a better investment. That nothing was made on that venture means then, that they sold it for less than they purchased it for, and yet now it is worth millions? This land was not affordable apparently, so it had to be sold, but, the Venus land ended up costing much more.

It was strange because if the group did follow through with the payment and kept the land if they ever wanted to sell it would have been worth millions because that area became a very exclusive wealthy area to live. The land value rocketed in Naples.

Sad but true.

Unfortunately by that time there was no organization after the members stopped paying on the land.

Yes, many of the members stopped making the monthly payments when the move was made to Venus, others continued to make payments after the move to Venus. Others just ran out of money. As I said, many were poor.

That whole episode was disappointing to Jacque and the other two people who continued to work with him. After all he put out a lot of effort with people for over a decade to teach them things in all areas.

Yes, there was a nice group forming in Miami, they would still be together today, willing to participate, if the organization had not moved out of Miami. The rest of the group could not just “uproot” themselves, quit their jobs, and move to Venus with no source of income. It was a wilderness out there in Venus. At least Miami had jobs where they could continue to pay to attend lectures, learn new things, and continue to support the movement.

The money to buy the land in Venus came from the sale of a home in Miami Jacque sold. He lived there for about a year or more. This house was in the black section of Miami so you know the land value was not high.

Yes, my information did not conflict with this.

This person who wrote this nasty article knows nothing about the prices he is remarking on. He is lying about all of this. The first parcel we purchased in Venus was 10 acres for a little over \$1,600 an acre. Then over the years we purchase two other contiguous parcels that adds up to a little over 21+ acres. He knows very little about building processes either because building out of concrete and steel is far more expensive and durable than brick and timber. All of the other numbers are grossly incorrect as well.

Lying? How so? These are details that supplement the information already provided, they don't conflict with it. The whole point of the buildings on Venus, was that there is a “cheaper way” to house people. And that 50% of the cost of a home is the cost of labor. The dome structures, whether made of concrete or steel, require fewer laborers, and thus, a lower cost per structure. If these steel structures have a higher real estate value than brick and mortar, then “have at it”. Then the property is a “bargain” and hopefully will be sold real soon.

We never changed the name to The Venus Project to cover up any deals regarding the sale of the land in Naples. We changed the name long after the purchase of the land in Venus because Sociocyberneering was too difficult to pronounce for people or even to remember. This was before the word cyber was even used. The Venus Project was simple and easy.

We don't want to spend much more time on this nonsense as most of what he is saying are lies, projections and out of some other misunderstanding.

“She doth protest too much”. The “bulk” of the comments I made about Fresco were “complimentary”, even to the “chagrin” and “annoyance” of some of the people in this blog. It was not a popular thing to do. But, I called a spade a spade, for better or for worse. She uncovered no lies, as much as provided more detail and minutia (which is welcome), concerning what was already said. However, if the purpose of creating a new entity was strictly to create a “shorter name”, or easier to pronounce, there was “no need” to dissolve the first organization, especially if funds were hard to come by. Sociocyberneering had jumped through the hoops to qualify as a non-profit organization, it had a track record in terms of how long it was incorporated. This is important when soliciting future donations, and reporting treatment from Dun and Bradstreet. To legally change the name, and leave the organization in tact would have cost only a “fraction” of the cost of creating a whole new organization, submitting paperwork, re qualifying, etc. But, I agree with her that we should not spend any more time on this “nonsense”. Let's move forward and learn from our past mistakes, but try to remember those who gave of themselves and their money, in good faith early in this movement, but are now just relegated as “deadbeats” or “verbal” supporters from the past.

He never checked his statements with us and does not even use his real name. If you listen to the Fresco's Classic Lecture Series you will see that he took that name after hearing it from Jacque, which is ironic, but we mainly wanted to make a statement as to what happened in regards to the Naples property.

We all remember what we remember, it's all pieces of a puzzle, and neither side has a monopoly on the whole truth. The choice of pseudonym was intentional, and was an attempt to complement Fresco on his creativity and wonderful sense of humor. And hopefully it will encourage people to listen to some of his past lectures, just to hear about the adventures of Sneed. “fini”

anticultist said this on [April 17, 2010 at 11:48 am](#) | [Reply](#)

4. Regarding the first property (Naples) she responds “Nothing was made on that venture” regarding the sale of it. This bothers me on several levels. If, for example, the property was purchased for \$16K, some of which was from members investments, and some of which was the attorney friend, then why couldn't the reduced funds still be returned to the investors? For example: Purchase price, \$16K, remaining funds after loses \$14K (just an example since we have no other details), then shouldn't the \$14K have been distributed at a “pro-rated” bases depending on how much was put into the land? The way the sale was actually handled is that some people (the investors/members) lost 100% of their investment, while maybe others got 100% of their money back. So, while on paper a “profit” wasn't made on the sale, there were “some” funds remaining from the sale. I'm just saying it would have been “nice” to be a part of the “decision-making” process, when our land was sold. Maybe some of us would have been willing to take the property off his hands (transfer title and be done with it). But, that “offer” was never made. We are just told “after the fact” that the property was sold at a loss,

without any ledger or accounting, as is customary when a group of people pool their money into an investment. I'm sorry I had to add this, but it is just so "frustrating" how some facts and issues were just "skimmed" over. Let's give them the benefit of the doubt, and pick an "outrageous loss" of \$15K. So, that the property was purchased for \$16K and sold for \$1K after paying the mortgage and the attorney. Then shouldn't that remaining \$1,000 been offered proportionately to those who had invested in the first property? Those whose payments amounted to only 10% of the purchase price could have been offered 10% of the remaining funds, or \$100. Those who paid 50% could have gotten \$500 back, etc. But, I really doubt that the remaining funds was only \$1K after the sale, so probably more money was involved. As you can see, it is not just about the "money", but rather how the situation was handled. Enough said for clarification purposes, we have all moved on since then...

Euripide Sneed said this on [April 19, 2010 at 4:20 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- As is customary with these people they dont like anyone in their business. Try and talk financial issues with them today and they avoid you like the plague, something is going down with those two and its looking shady.

I would not trust those two with a boats rudder, the second you look away they'd be steering you off course and blaming you for it.

anticultist said this on [April 19, 2010 at 7:23 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- That's exactly what happened.

Euripide Sneed said this on [April 27, 2010 at 6:22 pm](#)

- Yeah and its shameful, taking advantage of decent humble folk.

anticultist said this on [April 27, 2010 at 6:51 pm](#)

5. You clearly have more up to date experiences than I can offer, since I have not been a volunteer with the group for many decades. Also, some of the readers on your blog (or an affiliate forum) had a question about my reference of "Shape of Things to Come", not being listed as a movie in any directory. To clarify, the "book" by H.G. Wells (1933) was written by that title. But, when it was made into a movie the title was shortened to "Things to Come" (1936). The early Sociocyberneering book list had the book title listed and not the "shorter" movie title. But, both the book and movie were often recommended for those people who were interested in a simplified version of using machines to assemble buildings, as we currently do with robots in the automobile industry. Erecting buildings with robots was just the next logical step in progression.

Euripide Sneed said this on [April 22, 2010 at 12:02 am](#) | [Reply](#)

6. <http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/04/08/earth-2-movie-venus-proect-fails-and-reators-cut-fresco-loose/#comment-623>

<http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/04/08/earth-2-movie-venus-proect-fails-and-reators-cut-fresco-loose/#comment-624>

anticultist said this on [April 29, 2010 at 8:43 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- The following was also a great article. I wasn't able to register to compliment the author (registration closed), but it was well thought out. I remember while being a conspiracy theorist it was so convenient (and mentally lazy) to have an "us" and "them" mentality. It is much harder to examine each person on their own merits, rather than just classify them as "the illuminati". I have no doubt that there are conspiracies, as it is a recognized "legal term", however, they tend to exist in small "clusters" of people, as opposed to just "one global" entity. Even amongst bankers, Freemasons, etc., there are good guys and bad guys, as in any other organization for that matter.

The article I am referring to, as a good read, is as follows: <http://conspiracyscience.com/blog/2010/05/07/a-response-to-the-zeitgeist-movements-diagnosis-of-intellectual-inhibition/>

Euripide Sneed said this on [May 8, 2010 at 5:28 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- yeah very good read, you can get in touch with the writer via their email at the top of the post, also I have other posts by them linked on the side:

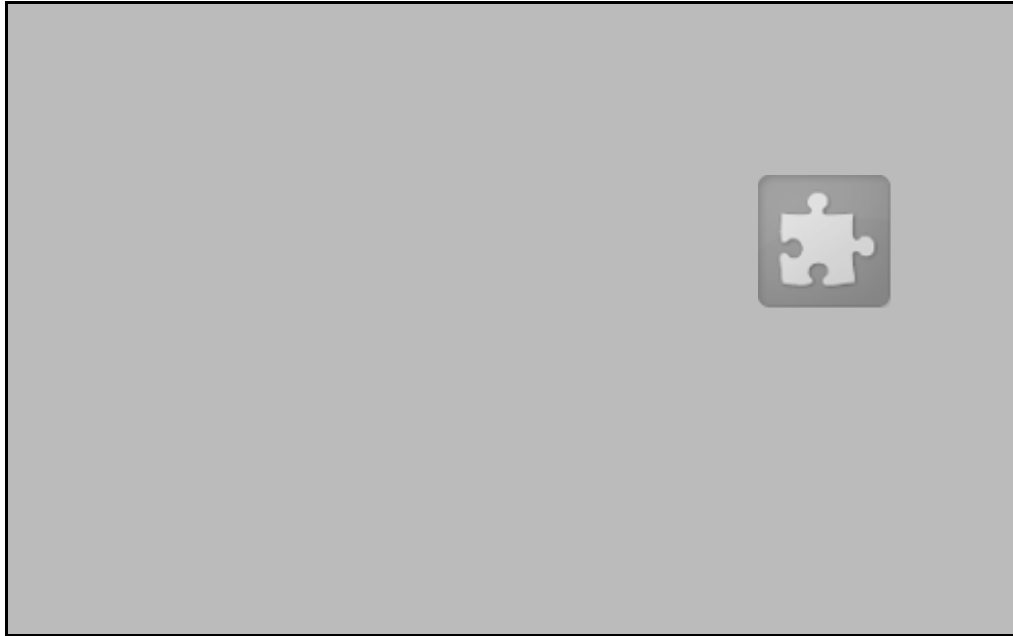
<http://muertos.blog.com/2010/03/13/adventures-in-conspiracy-land-the-zeitgeist-movement/>

<http://muertos.blog.com/2010/05/06/the-zeitgeist-movement-take-2-conspiracies-are-us/>

anticultist said this on [May 8, 2010 at 6:23 pm](#)

- Haha, "good guys" and "bad guys" suffer from a similar flawed dichotomy as "us" against "them."

Nate said this on [June 17, 2010 at 4:56 am](#)



7.

hahahahahahaha

anticultist said this on May 18, 2010 at 4:19 pm | Reply

8. Oh man... That video made me come back to this blog and want to read it fully. I know these comments from ES were copied and pasted from other blogs here, so I'll be reviewing those links soon. But wow, I truly appreciate the insight from him and sharing his experience with us here.

I do have a question though, I was wondering how different was the booklist in Sociocyberneering recommendations oppose to what is in the recommended booklist they have now?

Link: <http://thevenusproject.com/images/stories/booklist.pdf>

I would like to know which movies and books were subtracted/substituted assuming that there is a difference between the two.

From ES:

"For example, his first book "Looking Forward" now sells from \$200-\$400 each. I remember I had 10 or 20 copies, years ago that were \$6 each. But, they got lost over the years..."

Well, it's free now:

<http://thevenusproject.com/images/stories/Looking-Forward-v2.pdf>

But I know, they are still selling stuff.

BranManFloMore said this on May 18, 2010 at 8:31 pm | Reply

- Its class isnt it ! whoever did it I would like to thank them for it.

anticultist said this on May 18, 2010 at 9:57 pm | Reply

- And the beat is so catchy too.

BranManFloMore said this on May 18, 2010 at 10:00 pm

- There are only a few changes between the older booklists and the newer ones. Books were normally added rather than taken off. For example the old list didn't have DVDs on it because DVDs didn't exist in the 70's. If I find an old book list in the next few weeks I will upload a copy.

EDITED:

Hello again.

I had promised BranManFloMore a copy of the reading list from the 70's, see attachment.

As you can see, there were some changes, but many of the original books are still on the present reading list.

ES

<http://i1023.photobucket.com/albums/af354/anticultist/readinglist1070s.jpg>

Euripide Sneed said this on May 22, 2010 at 6:27 pm | Reply

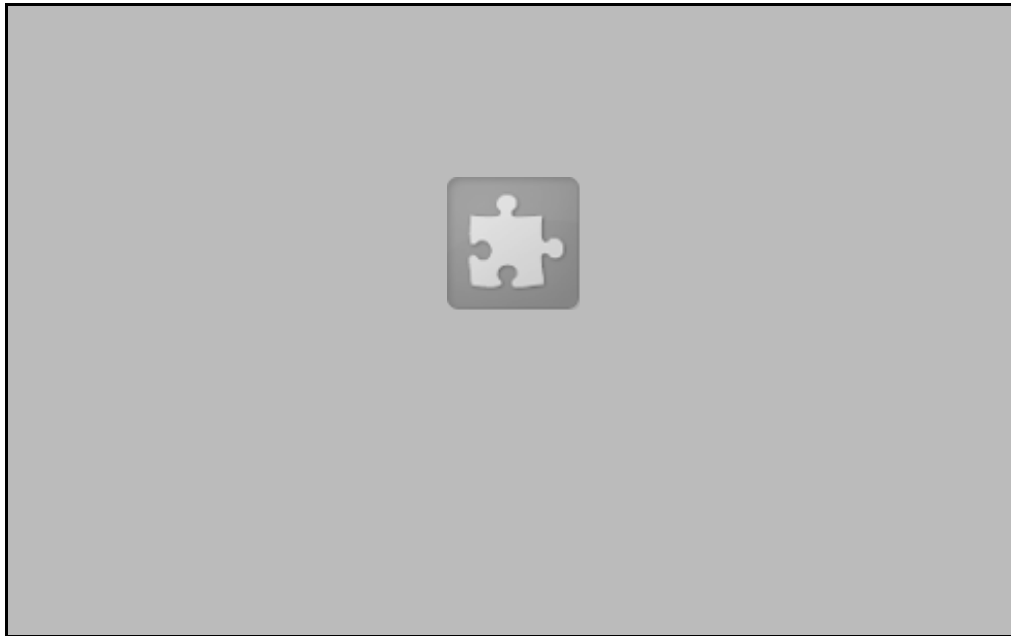
- Take your time and thanks for responding.

BranManFloMore said this on May 22, 2010 at 6:43 pm

- Jacque discusses sociocyberneering events, here he washes over what happened with Euripide Sneed, and makes out as if they all just dropped out paying on the original land. And then says he didn't go back to them afterwards as he didn't want them involved.

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anticultist said this on May 26, 2010 at 4:30 pm



9.

The original video – just replace marimba music for meditation and theyre usual canned responses for singing/chanting and you got the Zeitgeist Movement(up to 10:57).Certainly makes a good intro to this group.

P.S. My woeful performance and overall absnce at RBEF,my disatorous attempt at reaching out to my local chapter,the odd snide remark here and there etc is a sign of one thing – I really dont care anymore.Im 23 years old and currently going through one of the few lucid moments in my life and I have alot to do – Im working with some post grads during the summer ,I suspect I have manic depression must deal with it plus I have some things I want to do over the summer.To be honest I dont want to hear,see or speak the word Zeitgeist or anything related to it for at least a month...maybe more..I've had enough of this sillyness.To see this movement crash and burn under its own nievity/foolisness has been seriously downing me alot for the past few months or so.Ciao!

Shane Nolan said this on May 18, 2010 at 11:02 pm | [Reply](#)

o take care shane

yeah Ive seen that original I love it.

Thats why I like the one above yours so much.

anticultist said this on [May 18, 2010 at 11:20 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Yeah, I still dig the remix though. Take care Shane.

BranManFloMore said this on [May 19, 2010 at 12:51 am](#)

- o Damn, there certainly are parallels. Not quite to the extremes as in the video, but very close in some aspects. I wonder if Fresco ever imagined he would be the spark of a cultesque development. His life would be a great biopic.

Nate said this on [June 17, 2010 at 5:22 am](#) | [Reply](#)

10. <http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/tvp-ex-1970-1980s-member-speaks/#comment-884>

For those of you doubting the authenticity of Euripide, see the 1970s reading list pdf provided in the comment above.

anticultist said this on [June 3, 2010 at 8:01 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o No one will have to doubt anymore. But yeah... We know now. To ES, a major thanks to you.

BranManFloMore said this on [June 3, 2010 at 8:45 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

11. Wow! Very good post. This is great historical information and I see Peter Joseph following in Jacque Fresco's footprints. I had a thought while reading this that perhaps Jacque offered to teach "Dr. Peter Joseph" how to defraud people of their money and endorse him exclusively in exchange for him to buy his property. Crazy thought really. Peter Joseph Merola strikes me as a poor person.

Manila English said this on [July 31, 2010 at 3:07 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Yes its interesting to see exactly what goes on in the background and in the historical records of these people and groups, most of their membership ignore this information and dont even consider it valuable. They are simply being naive to not fully research these people they trust and claim as heros.

This information really does change things, there is also some more information regarding Jacque Frescos history below which I posted elsewhere that was given to me by this same member:

So here goes:

From time to time when I do a Google search, I see Fresco's name pop up, and in this case it was regarding the Conspiracy

Science site trying to piece together Fresco's past.

Every time I think I have communicated for the last time, something pops up on the Internet which bothers me because it is not accurate.

I believe the people at Conspiracy Science are on the right track to “individually research” the archives, rather than just use one person as a resource.

So, some of the clarifications in chronology are as follows, but are by no means more than “ball park” estimates in terms of exact dates.

1. It was suggested that Jacque left his wife to be with Roxanne. Not true. She entered the picture “quite late” in the game. Fresco had a daughter AND a son, from a previous marriage. After the divorce, the mother kept both children from visiting Fresco until they were older. His son didn't really get a chance to know his father until the late 70's for a few brief visits to the Fresco home. His son had no inclinations of being a philosopher like his father, and was interested in joining the police force. Without warning, again “approximately” in the late 70's, maybe early 80's, his son shot himself (apparently over a discontinued relationship with a girlfriend). I met him, and he was a nice sort of fellow. I was sad to see him gone at such an early age (late teens, early 20's). I never met Fresco's daughter, she remained with her mother in those days.

2. Roxanne has been referenced several times, on the Internet as “co-founder” of Sociocyberneering in Miami. This is untrue. After Fresco's divorce, he got a vasectomy, not wanting to bring any more children in the world, since he never planned on ever getting married again. He always felt that Polygamy was the way to go (without the marriage part). After the divorce, possibly many years, he met Birgit Lahaye.
(<http://www.miamiislandliving.com/>)

She worked many years with him as Treasurer of Sociocyberneering, and helping him with various film and art productions. She was from Germany, and a dedicated mate and hard worker. She was technically the co-founder of Sociocyberneering, with Jacque. One day, in the late 70's, Roxanne attended one of Jacque's lectures with her boyfriend (who was a long time member). One thing led to another, and after a few weeks, she was sleeping with Jacque. Jacque was happy to keep both girlfriends, but Birgit was more traditionally minded, and didn't believe in “threesomes”. Nevertheless, Birgit continued to support Jacque, helped with the move from Miami to Venus, and even helped Jacque build some of the domes and models at Venus. But, understandably, Birgit could not continue to be a “second fiddle” to Roxanne indefinitely and so she moved on. Roxanne was more ideal for Jacque (less of an independent thinker than Birgit, less moral inhibitions, and completely mold-able). Sort of a “blank slate”. But, early on, Roxanne became very “territorial” with Jacque, and alienated many of the members. People who knew him for years, “now” had to go through “her” (the new girl on the block) to make an appointment with him.

3. I have no further contact with any of them, but my understanding is that Birgit continues to make a life for herself, works with Real Estate, and in my opinion is the “most” knowledgeable person concerning Jacque’s work (besides himself). Understandably, she did not make waves, to Jacque’s change in partners, and she still wishes him well from afar.

4. It can be argued, but not proven at this time, that one of the reasons the organization moved out of Miami (and fell apart) was to make the separation easier for Jacque and Birgit. Unfortunately, many of the members (which was unknown to Jacque) objected to his fling with Roxanne, and more importantly they loved and missed Birgit’s presence in the group, after so many years of her sacrifice and contributions. So, I guess you can say that it was a “coincidence” that many of the members, including Roxanne’s previous boyfriend, stopped making payments on the Naples land, and started to drift even further when Jacque took a permanent “honeymoon” to Venus with Roxanne (no pun intended). I don’t believe that Birgit was in a position to just “quit” her job, and become a farmer in Venus anyway.

5. I believe that Birgit will continue to admire Jacque, in spite of how she was treated. And, probably in her own mind, she is very understanding of his need for a mate who had less personal ambitions in life.

I hope this helps a little. Sorry I have nothing to contribute concerning his daughter. And I regret never getting the opportunity to meet her before her passing.

Originally I posted it here:

<http://conspiracyscience.com/forums/topic/jacque-fresco-deadbeat-dad>

anticultist said this on [July 31, 2010 at 3:25 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

12. There is a new video going around suggesting that “I” said that Jacque cheated on his wife with Roxanne. Yet, I stated the complete “opposite”. Jacque was divorced for many years from his wife before he met Roxanne in the late 70’s. When Jacque met Roxanne he “did” have a “significant other” at the time, who was not thrilled about Jacque’s new affair, but she was not his wife when he cheated on her. So, my concern is that anyone seeing the video will be able to check the record and see that Jacque was divorced for many years before meeting Roxanne. Thus the video will lose its credibility. There were other statements in the video attributed to me, that I never said. So, I guess “no good deed goes unpunished” as they say. I tried to clarify the historical record, and instead it gets turned into fiction...

Euripide Sneed said this on [August 7, 2010 at 6:21 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Looks like someones read the blog briefly and then made a video without taking care in the quotes. At least if anyone checks the sources they will find that the video is flawed and not you.

anticultist said this on [August 7, 2010 at 6:30 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Thanks. I hope that will be the case. There are enough (real) potential problem issues with Fresco's history of dealing with "supporters", that can be addressed, without having to create "fake" or "red herring" issues, which never happened. This is why many modern newspapers and TV/Radio shows are losing ratings, because they "re-write" history and current events, and the American public is losing confidence in their accuracy. I hope that doesn't happen with the Conspiracy Science movement.

Euripide Sneed said this on [August 7, 2010 at 9:02 pm](#)

- o Yeah I think there is just a few moments here and there where things get a bit indifferent on the forum, nothing to worry about they, they always go back to what they do best and that is use facts against conspiracy theories.

Regarding those youtube videos CS forum are not responsible for any of them as far as I am aware, none of them have mentioned creating or participating in their making. So hopefully whoever is making them are reading this and fix their stuff.

anticultist said this on [August 7, 2010 at 10:20 pm](#)

13. I appreciate you pointing that out. I visited the vimeo web site again to see why I was under the impression that it was one of the CS members. When you go to video, under the video is a reference to CS. But, as I looked closer, the person who posted the video called himself "anon2", and the CS reference was only a link to where he got the inspiration for the video. So, yes, it is possible that he is not a CS member. And even if he is a member, CS probably had no control over his "anonymous" actions. So, I am just going to drop the issue rather than draw more attention to the video.... At the same time, I'm not saying that the video is completely wrong. For example, Fresco may indeed have cheated on his wife while he was married (it was before my time). But, it wouldn't have been with Roxanne, since she was one of the newest members of the group, while others had been with Jacque 10 or 20 years before she came along....

Euripide Sneed said this on [August 9, 2010 at 3:11 am](#) | [Reply](#)

14. Wow, I'm sitting here reading this after curiously lurking around the CS site for maybe the past week or so. I've been part of TZM for over 2 years and as time went by, I just had more and more questions which went completely unanswered. I want to commend Euripide Sneed (is that the coolest name in the world? quite possibly) for being entirely honest and open about his experiences with TVP. It has broadly answered many questions I had floating around in my head in one fell swoop.

I'm caught between feelings that PJM and TVP are trying to really do good on this earth, trying to make this a better place for us all and the feeling that they might just be looking after Numero Uno, selling us snake oil whilst whispering how it will make our ailment go away. It could all be an incredibly well thought out marketing scheme to earn big money on one or more theatrical releases with an already established fanbase of several hundred thousands of people, something I wouldn't put past a creative, intelligent young man with proven connections in both advertising and the movie business...

Perhaps I'm seeing mirages, when in fact it's simply a highway leading nowhere..

Thanks for your insight ES, very interesting stuff.

Senor DingDong said this on [September 3, 2010 at 3:14 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Though it is possible, I wouldn't put too much hype into a money scheme.

In all likelihood, both Fresco and Merola have good intentions. However, Merola took a naive dive after encountering the grand wizard Fresco and has gotten himself in too deep to back out now. I'm sure that some of the criticism is getting to him and he knows the critics are right, but at this point he has gone too far to admit defeat. Predictably, he will fight his opponents to death now that he has invested so much money, emotion, and time into disseminating Fresco's ideology. Admitting defeat will destroy him. I can't see him surrendering his esteem and growing ego after so much effort. I would imagine that at this time Merola is probably beginning to see his efforts faltering and soon his knees will grow weak after Fresco passes away. Who knows what will happen then. We may witness a one-man-against-the-world scenario in which his self-worth/total-esteem is at stake for which self-deception will be necessary to preserve it. And the use of his supporters will reaffirm his perceived successes/victories over his critics. Someday he will crash hard with regret and self-loathing. Or perhaps he will find a way to avoid admitting failure (kinda like Fresco) by being either completely delusional/oblivious or by staging his success/credibility/reverence/confidence like a performance (kinda like Fresco). I could be wrong, Merola has surprised me before.

Regarding Fresco, he's probably sincere too. If he developed all of his rhetoric simply as a way to "make a buck" like some people around here think, then he should be declared a genius just for the sheer vastness and thoroughness of his material. It seems clear that he is sincere and but perhaps slightly delusional (especially since most old men are, but I am hesitant to call him delusional, he seems something like delusional). People tend to oversimplify Fresco's personality as if he were a toad. The truth is, if you take a look throughout history, most of the predominant figures (primarily philosophers and artists) had very complex personalities that were difficult to deal with. Place Fresco's personality in the enlightenment era, he would have made an impact.

Fresco is the kind of guy who stives for autonomy, he seems geared that way. When you see him that way, his entire life makes sense: difficulty holding jobs, frequent traveling, his passion, his energy, multidisiplinary interests fueled by a "need for cognition" (NFC). He seems to have suffered from mania all his life. Thus, doesn't it sound right to call him a maniac? Maniac or not, it does good to understand him. By doing so we can more cleanly cut away from him what is useful.

I think he had high hopes once upon a time, especially when he started Sociocyberneering. As his life comes to a close I'm sure he sees his dream will not be realized. So off he goes on tour with nothing to lose. He gets to do what he is psychologically geared to do (deliver the information he has built his life around) and make money off of it, (kinda sounds like a professor huh?). What could be better? I don't think he's doing it for the money. I think releasing his infinite passion is priority number 1. The money tops the cake.

BTW, I'm pretty sure Euripide Sneed was a name Fresco employed in his early lectures.

Nate said this on [September 4, 2010 at 9:26 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o If you look at the Venus project itself it is a scam to get donations only. Each proposed thing is a fool's proposition to scam money... no material exist as they claim to make the parts. Prefab is a super problem and flying parts is insane... cities to save coral reefs an insult to us all, and Geothermal and Hydro fracturing waters are pollution big time more than we ever dreamed of! Promoting bad technologies in very wrong ways. wanting people to not work is an insult to humans all over the planet. The THEME PARK TZM scamming donations on a fake web page that has 500 members and 404 euros and a guy named John joining each time you go...on the left TED clips that prove what is on the right side is pure junk "THEME PARK" and far from being anything normal or logical with "THEME PARK" materials wanted! Gel for noise for example id for theme parks! Wind power when they know not if they will have wind! They have no location and brake the rules of resource evaluation on the location FIRST use local materials... so many points we see the scam! From way back to this very day... a scam to steal funds for one project to be used for evil greed and vanity extreme... Worst of the worst kind of capitalist pig is to make a theme park! I would of put them in prison long ago if I had the power!
They have no shame!
just greed vanity and a pile of lies exposed!

Peter said this on [September 11, 2010 at 6:23 am](#)

15. [...] TVP ex 1970-1980's member speaks [...]

[Zeitgeist Blogs: Zeitgeist is a Mind Heist « Zeitgeist Movement Exposed](#) said this on [November 10, 2010 at 9:12 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

16. [...] proof when ES provides his old [...]

[A Study On The Failure of a VTV Debate « The Zeitgeist Movement Examined](#) said this on [January 20, 2011 at 10:00 am](#) | [Reply](#)

17. Thank you so much for this information. It validates my own concerns about this cult. I am very much interested in the concept of utopian psychopatholgy as I feel this is very much what drives the VP. Like the born again christians, the ZM/VP movement plays on the insecurity of most people by making them feel somehow special – the elect...

I made a video a while ago called "Venus Project No Thanks". At first I was getting mostly polite comments. But in the last month I have literally by under attack verbally. It all happened quickly and out of the blue. Organised. I have just published a book on psychopaths and one section deals with the utopian psychopathic control grid – how using everything from Love Bombing, Protection and Gaslighting lures people in. Mind control in precise, incremental steps. I see all this in the ZM/VP. It is so obvious in fact.

Thanks so much for this very important blog. Here are the videos I made which got them all in a tizzy:

Sorry, the Wayback Machine does not have this video archived.

Thomas Sheridan said this on [February 27, 2011 at 7:41 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o thanks for your comment man appreciated.

anticultist said this on [April 12, 2011 at 6:19 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

18. Anticultist — I am writing a feature-length article on the Venus Project, and would love your input. What got you into this, why you do this, and so forth. Could we talk within the next couple days? If so, could you email me to set up a time?

Thanks,

Jeff Gore, Staff Writer
Orlando Weekly

Jeff Gore said this on [September 19, 2011 at 4:47 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Hi Jeff it is too late to discuss this matter as I have already seen your article as pointed out by a member of Conspiracy Science. To be honest I read your article and it read like a person pushing an agenda rather than someone doing a piece of reporting.

anticultist said this on October 22, 2011 at 1:32 pm | Reply

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