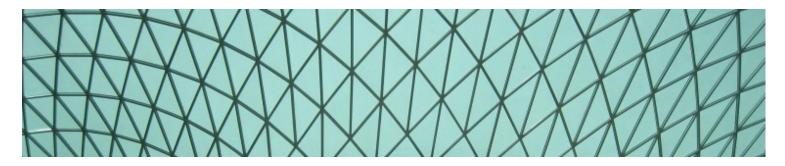


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# Peter Joseph Merola is plain arrogant

A post was made recently on zeitgeist forums:

http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php? option=com\_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=231&id=279060

Notice how it links to a dead end, this is because Peter Joseph Merola deleted it as it was questioning his intellect and his authority, and he did not like it one little bit. Originally there was a post where a user asked some questions and Peter locked it, so the user proceeded to push the questions to him in a new thread and he deleted it and the original thread.

The interesting thing to note about this is the content and the manner in which Merola rants, Luckily Bill saved the content and uploaded it to his server and I am going to present it here for you to read. I will then dissect it after wards in a seperate reply.

The links to the original thread are here spread across 4 pages from the zeitgeist forum:

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The key areas in these links are Peter Joseph Merolas replies, the questions from the TZM member were answered by a moderator and the apparent discussion about this was resolved, but suddenly Merola butted in like a bull in a china shop and started shouting and locked the thread:

#### Manillaenglish says:

I see way too much Peter Joseph being promoted here. Isn't there anyone else doing podcasts or radio addresses?

Is anyone else interested in doing them as well? We need more points of view than from just 1 person.

...So why is it then that Peter Joseph's podcasts the only ones with stickies? And why is it that he's "just about" the only one promoted on TVP's website? And why is it that Zeitgeist is promoted but RBOSE is not?

I just listened to an audio recording on YouTube with Gilbert talking to a member of RBOSE about some kind of name calling incident among some members of RBOSE. Apparently the way TVP handles conflicts is via censorship of an entire organization? Is that what you're advocating?

#### Peter Joseph Merola finally butts in with his response:

I have to say to everyone that I am continually amazed at the perpetual judgment, arrogance and conceit that some of you put forward on this forum. The fact that the term "promoted" is stated above makes it even more idiotic.Let me walk you through this – whoever you are. Before myself, I know of no one besides Jacque and Roxanne that talked on the subject of a RBE. After Addendum came out and the Movement started to get a couple thousand members, I spent 12 hrs a day researching, creating materials, writing the PDF, creating 4 2 hr+ lectures, writing articles for newspapers, traveling at a deficit to give talks for free, doing interviews and then having a weekly radio address where i did nothing but be tortured by 100s of the same questions, over and over again, patiently working to resolve them. I have spent between \$15,000-\$20,000 on this websites administration/programming/bandwidth since it began and I now operate on a monthly deficit.

So then mentalities like you – who obviously have no clue about what we are even talking about in the movement based on your threads, come along and actually have the balls to say my work is essentially too "promoted" here. Listen- I don't want to be the forefront of anything. I can't stand it. I was recognized the other day in a restaurant and it made me shudder. I am doing my best to push myself into the background and get others out there to speak and present the movement. So – please – have some tact and respect. Also, there is no such thing as "my point of view" here- I am simply restating the data that has been collected.

"Manillaenglish said: Apparently the way TVP handles conflicts is via censorship of an entire organization? Is that what you're advocating?"

This is even more hilarious...where do these people come from? If you think the RBOSE has anything to do with what TZM/TVP is actually doing/advocating, you are way off. [LOCKED]

Oh dear Peter could not handle being questioned and simply locked the thread, but this user did not appreciate this childish behaviour and decided to query it. Also for anyone with any observation skills you may note that Peter edited out a section of his statement in reply to Manillenglish on the forum before he deleted the entire thread. But I had access to a copy of the post in its entirity captured way before he started editing the thread to make himself look good.

http://st0rage.org/~graalreborn11/funny%20web/funny%20web%201/dude%20yells%20at%20peter/index.22php.htm

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

I have to say to everyone that I am continually amazed at the perpetual judgment

### **Manila English wrote:**

It's called being accountable for what you say and do, Peter. Being judged comes with the territory of being a public figure. If you can't handle being judged then get out of the spot light.

**Peter Joseph wrote:** 

arrogance

### **Manila English wrote:**

You're the most arrogant person here (a.k.a "locked"). What do you think gives you the authority, in a non-authority society? Because you made a popular video? Is it because you read Jacque Fresco's book a couple years ago and listened to his audio recordings that you think you're magically more intelligent than everyone on Earth, that you're the only one who has ever heard of this concept and thus only you understand a Resource Based Society? There are 6 billion people on this planet. Don't think just because you haven't heard an idea that it hasn't already been around. And just because you made a popular video promoting a RBE (which you admit you never even thought of until someone pointed it out to you) doesn't make you an expert and it certainly doesn't give you any authority.

There is no State. That includes you.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

and conceit that some of you put forward on this forum.

### Manila English wrote:

Here you are guilty of the same. Your response reeks of arrogance and conceit.

# **Peter Joseph wrote:**

The fact that the term "promoted" is stated above makes it even more idiotic.

### **Manila English wrote:**

Isn't that one of the forum rules that you created? Or is it because you created the rule that you get to break it? Who gets to moderate the owner? Oh, that's right, nobody. Because you own the website. And there is no discussion or wiki on creating a community website and talk about how to moderate discussion collectively instead of using hand picked moderators.

And yes, what you are doing with the stickies is in affect promoting yourself. Why didn't you join in the discussion about making sticky creations a community effort?

#### www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/inde...limitstart=20#275515

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

Let me walk you through this – whoever you are.

### **Manila English wrote:**

Until this moment, I was a strong supporter of Zeitgeist who has been gaining insight to the structure of Zeitgeist and working to ease discussions toward distributing power among everyone and I've already pointed out some of the tools on how to do that.

I am also a person who has a lot more experience in organizational development and leadership than you do. So it would serve you well to listen to everything I have to say. Your arrogance will be the failure of Zeitgeist.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

Before myself, I know of no one besides Jacque and Roxanne that talked on the subject of a RBE.

### Manila English wrote:

Congratulations on being the first passionate person other than them to get yourself on a couple of media

channels and buying a domain name. So you think you're the only person who was aware of a resource based society while engineering solutions to solve problems rather than create laws? That's concete right there!

# **Peter Joseph wrote:**

I spent 12 hrs a day researching, creating materials, writing the PDF, creating 4 2 hr+ lectures, writing articles for newspapers, traveling ... to give talks for free, doing interviews and then having a weekly radio address where i did nothing but be tortured by 100s of the same questions, over and over again, patiently working to resolve them.

### Manila English wrote:

And we all thank you for your efforts. Others, including myself, would do the same just as soon as a leaderless system of management is implemented.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

I have spent between \$15,000-\$20,000 on this websites administration/programming/bandwidth since it began and I now operate on a monthly deficit.

# **Manila English wrote:**

Why haven't you posted your "bills" for verification and scrutiny on the use of funds? A Resource Based Society is a community effort and we all have our resources and the community can intelligently manage those resources openly.

So then mentalities like you

# Manila English wrote:

Whoever I am, right? You already said you don't know who I am. Suffice it to say you don't have my knowledge and expertise. Not even close, child.

# **Peter Joseph wrote:**

who obviously have no clue about what we are even talking about in the movement based on your threads

# **Manila English wrote:**

Give an obvious example.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

come along and actually have the balls to say my work is essentially too "promoted" here.

# Manila English wrote:

The problem is your work is the only work promoted.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

Listen

### **Manila English wrote:**

I'm listening because it's about time you finally got involved in an actual discussion that I've started. That must mean that people are listening to everything I say about the need to spread website and forum management to the entire community. A discussion that has been going on for an entire week which you haven't responded to any of.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

I don't want to be the forefront of anything. I can't stand it. I was recognized the other day in a restaurant and it made me shudder. I am doing my best to push myself into the background and get others out there to speak and present the movement.

### **Manila English wrote:**

That's not good enough. You're just part of the community. You're not suppose to be "in the background". To prove to us all that your true intent is to create the type of society that The Venus Project advocates, you must be part of the talks regarding leaderless, community management of the website, forum and philosophy.

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

So – please – have some tact and respect.

#### **Manila English wrote:**

I have been very respectful toward you and everyone. And I have been very tactful about addressing your lack of discussion or endorsement of discussions or efforts to distribute control to the community instead of hand picked moderators.

#### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

Also, there is no such thing as "my point of view" here- I am simply restating the data that has been collected.

#### **Manila English wrote:**

That's a strawman. The issue is that you control the website and won't allow the community to post "what has already been collected". Additionally, telling me that there "[is no my] point of view" is very dishonest.

# **Manila English wrote:**

[quote]Apparently the way TVP handles conflicts is via censorship of an entire organization? Is that what you're advocating?[quote]

### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

This is even more hilarious...where do these people come from?

### **Manila English wrote:**

These people? Who are "these people" exactly? And who are you to wave off criticism? You're just one motivated person, who newly discovered TVP after its 30 year existence. Your passion and investment in the project over the last couple years is very admiral and I am thankful to you and respect you for the success of spreading Jacque Fresco's vision.

By the way, I've received all my information from Jacque Fresco's recordings just like you. I've read the book just like you. I've seen the TV interviews just like you. I also have my own brain and can think for myself. I've traveled the wold. In fact, I live abroad. I speak a few languages. You could be trying to make an ally here. Your conceit limits you. I'll be waiting for you apology yet don't expect I'll ever see it.

#### **Peter Joseph wrote:**

If you think the RBOSE has anything to do with what TZM/TVP is actually doing/advocating, you are way off.

# **Manila English wrote:**

Again. You actually have to read through all my posts to address me properly. I've already stated that I've discovered RBOSE only recently. What I've seen is that they advocate a Resource Based Economy,

a city to support a RBE and they actively support an open society where anyone can participate. That last part you have stated is something you say you advocate in one of your videos yet don't actually do.

So instead of trying to wave me off or ban me from your forum for addressing these issues (which would result in yet another new blog advocating against Zeitgeist instead of for it), how about you address the real issue and tell us the differences

between RBOSE's philosophy and Zeitgeit's.

It was Jacque Fresco who said that "A church divided is no church at all". Not that TVP or RBE is a religion. Only that this statement applies for all organizations, not just churches. And Carl Sagan said (I was watching him on PBS before you were born by the way) that we are all one organism and an organism at war with itself is doomed.

**Peter Joseph wrote:** 

[LOCKED]

**Manila English wrote:** 

Yet the dictator implies there are no leaders (and thus no dictator), nor that he "promotes" his thoughts above others.

So what are you going to do, Peter? Are you going to continue to be hostile toward supporters and further splinter the movement? Or are you going to acknowledge everything I've said, take the criticism

as an intellectual, put aside hostilities towards me by apologizing and become willing to work with me on creating a community powered solution?

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~ by anticultist on July 30, 2010.

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#### 49 Responses to "Peter Joseph Merola is plain arrogant"

1. Peter thinks he is the next in line to the throne of Frescos venus project, he states he is aware of noone other than him to have talked about RBE other than Fresco and Meadows.

Well I have news for him Venus project was pointed out to him by the guy who did future by design, he discussed it and made movies about it before him, William Gazecki this is the guy who pointed TVP out to him in the first place, also it was on television programs and internet sites being discussed long before Merola got his arrogant mitts on it.

Also it has been around as a for profit company for 35 years and its got a long list of members who have publicly spoken about it to others as well as promote it and learn it.

Peter you are nothing but a person in a line of people who were before you who knew about this. The fact you could have the audacity to claim some kind of power and authority because you claim to have spent your own money on it is ridiculous. If I spend \$1 million dollars on my own home and rent it out does this make me an automatic expert on the housing market, building and engineering, and property developement? No it does not you are nothing son, you are just a person who thinks he knows more and deserves more credit than he does in reality.

You are nothing, you are a mere advertisement tool for Frescos project, you are no expert and you are certainly no credible authority in it. Your arrogance and over inflated self opinion is hilarious, you hate to be questioned on your own forum because you cry like a baby about how much you paid for it and how

rude it is to do so.

Get over yourself and get the fuck out of dodge if you are "too pussy and cowardice" to deal with it.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 1:50 pm | Reply

• OK so 3 hours ago Peter Merola banned the user [manillaenglish] who made the posts he did not like.

He IP banned him so he could not even look at the threads or the forum, and deleted his posts. Also no mention of it in their public moderation as to why they did it [last post in there about members being banned was 1 month 1 week ago], again another example of silent banning of members. This just proves they do this regularly without anyone being made aware, they can easily delete threads and members right under peoples noses, and noone would know if we did not mention it off their forum.

So consider this:

Peter is not the leader. Bullshit Peter has no opinions. Bullshit

TZM uses the scientific method for social concern. Bullshit

And a whole load of other such Bullshit they profess goes out the window once again.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 4:09 pm | Reply

#### 2. Oh Boy!

Arrogant indeed. Thank goodness Billl archived all that because I totally missed that CALLING OUT thread. But I did catch the TOO MUCH OF PETER JOSEPH thread though. It's to be expected, people are not going to be walked on and be disrespected like that, so I'm glad he spoke up and hope that others continue to do so as well. It's time to be immune from their intimidation and laugh at them. They are a laughing stock at this point.

#### AntiCultist:

"If I spend \$1 million dollars on my own home and rent it out does this make me an automatic expert on the housing market, building and engineering, and property development?"

Yeah, it's too funny— every time he talks about money in general—he's pretty much declaring himself as landlord. Every time he does that, it contradicts with the message "we are leaderless". People can talk about how many members they have and how much chapters there are and what not but the bottom line is that they all have to do what Peter or Gilbert says or else you're banned. It's that simple. If you don't stay in line in any way by what he (Peter Joseph) or the moderators or their yes-men say, you will get evicted (banned). It's terrifying because in a RBE society, this might happen in the future where people are banished from communities just for being Socratic. They talk about how they are eventually going to deal with the power of abuse issue but can't even deal with it on the forums. RBOSE tackles this head on with automation and so does RBEF on their forums but automatically censoring profanity, not entire posts. No accountability what so ever. Auroville is more of a success than the Venus Project and less with the authoritarian BS that TZM tries to defend with mental

gymnanstics. This goes by another contradiction, they praise critical thinking but ban those who think in such a way. I'm really getting annoyed by them. Like my head seriously hurts.

Peter Joseph:

"This is even more hilarious...where do these people come from? If you think the RBOSE has anything to do with what TZM/TVP is actually doing/advocating, you are way off. [LOCKED]"

That comment was way off and anyone can go listen to the last meetings we in RBOSE had discussing about Auroville and how they are like an RBE:

http://rbose.org/mumble-recordings/2010-07-19-1800UTC.ogg http://rbose.org/mumble-recordings/2010-07-20-1800UTC.ogg

But apparently RBOSE is way off to him. This weekend (tomorrow maybe) we should be having a meeting about merging to do more projects (ATLAS & RBOSE & RBEF together):

http://tzm.hopto.org/single/?p=8013539&t=7916965

Maelkoth:

"You know, I've been reading your posts, and it seems like you've had an agenda since you joined the forum."

Yeah, Manila English had an agenda [sarcasm].

I'm also amazed how they don't see any logic behind a voting system. RBEF uses polls when it comes to decisions and because of that, it avoids conflicts. But with TZM, you see the opposite. People need to just come to the realization that the Zeitgeist Movement is a playground. I honestly don't see anyone being rational after leaving TZM coming back to TZM, no one should go back to be mentally abused again.

Everyone is welcomed in RBOSE, just click on my name.

Oh yeah...

I'm working on Part 5 of Favoritism and Censorship of and from TZM & TVP:

Censorship Pt. 5:

http://rbefoundation.com/grouptopic.php?f=389&t=2351

Favoritism Pt 5:

http://rbefoundation.com/grouptopic.php?f=389&t=2352

Sorry for the overdose on links, but there's so much on them that... Yeah.

RBEF = SUCCESS RBOSE = SUCCESS

TZM = FAILSTVP = FAILS



BranManFloMore said this on July 30, 2010 at 5:55 pm | Reply

3. Hello. I am Manila English. The last post I made was to A-Cowp for my last thread was an APOLOGY to A-Cowp a week ago. That is what got me banned. I explained that in a Resource Based Society that involved the whole world, nobody should ever be banned or asked to leave for giving an opinion, sharing knowledge or disagreeing with the society. We all live on the same Earth and we have to share it together. Immediately after posting my apology to A-Cowp, my IP address was banned. Now the only way I can see posts on the forum is via an anonymous proxy. I have saved nearly all my relevant posts in notepad files expecting this might happen if my worse fears were realized. I'm sorry I didn't save my very last 2 posts which were the apology to A-Cowp along with all the links to the relevant threads I had been discussing all week; especially the voting issue. I noticed my threads have been deleted and now they're talking about how a more decentralized style of leadership is bad while I'm not allowed to even view the discussions.



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 6:40 pm | Reply

here is a screen grab that was taken of one of the threads:
Download and view here in full resolution:
http://conspiracyscience.com/images/screenshots/tzm-forums-pj-called-out-then-deleted-topic-and-ban-member.png





anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 6:47 pm | Reply

• The whole movement screams "amateur" in so many ways.

The Zeitgeist Movement is looking for a Zeitgeist that ain't there, and it also isn't moving.

The ideals of TVP have been debated and (correctly!) criticized so many times, yet nobody of TZMs leadership is interested in developing the "RBE" to a form that will find followers in more sophisticated and practical areas.

Personally – and although the redesign of society to a level where all the inefficiencies of capitalism are removed is one of my biggest interests – I think TZM would hold me back more than support me.

Anybody who wants to change society, start DOING something. Get a team. Open a green/social business. Get money to fund projects. Design actual economic or political systems.

TZMs (il)logic of promotion over everything is a dead-end – there is no logical reason to assume that the movement will grow to millions of members. It might happen, but we also might get killed by a stone landing on our head tomorrow, yet people don't run around with helmets.



CyborgJesus said this on July 31, 2010 at 9:59 pm | Reply

4. Other people simply need to step up to the plate like Peter did when he got everything started. If other people step up to the plate then Peter will lose any sense of his prominence and dominance. The problem is, too few people are working hard. They are just sitting around chatting on the forums.

I think some of the argument against Peter is petty, with a touch of jealousy. Though it does have some merit regarding website management. But Peter should not be blamed for being well known. He has no control over that. Sure, I suppose he could just break off contact with everyone and delete the website and films and everything else. There is nothing he can do at this point to lessen his prominence. He has produced the majority of the higher quality material, therefore he is a main attraction. Until someone else does that it will remain this way. However, on the other hand, he CAN control his level of dominance and should consider a system that will equalize movement decisions. There are several difficult issues that prevent him from lessening his dominance. Some are justified and practical, and some are ego related.

But why is anyone surprised that Peter has become arrogant? This kind of thing happens and you should have seen it coming. The goal should be, not to criticize Peter in a hateful and jealous way, but to work around his arrogance. Build momentum outside of Peter's control.

Everyone should be harnessing everyone's best abilities and work around their negative qualities. Because simply antagonistically criticizing someone will not turn them around. You should have learned that from Fresco. Nearly every time people don't realize their negative qualities. They find ways to justify and find ways to see themselves that don't produce an image with negative qualities. Peter doesn't know he is arrogant. He doesn't see it. He can't see it. Why would you expect him to? Do you think calling him arrogant is going to make him realize he is. Peter's arrogance is a problem for the movement and manillaenglish and this blog post has engaged in the most ineffective problem solving. manillaenglish let his petty emotions fuel a mostly petty criticism based on perceptions motivated by envy and contempt, and resulted in no positive outcome. Peter was actually quite well composed. I do sense a level of underlying arrogance in Peter. It could be MUCH worse. For the most part he simply seems confident in the value of his accomplishments. There's a difference between seeing yourself for what you are worth and simply being arrogant. Critics with envious frustrations tend to see the former as the latter. Perceptions perceptions.

Though I understand some of the justified frustrations at the bottom of the argument regarding website management, once we cut through all the petty bullshit presented in that thread.



Nate D. said this on July 30, 2010 at 6:48 pm | Reply

I think some of the argument against Peter is petty, with a touch of jealousy

Jealous of what? Running a Conspiracy Theorist forum? This statement is nonsense and as far from the truth as one could possibly be. The reason he is criticised is because he is wrong and lies. He then goes on an arrogant rampage because he hates being called out and looking wrong, these are his flaws and nobody elses.

Also you are free to your own opinion, but I have no intention of spreading the zeitgeist word or promoting its goals, I have the single intention and that is to point out everything that is wrong with it right here on this blog.

I am not interested in helping Peter, he is shooting himself in the foot daily and ruining his own movement and forum daily. I am just a casual observer taking notes on it all.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 6:57 pm | Reply

Conspiracy theories rarely pop there anymore. You are reckless when it comes to using the phrase "conspiracy theorist."

Jealous of Peter's prominence especially when it is a prominence rooted in something to which manillaenglish has convictions



Nate D. said this on <u>July 30, 2010 at 7:09 pm</u>

 You are in denial if you think its not a conspiracy theorist movement. See the many blogs I have linked on my own by Muertos top ten canned reesponses from zeitgeisters. Adventures in conspiracy land.

And please drop the jealousy crap its not even an issue here or in that thread, the questions he posted were direct questions Peter could of easily answered and dealt with, jealousy is not even a part of it.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:13 pm

• To make my last few statements more clear I need to modify.

In contrast, Peter was actually quite well composed on that thread. From time to time, I do sense a level of underlying arrogance in Peter though. It could be MUCH worse though. However, for the most part he simply seems confident in the value of his accomplishments. There's a difference between seeing yourself for what you are worth and simply being arrogant. Critics with envious frustrations tend to see the former as the latter. Perceptions perceptions.

Though I understand some of the justified frustrations at the bottom of the argument regarding website management, once we cut through all the petty bullshit presented in that thread.



Nate D. said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:03 pm | Reply

You may feel the need to come here and defend Peters demeanour in a single thread, but he is nothing like calm. His demeanour is arrogant and full of shit, he lies and removes things he does not like that expose him on regular occasions, as well as back pedals and never admits he is wrong.

To have the nerve and come here and try and blame manillaenglish for his demeanour in contrast to peters is devious, because peter locked his thread and did not respond calmly to the original thread at all. He deleted it too so as it could not be seen by people.

Manillaenglish was right to be mad with his treatment by Peter since he simply abused his power and played the role of authoritarian leader who cant be questioned.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:09 pm

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I disagree. Emulating him just recreates the problem. They should create alternatives instead; a democratic organization promoting RBE or whatever they want. I'm a strong believer in "Criticize by creating not by finding fault." I agree with you that criticism alone is a waste. But it's not completely useless. It's also effective at changing minds.



Jack Christopher said this on February 2, 2011 at 1:20 am | Reply

5. Thanks for posting that screenshot. The post immediately following my response to Madz3000 (that is the apology to A-Cowp and the links to my other relevant posts) the response to Madz3000 HAS BEEN DELETED too so it can not be seen. and I never saw the posts by other members following that because my IP address was banned at that point. So it looks like people were still attacking me, "Peter Joseph" still never responded, and I am defenseless to respond to their ignorant attacks.

I see from your post that a member stated I needed to "review the need for strict authority" while at that very moment (and even now) I can't even view the forum, much less reply, because my IP address has been blocked.



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:01 pm | Reply

6. Actually, I just remembered there was one other post I made following the apology. Another member had created a strawman thinking I was attacking Peter Joseph himself. When I pointed out that actually all I was doing was pointing out that Peter Joseph had no interest in discussions regarding how to distribute power among all members, that poster agreed with me! A few minutes later, my IP address was banned.

Did anyone capture that post before it was removed?



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:11 pm | Reply

7. Ah. I was looking through my notepad files just now and found one of my apology posts to A-Cowp. A had posted it in 2 different places and linked them to each other for readers to follow.

#### **A-Cowp wrote:**

They can stay, but you want me to leave!

#### Manila English wrote:

This is a people's movement. We all live in this world together and we shouldn't ban anyone from participating in discussions regardless of whether they agree or disagree.

You were right about the dictatorial direction the movement was heading in; despite it's official position against it. So you were right and I was wrong. I am sorry to you too.

Thread Peter locked in an attempt to get the last word and thus promote himself while ignoring criticism: http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com\_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=231&id=276839#276839

#### My reply to his response:

http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com\_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=231&id=279060#279060

My discussion on how to implement a voting system to spread ideas without the help of a moderator which has been accepted by other members but shunned by the admins.

http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php? option=com kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=244&id=274881&limit=10&limitstart=20#275515



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:15 pm | Reply

8. To think there shouldn't be leaders is so naive. If people shared the exact same stream of thought at the same points in time, THEN you would need no leaders. The fact is, some people are more capable at fulfilling goals, and some people are not. Some people are more ambitious and some people are not. Some people are simply more intelligent and some are not as much. As long as this is the case, then leaders will have to exist. At this stage, leadership has to operate at some broad level. The need for leadership is built into human relations and doesn't need to be assigned because it simply develops on its own. We are born into it. Don't believe me? Ask yourself if your parent was ever at any point a form of leader in you life. As long as there is ignorance, distractions, naivety, and lack of motivation and communication, there will be INDIVIDUALS who will step up fix these things. Because not everyone realizes the same problems at the same time. We are INDIVIDUAL minds. There is no such thing as a collective mind. A collective mind is needed if you expect no leadership, but it's impossible. As long as there is a need for genesis and initiation, there will be they who know more revealing their knowledge to they who know less, to get a particular action going. However, this leadership should be perpetually shuffling. Peter is by now established as a leader, and I agree that must change. But to think a "leaderless society" is possible, that is frankly naive, utterly implausible, and a product of wishful thinking.



Nate D. said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:28 pm | Reply

• You speak as if talking to children, we are quite aware about leaders and politics and agendas and authoritarians. Manillaenglish has not implied a

leaderless system, they have suggested a truly beuracratic system where everyone is the leader and makes the decisions amongst themselves via polls and votes to make things happen and be prioritised, or does that completely pass you by?

It is you who is naieve putting trust into the leadership of a failing movement that does nothing, who have no ability to back down or see through the eyes of its membership. The minute their credibility or authority is threatened they withdraw into bunker mode and attack all who would dare to question them.

Look you are neither interesting or of any use in this thread other than to be an antagonistic poster who is clearly here to be in defense of zeitgeist, I have no need to even allow you to post here or tolerate your presence because this place here is not a democracy I am the authoritarian leader of it. There is no pretense here, I dont pretend to run this blog as a fair balanced approach, it is designed to show the shit zeitgeist sweeps under the rug.

So with that made clear I hope you realise this conversation is over for you and you may as well tuck your tail in and head on back to la la land with peter.



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:38 pm | Reply

• He specifically stated "leaderless system" in the thread.

I am in full awareness of many shortcomings the movement has. I have thought about it for months. I saw the cult like behavior before this blog ever existed and while you were still in the movement. I know I seem like I am in defense of TZM. But really, I'm simply disgusted by all the petty caviling and this site's biased outrage for being "mistreated."

By the way, I write like I am speaking to children because there could be people who read this with a low ability to understand things. Don't think because you can understand things easy that it means others can too. Or are there only like 4 people reading this blog and you know them all? I guess it goes to show that this site is know more than a circle-jerk of outraged trolls who think they would be any different than Peter if put in his shoes.



Nate D. said this on <u>July 30, 2010 at 8:42 pm</u>

• OK well you have been allowed to have your little reply and wee shit throw at the blog and me and I dont mind that. But seriously you recognised the cult tendencies before this blog existed and before I left the movement?

Then why the hell did you do nothing about it?

Why stand on the sidelines like an apologist and let them do what they want with no stance taken about how concieted and shit the movement was and is?

If you want to trade insults I am quite happy but at least I do something and say something about it.

You may be quite correct in that people who pass through here have a low level of understanding, but it seems hardly the case from the people who I do know who link and read it, they all seem to understand completely whats happening here and over there. The only difference with here is this, the information is available to read about the movement they dont want people to see or hear, this serves as a bias function [of course its bias]. How else can you present the negative aspect of the movement that wont allow it to be revealed on its own forum? Its clearly going to be bias and negative here because its showing their negative aspects only.

Anyway if you feel you knew about all this before me congratulations but you did shit about it and I did.

Also so did Manilla and you have the nerve to say he was emotional, when you have just admitted there are cult tendencies and problems with the authoritarian leadership!



anticultist said this on July 30, 2010 at 8:53 pm

#### 9. Regarding the above post of mine:

It's from another thread about the Equal Money System. It's one of my first posts on Zeitgeist which was over a week ago. Maybe it was 2 weeks ago even. A-Cowp was upset that I had apologized to another member for asking him to leave but didn't apologize to him for asking him to leave.

The reason I didn't apologize is because after months of watching all videos and reading all material, then becoming confronted with a "test" I had become indoctrinated and justified to myself that because I had to take a test to prove my knowledge of the movement's philosophy then anyone who was against the philosophy didn't belong at the forum. A-Cowp was against the philosophy entirely and I refused to apologize for asking him to leave. Interestingly enough, up until the time I was asked to take a test before I could post on the forum I supported the idea of allowing everyone on the forum pro or against. But having to take a test changed my identity. I realize now. When I received Peter's response I immediately "woke up". I remembered immediately what A-Cowp had said about Zeitgeist being a dictatorship and me, like a fool, defending Zeitgeist based on its written philosophy as well as statements made by both Jacque Fresco and Peter Joseph and not knowing about the clear evidence to at least Peter's direct actions as I was not yet aware of it. So experiencing it first hand after seeing lots of complaints about it on Google searches, I realized I was wrong A-Cowp had been right all along.

So I apologized to A-Cowp.



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:43 pm | Reply

10. Nate D, Anticultist's reply to you is correct. Of course, I understand that leaders are needed. What I was pointing out was leaders need not be appointed. They will arise naturally.



Manila English said this on July 30, 2010 at 7:48 pm | Reply

• Then we share a similar understanding. Excuse the initial misunderstanding.



Nate D. said this on July 30, 2010 at 8:43 pm | Reply

• So I guess the question should be, Did Peter's leadership somehow arise unnaturally?



Nate D. said this on July 31, 2010 at 5:41 am | Reply

• Define "naturally", "leader(ship)" and "follower" for that matter, then a discussion can begin.

To me there's a difference between a leader and leading. "Leader" usually implies a person at a static hierarchy's top, who always has the most power. That's something I'm against. I believe power should redistribute based on the situation. Basically sometimes I lead, sometimes I follow. No one has a monopoly on either.



Jack Christopher said this on February 2, 2011 at 1:43 am

11. So you dismiss the whole movement because you don't like the guy who owns the website? With no power, Peter is just a voice, a text, in an increasingly huge flow of words about the goals of the Movement, which is and always will be more than any single website. The situation in the world is so dire, so horrific, that to concentrate on Peter, regardless of what you think about him, is to limit your own mind and what good you can do beyond Peter's influence. Don't react to minor stuff, don't blow it up into extremes in your mind, or you will lose track of the goal, which is no less than the survival of Humanity and the ecosystem.



Roan Carratu said this on July 31, 2010 at 12:26 am | Reply

So you dismiss the whole movement because you don't like the guy who owns the website?

Read other posts and see why I dismiss the movement. Peter is just one problem of hundreds.

With no power, Peter is just a voice, a text, in an increasingly huge flow of words about the goals of the Movement,

With the power to ban and delete members and threads and decide what is relevant and not, with the power to say what is talked about and not, with the power to exercise what the movement does and does not do. Yeah hes just a voice, the leaders voice. Lets see you change the goals of the movement.

The situation in the world is so dire, so horrific, that to concentrate on Peter, regardless of what you think about him, is to limit your own mind and what good you can do beyond Peter's influence.

And to ignore such an unreputable leader of a movement is also limiting your own mind. Who says I am ignoring the worlds problems? You? Because I dont.

Don't react to minor stuff, don't blow it up into extremes in your mind, or you will lose track of the goal, which is no less than the survival of Humanity and the ecosystem.

Oh nice moral take on things, but this blogs not about saving the world or trying to fix the environment, its about the BS in TZM/TVP nothing more.



anticultist said this on July 31, 2010 at 12:36 am | Reply

o interesting that you and Matt S have the same IP Roan and post at the same time.

Both emanating from the same areas



anticultist said this on July 31, 2010 at 12:39 am | Reply

#### 12. Open Letter to The Venus Project.

Attacking Zeitgeist isn't a productive use of my resources. So this is where we stand now.

I will not endorse Zeitgeist to anyone. I will create a blog about the resource based economy and my experience with other organizations including Zeitgeist. Obviously my analysis of Zeitgeist will be extremely negative due to the lies and control of its dictator. Peter Joseph has false intentions.

If the people behind The Venus Project are sincere, then you will remove the promotion of Peter Joseph and his movement from your endorsement and endorse other more honest and transparent groups who's values are closer in line with The Venus Project.

RBE Foundation <a href="http://www.rbefoundation.com">http://www.rbefoundation.com</a>

RBOSE <a href="http://www.rbose.org">http://www.rbose.org</a>

Transition Network <a href="http://www.transitionnetwork.org">http://www.transitionnetwork.org</a>

Global Eco Village Network <a href="http://gen.ecovillage.org">http://gen.ecovillage.org</a>

Earthship Biotecture <a href="http://earthship.com">http://earthship.com</a>

And we can all learn from Auroville's success <a href="http://www.auroville.org">http://www.auroville.org</a>

It's time to confront Peter Joseph. Force him to admit openly to everyone that Zeitgeist is not a leaderless people's movement as he has been claiming.

It's also time to stop living in a box. There are many more organizations than just the ones I've posted. We're all working toward the same or similar goals. Your very public and open endorsement of these other groups from your website will strengthen relationships, create new allies, insure the long-term survivability of TVP and speed up the pace of collaborative work.

Support and promote RBE Foundation as strongly and diligently as you have with The Zeitgeist Movement.



Manila English said this on July 31, 2010 at 2:59 am | Reply

insure the long-term survivability of TVP 0

I dont much care about TVP since it has its own problems and shady dealings I have exposed in this blog:

The venus project is not just non profit Ex TVP 1970s-1980s member speaks out

And various other blogs here showing how they are not very good people themselves.



anticultist said this on July 31, 2010 at 12:37 pm | Reply

■ I actually don't see a problem with TVP having a for profit side. After all, by the principles of this system (WHICH WE STILL LIVE IN) Jacque owns all of his written work, recordings, and vidio...so what's the problem? They have a nonprofit side and a profit side. The profit side supports the nonprofit side.



Nate D. said this on August 1, 2010 at 5:00 am

• Well it would not be a problem if they told people they were making a profit on their website, but instead they hide their for profit company in with their non profit company on their website and do not make it clear that the sales goto a profit company. Instead they advertise it all as if it is a charity there.

Plus it is a problem if they are making money selling products that say they want to build a city and change the world, when their business set up is only a marketing and publishing business set up to profit its members [Jacque and Roxanne]:

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This industry comprises establishments primarily engaged in promoting the business interests of their members. These establishments may conduct research on new products and services; develop market statistics; sponsor quality and certification standards; lobby public officials; or publish newsletters, books, or periodicals for distribution to their members.



anticultist said this on August 1, 2010 at 1:09 pm

• RBE is garbage and the sooner you realize that the better off you're going to be. No one wants your weirdo rehashed sci fi communism.



NWO Agent said this on July 31, 2010 at 2:37 pm | Reply

• No matter how you organize a movement, some envious or frustrated individual will always be pointing a finger and shouting "TYRANT!" There will always be someone perceiving an "authoritarian leadership." That perception will always arise. It is inevitable. People don't realize how extremely hard it is to organize and effective leaderless system.

And again, I ask the question, Did Peter's leadership arise unnaturally?



Nate D. said this on August 1, 2010 at 5:06 am | Reply

 Again noone is envious, the only reason people point out his obvious character flaws and deficiencies is because he has them and he is using them against members of his movement.

Peter J Merola is a douchebag and he is not fit to run that forum in any way because he can not handle oppositional views or questions, he is not academic therefore does not seem to understand the methods that debate works in, he does not understand the scientific method because if he did he would understand people questioning him and his claims are legitimate and need addressing by him not closing down and deleting. To Peter questioning him, his movement and claims is a personal attack, and he has no ability to properly deal with them so he gets defensive and goes into bunker mode.

It is for these reasons he is unfit and will never achieve any level of credibility or success in the real world, because scientists and academics will tear him to shreds and show him to be the unscholarly charlatan that he is.



anticultist said this on August 1, 2010 at 1:13 pm

• Manila, can you please email me at <u>VTV@V-RADIO.org</u>? Thank you.



VTV said this on August 6, 2010 at 5:39 pm | Reply

Remember Manila this guy asking you to email him is a moderator of the zeitgeist movement and does not speak on behalf of peter joseph or the

movement.

He is simply a guy with keys to the office and of no authority whatsoever.

I am not sure what he wants to speak to you about but bear in mind this guy has also been shown to act as negligent as Peter Joseph Merola, if not more so depending how you look at it.



anticultist said this on August 7, 2010 at 12:41 am

13. Interesting. Perhaps Matt gets google alerts also. That's where I heard about this site.

shrug.



Roan Carratu said this on July 31, 2010 at 6:35 am | Reply

14. The bottom line is that RBEF/RBOSE/Atlas is going to merge and most probably remove RBE from the new name. Seriously, the RBEF was created as the support of the ZM, which is not the case anymore – we simply stay with the name due to some kind of the sentiment.

I don't think that VP will resign from supporting the ZM – it is perfect base of followers for their trips. As for the facts – it is always better to stick to the simplest ones. More than a year ago I asked the simple questions and got the answers which are open for the interpretation:

Q: Is the ZM going to organize / get the status allowing the transparent participation (like NPO of any kind)?

A: No, no need as it is too expensive and procedures takes too much time.

Interpretation: Basically registering NPO is simple, the current power source and structure is based on the administrator rights to the website. And therefore ZM is what it is – website movement.

Q: Is it possible to join the Future By Design NPO or is VP planning to grow its structure?

A: No

Interpretation: Basically, as above

Summing up, I need to admit that the movie did a tremendous job in gathering people. However, the follow up and organization of this movement is illogical at the best.

I cannot find any logical explanation to why the structure cannot be open with the nicely written by-laws regulating the organization. Moreover, the stated goal is to spread an awareness without the clear goal "what for?". In few interviews Peter mentioned that he is open to talk with politicians. It leads to the "protester" phenomena – gathering people to protest against politics and "demanding" something, when the obvious and natural way is to become the government through the elections or any other means to get involved into decision making process.

Finally, I am not aware of any existing proofs-of-concept in form of engineering designs, math models, plans with timetables, schedules etc.; therefore the whole idea of ZM / VP (from the formal, organizational point of view) is what it is to me – a website owned by the musician/PR specialist and 2-people

NPO/company making money.



Cosar said this on August 2, 2010 at 3:59 am | Reply

#### 15. My Response:

We're suppose to be all on the same side, but honestly, I am not interested in talking about Peter Merola unless you are also interested in discussing one or more of the following:

Changing the organizational structure of TZM

A public endorsement of RBOS / RBEF / Atlas

Publicly joining RBOS / RBEF / Atlas

Peter wants to apologize & admit he has been acting like a dictator and wants to change.

You may have heard that all our groups are merging and we have all agreed to adopt an open, transparent leaderless structure that relies on community moderation instead of having moderator accounts. Anyone can join and contribute regardless of whether or not they agree with a resource based society. We have begun the website design and tools design process already and programming should start within a few weeks. Thankfully there is enough passion and belief in the movement that those of us who recognize that a dictatorship won't result in a happy society have come together under one umbrella to create a democratic adhocracy. Our goal is to apply the scientific system to solve problems without ignoring human values by creating a true leaderless system based on credentials of trust the way it works today in real scientific circles but without a monetary system.

Does that sound like a project that interests you? Or do you continue believe in a top-down management approach?

Zeitgeist Movement has done a wonderful job of promoting the RBE concept. Unfortunately its management structure and style slows down production and creates resentment. I do not see TZM being able to survive as an organization in the long-term unless it takes action to change its organizational structure and management philosophy. Because you are the one who contacted me and not Peter, I feel TZM has no intention of doing so.

So what is the point of a voice conversation if only to defend TZM's actions. Even 'till today my IP address is still blocked on the TZM forum.



Manila English said this on August 7, 2010 at 8:19 am | Reply

16. Wow, looks like you just happen to miss that the manilla english guy added insults into PJ's post, what a surprise...



gavin said this on August 9, 2010 at 7:22 am | Reply

• Looks like you missed that he was patient and polite for a long time until he was derailed and attacked himself before he said anything that hurt Peters fragile ego.



anticultist said this on August 9, 2010 at 1:43 pm | Reply

17. [...] Peter Joseph Merola is plain arrogant [...]

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19. Peter Joseph (Merola) is arrogant, BUT He is totally correct as many Mensas are and will be after him! Science and Technology are the only cure for what ails the World Cultures!!!!!! Ronny G



Ron Gidlund said this on February 1, 2011 at 1:12 am | Reply

• When Peter merola does some science let us know wont ya Ron.



anticultist said this on February 1, 2011 at 2:52 am | Reply

20. Ok i wont lie im an admitted member of the movement and just shocked at how everyone here as lost site of some the most critical points of everyones arguments: Honestly the way peter DOES take leadership over the movement and most support and credit for helping TVP is WRONG but! we are trying to be leaders here honestly the comments I have read from everyone is that they get way to emotionality attached and its compromising there composure and should let like Jaque and the Inventors and Designers of the other societies you mention such as the RBOSE should speak for themselfs and let the facts THEY present speak for all of this which if you do enough research most of your questions can be answered but as for the argument that all these people should get together and work on something thats even better would probably get allot more cogs moving in any direction of change then this petty who said who high school bs that seems to happen allot these day. My apologies for horrid grammar and thank you so much for presenting those alternative social structures you have left me just HEAVING in research by the hour haha.



Chris said this on February 6, 2011 at 5:27 pm | Reply

• It's a little more than who said what when you're IP banned. TZM apparently wants to educate the world but when they ban you, you can't even read the material on their website to continue to educate yourself. There's no expiration period of being banned. Kind of idiotic. Kind of do as I say not as I do behavior. Kind of shows everyone that TZM is only for profit and not for change.



Manila English said this on February 6, 2011 at 7:06 pm | Reply

21. [...] that people were silenced and wasn't even added on their suspension list. Allow me to say people with more evidence as [...]



I Was Called Out « The Zeitgeist Movement Examined said this on February 7, 2011 at 11:19 pm | Reply

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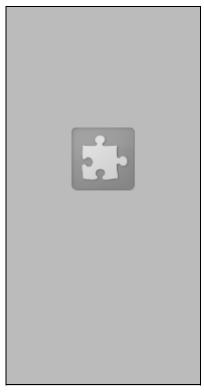
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