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#### The Zeitgeist Movement – A Critical Review

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Over the last couple of months, mainly since **Zeitgeist Movement (TZM)** members began trekking to our forums, I've gotten a lot of emails from TZM members asking me various questions. This post is to outline the

topics covered in my correspondence with said members.

I'll likely update this page as I get feedback from people.

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Primarily the issues discussed are why I believe TZM will fail and why I think it's impossible to find common ground with TZM. I want to be clear that, given a different set of circumstances which I will discuss, maybe TZM could be successful and we could find common ground, but if things don't change, neither will my stance.

## Peter Joseph

The leader of TZM, Peter Joseph, is far more damaging to his own movement than I imagine many of the hardcore members want to believe:

He's a conspiracy theorist.

His movies are fairly clear about that, but also his [rantings](#) on other web sites as well. The most common response to this from members is the phrase *the movies aren't the movement*, but I'll get into that later. He isn't stupid, however, because he knows that being an open truther is a detriment, he rarely talks about about 9/11, but he will ban members for debunking 9/11 conspiracy theories, but not ban members for promoting them — but meanwhile claiming that the reason the debunker was banned was because the movement isn't about 9/11 [ [read more](#) ]

### **He's smug, arrogant, and not even close to charming.**

Success in social movements, especially ones that are fringe, need someone who is perceivably in touch with the average person, but Peter Joseph is not — this is why the Tea Party movement is much more successful. He's closed off from the rest of the world for the most part, and until recently barely showed his face outside of ZDay. He goes out of his way to [attack](#) his perceived enemies, rather than one-upping them. When he's called a hero, which occurred twice in [this thread alone](#), he does not deny it, instead he talks about how much time and effort he's sacrificed for the “movement.” It's not sexy and it's not impressive, especially when the movement has never done a single thing to help another human being.

### **He has the inability to be wrong**

Peter Joseph will often hang on to a belief that has no purpose and is detrimental to him, simply because he does not want to be perceived as being incorrect. He's never admitted to being incorrect about anything outside of a typo, or some vague reference. He used both Alex Jones and Helena Blavatsky as sources, then later on claimed he never had heard of Alex Jones or had read anything by Helena Blavatsky, because they're both quacks.

**More could be said about Peter Joseph, and is said in later sections, but our forums are full of former TZM members who shed even more light on the emerging cult of personality around him.**

**The most important issue here is that Peter Joseph is the leader of TZM and his word is law, despite claiming that he doesn't consider himself the leader, he acts unilaterally to forbid members for talking to outsiders, for example banning members who post on our forums that aren't glorifying him.**

### **Movies Aren't the Movement**

**Something that I never stop hearing is the phrase *the movies aren't the movement*. This referring to the fact that the movies promote conspiracy theories, but TZM is something else entirely, and exists separately from the movement. I would believe that if not for the following issues:**

- 1. The movement originated out of the movies, and has the same name. Whether or not you desire for people**

to equate them, they always will.

2. Peter Joseph uses the movement to attack people, such as myself and others, who disagree with his films — if they were truly separate, he wouldn't do this.
3. Members at meetings still show the films, the films are passed out to promote the movement, and even Peter Joseph himself says that the movies are the primary way they recruit new members.
4. The Zeitgeist movie web site links to The Zeitgeist Movement on the [Activism](#) page.
5. Most hardcore members are conspiracy theorists, a search on the forums alone shows hundreds of references to the earthquake in Haiti being “man made.”
6. Once you have to start explaining to people that the movies and movement aren't the same, the battle is lost, you're already a laughing stock. Just like how the Communist Party has to explain how the Soviet Union/China/etc isn't what they had in mind either.

## Fuck Everyone Else

A lot of people don't like that I use foul language, but I needed to display the utter lack of compassion for other human beings TZM leadership seems to have, as well as some hardcore members. The situation in Haiti, again, is a great example of this — reading many posts on the forums from members, it's quite clear that unless The Venus Project (TVP) is going to be the solution to the problems in Haiti, there's no use in helping them after the earthquake there.

## What are YOU doing?

I get asked “well, what are YOU doing to improve the world?” by TZM members a lot. I constantly bring up that I volunteer pretty much every weekend and I donate 10% of my income to charity, and a lot of time I will donate more than that. Most come back with the fact “charity doesn't fix the problem.” While they're right that charity doesn't fix the problem permanently, sitting on a forum doesn't either — though some members

**have the audacity to claim that TZM is a charity, despite never lifting a finger for anyone else.**

**The example I use when talking to TZM members about this is:**

**If you saw a starving/dying man in the street, would you do something to help him, or would you say “once our movement gets to 50 million members, I’ll be able to help you, but until then, see you later!”?**

**That’s essentially the logic behind the leadership of TZM and what many members parrot to me, just in a much nicer way. They *love* talking about how many children are starving to death *today*, but they refuse to help them *today*, and instead speak of some far off future that they can’t figure out how to get to.**

**I know and understand that not all TZM members are like this. I’ve seen some wonderful generosity and so forth coming from members, but more often than not, these members also don’t follow Peter Joseph blindly, because the one who do, refuse to help anyone else.**

## **General Problems**

**Here’s a list of problems that I believe TZM has:**

- 1. There’s no leadership accountability. Peter Joseph is the de facto leader of TZM, there’s absolutely no democratic, technocratic, or meritocratic way for anyone else to effect change within the movement. If there was, I imagine that the movies and conspiracy theories would be pushed even further away, and Peter Joseph would no longer be center stage — which is why it won’t happen.**
- 2. The members are perceived as conspiracy theorists and the movement a conspiracy movement, despite all of the effort members put into claiming this isn’t the case — just because you say the movies aren’t the movement, doesn’t mean that people will buy it.**
- 3. They make no effort to actively help anyone. If they want people to trust that they can improve the world, they need to show that they are capable of it, until then they’re just a forum on the Internet like any other.**

I often talk about how the single mother with two kids in daycare and three jobs has no reason to listen to them, so why should she? Until they can actively provide a reason for her to, she'll never give a shit, and neither will anyone else.

4. The movement is primarily idealistic young people, not qualified engineers, scientists, and so forth. Despite the fact that the movement promotes anti-credentialism (attacking people with credentials, and trusting those that have none) they still desire to have members that *do* have credentials to make themselves look credible.
5. No one cares about ZDay. This is the yearly big meeting of TZM, and in 2009 Peter Joseph said that if things kept growing at the current rate by 2010 they would be in Madison Square Garden. Well, they weren't and ZDay was a flop outside of a few big cities with a terrible turn out. The main motive, media attention, failed to work as well, because outside of member-written articles, there was essentially no mention of it at all.
6. The movement is perceived as anti-religious, this is in part due to the first film, but also because Peter Joseph and hardcore members still promote Acharya S as some kind of super-scholar. Anti-religion didn't work for the Communist Party in the United States, and it sure as hell isn't going to work for TZM.
7. Criticism, even constructive criticism, is taboo within TZM and often leads to members (even ones that have been around since the beginning and are very useful to the movement) to be banned.
8. Peter Joseph is more concerned with being right, than being useful — discussed in his section above. Despite making claims like “11 = 12” he claims his critics, such as myself, are actually the ones who are “intellectually inhibited” and are thus “mentally ill.” Calling your critics mentally ill isn't a great way to succeed, again this is a situation where one-upping them by showing you mean what you say would work better, but he'd rather just hurl insults.
9. Peter Joseph claims that the people on the TZM mailing list are active members, when in reality about 1/10th the amount even signed up for the forums. He's a long way off from 50 million members, a number which he's mentioned should be reached before anything useful can happen with the movement.

10. **Many of the defenders of the movies (usually the ones who are also screaming *the movies aren't the movement*) actually believe them, not only that on the forums countless members promote pseudoscience.**

**There could be more added here later.**

## **Future of TZM**

**I don't really see a future for TZM outside of degrading to hardcore members. Peter Joseph talks about a new movie coming out in October of 2010 that's going to get "millions" of new members, so essentially nearly 2 years of doing nothing but waiting for yet another film are what TZM has to show for.**

**I think it's all a shame, however, because getting all of those people together *could* have done something, *could* have lead to actual success in some way, but it's not even close to that. This hasn't stopped members from discussing the transition to the Resource Based Economy, despite the fact they're discussing step 10,000 when they haven't even reached step 1 and don't seem to want to.**

**At this point is essentially a way to stroke Peter Joseph's ego rather than accomplish any goals.**

## **What I Would Change**

**Sometimes I'm asked what I'd change about TZM, in order to make it more acceptable. Well, while I don't think most of these changes are possible due to the way TZM is run, I usually humor those who ask:**

1. **Make leadership accountable to members: a mix of democratic and technocratic hierarchy.**
2. **Create a criticisms forum: even I have a corrections forum and don't ban people for claiming I'm wrong.**
3. **Actually *listen* to what members have to say.**
4. **Ditch the movies and shut down the movie site, create a video saying the movies have *seriously nothing to do with the movement* and tell members not to hand them out anymore.**

## 5. Change the name, it's already the butt of ridicule.

So, essentially my “5 point plan” is completely incompatible with a movement where Peter Joseph is the overlord.

### Further Reading

*Would you like to know more?*

- Blog: [The Zeitgeist Movement: Conspiracies Are Us!](#)
- Blog: [A Response to the Zeitgeist Movement's Diagnosis of “Intellectual Inhibition.”](#)
- Blog: [TZM/Peter Joseph want to drag you into the abyss](#)
- Blog: [Zeitgeist Movement Blunders](#)
- Blog: [What I learned about conspiracy theorists](#)
- Forum: [What do the Zeitgeist Movement chapters do? \(Answer: essentially nothing\)](#)
- Forum: [Letter To Peter Merola](#)
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1. I’m sure you’ll get some nice replies soon from well adjusted individuals.

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Eric said this on [June 14, 2010 at 2:55 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- That made my day.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

2. lol the entire premise of this article is false because TZM is simple NOT failing, and is growing and succeeding everyday. sorry to burst your bubble. I talk to people and hand out information on a daily basis to people who are excited and intrigued by a new direction.

Not only are the movies NOT the movement, Peter is NOT the leader. There IS NO LEADER in TZM. Leadership is another word for EVIL.

Keep falling in line with the status quo, keep “volunteering” and donating that 10% tithe like a good little boy. sadly for you, we don’t need you to succeed, but you’re still more than welcome to join us.



three said this on [June 14, 2010 at 12:56 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- You really do not get it do you. There is a leader in fact there are a set of leaders. Peter Joseph Merola, Jacque Fresco and Roxanne Meadows. They dictate the direction of the group , they dictate its tenets, they dictate what can and can not be done in the movement and on its forum. They dictate what is the aim and the goals, they dictate who is allowed in the movements forum and chapters, they

dictate.

Yes you hand out the movies and the rhetoric of the movement dictated by its leaders.

The movies are the movement, they are the main recruiting mechanisms for its members. To try and separate them is simply a lie. It is a transparent attempt to distance yourselves from what you all really are...Conspiracy theorists.

Falling in line with the status quo ? What by disagreeing with your lies ?

Helping people rather than doing nothing? Of course thats usually the best option to fix things

You won't succeed, are not succeeding and will not be getting any help from us. All you do is talk about the future and use no science, you provide no humanitarian problem solving, you simply talk as if you are morally superior when in fact you are just an internet group doing nothing for anyone.

Basically you have just failed at defending yourself from the article and proven that its points are completely valid.

Well done.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 3:16 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- you're tone is laughable. you talk as if you are in the movement and have any idea of its organization. peter is probably the most prominent figure, so yes, nut bags like you are going to latch on to him and claim him as our Almighty Leader. go ahead, it just shows how clueless you are.

If i wanted to, i could make my own videos, and pass them out. and thousands of ZM members HAVE made their own videos.

I volunteer at a local green house, completely run by the community, where we feed thousands of inner city families each year. how is this not action? how many zeitgeist members have you polled to know that "we dont volunteer"

your arguments are baseless and are based on a very small sample set of people in the movement. The movement is open to ALL ideas in the areas of technology, science, biology, physics, astronomy, in order to better society. so to say that PJ is our leader is FOOLISH. YES he has made the BEST documentary to date illustrating our ideas. and for that he has become a prominent figure.



[three](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 9:54 pm](#)

- Ah well your tone is equally laughable because I was in the movement and you have absolutely no idea apparently. I was in it from the beginning and read and participated in everything.

And good I am happy you personally do something, but your movement does nothing.

So while you want to play I am bigger than you blah blah. I suggest you pipe down with your nonsense and drift along.

He has not made the best documentary to present your ideas actually, future by design was “better” than it or at least more complete. His movies are based on conspiracy theories with an added little section about TVP at the end to make you feel good after all the doom and gloom exaggerations.



*anticultist* said this on [June 14, 2010 at 10:00 pm](#)

- but you fail to realize that I AM the movement. Every member in the movement is THE MOVEMENT. so if i do volunteering and work for the people of the earth, THE MOVEMENT ALSO DOES IT.

Sorry, Ive seen Future By Design and I think Zeitgeist: Addendum is way better. The narration, music, slides, descriptions, information far surpasses Future by design... unless you really like cheesy 80s music.

I'm guessing someone along the way pissed you off, hurt your poor little ego, and now youre on a mission to tarnish a good thing by spending way too much time on this blog. hope youre satisfied.

lastly, who CARES if Peter's movie is 1/2 conspiracies? This article is FROM A CONSPIRACY WEB SITE. why is a conspiracy theory site anti-conspiracy movie?

Jacques, Roxanne, and Peter are great people and will help change the world – sorry you'll have to watch from sidelines.



*three* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:56 am](#)

- oh dear you are trying to attack me and not deal with the material in the OP, well it is not working.

The fact you can not even see that defending conspiracies is going to make the movement fail in the public realm and academic realms is actually rather sad. It shows how little research you have actually done, as well as how little you understand the mind of the majority of the world, you claim them sheep but those sheep will become wolves to your movement as soon as they know about your beliefs.

You missed every point in the OP and it is your failing not ours that you can not even admit your weaknesses and correct them.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 2:08 am](#)

- oh nos! academia isn't going to like the conspiracies! we better change the name!

and sorry if i "attacked" you, but is what i said not true? should be noted that 1/2 the OP is an all out attack on 1 person in the movement, Peter Joesph.

I read all the points in OP, and they're all ridiculous, just like everything else on this blog and on conspiracy science.

400k members, but "some don't post on the forum"... oh ok.... well they all signed up – which means they took the time and made a decision to join the movement... how many people have signed up for your blog?

The first Zeitgeist movie is a little too much with the conspiracies, ill give you that. But Addendum is really all facts. Yes, doom and gloom... sorry about that – truth hurts. The entire 2nd half offers solutions to freeing the people of this planet.

no amount of volunteering will save the people of Greece from corrupt bankers, or starving people in Africa who we tell cannot burn coal because its not "Green". Volunteering wont stop profiteering for war by the US and other countries. Writing this blog wont prevent another BP Deep Horizon leak. you actually don't realize how LITTLE you do – and when you do its probably just to make yourself feel better.

the reason you think we say "fuck everyone else" (which is obviously hyperbolic) is because for the past 200 years its been "fuck everyone" by the people who run the world. We are now presenting the facts to liberate humanity, and if people (like you) are going to reject FACTS about the EARTH and how we CAN live.... then you must like the current system, thereby we cannot mesh.



[three](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:00 pm](#)

- using a number of inactive members to say thats active membership is BS. I have no idea how many people signed up here, if they even can but thats not important since im not trying to change the world and be a leader.

hey truth hurts you are right there...thats why you are bitching about the OP here, you got your nose all bent out of shape because you got butthurt.

By the way you do realise the OP is written by Edward from conspiracy science and theres even a link to go and chat with him ? But you could keep crying in public here for us all to chuckle at.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:10 pm](#)

3. If you held yourselves to the same standards that you hold the movement, you'd realize that it takes more than criticism and a "holier than thou" attitude for such a massive effort to succeed in it's goals. I'm sorry the movement doesn't meet your high standards, but you yourself do not either, otherwise you'd be doing working to solve the problems, instead of just point fingers. I contend your blog is proof of this.

This article is empty, just another troll post from Anticultist and his merry band of people who think they know better, but have nothing to show for it.

(Anticultist: please stop editing posts that don't agree with you)



[Joseph Matthew](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 6:57 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Wrong it is not empty it is precise and to the point and you have not been able to argue against it.

The standards that Peter comes up to are of his own making, he decided what he wanted to do with his movies, then decided afterwards he wanted to change the world we all live in. The standards and goals he has set himself are higher than anyone else's, in fact his goals are of biblical proportions, of a utopian cult proportion.

And he is failing to even get his group to do a single thing other than promote itself, hide behind lies and go against the rest of society because YOU think you are holier than thou. You are the ones with the big claims of being the ones to save the world not us.

So now you have had your little spout of hot air and provided nothing of substance to counter the article Edward wrote good bye.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 7:02 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

4. Look, I was correct in my assessment! I bet this means I am never wrong just like Peter Joseph.



[Eric](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 7:47 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Well since Peter Joseph Merola is wrong on so much I think this makes you more correct than him so far.

But we will see how correct you are with more information and posting.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 8:12 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- I'm Eric from Conspiracy Science forums by the way.



*Eric* said this on [June 14, 2010 at 9:26 pm](#)

- Ah thank goodness, I was wondering when you put your didn't read gif that you were saying you had not read the OP, my bad and my misinterpretation.

Apologies for any bad karma that came out in my text towards you. I removed my initial sarcastic reply to your original post as it was my misinterpreting.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 9:34 pm](#)

5. "If you held yourselves to the same standards that you hold the movement,"

I do. I'm working on Anticultist, he may come around eventually.

"you'd realize that it takes more than criticism and a "holier than thou" attitude for such a massive effort to succeed in it's goals."

yes, thats OUR point, isn't it?

"I'm sorry the movement doesn't meet your high standards,"

There is no movement. There is only a cult of personality in three tiers based on Armageddon theology repackaged for atheists.

Those are not my standards, they come from science facts and cult psychology.

"but you yourself do not either, otherwise you'd be doing working to solve the problems,"

I am. The problem is, i don't have hundreds of people to work with. Everyones wasting their time with TVP.TZM and I'm the guy with the answers. Who was banned from the cult for pointing out that VTV was breaking the rules and attacking somebody.

"instead of just point fingers. I contend your blog is proof of this."

I contend that this blog serves its purpose and that you miss that purpose at your own fault, not Anticultists.

“This article is empty, just another troll post from Anticultist and his merry band of people who think they know better, but have nothing to show for it.”

I’m sorry, but this ad hominem is too lame to answer directly or even do anything more than take note of as such.

“(Anticultist: please stop editing posts that don’t agree with you)”

It is within the pervue of the right functioning of this blog to edit posts for it. If you have a specific objection to an edit which seems unfair, please let me know about it. Otherwise, my assumption must be that hes doing his job.

Otherwise I’d be wasting even more of my time on this.



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 10:35 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

6. This particular article is amazing, its hard hitting, its lucid, very good work!

;) )



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 10:36 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- I agree. I can hear TZM saying “ouch”.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:03 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

7. I am sorry but your article is very opinion based and lacks facts. Even if you disagree with TZM and dont like Peter its hard to disagree with their facts. The message that the TZM has is clear and factual no matter who says it or who champions it. A monetary base system is the cause of most of our societal problems. It is time for us to evolve to a better system.



[KB](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 10:55 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- It lacks no facts whatsoever, it points out the straight forward problems of the movement and to be quite honest with you if you can not see them it is not down to the lack of evidence it is down to your lack of judgement and bias.

The article says it exactly how it is, it provides links it provides common sense rationale and it does not hold punches. If you think this article is bad wait till the rest of society begins to post about the next zeitgeist movie and then starts to focus in on your cult of personality.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:00 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Actually, the article is based on facts and then you try to scapegoat to complaining about the monetary system, that's pretty shifty. I think you should actually read the article, it was clear and straight to the point- then evolve yourself. Lets see if the Zeitgeist Movement learns from it's mistakes or continues to fail. Never mind, I think the ship is sinking, so why bother communicating with you all.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:02 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- What facts? The facts from the movies that are simultaneously not part of the movement? This “better system” you want to evolve to, do you even know what it is or how to get there? Do you really believe there will be no problems in it? – that all the problems in the current system will suddenly be solved and that no new ones will arise? Where is YOUR evidence for this?

And don't tell me science will solve our problems. Science is great, but it is really SLOW. Why? Because it spends a lot of time being SKEPTICAL and PEER-REVIEWING rather than jumping to conclusions like TZM does. Not to mention the ideology of TZM is not supported by science.



[domokato](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:22 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

## 8. ProMeTheUsPan Clan FTW.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 10:56 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

## 9. TZM members: I am god.



[petermerola](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:10 pm](#) | [Reply](#)



- o hahaha ok we have ourselves a comedy moment.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:10 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Well, at least the ‘g’ is lower-cased.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 14, 2010 at 11:13 pm](#)

10. I’m curious as to why you spend so much time referring to a movement that, from the tone of your articles, you feel is small, useless, and ultimately will disappear.

I’m also curious as to why you seem to care more about Peter Joseph than the people ‘in the movement’.

I’m a ‘member’ if there is such a thing. It is my experience that the zeitgeist movement acts as a sort of guide to, and promotion of, alternative ideas revolving around a sustainable society. Groups like this will always have those teen followers who do little else besides sit on the forums and spout slogans about change. In fact a large number of people, while appreciating the communication of these ideas to others, do not like that the zeitgeist movement doesn’t actually end up doing anything to bring about these ideas in practice.

This is why a large number of offshoots have arisen, taking some part they agree with and trying to find real world applications. Things such as, open source applications and platforms, statistical based decision engines, sustainable housing concepts, sustainable food system concepts, sustainable water systems, sustainable energy systems, alternative economic systems, and more are being developed and actually applied. While many of the groups and people doing this aren’t doing so under the name of, or in official association with, the zeitgeist movement, they were nonetheless inspired by it to take this direction.

I really do not understand what the purpose of this blog is or what good you hope it will accomplish. It seems to me your time would be better spent ignoring the zeitgeist movement completely and instead using your blogging powers to promote things you feel will actually help society. Unless, of course, you do this simply because you like the attention and the revenue your ads generate.

Thank you to anyone who bothered to take the time to read this.



[Dustin VanDeBerg](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 12:25 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Well thats the thing there is a moderator post saying that any off shoots are not validated by the movement itself, and they are free to do what they want but not under the label of the movement.

We here and in other places appreciate people doing things to change things and help society out now, and anyone who actually uses science is respected [rather than talk about science and not use it]

We see problems with the movement and its members, if you see them too then you should not worry about it and take personally as if we are attacking you. If you are innocent this does not concern you and rather it concerns the people we are addressing who will know who they are.

This blog is to present a voice of disapproval concerning matters otherwise ignored, deleted, and banned on the forums for any critical thinkers to peruse. Simple.

I dont generate any revenue from ads, the ad I have here actually provides money to aid charity water, but it requires interaction by concerned people who want to help. And I am helping society I am making them aware that there is a conspiracy movement masquerading as a humanitarian movement that does nothing for anyone.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 12:35 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- I have mixed feelings regarding the moderation. It can cause problems because, as this article articulates, it can create uneasy feelings of censorship and that something is amiss. However, I also have seen many forums, which are for the most part excellent in regards to science, political, and social issues discussion destroyed because of flame wars, trolling, and constant negativity and criticism. There have been numerous threads on TZM forums criticizing various aspects of TZM, including ones I've posted. In fact one of mine made it onto this blog a long time ago. I think that really it's all about miscommunication and agitation as a result of articles like this. It gets to the point where both sides have misconceptions about the other such that they feel it's not worth it to waste time trying to 'win over' the opposition, and instead to just bury it and move on.

I'm not really understanding why you place great achievement and importance on doing things, yet scorn those that teach or inspire. As I said I feel that the zeitgeist movement has been a great tool in communicating and teaching ideas that many people would not otherwise have been exposed to. These people then go on to actually find ways of implementing these ideas. I'm sure you would agree that someone who applied science towards coming up for a cure for cancer should be held up as a good example. Yet I doubt you'd complain that the educational institution that this someone attended only talked about science rather than using it. You may argue that an educational institution is different as it doesn't promote conspiracies or other concepts you believe to be false. However educational institutions do this too. I've been very disappointed in regards to various business class teachings, the performance of student run senates, and other administrative actions.

I'm curious. Before you started this blog did you take the time to personally talk to Peter Joseph or go on Fresco's tour? It's a long shot, but perhaps a greater understanding of both your position as well as those of PJ could be exchanged in polite conversations with one another.

As a completely separate matter I was looking at the ads on this blog and noticed that in order to help provide water to third world countries, in this case Haiti, you have to do various corporate promotions. One of them listed was Niki. Given the knowledge available as to the problems large corporations cause in third world countries, from taking that countries resources, to sweat shop labor, to environmental damage, it could be argued that participating in this charity results in more overall damage from supporting these corporations than the countries receive from the water. But again this really has nothing to do with the rest of this post.



*Dustin VanDeBerg* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:12 am](#)

- I will leave this reply to Bran because he personally met Fresco and did all the touring, he is an ex moderator of the movement.

But regarding the posit of an academic debate about cures of course we would not pour disdain upon something that would actually help humanity, but for cancer its a losing battle that noone has managed to beat. Similar to the problems in humanity without testing, peer review and physical evidences it is just another pseudo scientific claim with little regard for the scientific process. Anti credentialism is rife in the movement and to be truthful this is very scary because these are the people who you all claim will bring about change.

Your members/admin claim things like the geeks will rule the world the scientific method says so, yet you all hate on academia. What is that all about ?

Regarding the ad, I checked it out and found no evidence of misrepresentation so as far as I was aware it was a good cause I could do while blogging, I wanted to at least make some difference when posting here, and this was set up the day I started. Sadly not as many people have got involved, there is only a use of adverts and questions to generate revenue, no buying and you can by pass it at any point you wish it will still generate revenue.



*anticultist* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:30 am](#)

- “I’m curious as to why you spend so much time referring to a movement that, from the tone of your articles, you feel is small, useless, and ultimately will disappear.”

Have you felt on AntiCultist? Can anyone say “sexual harassment”?

“I’m also curious as to why you seem to care more about Peter Joseph than the people ‘in the movement’.”

Because we left the movement and see a lot of flaws that we can't just ignore.

“I'm a ‘member’ if there is such a thing.”

Oh, you have to be one according to their rules.

“It is my experience that the zeitgeist movement acts as a sort of guide to, and promotion of, alternative ideas revolving around a sustainable society.”

No, it's just promotion, that's it. Even Thunder makes this shocking admission to GavinPalmer1984's question:

[http://thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com\\_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=60&id=262132&limit=10&limitstart=20#267407](http://thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=60&id=262132&limit=10&limitstart=20#267407)

“Isn't the website a vital system for the transition toward a RBE?”

“Thunder: No.”

It's right in your face but you guys don't notice it.

“In fact a large number of people, while appreciating the communication of these ideas to others, do not like that the zeitgeist movement doesn't actually end up doing anything to bring about these ideas in practice.”

The communication team is a joke, so lets not go there.

“This is why a large number of offshoots have arisen, taking some part they agree with and trying to find real world applications.”

Branching is natural, but we might have to branch off completely. You might want to check out RBEF & RBOSE. Seriously.

“I really do not understand what the purpose of this blog is or what good you hope it will accomplish.”

Then I can establish the fact that you don't know how to read.

“It seems to me your time would be better spent ignoring the zeitgeist movement completely and instead using your blogging powers to promote things you feel will actually help society.”

Nah, this is “social therapy” and maybe we can heal everyone mentally abused in TZM. Maybe.

“Unless, of course, you do this simply because you like the attention and the revenue your ads generate.”

You got to love the cheap shot.

“Thank you to anyone who bothered to take the time to read this.”

Thank you for wasting my time reading your comment.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 12:43 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Well hello again BranManFloMore. I couldn't help but smile when I saw your name because you recently commented on my Resume on the RBEF forums, though you were much more polite in your posts there.

No one likes Thunder. His posts are angry, sarcastic, and useless. I just ignore him.

As to the RBEF I will grant that they seem to be at least trying to accomplish something, which is why I'm there, but up to this point they haven't accomplished anything either. Can you point to something they've done that goes beyond text on a website? Has anything they've done actually interfaced with real world application? I'm not trying to bash the RBEF. I just don't understand your harsh opposition to TZM and high praise of RBEF.

Cheers and see you on the RBEF forums!



[Dustin VanDeBerg](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:31 am](#)

11. Any type of criticism is handled by being censored, deleted and/or having that person banned, all you have to do is look at PeterPan's case:

<http://conspiracyscience.com/images/screenshots/tzm-forums-before-peterpan-deleted-and-locked.png>

Those mixed feelings won't be so mixed much longer when you see all the censorship that has took place in the past either.

“There have been numerous threads on TZM forums criticizing various aspects of TZM, including ones I've posted. In fact one of mine made it onto this blog a long time ago. I think that really it's all about miscommunication and agitation as a result of articles like this.”

No, it's online dictatorship.

“It gets to the point where both sides have misconceptions about the other such that they feel it's not worth it to waste time trying to ‘win over’ the opposition, and instead to just bury it and move on.”

No, again- it's dictatorship and no one will just move on when they feel walked on.

“I'm not really understanding why you place great achievement and importance on doing things, yet scorn those that teach or inspire.”

I don't understand why you still want to praise unprofessional behavior turned into abusive behavior.

“As I said I feel that the zeitgeist movement has been a great tool in communicating and teaching ideas that many people would not otherwise have been exposed to.”

They can't communicate or debate when it comes to criticism, it's pretty bad.

“These people then go on to actually find ways of implementing these ideas.”

No, they talk about the next ZDAY and talk about what Zeitgeist 3 is going to be about and how to promote it.

“I'm sure you would agree that someone who applied science towards coming up for a cure for cancer should be held up as a good example.”

Those who apply it, yes. Has TZM apply that or logic or reason or common sense? No.

“Yet I doubt you'd complain that the educational institution that this someone attended only talked about science rather than using it.”

‘Talk is cheap’.

“You may argue that an educational institution is different as it doesn't promote conspiracies or other concepts you believe to be false. However educational institutions do this too.”

I guess that's why it's important that people become self-taught and skeptical according to what they hear and read.

“I've been very disappointed in regards to various business class teachings, the performance of student run senates, and other

administrative actions.”

Yes, we all have our apathetic moments.

“I’m curious. Before you started this blog did you take the time to personally talk to Peter Joseph or go on Fresco’s tour?”

I’ve talked to Peter Joseph through emails, the forum and IRC. Met Jacque Fresco & Roxanne Meadows at the Venus Project and still criticize, so what’s your point?

“It’s a long shot, but perhaps a greater understanding of both your position as well as those of PJ could be exchanged in polite conversations with one another.”

Your assumptions are long shots because you don’t know any of us.

“As a completely separate matter I was looking at the ads on this blog and noticed that in order to help provide water to third world countries, in this case Haiti, you have to do various corporate promotions. One of them listed was Niki. Given the knowledge available as to the problems large corporations cause in third world countries, from taking that countries resources, to sweat shop labor, to environmental damage, it could be argued that participating in this charity results in more overall damage from supporting these corporations than the countries receive from the water. But again this really has nothing to do with the rest of this post.”

I noticed that the Zeitgeist Films were promoted by Artivist Festival with connections to an oil company or something:

<http://www.oilwatchesudamerica.org/Brasil/protestas-por-auspicio-de-petrobras-a-artivist-festival-film-en-eeuu.html>

Hmmm...



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:45 am](#) | [Reply](#)

12. “Well hello again BranManFloMore.”

“Hello again?”

“I couldn’t help but smile when I saw your name because you recently commented on my Resume on the RBEF forums, though you were much more polite in your posts there.”

Which person are you and why are you going by a different name?

“No one likes Thunder.”

Agreed.

“His posts are angry, sarcastic, and useless. I just ignore him.”

I feel sorry for your brain, I hope you don't build a tumor.

“As to the RBEF I will grant that they seem to be at least trying to accomplish something, which is why I'm there, but up to this point they haven't accomplished anything either.”

It hasn't been that active lately but they have laid down more plans and action then TZM has for sure.

“Can you point to something they've done that goes beyond text on a website?”

I've been working with ProMeTheUsPan regarding to research and projects:

[http://rbose.org/wiki/Prometheuspan\\_Clan#The\\_ProMeTheUsPan\\_Clan\\_Research](http://rbose.org/wiki/Prometheuspan_Clan#The_ProMeTheUsPan_Clan_Research)

[http://rbose.org/wiki/Prometheuspan\\_Clan#The\\_ProMeTheUsPan\\_Clan\\_Projects](http://rbose.org/wiki/Prometheuspan_Clan#The_ProMeTheUsPan_Clan_Projects)

I guess you thought you put me on the spot, huh?

“Has anything they've done actually interfaced with real world application?”

I'm not sure what you mean by that. Contact the Engine Unit if you want specifics.

“I'm not trying to bash the RBEF. I just don't understand your harsh opposition to TZM and high praise of RBEF.”

Seriously? You make these sarcastic comments and you try to be Mr. Softy now? Man... I hope you don't give me problems at RBEF.

“Cheers and see you on the RBEF forums!”

Oh Boy!



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:55 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- “Seriously? You make these sarcastic comments and you try to be Mr. Softy now? Man... I hope you don't give me problems at RBEF.”



My comments haven't been sarcastic and shouldn't be interpreted that way. From your posts it seems you treat this as some sort of verbal boxing match. I'm not interested in competition. I'm not interesting in 'winning' an argument. I'm interested in discussion and cooperation.



*Dustin VanDeBerg* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 3:03 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Sure, dumb it down now because I got you in a corner with your stupidity and yes, your comments were offensive and that's why I went at you the way I did. I wasn't trying to win an argument, I was just pointing out how immature you were acting with your comments and supplying information that backed up this blog. And again, who are you on RBEF?



*BranManFloMore* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 3:22 am](#)

13. the most awesome thing about the RBEF is that it is actually the same thing as TZM, which is great! OK yes, you might have a different way of doing a few things, and you want to make your own new organization, and thats fine. But seeing as how a major tenant of both RBEF and TZM is that the entire planet, and humanity, is one organism. . . . so anything RBEF does should obviously be supported. im just not sure why all the members are so bitter.

good luck to everyone. I hope we all can make some major changes soon.



*three* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:19 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- The bitterness comes from the fact Peter and Jacque restrict anyone doing any physical work or actual design and building. Therefore anyone who wants to get involved in physical movement and doing things is held back forever till they have their movies and themepark and 7 billion members.

The RBEF is nothing to do with TVP or TZM any more it is a seperate entity that does it own thing, yes its focus is on proving that RBE might be possible and wants to design software for various things.

Either way at the moment RBEF have done what appears to be more practical work than TZM have.



*anticultist* said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:31 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- TZM has called RBEF spam and a fraud, so . . . yeah. They dismiss those who do real work, so what does that tell you? But hey, thanks

for praising RBEF. And TZM is the entire planet? Man, the egotism never ceases to amaze me. I'm just not sure why you make such ignorant statements. Well, good luck to pretending that there is nothing wrong with TZM.

You are better off joining RBEF & RBOSE if you really care about the RBE direction:

<http://conspiracyscience.com/forums/topic/article-the-zeitgeist-movement/page/3#post-8720>

It's documented that TZM doesn't obviously, but go ahead- day dream all you want about how special TZM is.



[BranManFloMore](#) said this on [June 15, 2010 at 1:36 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

14. This is hilarious. The overall accomplishment of TZM is opening up people's awareness to a self-evident social direction. THAT IS ALL IT IS, and likely ever will be. And then, at some point, people might step back and realize that TZM was in fact not a plan of steps we must take, but rather the entire first step itself: changing the social consciousness by introducing unpopular ideas. People's minds must change before anything else will.

Can we stop expecting a PERFECT movement here? What movement in history has ever lived up to its potential? Every movement has had their fumbles.

Besides, what the fuck do you expect of a movement that is managed over the passive internet? Real movements have to happen with people actually interacting in person and that is why TZM is failing, and why ANY movement like it will fail. Think about it. You can't be further from changing the world than miles apart on the internet. How does anyone plan on transferring all of the information from cyberland to real world conferences? The TZM membership (and its offshoots) is diluted. Who can really afford to compensate for our geographical dispersion? Who can afford to meet with John Doe who lives across the country to really get things moving? The internet is not the place for social movements. It is a place to discuss ideas and widen awareness, and that is what TZM and any other daughter group will be able to do. NOTHING beyond that. All they can be is the surface of a workdesk. In the 1800s do you think social change was ever actualized by a movement who's members communicated via mail? The internet is the same thing, just on a faster pony.

Also, what the hell do you expect? OF COURSE PJ, Fresco, and Roxanne will seem like the leaders. They are the only one's fucking doing anything! They are being prime movers. As long as they are the only ones making a dent in the real world, they will remain the admirable leaders. If we were to see John Doe's lecture on youtube, THEN the leadership will spread out, but as long as people remain passive over the internet, the prime movers will continue to be what they are: the power behind the movement. Duh? Seriously, what do you expect? This is how things pan out given the current circumstances. No one should be blamed for their leadership. Rather they completely reject their leadership or not, people will assume them as leaders regardless. That is the gravitation of our psychology.

You sitting around and caviling all the time is actually detrimental to the acceptance of TZM's overarching ideas that I'm sure both you and I accept. People will associate TZM/TVP's ideas with all of your criticism and much worthy information and ideas will be rejected outright,

similar to what happened with the philosophical THEORY of communism. People rejected Marx based on the Soviet model without ever actually reading Marx to realize he was humanitarian not authoritarian. And so you will do the same with these techno-anarcho-communistic ideas. You will shut people off. Quit being a tabloid and give up on your revenge. BTW, if you are going to criticize, you should focus on the asshole moderators on the forum the most, because let's face it, they are at the root of why you are so spiteful. Your effort here is actually sort of irrational, because in the end what do you intend to accomplish? Let's say TZM falls apart thanks to your criticism. Then what? Will you start a new blog about a daughter group that fell into the same mistakes?

There are too many criticisms that simply come across as bitchy. You are reducing the complexity of TZM's development and throwing mud where you see appropriate. Things get complicated and fucked up. That happens with any situation involving communicating human beings. Much of your criticisms regarding the "leaders" of the movement rest purely upon your own personal judgments. You are being immature, juvenile, naive, oversightful, and reductionist regarding your assumptions and conclusions. Should I equate 90% of your criticisms with Fox News material?

I think we all would benefit here by reading a few books on social movements and cyberspace communication.



Nate said this on [June 28, 2010 at 6:03 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- What is most hilarious is your reaction to the posts presented here. Sure you dont like the methods, sure you think I will be responsible for ruining something you think is good about TZM/TVP, but you and I know this is not true in reality. I have presented many facts about this movement, things that are absolutely relevant and well researched, whether you overlook them is not even of importance to me, what is important is your cheek here.

I dont expect anything from TZM or TVP because it is nothing but artwork, videos, unscientific claims and internet posts.

It will fail and is failing and the core ideas that may well be half good are not even the sole domain or ingenuity of TVP anyway. It has already been established that these thoughts were long written and considered by the likes of authors and thinkers in the early half of the 20th century. You would only have to read a few books by Buckminster Fuller, Herbert Marcuse, Lloyd Rodwin and many more to see them discuss planned obsolescence, automation, abundance of resources, technological unemployment, centralisation, freedom through technology etc.

If you think these ideas would dissappear because TVP or TZM was proven to be a con job or because people sought my information as a point of reference to counter theirs, then you are possibly over looking the fact the information was always there anyway and still will be. Perhaps you are dramatising the opinions we hold here a little too much. If TZM falls would I start a new blog? probably not I would leave this one standing as is and build on it and maybe continue writing about other things.

Your comments are actually no better than any other comments here I have made so how you can think you can lay claim to some authoritarian opinion and stand with credibility is quite funny.

The problems stem with flaws and bullshit exuding from TZM/TVP and this has always been a point this blog concentrates on, yes their admin are warped and we who post here are well aware of that and in fact it is and has been brought up in plenty of other forums and sites a lot. There is no need for me to repeat what has been said there here, I cover what I consider important topics to mention about the movement if you disagree it does not interest me the slightest.

The end result is TZM is and was failing without me making this blog, the reason I made the blog was to point out how much it is failing.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 28, 2010 at 9:01 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- What I would like to know, is how do you propose Fresco give credit to his sources? Should he mention Buckminster Fuller every other word? “Well Buckminster says...” “Well Skinner says...” “Well Marcuse says...and I, Mr. Fresco, say nothing because I’m simply a puppet of their ideas.”

You fail to see that Fresco has accepted their ideas as TRUTH, therefore he has lost the obligation of citing them. We don’t cite Robert Hooke when we are talking about cells. We don’t cite James D. Watson and Francis Crick when discussing DNA. We don’t cite William Buckland when discussing dinosaurs. But I have confidence in the people who forward their ideas to my awareness. Enter any college course and you will hear idea after idea without any reference to the origin of the idea. Expecting the origin of every idea to be accounted for is absurd and distractive. The origin is secondary and peripheral. This is true for introducing ideas. However, of course research or a published arguments should cite sources for the sake of preserving organization and bolstering the power of the argument/research. But PROFESSING ideas needs little of that. You have to capture people with profound ideas, and THEN reveal the history of the ideas (if the learner hasn’t already discovered that themselves) once the learner is committed to the truth of the ideas..

All knowledge is serial when we assume past knowledge to be true. That is the reality. Fresco recognizes that and cuts past the bullshit. He sees the ideas as far more important than the thinkers who synthesized the ideas before him. You accusing him of STEALING ideas depends completely upon your personal values and how much you think those values justify your accusational finger pointing. He is a person passing on good ideas, period.

Your evidence is adequate when it comes to showing Fresco doesn’t give credit. But what evidence can you provide that logically leads to the conclusion that Fresco is deliberately trying to TAKE/STEAL credit from past thinkers? That is an unsubstantiated claim that depends entirely upon your own personal judgment/interpretation. What justifies this accusation without a doubt?

You don’t seem to have all sides of the issue in perspective to make an intellectually honest indictment.

Fresco keeps important ideas alive. The movement scrambles his effort and tends to get things twisted up. But a newcomer to these ideas my cross this blog and give up on pursuing TVP or TZM thereby abandoning enlightening ideas. That is the worry this blog gives me. It will shut people off to the core ideas. With enough time spent researching TZM’s material many members

eventually discover who originated the various ideas. But the way this blog is handled will shut off curious minds before they get there.

That's why this blog should be about where TZM gets its ideas from. Not a scandal tabloid. That way you correct any misinformation or misconceptions meanwhile maintaining unbiased commentary and an open door to future learners.



Nate said this on [June 28, 2010 at 10:19 pm](#)

- I dont fail to see anything other than how Fresco can even take a single bit of credit for anything other than his drawings, I hope thats a clear enough answer for you ?

I have taken breathing for truth should I now start talking about oxygen and air as if its my concept worth trademarking ? Do you rememebr the RBE legal dispute at all? If not brush up on it because he attempted to take total credit for it, so I have a big problem with him. And the original is not peripheral in this instance as I think my reasoning should testify why.

People should stop promoting Fresco here or I wont approve their comments, the guy is a douche bag as far as I am concerned ok. I dont give a shit if they have met him, have all his videos and think hes fucking jesus, I am seriously not interested in people defending him, he is a charlatan.

Regarding what you think I should do with my own blog, well I have an idea for you. If you think I am doing it wrong and are aware of the original sources like I am I suggest goto wordpress sign up with an account and create a nice series of blogs showing TZM where the information all originated. And let's see how far you get before you have his fan club beating down on your door saying yes but Fresco is better because, or Fresco cites all his sources [which he doesnt, even in his books] or whatever other sad excuses they come up with to protect him.

Sorry Nate but I am not interested in being told what to do, but please be my guest and go do those ideas of yours on a blog I would read it.

And as a foot note Nate:

His fan club dont care about the original sources, I have tried this already they're already embedded into the cult of personality that is TVP.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 29, 2010 at 12:19 am](#)

15. BTW, I hear over and over that TZM and it's daughter groups are trying to plan the transition to an RBE. Can someone give me the slightest inkling of theoretical progress? TZM and it's offshoots need to STOP being naive. Does everyone at TZM, RBEF, etc. honestly think they are going to develop a brand new coherent theoretical groundwork from start to finish? It's time to drop that delusion and submit to theoretical developments already underway that deal with changing the world as it already exists and in a practical way. The ideas of PARACON should be the transition stage. To achieve a resource based economy, TZM, RBEF, etc. need to integrate and collaborate with other social movements that are prepared to deal with the here and now. PARACON will give way to RBE at some point. RBE is the endpoint. There are current movements and theories that have developed the points in between. They all fail to see their connections. That should be the goal of TZM and it's offshoots: integrating the brilliant ideas already at hand, not trying to somehow create it's own brilliant ideas by amateurs. Beings the RBE movements envision the end point, they should assume the responsibility of aligning the ideas of other movements and theories to get there. The work done on the RBE sites are interesting in themselves but are completely devoid of impact potential. But to be honest, the RBE movements really should give in to PARACON.



Nate said this on [June 28, 2010 at 6:24 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o TZM wont stop being naive because they are group of people primarily males aged 18-27 mostly with little college education and of little exposure to the outside world and have probably not even travelled to other countries and stayed in other cultures. Therefore their world view is that of an ignoramous who thnks they know everything through their limited experiences.

The movement is also led by two unqualified people, one a man aged 94 who has failed at achieving his goals or even getting close to proving any of his claims in over 35 years, the other a conspiracy theorist who lays claims with use of pseudo intellectual statements he bases off his own biases and preferences for literature. It is hardly a solid footing the movement has in the first place and it is of little wonder to even the casual observer how ineffective this movement is and will remain.

Transition into a different system is not going to happen over night this is obvious, but it is also not going to happen through a conspiracy movement, the only time the transition will occur is when actual work is done and is accepted by the public as a reputable matter. You make out as if TZM/TVP are doing the effective ground work when all they are doing is showing movies about financial systems they know little about, or about 911 being an inside job, or religion being false or being anti credentialist. They are driving their potential market away because they have started off wrong and fucked it up before it even started. There is little chance of a return to salvage this because they have already put out so much media showing them take these stances that noone is going to forget or let them forget this.

So to summarise, they have ruined the chances of making anything happen or achieve a reputable image from anyone because of their own actions and opinions.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 28, 2010 at 9:15 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- I agree. Beings the movement wasn't planned, PJ's previous actions have ruined the chances of TZM progressing. But my main concern here is the blame that everyone is trying to throw around. From my p.o.v. no one is to blame.



Nate said this on [June 28, 2010 at 10:00 pm](#)

- You are entitled to hold that view but we know better from experience within the movement and interacting with peter and the admin and the rest of the forum.

So we will have to disagree with you flatly, the movement is ruining a lot of the views on RBE because they are a conspiracy theorist movement and killing any credibility it ever had.



[anticultist](#) said this on [June 29, 2010 at 12:15 am](#)

16. To any remaining Zeitdards who might bother to drop by here from now on(not that many I suspect) TVP/TZM is a perfect example of how cults can descend into both farce and complete obscurity.Its a waste of time plain and simple.All it does is whine and whinge about the world and idolise idiocy and bigotry.I'd give it less than two years to fade away completley at this point,the fact that its members were completley over pepped over criticism entries in wikipedia shows how naive and delusional you are

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:The\\_Zeitgeist\\_Movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talk:The_Zeitgeist_Movement)

.It will never become mainstream and they will not be the ones who make its core axioms come true because they were never any plans to do so.PM and JF are the knid of guys who get off of attention from the ignorant and the underachievers.Trust me decades from now when an RBE is finally administered step by step any record of,or recognition of PM,JF and the rest of the motely bunch of idiots will be virtually non-existent.Trying to take credit for something that was never your idea to begin with and what was eventually going to happen anyways is the most desparate attempt at getting your 15 minutes of fame(still doing it at 94 makes it even more cringe worthy and laughable).TVP/TZM will never make anything happen.The second any major media group gets a whiff of you you'll be nothing more than the type of stuff people joke about during the office lunch break by the water cooler or sunday roast for a few months.This blog hasnt made a difference to your movement all its done has collected all the hilarious moments of your cult into one place for people to laugh and poke fun at.Do everyone a favour spare yourselves the self public humiliation and us the bother of having to sit through this nonsense all over again and let the grown ups do their thing.



Shane Nolan said this on [June 28, 2010 at 12:43 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

17. Why can't we all just get along???



[TheLamb](#) said this on [July 31, 2010 at 5:09 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o hahaha

Why cant people just be honest and admit when they dont have anything to back up their claims ?



[anticultist](#) said this on [July 31, 2010 at 5:46 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Because I don't want to get along with you. Pretty simple.



[NWO Agent](#) said this on [July 31, 2010 at 5:50 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

18. This article refutes and disproves claims of Zeitgeist movie, from the part of Christianity:

[http://koti.phnet.fi/petripaavola/zeitgeist\\_movie.html](http://koti.phnet.fi/petripaavola/zeitgeist_movie.html)

I suggest to read the article!



[telson](#) said this on [August 25, 2010 at 4:14 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o I am not religious or believe in Christianity but I dont mind you putting this link here for others to read should they want to. But I personally think religions are flawed anyway and wont turn this blog into a religious debate should anyone read the above link or my response to it.  
No religious talk here from anyone :D



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 25, 2010 at 2:05 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

19. “The ideas of PARACON should be the transition stage.”

let me be brutally frank. I alone, before i ever heard of rbe or any of this drama, had the answers. Because I am a real polymath, and because I studied, hard, and worked the problems even harder.

I am well aware of both the serious fallacies and serious strengths of the daughter movements and this is why the one I pick to work with will



actually take off.

Further more and perhaps more importantly, outside of TZM and TVP they aren't all sheeple. Thinking for themselves and working the problems in a real fashion, they would eventually come to real answers even without somebody like me around to sit with them.

If you want to compare apples and oranges, Atlas City, for example and by way of comparison is about as hopeless ad they come and has no chance of success without getting a few miracles in the form of new members who are willing to overlook their compound flaws.

RBOSE has some organizational problems but also has some very intelligent people working the problems.

Further it is the stated goal of RBEF to find and merge with other social movements and groups and to adopt eclectically the best from everywhere, this is one reason why RBOSE and RBEF are now in the process of merging.

(Humanity and myself both had a large role to play in pushing them towards each other and branmanflomore was the true walk across the bridge guy.)

In short, While I understand and appreciate your skepticism, evolutionary forces and the simple fact that not everyone is a TVP sheeple will tend towards eventually these groups actually making some real impact.

“To achieve a resource based economy, TZM, RBEF, etc. need to integrate and collaborate with other social movements that are prepared to deal with the here and now. “

They know this and are actively working to find partners.

“PARACON will give way to RBE at some point. RBE is the endpoint. There are current movements and theories that have developed the points in between. They all fai”

I'm interested but a google search seems to suggest that you mean this;

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Participatory\\_economics](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Participatory_economics)

which is parecon- with an e.



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [September 2, 2010 at 4:55 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Yes, yes, my mistake.



Nate said this on [September 3, 2010 at 3:55 am](#) | [Reply](#)

## 20. “Fresco keeps important ideas alive.”

No, hes nothing but a road block to important ideas making it to mainstream and the crackpotted tard that makes the rest of us look bad.

“The movement scrambles his effort and tends to get things twist”

No, he was always at best only slightly brilliant and then half mad, and the movement reflects this perfectly.

“ed up. But a newcomer to these ideas my cross this blog and give up on pursuing TVP or TZM thereby abandoning enlightening ideas. “

Ideally, they would get the sense that there are other movements out there which aren’t rooted in self serving scam- ie- anti capitalist capitalism- the greatest gate keeper scam.

“That is the worry this blog gives me.”

The best solution to this then is for you to get lucid, and to contribute here in a way that would lead people towards real movements with real potential, like RBEF.

“It will shut people off to the core ideas.”

This is sad but it can’t be helped. I didn’t make TVP evil it made up its own mind. It would be reprehensible to not tell the world the truth. Deal with it.

Deal with it in a way that holds to the truths and acknowledges how tvp has become just another capitalism dead end con game. Its incredibly ironic. They make money by SELLING people on their version of anti capitalism. Thats the whole thing.

In a simple nutshell.

” With enough time spent researching TZM’s material many members eventually discover who originated the various ideas. But the way this blog is handled will shut off curious minds before they get there.”

Cry us a river of crocodile tears. Look, I'm incredibly busy saving the humans. TVP is in the way. Period. I'm sorry for any collateral damage, but they are the demons and I'm the real McCoy, so get with the program and choose wisely.

“That’s why this blog should be about where TZM gets its ideas from. Not a scandal tabloid. That way you correct any “

My first priority ethically MUST be to WARN the public about the scam.

My own selfish considerations must come second to that.

You don't grasp this, but Anticultist has it right. First we slay dragon. THEN we work out bringing peace and love and justice to the enchanted lands.

“misinformation or misconceptions meanwhile maintaining unbiased commentary and an open door to future learners.”

You are free to be the kind of voice you envision here so long as you don't go lame brain on us.

I suggest you take that responsibility quite personally and don't try to shuck it off on us.



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [September 2, 2010 at 5:10 am](#) | [Reply](#)

21. “all knowledge is serial when we assume past knowledge to be true. That is the reality. Fresco recognizes that and cuts past the bullshit.”

Dropping his own load of pooh on top of the other tall load of pooh isn't helping as much as you think it is.

“He sees the ideas as far more important than the thinkers who synthesized the ideas before him.”

That's fine, and if he was honest and not a capitalist about it and ran his movement with integrity instead of allowing it to be run by evil basterds for their own ego ends, I might be able to forgive him the flaws and work past it. I suspect he and I would get along quite well in person. For one thing, I actually can run autocad and do the real engineering not 1950s style.

However, back in this reality, whatever good he has to offer the world is eclipsed by how its being used, and that is a reflection of his personality and his greed, and his own involvement in and thus propping up of scam charlatan capitalism.

“You accusing him of STEALING ideas depends completely upon your personal values and how much you think those values justify your accusational finger pointing.”

Having eclectically integrated 50 or 60 paradigms as an expert and a polymath, I make sure to credit the originals whenever possible and as often as possible. The fact that he fails to do this is one more proof hes a fake. Hes simply factually ignorant compared to me or any serious economist or systems theorist or sociologist or civil engineer and hes trying to make us think hes a wise old wizard by pretending all of these ideas are his originals. Real genius doesn't have to engage in sleight of mind.

“He is a person passing on good ideas, period.”

He is a capitalist making a lot of money off of a large pool of dupes by selling them on his brand of anti capitalism- period.

“Your evidence is adequate when it comes to showing Fresco doesn't give credit. But what evidence can you provide that logically leads to the conclusion that Fresco is deliberately trying to TAKE/STEAL credit from past thinkers?”

The point is moot. If he is so incompetent that hes doing it accidentally, thats worse, not better.

“That is an unsubstantiated claim that depends entirely upon your own personal judgment/interpretation. What justifies this accusation without a doubt?”

The simple fact that the alternative is that hes delusional batshit insane. We try to give him credit where credit is due and assume the best. Face this and grasp it. We could assume the opposite but that could only mean that hes actually seriously crazy.

“You don't seem to have all sides of the issue in perspective to make an intellectually honest indictment.”

Sometimes Anticultist is sloppy in his presentation but thats because hes gone through this 101 times before and has lost patience with it all.

Aside from this, we have given it plenty of time and study and we have in fact come up with meaningfully unbiased answers.



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [September 2, 2010 at 5:24 am](#) | [Reply](#)

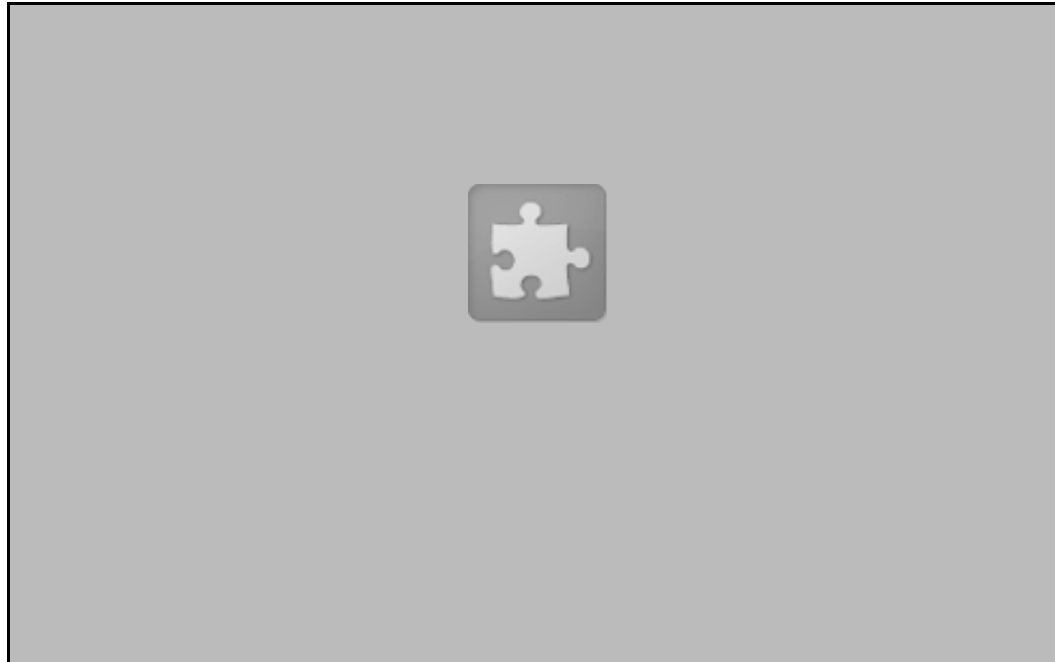
- Well I have come around quite a bit. I was always skeptical of TZM/TVP but I suppose the core ideas are what captured me. I often opposed this blog because I sensed intellectual dishonesty fueled by emotive reasoning and I find that unacceptable. You're right, TZM/TVP certainly deserves criticism, but I simply felt and still feel that the criticism can be presented with much more couth. Couth is important for two reasons: 1. it is more ethical, and 2. it does a better job turning members around and/or attracting new members to RBEF/RBOSE. But of course Anticultist has nothing to lose, he doesn't agree with an RBE, so I have come to understand it.

The simple fact that the alternative is that hes delusional batshit insane. We try to give him credit where credit is due and assume the best. Face this and grasp it. We could assume the opposite but that could only mean that hes actually seriously crazy.

The connection between brilliance and madness has been pondered throughout history.



Nate said this on [September 3, 2010 at 4:22 am](#) | [Reply](#)



22.

After seeing that, it's hard for anyone to take TVP serious.



Nate said this on [September 3, 2010 at 4:47 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Yeah its been said many times elsewhere online that Fresco has ripped this idea from EPCOT, pretty much shows it right there in the video. Walt disney was a daydreamer who didnt manage to fulfill it either.



[anticultist](#) said this on [September 3, 2010 at 6:34 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Then again, Disney died two months after this film. So I can't say I know what would have happened.



Nate said this on [September 3, 2010 at 7:37 am](#)

- ah fair point



[anticultist](#) said this on [September 3, 2010 at 7:56 am](#)

### 23. ONE QUESTION: IS ANYTHING THAT TZM SAYS THAT IS NOT FACTUAL?

ALL I HEAR FROM YOU AND OTHER CRITICIZERS ARE ATTACKS. YOU NEVER SAY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THEIR TOPICS ARE WRONG.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE TRUTH OR CHANGE. THE CHANGE THAT TZM ESPOUSES CAN HELP THE WORLD WE LIVE IN TODAY.



John Carroll said this on [September 20, 2010 at 11:19 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Try typing like a normal human being next time John instead of your all caps shouting like you were on fire.

First off you seem to hear what you want to hear, people here and myself have made hundreds of points about how wrong TZM is and its non facts, take good look around at posts and comments.

Secondly none of us are afraid of the truth in fact were all constantly striving to find the truth in everything everyday, always questioning people and their claims.

Thirdly Change comes when people get off their asses and the internet and stop procrastination about the future and how great Fresco and Merola are.

Last but not least you guys have not changed a single thing on this planet, Not a thing, so with that said BYEEEEEEEEEE.



[anticultist](#) said this on [September 21, 2010 at 12:01 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

### 24. I see nothing but ad hominem attacks here.

I don't "agree" with the likes of David Icke or the TZM but to dismiss folks as conspiracy theorists without addressing any of the information they present, should send warning signals to anyone that reads blogs like this.

What conspiracies do you consider false?  
What is your information to “debunk” them?

When you say “Conspiracy theories” with derision are you suggesting  
That those at the top of the heap don’t conspire to remain there and researching how they do they is an irrational intellectual exercise?

Not only is that naive but it flies in the face of mainstream history.

You throw some rice at the hungry kids in the back seat of a car that’s hurtling towards a wall, deride anyone suggesting that we should question our very direction, and claim the high ground of charity?

There’s an old German proverb.  
“Charity sees the need, not the cause”

TZM and others exploring the pattern of conspiracy is at least an attempt at addressing the causal issues.

Are you suggesting that this very action is misguided?

“You guys have not changed a single thing on this planet”

Lol i’m not a TZM member, but I live in Taiwan and can tell you that the growing labor unrest in China is a direct result of exposure to information presented in “conspiracy films” like Zeitgeist or the Obama Deception. It’s certainly having a greater affect than your disdain.



Chris said this on [September 22, 2010 at 4:02 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- 911 was an inside job – conspiracy theory
- the nwo is running the world – conspiracy theories
- the bankers are trying to ruin the world – conspiracy theory

And much other nonsense CT stuff the movement and its members spout.

Get over the ego driven jesus complex the movement espouses.



[anticultist](#) said this on [October 5, 2010 at 2:34 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Tell Martin Luther King Jr. that.



Nate said this on [October 13, 2010 at 8:59 am](#)

- That guy is dead and I dont consider him being used in reference to zeitgeist as particularly ethical being that he was a rights activist for black people.



*anticultist* said this on [October 13, 2010 at 11:45 pm](#)

25. Well I'm confused. I watched the movies and, while not focusing on the facts, they generally supported my idea/instincts that there is something very wrong with this world. And while the alternative society idea presented by TVP sounds like an utopia, I do like to believe in it, simply because I am a humanist and a dreamer.

Anyway, I run back and forth between supporting the movement and supporting the critics against the movement, cause I want to get the whole picture. The big picture doesn't seem to be very pretty... One of the facts is that we ALL want to help the society, but we all sit on these forums trying to prove each other wrong, when we could be working together...

What I'm really trying to say lies in a song, and it goes like this:

"I'd love to change the world, but I don't know what to do. So I'll leave it up to you."

I think the general outcome of all of this will not be very nice.



Liz said this on [October 6, 2010 at 11:12 am](#) | [Reply](#)

26. to change the world, come help out at RBEF.

to spin ones wheels in circles, take turns loving and hating TVP.



*prometheuspan* said this on [October 15, 2010 at 9:21 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

27. The Anticultist just don't want the world to be a great place, I actually don't care at all if The Venus Project is a scam to gain money or something like that, Because of the Zeitgeist movement and The Venus Project we open the eyes of thousands to a better way of living in a Society, When the Zeitgeist movement reaches it's goal to eliminate the problems in this sick world it will not matter for Jacque or Roxanne that they gained much money, because there will NOT be any money, dont you get that?

Roxanne, Peter and Jacque is promoting a great idea, and since the Z-movement is alot more people than just Roxanne, Peter and Jacque they



acutally have to set us all in a prison or kill us to actually get some kind of money profit out of it, as 3 people cant hide the words of millions.

If you don't come up with a better idea to a better future, shut up and join the ONLY MOVEMENT with a possiblity to make a change!



*lovetheearth* said this on [October 24, 2010 at 11:18 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Idiot.

Only an idiot would say they did not care if something was a monetary scam, do not post here again fools arent suffered on this blog.



*anticultist* said this on [October 24, 2010 at 6:29 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

28. the only movement with a possibility of making change is not an armageddon theology for atheists fascist cult of personality in three tiers complete with Secret police.

TVP has zero chance of making positive change and it is only an obstacle to positive change.



*prometheuspan* said this on [October 25, 2010 at 4:29 am](#) | [Reply](#)

29. [...] Conspiracy Science on why TZM is failing [...]

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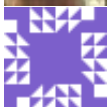


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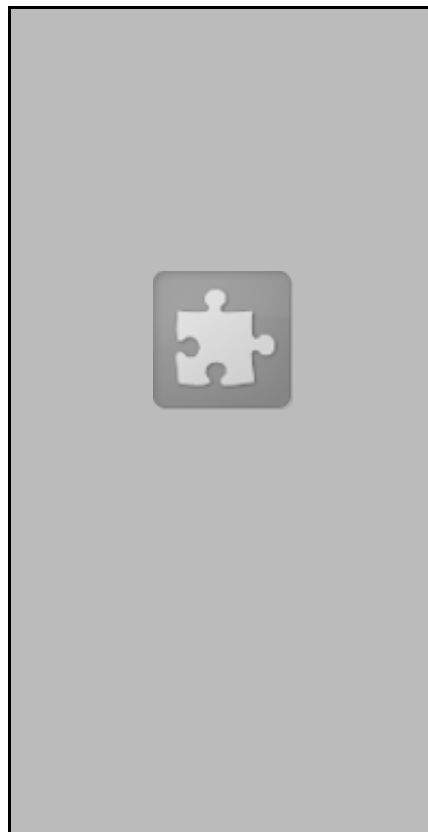
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