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### [RBE: A Baseless Theory Part 1, 2 & 3 \[falkners legend reblog\]](#)

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#### [A Baseless Theory Part 1](#)

The following is the first part of an analysis of the Zeitgeist Movement's support of Resource Base economies. The parts are as follows

- 1) A Vision of the Human: A Philosophical Hole
- 2) The Rejection of the State: The paradox of Anarchy and Economy

### 3) Betrayal of the Technocrats: Authority structures lying in Wait

Conspiracy Theories by themselves do not formulate systems of political theory on the whole. The entire aim of a Conspiracy Theory is only to expose the conspirators and thus to explain the how and why of the world's events. By believing in a Conspiracy Theory there is no defacto sociopolitical position that must be taken, and Conspiracy Theories do often originate from both ends of the political spectrum.

The Zeitgeist Movement has presented us with an interesting case, however. It is undeniable that the Zeitgeist Movement began with a film focusing exclusively on conspiracies, regardless of what current members claim. This critique is explained on the [Conspiracy Science blog-page](#), and I link this so that readers can have an understanding of how linked conspiracy theorism is with the movement today. And all one needs to do is remember that Peter Merola, creator of the Zeitgeist films, has stated that the movies are still the core generator of interest in the movie, and thus it is clear to see how conspiracy theories lead to the movement. The movement, in turn, is essentially built to correct the social ills described in the films.

The Zeitgeist Movement has essentially merged with The Venus Project, which looks to establish what the founder refers to as a “Resource Based Economy” (RBE). The official definition that the Venus Project has selected for itself is as follows:

The term and meaning of a Resource-Based Economy was originated by Jacque Fresco. It is a system in which all goods and services are available without the use of money, credits, barter or any other system of debt or servitude. All resources become the common heritage of all of the inhabitants, not just a select few. The premise upon which this system is based is that the Earth is abundant with plentiful resource; our practice of rationing resources through monetary methods is irrelevant and counter productive to our survival.

<http://www.thevenusproject.com/a-new-social-design/resource-based-economy>

The first statement is debateable, and indeed there would need to be extensive documentation to prove what the Venus Project is claiming. However, it is the Venus Projects' definition I am here concerned with, and thus it becomes my operative point of critique.

The final part of the *Zeitgeist* film essentially launches into a criticism that the current financial system is built to put people into debt and enslave those not in the banking elite. It is then consistent that *Zeitgeist* supporters would support the Venus Project's goal of abandoning "the use of money, credits, barter or any other system of debt or servitude." However, what I wish to examine now is the tremendous tension that logically exists in this theory. What I want to do now is demonstrate some of the genealogical aspects of RBE and why it is essentially dead in the crib.

## A Vision of the Human

Marxist theory contends that the capitalist system is inherently flawed not only because it is created by the bourgeoisie in order to benefit themselves at the expense of the working class, or proletariat, but also because it is a system built on the selling of one's own humanity and subsequent alienation from that humanity. In *Das Kapital* Marx maintains that humans are, by nature and definition, a productive creature. The ability to create and to produce is what makes a human a human, and so a system where labor is sold to another so that the products of that labor can be sold is immediately twisted and deserving of destruction. Marx's own argument is clearly much grander than this and includes a historical-materialist dialectic, but it is this that I wish to begin with.

The Venus Project further maintains:

Our proposals would not only add to the well-being of people, but they would also provide the necessary information that would enable them to participate in any area of their competence. The measure of success would be based on the fulfilment of one's individual pursuits rather than the acquisition of wealth, property and power.

This is then at least partially defined by a quasi-Marxist position that human dignity is linked with the human's ability to labor. This is distinctly different from applied Marxism, like Soviet-Stalinism and so forth, in that the human is not being told what he must do, but the basis of human dignity remains the same. I am not claiming that the Venus Project has taken any direct ideas purposefully from Marxism, but the underlying logic here is undeniable. The argument, implicitly, is that humans can be satisfied and fulfilled through ones work.

This then becomes the first position of criticism and potential refutation. As with Marxist theory, the RBE can be critiqued on its understanding of human fulfillment. If the position is rejected that humans are fulfilled by their labor, the rest of the RBE tenets are moot. Should humans be fundamentally fulfilled by, say, rational triumphs, the RBE's goal is flawed.

This is probably some of the worst waters for the Venus Project to enter. There is no indication that the supporters of the movement are prepared to deal with the philosophical implications of the statement made by the Venus Project. This position must withstand arguments such as “humans are actually fulfilled by emotional connections” and models such as [Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs](#) which holds that human self-actualization comes through creative, moral, and factual awareness – not exclusively labor based.

Why this is further so problematic is that none of the leading figures have any competence in philosophical tradition and are thus ill-equipped to defend this position. Consider that Jacques Fresco is a self-described engineer and technocrat and has never stated he has any familiarity with philosophical argument. Thus we must assume that the only arguments that the Venus Project should be prepared to make are empirical – firmly outside the realm of answering this difficult question.

What I want to leave you with is an understanding that there is a very critical point of contention within the basis of the Venus Project. All it requires to be dissatisfied with RBE is to follow the philosophical genealogy of Marxist theory. If it is rejected that humans are satisfied by their labor, it is then rejected that a system built upon this tenet is in any way correct. I am not convinced by this position, and feel as though supporters of RBE take this assumption without much consideration.

I have not forwarded my own argument for what a human is defined by for the simple reason that I believe it is far too complicated to delve into now. My point is that this is a contentious position, and thus any supporters of RBE should be ready to either defend the position, or surrender it and find a more philosophically tenable position to hold. My own position is that humans are defined by cognitive accomplishment and freedom. Labor is a social act – it is given meaning not by the individual, but by the culture that individual is in. It is then incongruent to simply assume that labor is what makes a human fulfilled.

For now, I hope that this gives supporters and opponents something to consider. Personally, this fundamental

argument is unsatisfying but is far from the only problem with RBE theory.

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Part 2:

### Rejection of the State: The Paradox of Anarchy and Economy

This is part 2 of a 3 part essay on Resource Base Economies as they are described by Jacque Fresco of The Venus Project. Part 1 can be found [here](#). This section will look at the political paradox that exists in RBE and why it is an incomplete picture for future governance.

#### Resource Based Conspiracies

Before embarking on this task, it is important to see exactly how The Venus Project views the status quo it hopes to revise. This is important because it allows the observer to fully comprehend what the Venus Project envisions as its most important changes to society and how it differs from what exists. This essentially allows us to also evaluate RBE on one further level – whether it has an accurate perception of the world at all.

#### According to the Venus Project:

We must emphasize that this approach to global governance has nothing whatever in common with the present aims of an elite to form a world government with themselves and large corporations at the helm, and the vast majority of the world's population subservient to them. Our vision of globalization empowers each and every person on the planet to be the best they can be, not to live in abject subjugation to a corporate governing body

What is so striking about this statement is that it largely falls in line with a common Conspiracy Theory known as the New World Order. This theory is famously forwarded by Zeitgeist film in part 3. The theory maintains

that a secret cabal of bankers and other elite individuals are attempting to put the world under a one world government with themselves in power. This theory has been refuted time and time again, and so it is unnecessary to enter into that discussion now. However, what this then opens up is a very problematic situation for the validity of RBE.

If their view of global governance is wrong, what is it they are actually changing. As The Venus Project makes very clear, they do, in fact, believe that the world is currently under a push from corporations and an elite to enter a one world government. Now, as we look at the evidence for such a shift, we find that it is a remarkably thin theory and thus puts the Venus Project in an uncomfortable situation. That is not to say that there is no corporate injustice in the world (my own views on corporations are not favorable towards the system) but simply that there is no conspiracy for corporations and an elite to form a one world government. The logical tenability of such a theory is remarkably weak, and thus the world the Venus Project wants to change is not the world that is.

All this is to say that, aside from a debatable position on what fulfills a human being, the Venus Project is based on a faulty world view. This presents the second problem the Venus Project must overcome if it is to be a respectable theory. If the world it hopes to change does not exist, what good is the Venus Project? Perhaps a casual reader would be sold with the affective reasoning presented by the Venus Project. After all, people are suffering in the world. This, however, greatly oversimplifies the reasons for this suffering. It is not all due to the scarcity created by global-capitalism. Sudan, for example, is largely suffering due to a colonial legacy that distinct groups within the same country when no such arrangements would have been reached independently. Furthermore, to reject the Venus Project is not to reject helping people who are in dire situations. Consider that Jeffery Sachs has written extensively on the possibilities of eradicating global poverty in his book *Common Wealth: Economics for a Crowded Planet*. This is not to argue that Sachs is right, only to note that there are more viable options for addressing the problem.

### Anarchy, Economy, and A Go Nowhere Policy

What is perhaps the most undeveloped aspect of RBE is found in the opening of its introduction. RBE is described as

**It is a system in which all goods and services are available without the use of money, credits, barter or any other system of debt or servitude. All resources become the common heritage of all of the inhabitants, not just a select few**

Here we find a very difficult tension in the RBE theory. On the one hand it seems to support a kind of political anarchy. That is, there is no sociopolitical order under which any of the human associations are to occur. Political governance is replaced with an “economic governance” where the economic state of affairs seems to lead to a situation benign anarchy. One need only look at the language in the above quote. There is no social control on economic endeavors, no social medium for trade. People, in some form or another, merely take what is needed (or desired).

This, however, is built upon a fundamentally flawed axiom. Namely, that sociopolitical spheres are divorced from economic ones. RBE is based on an idea that somehow, hierarchical social structures are removed when scarcity of resources is erased. This, however, needs to be tested. Let us consider first that all human activity is a social action. The interaction of individuals is dependent upon social constructs such as language, customs, and norms. I cannot engage with another individual if there is not some common social medium between us. Now, we can examine theories of language to see how there is a case for the fact that language refers to the material world (or in the case of theorists like [Johann von Gottfried Herder](#), come from the material word). So, we must admit that social interactions are omnipresent, and that these social constructs emerge from a material condition.

This then means that any interaction in society is governed by a social structure – even the Venus Projects RBE. Even if there is an unlimited amount of resources and goods, the movement of goods, the possession of goods, and the sharing of goods are all socially constituted and thus dependent upon a social order. Indeed, the RBE view is dependent upon goods and resources having no other value than the fulfillment of needs. A simple anthropological survey will quickly dismiss such a simple view. Consider that in many cultures, the movement of [goods represented displays of power](#) and not the exchange of value in terms of use.

What RBE is dependent upon is that material goods in abundance somehow reverse any social construction attached to economic interaction. Such a view is historically without precedent and untestable. Fundamentally,

**no economy can exist without a social order. And a social order is the derivative form of a political order. It is thus foolish to believe that abundance will lead to a leveling of the social order. Never has there existed a culture where all members existed on the same plane, and where goods were exchanged free of any such social construction.**

**Imagining the potential problems in this model is not difficult. What will the role be of people adept in technological engineering? How are resources distributed? How do we overcome the biological impulses to form social groups? These are questions RBE supporters have not demonstrated they are able or willing to answer, and they are further overlooking how there has been no historical point at which benign anarchy has taken dominance in society.**

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**July 9, 2010**

**Part 3**

### **Betrayal of the Technocrats: Authority structures lying in Wait**

**This is the third and final part of a three-piece commentary on the Venus Project and Resource Base Economies. Parts one and two are found [here](#) and [here](#).**

**This final section is meant to specifically address the final section of the previous post, namely the role of expertise and potential authority in RBE. This can be seen as a further charge against the quasi-anarchic social order that is envisioned in the Venus Project. As I have observed before, there is a hope to create a society without social inequality driven by scarcity. This, however faces a very difficult challenge in setting up a**



RBE much less in its functionality.

## Experts In Wait

What must first be addressed is the entire RBE school of thought's structure. The movements associated with this brand of RBE, Venus Project and Zeitgeist, both rely on a very specific illusion of expertise. Indeed, the Venus Project asserts that Jacque Fresco is responsible for coining the term "Resource Based Economy" (this can be seen in the first part of this essay). The idea here is that one man had the driving expertise to begin the movement. There is, at the very least, an inequality in information among supporters of RBE. Zeitgeist is no exception, despite claims to the contrary. At the very least, the inception of the movement was reliant upon the inequality of knowledge. Peter Merola made *Zeitgeist* to spread his ideas, no matter how false his ideas were. Furthermore, the second film *Zeitgeist Addendum* introduced the Venus Projects to people who watched the films. This may appear to be a frivolous point, but it is, in reality, part of a much graver danger to RBE supporters.

There is always a serious inequality among people. I am not here referring to the kinds of arguments made by J.J. Rousseau in *Origins of Inequality* though my argument does follow a similar path. Human beings are born with inequality within all societies. Consider that children, almost universally, are not considered equal to adults. Even in the United States, children are granted basic rights but are not given certain privileges. And indeed, children are legally dependent upon adult care and authority. This extends to the intellectual realm. Human's are not equal in their possession of information. Schooling and experience add to this inequality as more learned people come to possess more knowledge than those who are not. This is not a claim about the superiority of formal education over self-education, but rather a claim of the inherent inequalities we are faced with in our human experience.

Why this is so salient is because the Venus Project is *dependent upon* expertise in order to even begin. It is dependent upon technological expertise to create the necessary technologies for the forming of resource abundance. And it is further predicated upon Fresco's own "expertise" and know-how in the development of urban planning as well as technological progress. It should then be immediately admitted that there is always an inequality at work even within this RBE. There are those qualified to develop technologies and those who

are not. At the absolute minimum, there is a latent authority in RBE society.

## And Once More We Ask Who is the Human

What is further troubling is an inherent contradiction in understandings about human behavior on the part of RBE supporters. As the first section argued, the conception of human fulfillment is open to debate and thus a faulty and ill defended position to begin from. Marx himself could be argued to have failed in defending his understanding of the human as a productive creature. However, there is further a very troubling tension here between the world RBE is said to correct and the world an RBE would turn into.

If human greed is not inherent, why were there ever the greedy in the first place?

Let us assume greed is a social trait that people like the elites and bankers picked up and thus lead them to their quest for one world government. How does an RBE economy hope to reverse social conditioning? The reasonable argument would be that a surplus of resources would mean that no one would have to be greedy about material possessions. Again, however, this is not only dependent upon a successful creation of ample resources, but on the notion that greed is even based on the material or that it is purely rational. The love of excess is not dependent upon taking from others, but rather on the love of having more than one needs. It is then perfectly reasonable that an RBE promotes social greed, not erases it. Society has more than it needs, and individuals have access to more than they need. It is then incredibly difficult to combat the socially learned quality of greed if that is its base form. Thus the argument could be “well, someone will stop people from taking more than they need.” Who is that arbiter? Here again, inequality and authority emerge.

Now let us assume that greed is instinctual. There is a possible case for the evolution of greed, and thus it is beyond the scope of the RBE to correct. RBE does not offer a triumph over evolved characteristics, but is instead dependent upon this quality being social. So if they gamble the wrong way, they have further been unable to eliminate greed from society.

## Conclusion

These sections were not meant to be inclusive of all arguments against RBE but rather meant to provoke

discussion. It is clear that RBE supporters have not addressed from very critical, and ultimately fatal flaws in their theory. The mixtures of anarchic social order and necessary expertise, as well as the fundamental assumptions about human behaviors have led RBE as a go-nowhere, and unsound theory for how society should look. It is built on contradictions that, once actually set right, reveal themselves to undermine RBE completely. If the answer to fixing the propensity for greed is to place some rationing on society, then the RBE returns to a social order where authority and power are in place. If the correction is to allow people to take what they will, the result is again nothing but anarchy. And this further fails to address not only the problematic understanding of human fulfillment, but also the omnipresence of social order and inequality. How can a society exist without inequality of even a just kind when social interactions immediately necessitate it? These questions leave one to only reasonably assume that RBE is no answer to the world's ills, and a fools dream.

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### Possible Outcomes of RBE transition

	Greed & Violence are learned socially	People work voluntary, and...	...non-Voluntary work can be automated	The worlds resources can sustain all people	All decisions can be arrived at using science	All essential goods can be created in abundance	Humans stop craving non-essential goods	The transition is not corrupted by its leaders	Outcome
1	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	Success!
2	<i>False</i>	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	Failure
3	True	<i>False</i>	True	True	True	True	True	True	Failure
4	True	True	<i>False</i>	True	True	True	True	True	Failure
5	True	True	True	<i>False</i>	True	True	True	True	Failure
6	True	True	True	True	<i>False</i>	True	True	True	Failure
7	True	True	True	True	True	<i>False</i>	True	True	Failure
8	True	True	True	True	True	True	<i>False</i>	True	Failure
9	True	True	True	True	True	True	True	<i>False</i>	Failure

1.

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[anticultist](#) said this on [July 31, 2010 at 11:49 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Science does not believe! It either Knows , or it does not know! Belief is the absence of knowledge. That is why believers must have faith, so as to dispel doubt,  
Knowledge, is gained by gathering indisputable and verifiable evidence and allowing the evidence to lead you to a verifiable fact.  
Dialectics and materialism is the most highly evolved science that is known on the planet.  
If you are not a dialectical materialist, it would be impossible for you to be a scientist.



[despicable](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 6:04 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- TZM dont use science they exhibit a belief structure throughout their membership, they have no science to back up their claims and utilise a vague declaration that using the scientific method will save the world, we have yet to see them actually utilise the scientific method for anything.



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

- To slightly expand on my chart:

I agree that a redesign of society, that eliminating the flaws and inefficiencies of our economy, would be extremely positive and is surely a goal worth pursuing.

But as my chart tries to show: The “RBE” model is depending on multiple conditions which are NOT yet proven and hence might just be wrong. If they are wrong, then any trial to reach a RBE will end up in total chaos.

To say that capitalism is bad, thus anything that is not capitalism is good, is the worst and most laughable “the enemy of my enemy”-logic one could come up with.

TZMers, don’t think that businesses, governments and scientific circles will be less critical than I am right now.

As long as you don’t remove all the holes in your RBE – your movement will not achieve anything, I’d bet 1000 bucks on that.

Cheers,  
CJ



*CyborgJesus* said this on [August 1, 2010 at 1:48 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

2. Well I think that about does it for the absurd pipe dream known as a “Resource Based Economy.” Its really just Fresco repackaging his crappy hippie science fiction book and selling it to gullible yet well meaning suckers. If RBE proponents would like to stop using the word “science” to apply to their ideology and simply admit to it being a belief system most of their critics would vanish. Because then they would finally be honest about all this for once. I can understand someone promoting an irrational belief system based on magical thinking. This happens all the time. But RBE proponents won’t admit it and instead mask themselves in bad science and conspiracy theories.



*NWO Agent* said this on [August 1, 2010 at 12:23 am](#) | [Reply](#)

3. Time marches on!... Abraham Lincoln declared war on the Southern Confederacy because the Southern Confederacy was organized to separate the southern states from the United States of America!

This was definitely TREASON against the nation of the UNITED States of America!

By choosing to separate from our nation would have weakened our nation relative to the existing NATIONS in the world. Constitutionally the Federal Government has supremacy over the States in many areas.

The recent court ruling regarding LAWS ON IMMIGRATION, has affirmed that it would not be in the best interest of the Nation as a whole to have all of the states have their separate immigration laws.

The concept that the best way to rule is to have individual states determine the laws of the land, is a concept that would weaken us as a nation and divide us so that we will no longer be a “United States of America.”

THE “GOOD OLe Southern Boys are way behind the times! The past is dead and buried and will never return and see the light of day.

Our Nation is no longer a strictly NATIONAL ENTITY. It is increasingly being replaced by the economic system of GLOBALISM.

The “ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT ruled by a Cooperating Capitalist Oligarchy that will design a world planned economy that will make the NATION STATE unnecessary as they conspire with the largest global capitalists to control supply and demand and exploit to the greatest degree all of the Consumers and Workers of the world.

The old concept of NATIONS will not exist as the economies of the world become one big organized “oligarchy” that plans to dominate and control the people of the world and will do so because it can!

Every “cause” creates an “effect” so this control of the people of the world by controlling what sustains them, will cause the dominated and controlled class victims to naturally rebel against these revolting conditions, and put into place the opposite of what exists.

That opposite would be a world wide planned economy planned to satisfy all of the needs of all of the people in the world without discrimination.

The greed of the profit gathering capitalist oligarchy will obviously reap havoc on the world’s resources and render our planet in bad shape.

Perhaps it will be at this point in time when economic classes no longer exists, that humanity will be able to repair all of the environmental damage.



[despicable](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 5:30 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- erm ?

Conspiracy theorist ?



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 1:14 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- What does that even mean?



[NWO Agent](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 2:31 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- This is a well done and thought provoking response to the RBE and the Zeitgeist Movement. The Zeitgeist films pointed out very clearly the ills of our current system, mainly scarcity, cyclical consumption, waste and inequality. The reason for all this is our monetary system that benefits the few at the expense of the majority. Your article did mention the biggest challenge to a RBE, and that is social conditioning. Until the minds of society is reconditioned, the RBE is a fantasy for sure. However, we all recognized that the current system is flawed and a change is needed to benefit everybody. The Zeitgeist Movement and the Venus Project are an attempt to correct society and they state it publicly.



[Enoch](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 6:14 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- Where is the evidence that monetary system itself is responsible for the worlds problems?

Also how do you plan on conditioning an entire planet without force ?

We all recognise the current system is flawed? do we ?

When did you start speaking for an entire species?

I recognise there are elements/people within the worlds system that are corrupt, and people need to address these elements to clean it up.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 1:18 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- You can't clean up a pile of shit.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 2:34 pm](#)

- Yes you can. with a brush and pan, and some disinfectant.

To say you can not fix something is not only erroneous it is blatantly untrue, as well as defeatist. It just takes the correct procedures and the right tools and parts at hand.

Namely, to understand how the system works in the first place, which zeitgeisters apparently dont or they would not be so quick to shit all over it and intend to scrap it and start again with nothing.

Then to understand exactly who and what parts are faulty and need replacing.

Then to have the ability to replace them and fix them.

Its nothing but a simple plan that would need exercising in a more complicated system.



*anticultist* said this on [August 1, 2010 at 2:39 pm](#)

- “Yes you can. with a brush and pan, and some disinfectant.”

No that would be cleaning the floor. That would not be cleaning the shit itself

“To say you can not fix something is not only erroneous it is blatantly untrue, as well as defeatist. It just takes the correct procedures and the right tools and parts at hand.

Namely, to understand how the system works in the first place, which zeitgeisters apparently dont or they would not be so quick to shit all over it and intend to scrap it and start again with nothing.

Then to understand exactly who and what parts are faulty and need replacing.”

This is patch work.

You are not understanding the fundamental life problem of Lack, of which scarcity is a primary principle. You have to build a system that is a master of Lack, not a victim of it. Our current system is based on the Darwinian evolutionary pathway. We have to step outside of that. You can't fix an existential paradigm of “red tooth and claw,” “the war of all against all,” “only the strong survive,” or “survival of the fittest.” You have to master an environment that renders that shit unnecessary. You have to look at how our existence is evolutionarily playing out. When you see it that way you realize what needs to be done, and that is a paradigm shift, nothing less.



“Its nothing but a simple plan that would need exercising in a more complicated system.”

I'm not sure making it more complicated will fix anything. Sounds to me like you'd just be adding to a stack of cards.



Nate D. said this on [August 3, 2010 at 11:22 am](#)

- Your whole ideas are patchwork, theyre a mish mash of disparate ideologies and concepts stuck together as if they're the perfect solution to everything which is just false... marxist undercurrents, anarchism, anti capitalism, socialism, technocracy, and other such things. Little snippets here and there, a little bit of this a little bit of that. All wrapped up into a little quilt blanket to keep everyone warm at night.

Sorry Nate, again you got nothing, you got words, you got more words, you got no action, no science, no technology and no engineering to offer up because theres no physical plans or actions in TVP/TZM.

If you wanna talk I suggest go on back to TZM as I am truly bored now, Im not impressed by TZM/TVP at all, you seem to believe in it and thats good for you.

But you're not convincing me because people who talk too much are annoying, they sit about doing nothing to achieve what they talk about and its lame.

Promotion isnt working by the way either, numbers were 30-40,000 new members a month in 2009, 2010 numbers are only 5-7,000 a month. Despite all your online jibber jabber its proving to be uneffective and it seems to me the more you people talk and do nothing the more people are getting turned off by you.

<http://factualsolutions.blogspot.com/2009/03/zeitgeist-statistics.html>

Not quite the exponential growth you were all looking for, not quite the madison square gardens magic moment peter wanted.

Anyway in short man please quit your recruiting and promotion talk here mate, I am not interested in any of it .



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 3, 2010 at 9:41 pm](#)

- marxist undercurrents, anarchism, anti capitalism, socialism, technocracy, and other such things. Little snippets here and there, a little bit of this a little bit of that.

Exactly. It takes a little truth from each to build a more coherent understanding. Plenty of great solutions required synthesis. Science does it all the time to develop theories. Extracting from previous material is a good thing.



Nate D. said this on [August 4, 2010 at 6:02 am](#)

- Yup it does syncretism is a normal human thing, but the fact that there is nothing to provide the synthesis will work and all the faults it has are being pointed out and ignored by proponents, well you get it you are not stupid. Time to get to working and enough talking about the future Nate, we live in the present man there are many problems that need fixing, and talking about the future aint fixing a thing, its sad RBE proponents cant figure this simple thing out.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 12:44 pm](#)

- LMAO. My kind? I'm not the one who has dedicated my time to an entire blog to bitch about something that is suppose to fail anyway. LMFAO. I think you fear it succeeding. haha

I have a feeling that you actually like TZM/TVP. You're just mad and sad they don't like you... :(



Nate D. said this on [August 4, 2010 at 6:07 am](#)

- You are missing the point completely, again you speculate on why people argue against RBE with shallow claims of people fearing, not understanding and all that silly patronising and stupidity. The problems of RBE have been clearly laid out long before you arrived here and continue to do so all over the net, making out like these people are too dumb to understand it is just your own way of justifying some kind of superiority, when in fact you have nothing.

If what you just said was remotely true I would not of even made the blog as it would be transparent there was nothing to complain about, but since there are numerous people online in various forums, facebook groups, websites and blogs who say the same things and more you are just being a dope by saying the above. I have no sentiments if it succeeds or fails, but I am pointing out how its failing currently, and if proponents of RBE dont fix their own failings there will be nothing offered people want or agree with.

There is nothing to fear Nate other than a bunch of internet kids talking nonsense online, thats hardly a scary situation.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 12:41 pm](#)

- Thank you for attempting to create a logical argument against a movement that is dedicated to the freeing of our daily tasks from the monotony of daily being forced through social, psychological and philosophical reasons to preform meaningless tasks to make money, to spend money, to

compare who has more of it to those with less of it. In the excerpt you used as a foundation of your argument against the venus project it states “The measure of success would be based on the fulfilment of one’s individual pursuits rather than the acquisition of wealth, property and power.” Given, we all have an interpretation of things; this part of the description clearly gives insight into the attempt to free people from work. The argument is not that people can be exclusively satisfied and fulfilled through work, its that we would have the power to choose from a more broad spectrum of choices. Yes humans are fulfilled through emotional connections, as well as work, and are also denied there full potential of fulfillment given the parameters set by the current system.

based on your tone, I don’t believe you understand what it means to not have the buying power necessary to get what you want, and are stuck in the “american dream” delusion. It doesn’t seem like you quite grasp what the movement proposes in its entirety either. Capitalism is hurting us, the planet, and our connection with the non material world. I hope one day you can free your mind from the grasp of the programming that has shaped the distorted, greedy, competitive, and negative world view that you are perpetuating.

Peace



Colby Mortensen said this on [August 1, 2010 at 8:11 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- o based on your tone, I don’t believe you understand what it means to not have the buying power necessary to get what you want, and are stuck in the “american dream” delusion

Based on this answer I would say you are being overly presumptuous and attempting to characterise the author of the post.

It doesn’t seem like you quite grasp what the movement proposes in its entirety either.

It doesnt seem like you do either or you would understand the many flaws it has other than the ones pointed out in this original article.

Capitalism is hurting us, the planet, and our connection with the non material world. I hope one day you can free your mind from the grasp of the programming that has shaped the distorted, greedy, competitive, and negative world view that you are perpetuating.

I hope that you can free your mind from the cult of zeitgeist, because you are attempting to make out like the original author is a status quo gatekeeper who wants to ruin the world, its a strawman attack, and you have no idea about the beliefs or wants of the author so why bother to play moral high ground when you have none.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 1:23 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

## 6. Part 1

‘Our proposals would not only add to the well-being of people, but they would also provide the necessary information that would enable them to participate in any area of their competence. The measure of success would be based on the fulfillment of one’s individual pursuits rather than the acquisition of wealth, property and power.’ -The Venus Project

“This is then at least partially defined by a quasi-Marxist position that human dignity is linked with the human’s ability to labor.”

That is quite a liberal extraction of information. It says “fulfillment of one’s individual PURSUITS.” I can only conclude that the writer is equating “pursuits” with “labor.” Although labor/work is mostly inevitably in the sphere of “pursuits” it is not necessarily. However, “labor” and “pursuits” have different connotations and they should not be stretched to substitute each other for the sake of squeezing out a point. Reducing “pursuits” only to labor is major mistake number one in this critique. The argument will suffer due to this mistaken assumption.

Rather than “labor,” TVP’s RBE upholds the tenet that an individual deserves FREEDOM TO PURSUE goals with all resources freely available. From this, many other tenets are emergent.

“If the position is rejected that humans are fulfilled by their labor, the rest of the RBE tenets are moot. Should humans be fundamentally fulfilled by, say, rational triumphs, the RBE’s goal is flawed.”

The writer needs to clarify what tenets are made moot by rejecting the position of human labor fulfillment, and how this is so. Such a point cannot be made valid through non-mention.

It seems easy to reject human fulfillment when it depends on the use of the term “Labor.” But if the term “Pursuits” were properly used instead, then that suddenly becomes much more difficult to reject. In other words, it’s easy to reject fulfillment of pursuits when pursuits are called labor. Go ask someone if they are satisfied with freely laboring, and then ask someone if they are satisfied with freely pursuing, and see which one is rejected and which one is accepted. I can’t stress it anymore. The connotation of “labor” lays false grounds for the writer to make a point because the discernability of “labor” and “pursuits” is complicated. “Labor” suggests a lack of freedom and “pursuits” suggest a willing freedom. The applicability of the two terms depend upon the conditions of an individual’s freedom-limit within the environment.

If people can freely set goals, and if people wish to accomplish those goals, and if people enjoy accomplishing goals, then YES they will enjoy labor because labor furthers their goals which they set and PURSUE freely. In this society, goals can only be set within the parameters of the system’s corrupt structure. So no one can actually freely set and pursue goals with genuine volition. In an RBE genuine volition is made possible, and therefore any labor necessary coincides directly with achieving freely set and pursued goals. Who would reject RBE’s position on labor under these environmental conditions?

Scrutiny should not be focused on the rejection of human labor fulfillment, it should first be focused on: will the freedom to pursue even be

possible? Laboring follows thereafter and is irrelevant until free pursuit is possible. Thus, “Is freedom to pursue even possible, and if so, would human beings reap satisfaction from the labor that follows pursuit?” That should be the foundation of the writer’s “philosophical argument.”

Secondly, exactly what comprises a “rational triumph” and how does it prove RBE’s goal flawed? Vagueness and ambiguity invalidates this writer’s points.

“There is no indication that the supporters of the movement are prepared to deal with the philosophical implications of the statement made by the Venus Project.”

Did the writer put much work into searching for “indications?” This statement amounts to an intuitional assumption. The certainty of this claim cannot be made because it’s truth cannot be known.

“This position must withstand arguments such as ‘human’s are actually fulfilled by emotional connections’ and models such as Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs which holds that human self-actualization comes through creative, moral, and factual awareness – not exclusively labor based.”

It does withstand that. And Fresco would agree with Maslow. But most importantly, the assumption that an RBE is “exclusively labor based” remains an assumption by the writer. TVP’s RBE isn’t exclusively anything. As far as “emotional connectedness,” Fresco satisfies this requirement with “extensionality.”

“Why this is further so problematic is that none of the leading figures have any competence in philosophical tradition and are thus ill-equipped to defend this position.”

Again, this amounts to an intuitional assumption. Jacque has read plenty of philosophy from Descartes to Ayn Rand. Peter has had his share as well, but he is still young and learning.

“Consider that Jacque Fresco is a self-described engineer and technocrat...”

No longer a technocrat. You have not done your research. He is a self-described ex-technocrat.

“...and has never stated he has any familiarity with philosophical argument. Thus we must assume that the only arguments that the Venus Project should be prepared to make are empirical – firmly outside the realm of answering this difficult question.”

First of all, nothing should be “assumed” unless all attempts to KNOW have failed and been exhausted. Second, the writer needs to clarify exactly what comprises a “philosophical argument.” Nearly anything is a philosophical argument. Empiricism is a rational pragmatic philosophy,

as is science itself. So anything that is philosophical and anything that is empirical are not actually incompatible because neither are at opposite ends. The writer treats them as if they were opposite. Clarifying what denotes “philosophical” would help the writer’s meaning.

Additionally, empiricism will one day answer this “difficult question” of human nature/needs.

“What I want to leave you with is an understanding that there is a very critical point of contention within the basis of the Venus Project. All it requires to be dissatisfied with RBE is to follow the philosophical geneology of Marxist theory. If it is rejected that humans are satisfied by their labor, it is then rejected that a system built upon this tenet is in any way correct. I am not convinced by this position, and feel as though supporters of RBE take this assumption without much consideration.”

Strawman due to the writer assuming a labor-exclusive RBE. The RBE system is not built upon that tenet in the way the writer has so vaguely and ambiguously described it.

“My own position is that humans are defined by cognitive accomplishment and freedom.”

Then to a great extent, the writer holds the same position as an TVP’s RBE.

“Labor is a social act...”

If defined that way. Is it not possible for me to labor in my own garden?

“...it is given meaning not by the individual, but by the culture that individual is in.”

The goal of TVP is to make it possible for individuals to freely pursue their own goals and derive meaning from them for the individual. And by the structure of the system, that meaning is then SHARED with the rest of the world as a free resource. In such a case, meaning derived by culture is a resulting byproduct of the meaning derived by the individual. And it is reciprocal because it is in the individual’s best interest to freely share their accomplishments/pursuits/fruits-of-labor with society because the comprising members will do the same. And this reciprocity further makes it possible to freely pursue at will. Hell, we have people doing this now: -> Linux <-  
Only technology makes this possible.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 3:08 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

## 7. Part 2

“The theory maintains that a secret cabal of bankers and other elite individuals are attempting to put the world under a one world government with themselves in power. This theory has been refuted time and time again, and so it is

unnecessary to enter into that discussion now.”

Indeed, there are no conspiring elites in the sense of the NWO paranoia. But doesn't it seem obvious that individuals geared toward profiting will naturally expand business to encompass the entire planet. It is the natural gravitation of capitalism. There is no conspiracy at work, there is simply an evolutionary process.

“...there is no conspiracy for corporations and an elite to form a one world government. The logical tenability of such a theory is remarkably weak, and thus the world the Venus Project wants to change is not the world that is.”

Again, it is an evolutionary process. If profit is the ultimate goal of corporations, then expansion is the goal for most because expansion leads to profit. For the few that succeed, they expand across the world in blind pursuit of profit. This IS the world as it IS, TVP's view correctly describes.

“After all, people are suffering in the world...It is not all due to the scarcity created by global-capitalism. Sudan, for example, is largely suffering due to a colonial legacy that distinct groups within the same country when no such arrangements would have been reached independently.”

The last sentence is unclear, but if I am reading correctly, I have to say that colonialism was fueled by the same goals as global-capitalism, and that is money-potential. EXPANSION leads to greater power and that power leads to money. (sure there may have been some ideological/religious reasons behind some colonialism, but none were without money pursuit) Capitalism is not the only system concerned with profits. Capitalism is simply the most money-obsessed and profit perverted. Colonialism was driven by money as well. That is why Peter labels the problem “monetaryism,” because it's all the same thing.

The problem is the necessity to overcome the evolutionary baggage/need for money. All systems suffer from the same problem.

“the RBE view is dependent upon goods and resources having no other value than the fulfillment of needs. A simple anthropological survey will quickly dismiss such a simple view. Consider that in many cultures, the movement of goods represented displays of power and not the exchange of value in terms of use.”

First of all, most of the goods will undergo a manufacturing process that is out of the hands of human beings.

Human beings will oversee the process of technological production, but for the most part, in very few cases will people be giving to people. It will be people going and getting from the technology, or the technology will bring the goods to them.

Second of all, let's pretend that humans will be giving human to human frequently. Lets follow the implications of your last sentence. (I'll ignore the fact that in many past and current cultures they were/are bound to the harsh effects of a corrupt system). Let's consider what it would mean if the movement of goods would “represent the displays of power.” Would it mean that in an RBE someone may accumulate power by giving

things away? Let's say this could happen. Let's say somehow the social structures evolved to allow for some individuals to build a reputation for personally giving things away. If they were to derive power from giving, it wouldn't matter unless it led to the creation of establishments. Interpersonal power situations wouldn't amount to much. It would only matter if a person could wield their power through an establishment to affect other people's lives. But if one man gives to another man and there arises a power struggle, well then I guess they would have to give back and forth to each other into infinity. Fortunately they would be able to if they wanted to, simply by the structure of the system.

Interpersonal power situations don't even need to be associated with material goods. People have interpersonal power issues simply through communication (someone knows more than another). People having power over people is unavoidable. But as long as it doesn't lead to established institutions then it remains simply petty. People can recover from person-to-person power issues, but not from establishments. But in addition, it would be very difficult for establishments to arise because people will keep in mind what establishments did in the past, similar to how we view monarchies now.

And what is that wikipedia article supposed to support?

“Such a view is historically without precedent and untestable. Fundamentally, no economy can exist without a social order. And a social order is the derivative form of a political order. It is thus foolish to believe that abundance will lead to a leveling of the social order. Never has there existed a culture where all members existed on the same plane, and where goods were exchanged free of any such social construction.”

There has never been such a culture because we are slowly crawling (or science is dragging us out of) a naturally irrational past that continues to hold back the future due to ignorance, tradition, and money establishments, which is all evolutionarily explainable. Saying an RBE is untestable and without precedent is like a man from 1800 saying a moon landing is “without precedent and untestable.” At the time he would be right. But with technology, time, and effort he would be proven wrong. And that is because technology is emergent, and a city itself will be a technology under an RBE. And with that, we will see many many social issues melt away, and surely new ones will develop, but “political order” will not suffer. People will still be able to make collective decisions on the few things that remain, but what needs to be understood is that many decisions will be made by technology and political order will take on a new definition. The definition wouldn't even be worthy of the word “political.” Technology will make the decisions that are now made by modern politics. Social order is maintained by the rational communication enabled by relevant educations (which will NOT continuously have their budgets cut due to modern money and politics).

“What will the role be of people adept in technological engineering? How are resources distributed? How do we overcome the biological impulses to form social groups?”

These issues have been covered. Do more research and you will find answers to your questions. A light skim through the material does not provide justified grounds for critiquing that which you don't know about.

“These are questions RBE supporters have not demonstrated they are able or willing to answer.”



This should not be stated. The writer can't know this.

“...they are further overlooking how there has been no historical point at which benign anarchy has taken dominance in society.”

Because every single one was crushed by the monetary systems.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 3:24 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- First of all, most of the goods will undergo a manufacturing process that is out of the hands of human beings.

Will they? How can you validate that ‘Most’ goods will undergo automated manufacturing? Have you considered that human interaction is actually quite important when designing and quality testing ? Ever heard of division and labour ?

See here for an argument about this: <http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/01/09/capitalist-concepts-division-of-labour/>

People will still be able to make collective decisions on the few things that remain, but what needs to be understood is that many decisions will be made by technology and political order will take on a new definition. The definition wouldn't even be worthy of the word “political.” Technology will make the decisions that are now made by modern politics.

Assuming every problem is technological ? But is every problem technological? or technologically fixed? If this is not so then what does an RBE provide for these instances?

Can a computer decide what is best for an individual human being completely ?

These issues have been covered. Do more research and you will find answers to your questions. A light skim through the material does not provide justified grounds for critiquing that which you don't know about.

Those were questions by the author and you decided not to answer them, and then attempt to put aside his entire argument based on the fact he did not have the answers/or provide the answers to the questions. Your assumption he does not know the answers is interesting to note.

And this question specifically “How do we overcome the biological impulses to form social groups?” has not been answered by Fresco and can not be answered by Fresco, because it involves coercion, re-education, manipulation, social engineering, and it goes against the natural order of human beings to prevent it.

Unless you require a hive mind and likeminded species who are all the same in action and thought.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 4:03 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- “Will they? How can you validate that ‘Most’ goods will undergo automated manufacturing?”

Validate by taking a look at how MOST goods are produced through automation now. All it requires is an integrated system connecting production to distribution. Which can very easily be done with the proper planning (which Jacque has already done). Modern automation is in its baby stages. Seriously, are you completely unacknowledging the state of technology? Machines that can produce hundreds of items per minute, unmanned robotic transport vehicles that maneuver and operate by signal, these things exist now.

“Have you considered that human interaction is actually quite important when designing and quality testing ? Ever heard of division and labour ?

The individual inventors oversee this stage. Quality testing occurs now because companies are constantly trying out new formulas of cheap production using cheap materials. But when you are using high qualities materials, the quality testing is less necessary. Have you ever met an inventor? They’re obsessed with their work. They would see their project through. Human passion will fuel the testing stages. The product is a success, the inventor is a success and his/her goals are satisfied.

“Assuming every problem is technological ? But is every problem technological? or technologically fixed?”

No, every problem is TECHNICAL, and fixed technologically on a technical basis.

“Can a computer decide what is best for an individual human being completely ?”

Can a computer read your mind? Modern computers obviously cannot. Future computers probably won’t be able to either. But who knows. Neuroscience will someday breakdown the electro-chemistry of the brain and be able to reduce the properties to mathematics and quantifiable figures. Our bodies are a finite process. We will tap into this, it is only a matter of time. Processes will no longer be called “phenomena,” because the processes will be understood. To take this point further, all we need to do is reduce the planet to numbers. Once this happens, no one will be doubting an RBE. Granted, it’s a long ways off.

“What will the role be of people adept in technological engineering?”

They will pursue their personal goals of invention and problem-solving.

“How are resources distributed?”

Well it would be easiest if the distribution center was in the same location as the production center. Something like barcodes on products would trace the consumption. A little math will determine what is left in stock. Production can slow/grow in real time as consumption is recorded and computed in real time. It wouldn't have to be much different than a supermarket, but of course designed for the operation of machines and the smooth passage of the population. Emergent technology creates possibilities that can be harnessed beyond our imagination right now.

“How do we overcome the biological impulses to form social groups?”

There would be nothing wrong with social groups, because they would have no power through any establishment. And even if they did, how would this affect production and distribution or the technological process? How would their gathering threaten anything vital? You have to remember that if social groups develop to debate problems, all problems are technical, and mathematics and quantifiable data doesn't lie when gathered through technology, so their group “opinions” would be irrelevant to the empirical truth. Social groups are only problematic for a system when, through institutions, they have problems upon which to express their OPINIONS.



Nate D. said this on [August 2, 2010 at 8:46 am](#)

- All it requires is an integrated system connecting production to distribution. Which can very easily be done with the proper planning (which Jacques has already done).

So where are Jacques written papers and full disclosure/peer review process on his automation systems? Where are the technical layouts and schematics for said processes? Where are the technological integrated systems he has formulated to incorporate the technology ‘that exists today’?

Its all nice saying Jacques has planned it all out and has done it, but where is the evidence he has done it?

I dont see it on paper and technically evidenced, do you ?

Modern automation is in its baby stages. Seriously, are you completely unacknowledging the state of technology?

Are you seriously asking this question should be the more important one, while I am asking for the evidence of it I think its obvious I am not ignoring it. I am asking for Jacques technical papers and written documents to show how efficient his systems are.

Machines that can produce hundreds of items per minute, unmanned robotic transport vehicles that maneuver and operate by signal, these things exist now.

So because technology exists today I am expected to give Jacques credit for other designers technology and expect he understands

the technical working of them including pros and cons of their design and function, and that's enough to know. How can I be sure he understands the technology and has a good plan to utilise them efficiently in his "plan" if I have never seen a shred of evidence how he intends to use them or how they are going to integrate fully with one another. Let alone seen any discussion of his plan with any actual technical experts and external engineering or scientific bodies.

But when you are using high quality materials, the quality testing is less necessary.

citation necessary evidence needed. The resources themselves don't decide the quality alone, the build and design do too. You must also be aware of tolerances, because they are more likely always going to be present because we don't have perfection.

No, every problem is TECHNICAL, and fixed technologically on a technical basis.

citation, evidence needed.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 2, 2010 at 11:16 am](#)

- No, every problem is TECHNICAL, and fixed technologically on a technical basis.

Maybe, but we don't have nearly the amount of understanding of these technical problems necessary to formulate solutions in order to make an RBE run smoothly. And I'd wager we never will, because advancing technology and changing conditions in the world always create new problems even as old ones are solved.

Well it would be easiest if the distribution center was in the same location as the production center. Something like barcodes on products would trace the consumption. A little math will determine what is left in stock. Production can slow/grow in real time as consumption is recorded and computed in real time.

Are you assuming that we will be able to produce all desired products in abundance? I have issue with that. If not, then (without a price system) you will run into the problem of having to decide where to allocate resources (for use in manufacturing of products). Do you have a way to do that?

Emergent technology creates possibilities that can be harnessed beyond our imagination right now.

How do you know? And what do you mean by "emergent"? If by "emergent" you mean "beyond our imagination", then this sentence would be meaningless.



domokato said this on [August 2, 2010 at 5:40 pm](#)

- anticultist

“Its all nice saying Jacque has planned it all out and has done it, but where is the evidence he has done

I drop into the Zeitgeist forms every once in a while just to get an idea of what they’re topics are. This is currently a topic of theirs. Within the movement, there is a calling for Jacque’s technical work. If he doesn’t have it, then the movement will have to start from scratch.

But stopping and thinking about it, what automation is most vital? -Food. Food will be the easiest.

Why do we have most of the useless crap today? Because groups of individuals creatively think of bullshit to sell to us. Without such groups and without their incentives, most crap goods won’t exist. The most difficult issue is manufacturing the advanced equipment that does the manufacturing.

Almost any automation process can be designed and modern technology has proven that. Just watch “How It’s Made” for god’s sake.

But back to the point. Even if Jacque has zero technical work done, do you still honestly think that the automation cannot be done? If we can put a rover on Mars that rolls around for years, then it CAN be done. If amazing things can be done now, then with effort and with RBE goals in mind, automation could be much greater.

I’m sorry you don’t grasp the magnitude of what modern goods will be phased out and replaced, or how simpleology and high quality resources will reduce a multiplicity of issues, and how this in combination with cyber-intelligence will COMPOUND itself along with the ease of the planning process and the efficiency of production and products.

“I am asking for Jacques technical papers and written documents to show how efficient his systems are.”

Whether they are efficient or not is not really the essential matter of concern, nor is Jacque’s possession of technical layouts. The real issue is that systems can be made efficient. But it first requires a cultural deprogramming and requires for people to internalize the reason why such automated systems are so crucially necessary (many people have a negative attitude toward automation due to technological unemployment).

You are missing Jacque’s point entirely. As he repeatedly states, “I can’t do anything. It’s up to you.” And that is true, but you expect him to have EVERY technical process tattooed on him. He is telling us what needs to be done. It is literally up to everyone

else to help make it happen. What more can he really do?

He also states that some of his work “is only conceptual.” And its purpose is to inspire and provide a reasonable context for setting our goals. But people like you sit around and wail “PROVE THAT!!!” When all he is trying to do is give us an idea that is in the proximity of what needs to be developed.

You simply expect too much of Jacque. And when he doesn’t meet your superfluous expectation, you say he isn’t credible or shouldn’t be listened to. All the while it allows you to convince yourself of an enemy.

You, among many others, are victims of a naysayer’s disease which is ultimately unreasonably pessimistic.

TZM often refers to the Wright Brothers and the critics that threw shit at proto-aviators. In such cases, critics upheld individual dogmas that were rooted in the conservative scientific method. Their attitudes restrained the possibilities of higher technological development. “Well it hasn’t been PROVEN yet, so I think it will never happen!” And it will never happen if people keep saying that. Things become more possible the more you ALLOW for possibilities. Self-evident?

Technology can do wonders, but the market system coupled with pessimistic naysayer’s disease will ultimately never let it succeed.

“So because technology exists today I am expected to give Jacque credit for other designers technology “

It’s so sad you are still stuck in this line of thinking. This is a line of thinking that is rooted in perpetuating ego and power, and facilitating the concentration of personal wealth and the development of establishments. It is intellectually immature and fundamentally unsophisticated. (I don’t mean that as an insult. I mean that as a statement based on what it means to be “mature” and “sophisticated” on an evolutionary level for the sake of human progress. As we might define “mature” to be a progressive achievement of minimizing ego, minimizing selfishness, minimizing emotional weaknesses, etc. I’m sure you can imagine a child grabbing a toy and saying “MINE!” Well that’s what some modern intellectuals do with ideas, and it is immature. And beings it is immature it is ultimately inevitably unsophisticated. It’s a sort of barbaric intellectualism that helps uphold the current system).

“The resources themselves dont decide the quality alone, the build and design do too. You must also be aware of tolerances, because they are more likely always going to be present because we dont have perfection.”

I admit I have nothing to cite.

But the original question really only applies to a transition period while processes are being optimized. But like I said, the inventors would oversee testing. Why wouldn’t they? Did Edison not test his inventions?

“citation, evidence needed.”

If every problem isn't technical then what is it? ...Metatechnical? Spiritual? Supernatural? If we can agree that the world is composed of component parts that obey laws of utilizable patterns, then we have to agree that every problem is technical. Because at some level it is a matter of physical/empirical investigation.

domokato

“Maybe, but we don't have nearly the amount of understanding of these technical problems necessary to formulate solutions in order to make an RBE run smoothly. And I'd wager we never will, because advancing technology and changing conditions in the world always create new problems even as old ones are solved.”

This relates to an obscure concept in absurdist philosophy known as non-solution theory. Solutions are disguised problems, only problems solve problems, etc.

This will be a race that human beings will always be in. But by turning society into a technology, the relationship of problems can more easily be seen and respectively accommodated.

I congratulate you though. You have realized the incentive of the future. There will always be problems and human beings will always need to solve them. Jacque claims that human beings will turn away from monetary incentive and “turn toward problem solving.” ...as that is our fundamental nature, as creative beings.

“Are you assuming that we will be able to produce all desired products in abundance? “

No, it is not an issue of “desire.” It is an issue of resources. Something will not be made if we do not have the resources to sustain it. Understanding that will allow us to adjust our values and expectations accordingly. If the resources are not available, then that invention would basically be declared unreasonable. That is why the Earth will be government. The planet will be our dictator. The availability of resources dictates what is manufactured.

“(without a price system) you will run into the problem of having to decide where to allocate resources (for use in manufacturing of products). Do you have a way to do that?”

That's why there must be a comprehensive survey of the planet's resources so that we can know what is available. This will give us a limit, and with that limit we can proceed to manufacture what is sustainable worldwide (by the raw resource and recyclable resources [things will be built with the anticipation of it being recycled]). If the availability of resources does not allow a product to be manufactured for worldwide use, then it will not be manufactured until something superior is conceived.

“How do you know?”

How do I know that the future of technology is beyond our imagination? ... by looking at the historical pattern and extrapolating.

“And what do you mean by ‘emergent’?”

“Emergent” as in the ability for a particular technology to offshoot from preexisting technology due to the evolving systems of higher complexity. The result is a compounding of utility due to a perpetual catalyzation of efficiency and efficacy.

The best example of emergence is commonly given as follows: you have billions of individual atoms. Some are hydrogen and some are oxygen. When you bind them together in a specific way, a greater complexity emerges in the form of H<sub>2</sub>O. Now you have millions of H<sub>2</sub>O molecules. Together, these molecules accumulate and there emerges water. And further more, the property of wettness comes to our senses.

In this universe things add up to amount to new things of higher complexity, and they carry with them new properties (that we can't imagine). That's all I mean.



Nate D. said this on [August 3, 2010 at 8:16 am](#)

- i am glad you have made these extra long tedious posts and put in your opinion and slant, because you do come across as someone who believes in their own world view and opinion far more than anyone elses, with all your statements like ‘you dont understand’ ‘you are wrong’ and various other condescending negatives. Its good you do it, because people will see it and think hmmm TVP proponents are very arrogant for people who have nothing to offer but words.

Its clear Jacque has nothing because you cant even provide us with anything and youre just defending an ideology here Nate, you have nothing to offer up but words in defence of your current favourite idea.

When you have something of substance head back and show us, for now man youre just all talk and no walk.

BY the way all your multifaceted arguments are neither focused or strategically clever, firstly you wont be convincing anyone in the world with such laborious walls of text. Either you can do what you say or you cant, people will just see a bunch of people talking doing nothing and walk away very quickly. Thats the reality of how you are all being percieved. You claim you have science, you offer none up as evidence for the idea, you claim it can be done today but none of you do anything to prove that, you claim you have social problems to resolve first, yet none of you can solve your own social problems. Its just a fucking mess to be honest Nate and its all very pretentious and seemingly anti-establishment for the pure sake of it.





[anticultist](#) said this on [August 3, 2010 at 9:14 pm](#)

- “with all your statements like ‘you dont understand’ ‘you are wrong’ and various other condescending negatives.”

Wow, look at you projecting. I never said “you are wrong.”

Yeah yeah, people say “you don’t understand” all the time. I guess everyone is arrogant then.

“Its clear Jacque has nothing because you cant even provide us with anything and youre just defending an ideology here Nate, you have nothing to offer up but words in defence of your current favourite idea.”

No, me not having anything does not make it “clear” that Jacque has nothing. That is a logical mistep on your part.

So you honestly think the technological suggestions of TVP are impossible?

“Either you can do what you say or you cant”

What do I say I can do?

“When you have something of substance head back and show us, for now man youre just all talk and no walk.”

You are asking for infinite evidence. That’s why I don’t bother. Instead I bother with the clarification of facts and concepts and correcting bias. What do you want? Geothermal studies? Hydroponic studies? Vacuum Meglev designs? Ion propulsion experiments? Nanotechnology experiments? Super-computer stats? Automation stats?

No amount of evidence would be enough. Because you would then ask, “well how will it all work together? and how can you prove that it will work together” and “well that still doesn’t PROVE an RBE.” The problem is, you can’t prove things about the future, because the future is what you make it. It would never be enough because you are the arrogant one, and it is set in your mind that it will not work, so you’ll remain stubborn to accept the evidence.



[Nate D.](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 6:41 am](#)

- Jacque has nothing, therefore you have nothing its a pretty simple route to follow. If Jacque had anything you would provide it, but he doesnt therefore your argument is lacking any value.

Its clear you are arrogant otherwise you would just step off and accept that your words are just empty and lacking anything that

physically backs them up. All you have is ideology and superfluous terms.

No I am asking for evidence that RBE will work in the physical world and not in some half ass theoretical ideology, its pretty simple to understand, you can drop technological words and concepts all day it still doesnt prove Jacque understands them, has utilised them or even has a system to incorporate them. Neither does it prove he has anything to give people. All you have is Jacques little model videos and his anecdotal interviews, well done you have nothing once again. Talking about the future fixes nothing if you dont physically do anything in the present to get there other than talk talk talk.



*anticultist* said this on [August 4, 2010 at 12:49 pm](#)

- o Saying an RBE is untestable and without precedent is like a man from 1800 saying a moon landing is “without precedent and untestable.” At the time he would be right. But with technology, time, and effort he would be proven wrong. And that is because technology is emergent, and a city itself will be a technology under an RBE.

But that’s the point – TZM/TVP heavily depends on the “strategy” of promoting a RBE to millions of people, while it’s neither tested nor reasonable to subscribe to, given the limited amount of actual data.

If you think that the best way to get a rocket to the moon in 1800 would’ve been to show people flyers and wait until you have a few millions followers (and then be surprised when you only get kooks!), then we probably won’t have to discuss this – but if you don’t, you can’t like TZMs strategy either. Cause it’s the same strategy.

When you want to achieve a RBE, why don’t you work with actual scientists and economists – who will probably annihilate anything you propose today, but you might end up with an economic model that’s actually achievable.



*CyborgJesus* said this on [August 1, 2010 at 4:33 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- “But that’s the point – TZM/TVP heavily depends on the “strategy” of promoting a RBE to millions of people, while it’s neither tested nor reasonable to subscribe to, given the limited amount of actual data.”

Data is limited that genes control behavior, yet plenty of people subscribe to that theory. Data is limited about abiogenesis, but plenty subscribe to a clay bed/primordial soup theory. Data is limited for what exactly all the neurotransmitters do, but most believe they affect emotion. Data is limited whether all the particles of quantum mechanics even exist, but the common notion is that they do. There are plenty of vague hypothesis out there that are unproven, but call for great certainty because it is self-evident there is truth in them.

TZM has a hypothesis. It has yet to have a theory. But as information is collected, a theory will emerge. Right now it is focused on exposing the colossal faults of our current system. Once people loose their faith in the current system and realize how grave it is, THEN their minds will be open to contributing to TZM's proposals. If the hypothesis is flawed then it will fall on its own, but it is unnecessary for caviling naysayers to slingshot rocks at it because they have nothing better to do, before it has even been given a decent chance to develop. That is simply juvenile.



Nate D. said this on [August 2, 2010 at 9:09 am](#)

- If the hypothesis is flawed then it will fall on its own, but it is unnecessary for caviling naysayers to slingshot rocks at it because they have nothing better to do, before it has even been given a decent chance to develop. That is simply juvenile.

Thats what science is about, pointing out the flaws in a claim till they are fixed. Not accepting thats how it works is juvenile, and moaning because people are pointing out flaws wont make it stop.



*anticultist* said this on [August 2, 2010 at 11:22 am](#)

- “Thats what science is about, pointing out the flaws in a claim till they are fixed. Not accepting thats how it works is juvenile, and moaning because people are pointing out flaws wont make it stop.”

Exactly.

Personally, I'd welcome a more in-depth discussion of the flaws of capitalism and alternative proposals, that's why TZM/TVP is so annoying in the first place. The crude logic of “first get 15M people, then discuss details” makes people think that they don't even have to deal with critics until the message has been spread enough.

But the details are what keeps experts from taking TVP seriously, and the affiliation to Zeitgeist doesn't make things any better. When you consider that TVP has spent more time on touring the world and discussing their plan to make a movie than discuss their ideas with economists and political planners, it might make you wonder if they really want to work on political change, or just lean back and let other people do it for them.



*CyborgJesus* said this on [August 2, 2010 at 11:35 am](#)

- Data is limited that genes control behavior

It's a 50-50 split between genes and the environment. It's not 100% genes, but it's also not the 100% environment that TZM/TVP preaches and absolutely requires for an RBE to function. This is contemporary science, as opposed to the blank slate theory peddled by Jacques and Peter, which is ancient philosophy, and its scientific analogue, radical behaviorism, which is 80 years old.

The 50-0-50 rule: Why parenting has virtually no effect on children – <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-scientific-fundamentalist/200809/the-50-0-50-rule-why-parenting-has-virtually-no-effect-chi>

In Studies of Virtual Twins, Nature Wins Again – [http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/04/garden/04twins.html?\\_r=3&oref=slogin](http://www.nytimes.com/2008/09/04/garden/04twins.html?_r=3&oref=slogin)

Nature vs Nurture – [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature\\_vs\\_nurture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nature_vs_nurture)

“The view that humans acquire all or almost all their behavioral traits from ‘nurture’ is known as tabula rasa (‘blank slate’). This question was once considered to be an appropriate division of developmental influences, but since both types of factors are known to play such interacting roles in development, many modern psychologists consider the question naive – representing an outdated state of knowledge.[5][6][7][6][8]“



*domokato* said this on [August 2, 2010 at 5:52 pm](#)

- anticultist

“That's what science is about, pointing out the flaws in a claim till they are fixed. Not accepting that's how it works is juvenile, and moaning because people are pointing out flaws won't make it stop.”

Right you are, but is it also scientific for the critiques to be biased and motivated by a spiteful grudge? I welcome mature criticism, but when it's done FOX News style, I have to defend your opponents. Inflating petty issues, smearing speculation, pointlessly investigating your opponents personal lives, and blindly being anti-TZM/TVP is not scientific. If you were being scientific, you would simply point out the flaws in a neutral way without agenda, and suggest what should be worked on or what is missing. You don't do that. And that's fine I suppose, (after all this is your blog), but don't have the audacity mention “what science is about.”

CyborgJesus

Personally, I'd welcome a more in-depth discussion of the flaws of capitalism and alternative proposals, that's why TZM/TVP is so annoying in the first place. The crude logic of “first get 15M people, then discuss details” makes people think that they don't even have to deal with critics until the message has been spread enough.

I agree very much with you. And that is a major frustration I have with TZM/TVP. They have not undergone a proper method of

data collection to sufficiently build their case. Their certainly is a case to be made. But if the movement is serious, it should be dedicating the next two decades to research and consilience.

domokato

“It’s a 50-50 split between genes and the environment. It’s not 100% genes, but it’s also not the 100% environment that TZM/TVP preaches and absolutely requires for an RBE to function. This is contemporary science”

It seems as though it is 50/50 because the environment affects gene EXPRESSION. We just don’t know exactly how it does that, so many geneticist assume that there is a gene that is fixed a certain way. But there are no fixed genetic absolutes that affect behavior. There are only gene expressions in our PHYSIOLOGY, and all behavior is made possible by the state of our physiology. Epigenetics is the wave of the future for understanding human “nature.”

Btw, if you are trying to make your point about geneticism you would be better off posting links to scientific research articles, NOT pop science websites and publications. Because when you actually read the research, the correlations amount to very little in the grand scheme of things. The entire argument of genes controlling behavior is based completely on correlation. Mistaking the correlation for causation is the media’s fault. Someday, this notion of an inherent determinant will be seen as a myth.



Nate D. said this on [August 3, 2010 at 5:15 am](#)

- Right you are, but is it also scientific for the critiques to be biased and motivated by a spiteful grudge?

opinion. you have no clue who is feeling what and why, you have no idea about peoples motivations so dont even pretend to know why people argue against RBE or TZM or Jacque, its just your own personal take on why people do. Most people just disagree and are expressing their views, if you wanna play I think you’re all being spiteful its just Bullshit man, and you are way off track.

If you were being scientific, you would simply point out the flaws in a neutral way without agenda,

Again you have no idea about anyones agenda or even if it exists, the arguments against RBE/TVP/TZM have all been laid out in completely neutral ways over the years but you havent been around to see everyone talk so really your take on it is merely an opinionated snapshot of what you think you are observing, and then attributing a permanent trend or style to everyones methods. Again you’re way off the path.



anticultist said this on [August 3, 2010 at 9:10 pm](#)

8. As far as “emotional connectedness,” Fresco satisfies this requirement with “extensionality.”

Extensionality is nothing but a buzz word to replace love, Fresco has no inclination towards the idea of love and brushes over the emotion that humans have for one another, and special relationships people have with individuals. He flat out claims that love will not be something of the future and all humans will ‘care’ for one another equally and people will not have ‘possessions’ of other people, this occurs nowadays and its called polygamy/polyamor and its one of those ideologies that is flawed.

Fresco will have a hard time trying to eradicate or even persuade people not to have special relationships or to love something or one person more than another, likewise he is going to have a hard time changing the fabric of human emotional existence simply because he personally prefers a specific lifestyle.

People will always have special loving relationships with one another, and will always pair up with people for long terms and consider that person their life partner as long as it lasts and is emotionally profitable for both parties.

Extensionality is an empty term used by him to promote his own ideology of emotional attachment to people and things.

Additionally, empiricism will one day answer this “difficult question” of human nature/needs.

I think you will also have a hard time proving that peoples needs and nature are all the same, granted we all need air, water, food and shelter, outside of these needs what else can you prove is a similar theme amongst every human being on earth?

Some people like Fresco dont even require love, yet if you attempt to say that about all human beings and you would be incorrect.

Fresco doesnt even consider the family unit or children and parenting to be valuable, yet again ask that of millions of other human beings and it is completely untrue.

Human needs are diverse enough to be almost uncategorisable, since there are variations and shades of different needs amongst many different cultures and people within those cultures.

As far as being to empirically prove human nature or even nurture, its a 50/50 and this is standard current scientific knowledge, we can not yet prove either is more valuable or important than the other. Genetics or Nurture is a time old question.

The goal of TVP is to make it possible for individuals to freely pursue their own goals and derive meaning from them for the individual. And by the structure of the system, that meaning is then SHARED with the rest of the world as a free resource. In such a case, meaning derived by culture is a resulting byproduct of the meaning derived by the individual. And it is reciprocal because it is in the individual’s best interest to freely share their accomplishments/pursuits/fruits-of-labor with society because the comprising members will do the same. And this reciprocity further makes it possible to freely pursue at will. Hell, we have people doing this now:

Interesting you should say this I have a factual retort to disprove this:

<http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/01/07/legal-contest-of-trademarking-resource-based-economy/>



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 3:29 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Extensionality is an empty term

Love is an equally empty word, for it accounts for a vague feeling a person has that could easily be described if it were not for people being swept way by the cultural hurricane that romanticizes and mythologizes what it really means. Love is a selfish endeavor and should be treated as such. Thus extensionality takes its place as the more honest candidate. Extensionality amounts to the identification we have with other individuals and our desire to fulfill our emotional needs by acquiring their emotional services. As it often occurs, if by chance an individual becomes a part of our identity, then so be it. That is what “love” REALLY amounts to anyway, if you get down to it. Everything we encounter becomes a part of our identity, and that is why Fresco calls it EXTENSIONALITY. Our identity tends to encompass the things we spend time around, including people. That’s why it’s hard to let go of people, that’s why we get “attached.” that’s why parents are proud or embarrassed by their children, that’s why people defend people they love even when they are wrong, because in a way they are defending themselves, (that’s also why ownership is dangerous for people’s health). So this bullshit about love is simply bottomless romance that disguises the selfish nature of humans needing to uphold the stability of their identity and emotional needs. Extensionality is the proper representation of how human beings actually are. Understanding what love really is will help people get over it. Love is almost like a religious notion in modern culture: completely full of shit.

We must educate ourselves and adjust our values accordingly.

this occurs nowadays and its called polygamy/polyamor and its one of those ideologies that is flawed.

Flawed how?

Fresco doesnt even consider the family unit or children and parenting to be valuable, yet again ask that of millions of other human beings and it is completely untrue.

Well considering that most parents have children for COMPLETELY SELFISH reasons and often on whim, I don’t think the family is that important either. A mommy has a baby so she can love something and have something to love her back, and never realizing the burden of life that is being put on the new being. Most parents in the modern day are completely incapable of raising another human being. Parents should have to undergo a rigorous education before sparking another life into this fucked world. Besides, parents virtually own their children. That’s not acceptable. And with a little insight and education people will realize that love and family need to be

understood in new ways if we wish to break the traditions that keep society stagnant.

I think you will also have a hard time proving that peoples needs and nature are all the same, granted we all need air, water, food and shelter, outside of these needs what else can you prove is a similar theme amongst every human being on earth?

Identity

Self-worth

Certainty

Pleasure

As far as being to empirically prove human nature or even nurture, its a 50/50 and this is standard current scientific knowledge, we can not yet prove either is more valuable or important than the other.

I've read genetic research. They make the most remote findings and then the media blows it up as if they have found the greed gene. It's ridiculous simplistic thinking. Scientists know they have a long way to go before proving that genes actually directly affect behavior. Dawkins himself says we can overcome "genetic predispositions."

Interesting you should say this I have a factual retort to disprove this:

Yeah yeah, I know all about this. But I want to hear Fresco's side of the story before I start judging. There could have been more complicated reasons that don't appear on the surface.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 4:42 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Love is a selfish endeavor and should be treated as such.

How do you propose to eradicate it then?

How do you propose to eradicate peoples inner emotional constructs?

(that's also why ownership is dangerous for people's health).

Citation needed. Where is the evidence that says My attachment to the things I love is harmful to me ?

So this bullshit about love is simply bottomless romance that disguises the selfish nature of humans needing to uphold the stability of their identity and emotional needs.



Irrespective of how ‘Bullshit’ you think it is people are not computers and are not identical, the fact you cant even grasp this shows how little you understand of the inner workings of human interaction and needs.

Extensionality is the proper representation of how human beings actually are. Understanding what love really is will help people get over it. Love is almost like a religious notion in modern culture: completely full of shit.

Again its an empty term because I dont love you at all, and I do love my parents for bringing me onto this earth and giving me the ability to live and breath and enjoy life.

You have provided me with nothing and are of little value to me, therefore your extensionality is meaningless because you are of no significance to anything I have been provided for in my life.

Flawed how?

Because people dont operate on the way jacque thinks they should, polyamrous relationships are dependent upon everyone agreeing that sharing someone with another person sexually and emotionally is ok. People are not like this nor can Jacque make them to be like this, and example of his own past can verify this, and this is someone who understands his concepts fully:

<http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/04/14/typ-ex-1970-1980s-member-speaks/#comment-1350>

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Yeah well fact is he doesnt live by his own words or statements, so what he has to say is irrelevant, because he has broken his own statements that everything should be the common heritage of the world



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 5:00 pm](#)

- Identity
- Self-worth
- Certainty
- Pleasure

**Identity** is different to everyone, some people identify themselves as human beings, some as heterosexual, some as black, some as chinese, some as female, some as ...you get me this is a variant not a universal static fact.

**Self worth** is dependant upon the persons view of themselves and often from the way society respects or treats them from certain

characteristics about them. This is not a static fact again.

**Certainty** is not something that is based in fact unless its scientifically proven, it is certain you are going to die, it is certain we need air to breath, it is not certain that an RBE will fix the worlds problems. Certainty is not a human attribute it is an external occurrence or inter dependant circumstance that is dependant upon set conditions.

**Pleasure** is derived from certain criteria for people, for instance some gain pleasure stimulus from pain, some from sexual activities, some from drug abuse, some from music, some from art. The actual chemical and biological process of pleasure internally is the same but the external triggers are not.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 6:13 pm](#)

- “How do you propose to eradicate it then?  
How do you propose to eradicate peoples inner emotional constructs?”

I don't propose eradicating inner emotional constructs. But I do propose that people be educated as to what these inner emotional constructs really consist of and how and why they manifest in the company of other people. Education can loosen the constructs. If someone understands that their love for someone is actually a SELFISH issue, then the romantic facade of blissful romance fades away and human interaction can be dealt with on a much more sophisticated and mature level. If someone no longer wants to be in a relationship, then all it takes is remembering that the “love” behad for that someone is ultimately selfish and their is no right to withhold that someone from seeing who they like. When someone says “I love you, don't leave me,” what they really mean is “I still need you to fulfill my needs, don't leave me.” The common notion of love is a meme, not an inherent quality. There seems to be an uninspectable, vague, and mysterious justification for “love” in modern culture, but When you expose love as selfish, it loses its justification for oppressing loved ones.

Aside from emotional needs, let's not forget the purely economic reasons for why many people have a need for longterm relationships. Their is more financial security as a couple rather than with multiple people because your uncertainty of their dedications hinders your feeling of financial security. And you can trace this back evolutionarily.

“Citation needed. Where is the evidence that says My attachment to the things I love is harmful to me ?”

I would say that wealth is damaging to health, but really it is ownership. Some of the sources can be found in Peter's lecture “Social Pathology.” But if you really want some:

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Basically what the studies show is that social inequality created by wealth affects physical and psychological health. When followed logically, this wealth inequality is due to the ownership paradigm. And that is why it isn't wealth that affects health, it is ownership. And in an RBE there is no ownership, yet everyone is wealthy, and therefore likely healthy if they practice a healthy lifestyle.

“Irrespective of how ‘Bullshit’ you think it is people are not computers and are not identical, the fact you cant even grasp this shows how little you understand of the inner workings of human interaction and needs.”

Wrong, we are much like computers with very little variation of hardware. However, it is our programming that is different.

“Again its an empty term because I dont love you at all, and I do love my parents for bringing me onto this earth and giving me the ability to live and breath and enjoy life.”

Extensionality is based on relevance. I am irrelevant to your values in life, so why would you “love” (here meaning “have

extension”) for me? especially when we meet on grounds of disagreement. And especially when this society perpetuates division and stratification. Widespread extensionality can’t exist in a society like this.

“Because people dont operate on the way jacque thinks they should, polyamrous relationships are dependent upon everyone agreeing that sharing someone with another person sexually and emotionally is ok. “

If people can overcome ownership, then they can overcome ownership of partners, period. People aren’t “like this” because the current system first of all doesn’t legally allow for it, and second of all doesn’t culturally allow for it, and therefore doesn’t psychologically allow for it. You change the environment, you change the values, you change the possibilities. Based on the implications of your position, you might as well go on and say that monogamy is human nature.

“Yeah well fact is he doesnt live by his own words or statements, so what he has to say is irrelevant, because he has broken his own statements that everything should be the common heritage of the world”

Fallacy: Ad hominem tu quoque

Fresco’s actions do not undermine the truth he expresses. He is saying people need to be this way if we wish to last very long. The fact that he fails to live by his claims does not make his claims untrue, especially when this current system makes it EXTREMELY difficult to live by such claims. The current system must be escaped before such claimed ways of life can be operational. During that escape, you will see countless contradictions and hypocrisy, because altering our values will be a rocky road.

“Identity is different to everyone, some people identify themselves as human beings, some as heterosexual, some as black, some as chinese, some as female, some as ...you get me this is a variant not a universal static fact.”

Wrong, it IS a static fact. The static fact is that people need a sense of identity. As long as there is a sense of coherent identity, it doesn’t matter what form it comes in.

“Self worth is dependant upon the persons view of themselves and often from the way society respects or treats them from certain characteristics about them. This is not a static fact again.”

Once again, it is a static fact. People need a sense/feeling of self-worth.

“Certainty is not a human attribute it is an external occurrence or inter dependant circumstance that is dependant upon set conditions.”

You clearly are not understanding what I mean. People need a FEELING of certainty in regards to many things. The creation of

God is the ultimate proof of a need for certainty.

“The actual chemical and biological process of pleasure internally is the same but the external triggers are not.”

What does that have to do with my claim? People need pleasure in some form. The American lifestyle proves the human inclination to seek pleasure.

I might also add that people need a feeling of hope, security, and arguably, attention. I also think Maslow got it mostly right (within the context of the current system).



*Nate D.* said this on [August 3, 2010 at 4:38 am](#)

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These dont address the point you made:

You said that “(that’s also why ownership is dangerous for people’s health).”

You are talking about social divisions and economic stratification thats not ownership, you specifically said that by owning things its bad for your health, you did not say economic disparities are bad for your health, social stratification is bad for your health, economic division is bad for you health, public image and social identity is bad for your health. Very different statement and citations given.

Once again prove to me that me owning material objects is bad for my health, like you specifically say



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 3, 2010 at 9:31 pm](#)

- “Once again prove to me that me owning material objects is bad for my health, like you specifically say”

Because the paradigm of owning material objects lays the grounds for economic disparities, social stratification, economic division, public image, social identity, etc.

It’s called capitalism because people sit on capital, which amounts to wealth of material objects. Without a paradigm of ownership, these problems would not occur. I’m looking at the bigger picture, the root causes.

However, in an RBE, usership should be without such ill effects.



[Nate D.](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 6:55 am](#)

- Again no evidence just words you are not effective at proving your point you skipped over because you can not prove owning things is bad for my health, as suspected its an empty claim with no substance.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 12:36 pm](#)

- I didn't skip over anything. Those links are still there for your review. But why the hell would you review the material anyway? Why the hell would you have time for that? You asking for detailed evidence is your way out. It makes it seem like your argument has a solid stance because I can't provide "proof." Even though you should know better than to be asking for proof, it should be evidence. The evidence I provide is inconsequential because like I said, you will immediately reject it or simply not check it out, so what's the point of providing it? I'm supposed take the time to post walls of "proof" so that it will simply be ignored? That's why I engage on a non-technical level to logically convey conceptual relations and distinctions.

I'm sorry you can't see the link between ownership and it's effects manifested in society at large. I guess you got the impression that I meant owning a chair will directly poison your body?

But you can continue to be one dimensional with your rebuttals I suppose. Just keep saying "you have no science," and those are "just words." Even though those words render logical relations. I don't think Falkner used any "science" in his critique. Under your view then, his entire critique was just words and should amount to nothing?

I guess we can drop all work ever done in philosophy, linguistics, and much of sociology and psychology then, beings it's just words.

You have to be careful. Scientism can make you think you can't do what you can, simply because you don't have the numbers, charts, and data.

Finally I realize that you are simply misinterpreting my goal here. My goal is not to convince the world that RBE will work. My goal is to basically amuse myself by debating concepts on a biased blog. But I can see you are wearing out so I will disengage.



*Nate D.* said this on [August 4, 2010 at 9:13 pm](#)

- No I am not wearing out, I am disinterested in your pro rhetoric and TVP apologising.

And...Falkner who you agree with funnily enough, has said the very same things I have been saying all along. I quoted a few things I have been saying for months now from his post as well. inclusive of things I have said to you, but you just can not seem to suck it up.



*anticultist* said this on [August 4, 2010 at 9:42 pm](#)

- You have invested time into this blog and have made your case in parts. I imagine you respond to me with the expectation that I am familiar with the case you have made in other posts. I am not familiar with all of it. That may be the problem.



Nate D. said this on [August 5, 2010 at 5:40 am](#)

- Perhaps this is so yes.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 5, 2010 at 3:35 pm](#)

- BTW, I accept Falkner's argument overall, especially now that he has cleared it up, but there are small portions that I have issue with but it's insignificant. The reason that I can agree with Falkner is because he has gone through point by point cleaning up his Marx argument. I suppose you and he simply approach the same issue differently.



Nate D. said this on [August 5, 2010 at 5:46 am](#)

- Indeed we do we are different people with different worldviews and different skills, but we have both said the same things, and the most important thing is if what we are both saying is true or factually right. Since we both seem to have the same points made coming in from different angles its best to focus on the points being made and if they are true not who or how they are said.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 5, 2010 at 3:34 pm](#)

## 9. Part 3

“There is always a serious inequality among people.”

The argument that follows from this is worthy, and I agree. The inequality issue is one of the most difficult issues facing RBE, especially with a growing population.

“As the fist section argued, the conception of human fulfillment is open to debate and thus a faulty and ill defended position to begin from.”

That's better. That's a better way to make that point. That is really all that can be said on the issue of human needs/fulfillment.

“If human greed is not inherent, why were there ever the greedy in the first place?”

I shall start from the bottom. Problem solving is the only built-in/inherent human nature (and that is why we “create” as Marx concludes. Our



creations are products of problem-solving). Humans are biologically geared to be hedonistic and self-preserving (but these two properties are not necessarily a part of HUMAN nature themselves because all creatures share similar if not identical defaults; it is built into being a lifeform, it is simply animal nature), and this is evolutionarily explainable. All endeavors are acts of problem solving to satisfy these biological defaults. We are essentially born into a problem and that problem is survival. Evolutionarily, pleasure leads to survival (it's like a survival compass), thus satisfaction of our hedonism is a gear in self-preservation. Think about it, how would having a fixed nature be sustainable or adaptable? By evolving problem-solving abilities it has given us the ultimate ability to adapt to our environment... because we can create to change it, or at least change our position in it. That is why human beings are so successful as a species in comparison to any other animal that has ever existed. We have evolved to be malleable because that is most adaptable to the environment. Although, evolution isn't perfect. We do have flaws in everyday logic and reasoning that comprise our problem-solving abilities but for the most part it is vastly beneficial.

All other traits are acquired through education (or lack thereof) and social/familial conditioning, which all amounts to learning, and our exceptional ability to learn highly conceptual/abstract information could be considered another human nature. But we lack knowledge by default from birth and it prevents us from seeing through and therefore resisting this conditioning. In a society in which things are scarce, we have learned and have been conditioned to fear dearth and death (because in most cases dearth leads to death). So the problem is the task of providing ourselves with abundance (to both satisfy our hedonism and to self-preserve). Some people respond particularly well to this problem and they make it their dedication in life to solve this problem. Their greed is perpetuated especially if they get locked into a system that depends upon them being greedy (the free market).

Often you see greed for money more than for material objects, and clearly that is due to the fact that money is the gateway to all material objects and resources. It must be realized that money becomes the centrality on which the most greed is focused. Beings money can attain any scarce resource, people feel the need to always have as much money as possible because the number of scarce resources are innumerable at different degrees. Thus, there is always a lust for money, because it is the umbrella for everything else. Now in specific instances, e.g. people may be greedy for all of the food in the fridge, but I need not explain that, that is simple.

Many other aberrant behaviors/tendencies are the result of problem-solving (purse snatching, bank robberies, drug dealing, bribery, etc.) Our nature of problem solving is semi-rational (semi- because sometimes problem-solving is short-term rather than long-term, long-term of course is more rational). It is also semi-rational because we don't always intentionally utilize our problem-solving abilities. Sometimes they are at work automatically and this is what really makes it a human nature. Our success of conquering the wild has proven that.

Furthermore, there are other aberrant behaviors/tendencies that are caused by irrational forces of emotion. Emotion is also a biological process and in human beings it is deeply complex due to our sensitivity to conceptual issues of abstraction (unlike other animals as far as we know). Some may argue that emotion is also a human nature, but much like hedonism and self-preservation, emotion is built into all flesh and blood lifeforms to some degree of functionality and it serves as a mechanism for survival in wild animals. Emotion is an animal nature. However, human animals have an amazing learning ability that allows them to overcome much of their emotion through therapy and education. Most individuals do not receive this therapy and education. And unfortunately this emotion interferes with our semi-rational problem solving which creates a wacky

combination of behaviors and decisions. This is why Nietzsche and many other philosophers feel that man is stretched between animal and something greater, because we have the remaining emotional functions that are greatly useful for other animals, but we have acquired a much more powerful and effective function of problem-solving that outdoes emotion in our attempts to self-preserve. Emotion has become sort of a vestigial survival mechanism. Maybe someday our emotional functions will be evolved out of.

Moreover, in a sense, ignorance (lacking information) creates what many people label as the pattern of human nature, and problem-solving will reinforce this pattern if an individual continues to utilize their problem-solving ability within the confines of their ignorant point of view. Problem-solving is further proven to be a human nature because many people make the same decisions and bear the same tendencies (partly because they are brought up in similar environmental conditionings) and thus a pattern of “human nature” is discerned. But that pattern is not human nature. The problem-solving simply resulted in a similar logic to which many people fell victim due to their conditioning and inborn ignorance. So, when considering greed, it is a response of human logic (problem-solving). And beings problem-solving is a human nature, the pattern of greed is rampant. You don’t see greed in nature hardly at all. Why is that? Because most animals do not have problem-solving abilities that can anticipate the future. They live in the moment.

(In addition to this, this theory is also why the statement, “we are products of our environment” is actually somewhat false. We are actually products of our experiences in our environments and our problem-solving results in reactions that condition us. That is why two people raised in the same environment may turn out different, because the variable is having knowledge/information upon which problem-solving abilities (of reason and logic) operate. In other words, the available knowledge/information is the variable for both the fruits of problem-solving and our vulnerability to conditioning.

It’s not genetics. And the environment has no ABSOLUTE conditioning effect because it only has a constant effect on the available knowledge/information variable.)

I hope that’s clear.

Sorry for being so long-winded and potentially convoluted...



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 3:44 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

## 10. Part 3.5

“Let us assume greed is a social trait that people like the elites and bankers picked up and thus lead them to their quest for one world government.”

I hope everything aforementioned debunks this. Greed is the result of a logic induced by problem-solving that the established system forces people to have. It’s not “picked-up.” It’s a conclusion that people make, whether intentionally or not.

“The reasonable argument would be that a surplus of resources would mean that no one would have to be greedy about material possessions. Again, however, this is not only dependent upon a successful creation of ample resources, but on the notion that greed is even based on the material or that it is purely rational.”

Greed is a rational response to this system given the biological necessity of hedonism and the automatic need to self-preserve. It would not be a rational response to an RBE system.

“The love of excess is not dependent upon taking from others, but rather on the love of having more than one needs.”

“The love of excess,” as you put it, is a neurosis induced by this system. But “love” leaves your statement in factual limbo because “love” is an umbrella term for more specific psychological processes at work.

“It is then perfectly reasonable that an RBE promotes social greed, not erases it. Society has more than it needs, and individuals have access to more than they need. It is then incredibly difficult to combat the socially learned quality of greed if that is its base form.”

Indeed, the transition would be difficult. But it would only take a few generations. Imagine if gold suddenly became abundant and everyone could find it in their backyards. Imagine if the ground turned to gold. Does the writer think everyone would be out there chiseling very long?

“Now let us assume that greed is instinctual. There is a possible case for the evolution of greed, and thus it is beyond the scope of the RBE to correct.”

“Instinctual” as in genetic? Exactly what is meant by instinctual? Similar to the term “love”, “instinctual” is a cover term for something more biologically/psychologically specific. Saying something is “instinctual” is like saying “God did it.” It’s an explanatory dead end. Even if genes for the MIND were responsible, they can be overcome, and memes are what do the overcoming. Education can overcome aggression. Education can overcome greed. Education can overcome bigotry/prejudice. But if the system doesn’t teach anything different and doesn’t allow for any other behavior, then nothing will change and people will continue to conclude that it is instinctual/genetic.

Shit, even if every suspected trait actually WAS gene based, it would amount to no absolute nature. Because if genes did control behavior, they would simply be the buttons that our environments press. And some people would have bigger buttons than others. HOWEVER, that is NOT the case.

The slightest consideration I would give to genes is that they might have a complexity of emergent factors that would amount to the theory I have previously proposed (i.e. besides affecting our physiology, genes may affect our brain physiology thus affecting our abilities to problem-solve, learn, communicate, think, respond emotionally, etc., but that’s as far as it goes, they’d have no affect on actual observable behavior).

These questions leave one to only reasonably assume that RBE is no answer to the world's ills, and a fools dream.

Sorta' like the American Dream?

There are several deeper issues for which TVP's RBE deserves scrutiny, but the argument made here is weak.

The writer is not addressing the real issues.

Cute critique. Bad thing you say "assume" so much.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 3:57 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- o Greed is a rational response to this system given the biological necessity of hedonism and the automatic need to self-preserve. It would not be a rational response to an RBE system.

Just because it is not rational does not discount its existence. There are many examples of irrationality that exist in all cultures around the world, even in those that are not subjugated to a capitalist system. therefore the idea that because something is irrational in an RBE it no longer exists is a flawed logical assumption.

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Gold is only valuable because it is perceived [possibly is] as a reasonably scarce commodity and has varying uses and characteristics, gold is not a good example because it is not gold that make us wealthy, it is the societal transaction of gold that makes us wealthy. IE what we get in return for our gold because we can not live off gold, but we can live off what we transact for our gold. If gold remained the dominant transaction tool for other resources you could be damn sure people would be out there digging for it.

should Carrots grow everywhere on the planet would people be out digging for long? Yes because they can eat them and use them as a food source.

It is all in the use of the resource.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 4:17 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

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It's not actually even about it being rational or not. It's about it's practicality. Being greedy will serve a person a disadvantage. It would actually be a hassle to be greedy. And as I see everyday, people avoid hassle every chance they get, I'm sure people would avoid greed as well. It is actually easier to live a minimalistic lifestyle, and people will discover that. Think about those brilliant and obsessive professors (you might have had) in college. They eat when they get a chance, when they are done researching, writing, etc. They don't stand as a pillar of evidence for my point, but it sheds some light on it. The point is, being greedy would simply be unpractical and probably socially stigmatized. Sure, there might be people with a some kind of tendency to be greedy, but I can only imagine it would stem from a mental disability.

In any case, I'd sure as hell want to live in a society where the chances of people being greed is extremely minimized, rather than this greed rewarding system.

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Good point I suppose. But I think they would grow tired of carrots.



Nate D. said this on [August 1, 2010 at 5:02 pm](#)

- Agreed they would grow tired of carrots just as they would grow tired of everything else being the same in a RBE.

Being greedy will serve a person a disadvantage. It would actually be a hassle to be greedy.

Why would it be a disadvantage?

If noone is going to stop greed with authoritarian stands where is the disadvantage? If anything the person being greedy has an advantage because noone is going to stop them from acting this way without an intervention of some kind. It seems to me the disadvantage would be to the rest of society not the greedy person.

The point is, being greedy would simply be unpractical and probably socially stigmatized. Sure, there might be people with a some kind of tendency to be greedy, but I can only imagine it would stem from a mental disability.

Hmmmm it would be mental instability you say ?

So youre statement is saying that people who are greedy now are mentally ill?

Social stigmatism, but without laws and any police or political intervention of any kind why would it matter. If a person is free to have what they want when they want there are no rules being broken, in fact the person is only living to their fullest and acting out on their needs. Should I require a car for my own endeavours and one for my partners endeavours, is having two cars parked on my drive for my own personal use any worse than my neighbour choosing to have no cars and share his with someone else?

We both have the same needs but have a different solution to the problem, where is the mentally ill part of this?

Is owning two cars really that bad? or is it that Jacques society considers it bad because sharing is the moralistic stance and ownership is considered greed ?



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 5:11 pm](#)

- “Agreed they would grow tired of carrots just as they would grow tired of everything else being the same in a RBE.”

And so what would the implications be?

CONGRATULATIONS!!! You have stumbled upon the incentive of RBE! As Fresco says “human beings will always lack.” Our solutions and our satisfaction are forever vacuumed. “Lack” is the fundamental problem of life and the existential threshold between life and death. And an RBE would succeed because it respects and thus abides this fundamental problem.

Now if it were true that people would “grow tired of everything else being the same in a RBE,” then RBE really would have a problem. Frankly I don’t believe that statement is true. I can’t explain why I think that until I get more clarified information from you. Your statement is equivocal. How could everything be the same? What do you mean by the “same.” Are you by chance referring to high quantity-abundance desensitization in which things lose value/appreciation the more they are encountered/used?

“Why would it be a disadvantage?

If noone is going to stop greed with authoritarian stands where is the disadvantage?”

First of all,

you need to establish a motive for greed to justify your argument. What if someone wanted a roller coaster? What if someone wanted a house made of platinum? What if someone wanted to have a rocketship? To ask those questions I would need to present a person’s motive that would give reason for the question. You can ask all kinds of hypothetical questions, but they are not consistent with the system unless you reveal flaws that make it consistent.

Second of all,

being greedy is not consistent with an RBE because it has no practical application. And as I said, it serves a disadvantage to the “greedy” individual. Imagine what it would require to be greedy. If a person wanted to be greedy for food, they would have to go to a food distribution center, load up their cart with a heap of food, somehow lack the self-consciousness and ignore other people’s surprise, then load up all the food into their transport vehicle (or alternatively into the public transport vehicle in which the person would take up room and with everyone looking at them), arrive home and haul all the food inside to be placed into the storage unit after possibly dumping away the food left over from last time. And every time they fail to eat the food they would have to endure the hassle of disposing of it. But how greedy are they? Will they need to get 2, 3, 4, 20 storage units? How greedy would they have to be

before it becomes a senseless hassle? -Greedy enough to obtain what they need to survive, because that is all that is needed. EATING is a hassle in itself if you think about it. Wouldn’t it be so much easier if we could just take a pill and be done with it?

But let’s give more weight to your argument and eliminate some of the hassle involved in being greedy. This time, let’s say food can be automatically delivered to people. Will the person just keep pushing the “food” button because they want more and more food? Again we reach the same problem of having to deal with the excess food. Perhaps there will be machines that clean up any excess food? I doubt there would be, it’s unlikely they would be manufactured because the common assumption would be that you consume as much as you need. Such a machine wouldn’t be practical to make. So what I am arguing here is that greed would not arise because it simply results in hassles. And that is a disadvantage in a society that proves greed to be unnecessary. And that’s also why I say the person would have to be mentally ill. Because they would have to enjoy hassling in vain. Do you like hassling in vain? Do you think you would be greedy in an RBE?

Moreover, in an RBE the possibility of traveling would be widely available. Surely a person who travels a lot would not be greedy. How could they be? Would they constantly haul around everything they have so greedily accumulated? It’s utmost absurd. (As a side note, having less possessions would actually be healthier for the person because their identity would expand to only encompass a few things. This would keep them more true to their essence as a human being. This would literally limit the development of social statuses, which would help inhibit social division and distinctions (material wealth creates these things), and therefore inhibit dysfunction, and therefore sustain public health. Less possessions and being a free roaming person allows for greater autonomy and a dynamic life that is more pleasurable. Being stuck in one place with the same possessions is boring for most people.)

Perhaps you are thinking of unique and specific situations which are short in duration. But even greedy behaviors in small situations will amount to hassle.

Being greedy is simply inconsistent with the flow of an RBE. It might help if you give an example of the greed you are thinking of, because on the surface it is very vague and difficult to address directly.

Third of all,

I would like to raise a point. The impracticality of being greedy in an RBE would match the impracticality of a person giving away everything they own in our current system.

You are basically presenting the bad egg argument and you can find more debunking of it here -> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHv6\\_4YZWtg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHv6_4YZWtg)

There are serious issues with an RBE that are not yet figured out. But you are raising the simple, trivial, and silly issues.

“So your statement is saying that people who are greedy now are mentally ill?”

They would have to be mentally ill in an RBE.

“Social stigmatism, but without laws and any police or political intervention of any kind why would it matter.”

This makes me think you were never a dedicated member to TZM like you claim.

So you think someone would enjoy simply fucking shit up? What would motivate them to be that way? They would have to have a psychological disorder. But what would create this disorder?

If family and relationships are so important, as you say, then people would work to fix each other. People would try to help the troubled people they care about.

Additionally, I don't know how anyone could be able to cope with the social stigmas. I would find it unbearable to have two transport vehicles when everyone on my street doesn't. I would feel like a piece of conceited shit.

But it's important to keep in mind that the stigma would arise in the greedy person's mind whether a stigma actually existed socially or not. They would see that other people don't "own" transport vehicles and ASSUME that others are judging them, whether others are actually judging or not. It would be a self-conscious paranoia effect.

But let's say the person is completely irrationally anti-social and is deliberately disruptive to society. Well if "loved" ones don't get to him/her then the person will doom themselves, because it is simply not in their best interest to be antisocial. They would be left out in the cold and no one would want to associate with him/her. Family and friends would be embarrassed by him/her, etc.

Let's take this ridiculous scenario further. Let's say there would be people who would actually associate with them. Let's say these people are all alike in their antisocial behaviors and they band together. ...who knows what would happen. Perhaps they would move out into the wilderness to start their own society and live like pilgrims and realize how difficult it is and move back



with a new sense of appreciation?. haha TVP doesn't account for it because it is absurd.

As a side note, we can't forget that therapy would be available and people would likely seek it just like people seek therapy now. People know there is something wrong with them and they just don't know how to fix it. People go to therapy willingly or sometimes they are convinced to go due to interventions by loved ones.

In your whole argument you are discounting what makes people become antisocial, aberrant, and deviates. Your saying someone would become greedy even though they would be raised not to be. Somehow their values would mutate?

People would respect the virtues of an RBE system because they would benefit. Additionally, people enjoy being "good" because it brings them more rewards and that is pleasurable. Being "bad" is stressful and unfulfilling, and that undermines our hedonism. If you design a society in which the best rewards are built into ethical virtues, then our hedonism will direct us to the rewards of being virtuous, not to being malicious, because ultimately it is about social survival. In our current system we have virtues that are not ethical, and a social design that does not adequately reward being ethical, so our hedonism directs us to those unethical virtues that assist our survival in the social system.

"Is owning two cars really that bad?"

In an RBE, it would be inconsistent with the system. It would be "bad" because it would be inconsistent. An RBE is set up so that what is good for the individual is good for society and what is bad for society is bad for the individual. That's why it is brilliant. It reconciles the "I" and the "us."

If you value life, and if you think that our methods of conduct must be sustainable to preserve life, then you would respect the structure of an RBE if you lived in it because it is designed to preserve life. You would be in the direction of being anti-life if you didn't respect it.



Nate D. said this on [August 3, 2010 at 10:59 am](#)

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You have yet to offer anything of substance other than trying to talk a good talk and win over people into your little internet scheme over on TZM forum.

Sadly you have no chance, and no one here is going to be taking anything you say seriously, you have no science backing you, no engineers backing you, not a shred of credible public opinion. Seriously just a word of advice : give up.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 3, 2010 at 9:35 pm](#)

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This is an example of someone covering up defeat with ad hominem and red herring. Interesting you didn’t address the argument at hand and didn’t easily break it down if it is so clearly weak. But that’s okay, it’s easy to lose interest here.

YOU introduced the “greed” argument. I’m simply explaining why it is a bottomless empty argument. How will an engineer help me do that?



[Nate D.](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 7:16 am](#)

- No its a simple case of you blabbering on with nothing to offer but words. There is no ad hominem just you talking and TVP/TZM doing nothing.

If you think its a competition of words you are focusing your energies on the wrong things, the sooner you realise this the better it is for any proponents of RBE.

The public are not going to consider people who are all talk and no action, if RBE proponents cant do anything but talk they are the ones losing noone else.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 12:34 pm](#)

11. Matt S exemplifies why arrogance and ignorance are a nasty, nasty mix. You need an education, son.



[NWO Agent](#) said this on [August 1, 2010 at 5:48 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

12. I want to remain as civil as possible here. I have no personal problems with VTV and as such all I will address is a clarification. As far as I'm concerned, if the RBE movement wants to move away from Conspiracy Theories, that is perfectly reasonable. I have attacked RBE as a coherent ideology, and my critique is leveled against RBE as it stands. If it has the talented individuals to expertly recharge the ideology, I think it would be in the interest of the movement. As such, I am no enemy to the people in the RBE movement, but I am not a supporter. Indeed, I spend most of my time studying political anthropology and thus have no vested interest in the success or failure of this movement. So, with that in mind I hope that readers too will remain civil and remember that I am more an enemy of blatant CTs than I am of a particular theory. I welcome in depth analysis and theoretical approaches, so I hope that my critique will be constructive to those willing to fully abandon the CT birth of the RBE movement and start to form a defensible position. It is difficult to have a successful movement if there is no coherent, underlying ideology or theory.

VTV said: "That's fine. The RBE premise is not in any way dependent on conspiracy theories. "

As I pointed out later in my critique, the official statements of the RBE movement do have reference to the CT worldview. To amend this, it is necessary not to be tied to the fear of a world under the watch of nefarious bankers. What I am pressing here is a thoughtful critique of the current global capitalist system (which HAS been done very well). If the RBE premise is not dependent upon this CT world view, it has no official statement declaring what its more thoughtful and rational premise is. Again, I have quoted from an official source for RBE, and as such it should be clear that anyone coming to the movement and reading this statement will be colored by this statement.

VTV said: "Again. Totally irrelevant. The first film was produced before Peter had even heard of the Venus Project. This is an attempt at some sort of "guilt by association" and is intended to lead the reader down a path to the non sequitur. Jacque Fresco does not endorse the first film. I have video of him stating this on my website."

Again, my statement is not guilt by association, but rather demonstrates the path by which new members will follow. New viewers of the Zeitgeist film (the first one and Addendum) are introduced to the NWO CT and when they then go to read the official statement by TVP, they find a perfectly congruent and affirming statement on the part of TVP in regards to this theory. New members are then lead from a Conspiracy Movie through to a supposedly non-CT movement. At best, this generates members with questionable motives. There can be TVP and RBE supporters who are not CTs, but the first film (and indeed the second one) in conjunction with the official statements made by TVP pollute this movement away from CTs. I am not saying RBE is wrong because it is based on CTs- in fact my own conclusion is that the movement itself is not theoretically coherent enough to be defensible.

VTV said: "Incorrect. The Zeitgeist Movement itself did not even exist until after Zeitgeist Addendum, and was formed to be the activist arm of the Venus Project. To say there was a merger would imply that the Zeitgeist movement existed before, and no such entity existed."

This is a misrepresentation of my point. Again, citing my second statement in this response, I am noting that there is a very strong nexus between

the films that endorse CTs and the movement that is increasingly claimed not to be in support of these CTs. To amend this, all it would require is a coherent and well written critique of global capitalism. And, in fact, modern marxist theorists have done this. My whole point is that RBE has much in common with basic tenants of Marxism that are not recognized. And in fact, it would benefit the RBE movement to pick up Marxist critiques of globalization and capitalism. They have been well done and enjoy a serious discourse in academic debate. And that is the first part's critique! The ideological genealogy of RBE is in Marxist, material historiography. I am not saying Marxism is a bad theory here (though I do think so) but am rather saying that Marxist thinkers have addressed these critiques and RBE has not. If intelligent members of RBE would look into this genealogy, they would improve their movement's position. But, to date, no official statements or such documentation has emerged. Don't try and rework this into a chronological argument- that's not what it is. Its a question of ideological pathways. Supporters of Zeitgeist 1 who read the official TVP statements support RBE for, what you would claim, are the wrong reasons. This is the merger I am discussing. If the films still generate interest in TZM and TVP, then it does so on very faulted grounds.

VTV said:"Again, non sequitur. Even if Jacque was not the person who coined the phrase none of that has any bearing on it's validity or lack thereof. I also don't see any "claims" above other then to say that the world has resources and that our monetary practices are counter productive to our survival. There are an awful lot of starving people who would in fact agree with that."

Please read my statement clearly. I am saying that even though TVP and Frescoe did not actually coin RBE, I am concerning myself only WITH Frescoes brand of RBE. And it is Frescoes RBE that I am saying is not sound as it stands. Your second statement is more of a non sequitur as a result of a misreading of my statement. Resource Based Economies are not new ideas, but those ideas are not the ones in question here, but rather Frescoes. If you want to examine the whole tradition of Resource Based Economies, there are plenty of non-TVP sources to examine. Stay to the point.

VTV said:"Genealogical aspects? It's a concept. It doesn't have DNA. "

I have already addressed this, and members on TZM forum were correct in my reference here. It is an ideological genealogy, which has been a very serious and effective form of philosophical and intellectual debate.

VTV said: "So, in order to debunk the Resource Based Economy model, we will just debunk Marxist theory? And what Marx advocates is not the same thing as what Jacque advocates. This is a straw man. Trying to attribute things to our theory that are not part of our theory and therefore declaring victory. This is like saying I have debunked Socialism because I showed the inherent flaws in Capitalism."

Not at all. I am not "debunking" RBE because it is not a Conspiracy Theory. It has links to a Conspiracy Theory movie, and has a CT premise for the understanding of world economics, but this is not a debunking. It is a critique of the RBE logic. And you will notice that I do not claim that refuting Marxism leads to a refutation of RBE in totality. Rather I am pretty blatantly stating that those ideas which emerge from the same genealogy are prone to refutation and thus mandate either ejection or revision. Either defend those points or surrender them. This point itself is a

diversion from what I am critiquing.

VTV said: "Another strawman. You took a quote out of context. There is a serious difference between the kind of work one would be doing in an RBE and what they were doing in Marxist Communism. We recognize that there are jobs that people will not be satisfied or fulfilled by. That is why for any such society to function we must automate these jobs. The reason this becomes even more needed is that in Capitalism these jobs are being automated anyway to maximize profits with very little concern about the damage to the overall economy. Automation is going to happen. The question is will it be serving mankind as a whole? Or will we find ourselves trying to find ways to be useful to the elite who own the automated production so that we can survive?"

I did not take this quote out of context. I quoted it completely and addressed it as it stands. If you think there is a difference between what is said and what is intended, then this needs to be expanded on. However, you cannot escape the linkages in the ideological framework between RBE and Marxism here. It has the same, underlying understanding of labor. People will do voluntary work because people are satisfied by their work. Marx makes the same argument in *Das Kapital*. This is embedded within RBE thought. This is exactly the framework I am following and critiquing. The question of Automation is a question for engineers and technicians. My concern is the ideological framework. You are welcome to explain why this idea of voluntary labor is different than the idea that people are satisfied by their labor, but to take this into the realm of automation ignores the point.

VTV said: "As for fulfillment through emotional connections, I assume you mean things like "sentimentality" which are basically manufactured by one's culture."

Most certainly to a point. There is psychological work done to show that forms of sympathy are in fact genetic and not totally learned. The specifics of emotion are learned, the instinctual predisposition towards having emotion is not.

VTV said: "This is an example of someone throwing their "theory" as fact and expecting the reader to accept it."

This is me expecting the reader to look at my claim, that RBE ideology has a great deal in common with Marxist thinking, and then going and reading the very extensive literature on their own. Readers should read *Das Kapital* and challenge my claims based on what they find there. My overall point, as stated in the conclusion, is to start a rational and well grounded discussion about RBE and its problems. Where are the philosophical discussions of RBE that tie into existing discourses? I am not claiming to be an authority or an expert, I am forwarding a critique with no claim about its total authoritative nature. You are being invited to debate how RBE tenants are either defensible or indefensible. And those that are indefensible require a well researched and official response.

VTV said: "Basically what we have here is that his entire argument is built on a foundation of stating that the RBE was founded on Marxism. Then declaring victory when he doesn't really understand the difference between the two systems."

I have addressed this extensively here. I have not declared that RBE is completely thrown out on these grounds. I am saying that that which it

has in common with Marxism is not adequately addressed. You claim the system is different, and that's true- I argued this very point with a poster on CS. I do not think Marxism and RBE are the same thing, but rather that there IS a fundamental overlap. What you claim is different, furthermore, is really easily interpreted as an attempt to overcome the fundamental flaw IN marxism- that is that there are jobs that must be done which will not be done if people freely own their own labor. You need something much more substantially different here to be fully understood as different from Marxism. RBE is based on the idea that people will do voluntary work that makes them satisfied, and that our current system does not make this possible. Of course, one could go through extensive schooling, sacrifice, and so on to make sure they get a job they are happy with, but your own position is that this is not adequate or not the case at all (in which case you have to account for the people who did get a job that they enjoy and do so happily). You have not recognized what I am arguing here, and instead caricatured my argument. Again, I am not saying RBE is Marxism, but that much of its implicit understanding about labor and its relation to the human is the same. And this then is where the debate is open. If people are not made happy by their jobs- if people are not satisfied through labor- then the whole RBE logic falls apart. And that's not to say that this position HASN'T been defended before, but rather that no official TVP or RBE literature I have seen has researched the defense to this statement.

To clarify, I am responding to VTV's response on the [Zeitgeist board here](#).



Falkner said this on [August 1, 2010 at 6:24 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

13. VTV has responded to my own response on the Zeitgeist Board. I want to make something clear- VTV says that "now [I'm] not saying" that RBE and Marxism are the same. Just to be absolutely clear, I have never said that they are the same thing. I am not reworking my position- I am clarifying it. Furthermore, he asks why I have not responded to his other critiques, and unfortunately the answer is that my work is pretty hectic now, and I cannot spend much time revisiting these arguments. I will say that my position is abundantly clear, and that the idea that labor is to be done away with is not particularly satisfying. The argument seems to be that we are to get rid of the social structure that currently surrounds labor so that it is instead replaced by voluntary labor. This of course does not quantitatively change the fact that people are to engage in work, and that by having work people voluntarily want to engage in, there will be general happiness. Again, this is not any different than Marx's own conception of human being. The central concern in RBE is labor and work. This is fairly obvious. And this is where the debate is wide open for anyone considering the movement. Is labor and monetary systems actually tied into human happiness the way it is claimed to be? It all depends on the philosophical grounds you approach the problems with. But to make the point clear- those aspects that RBE does share with Marxism have not been adequately and convincingly addressed or incorporated into the movement, but rather have remained tangential to it thus creating a point of constant disagreement. Just remember that there will always be people who disagree with RBE (myself included) because there are always fundamental differences in philosophical and structural understandings. The goal is not to convince 100% of the people that RBE is good, but to create a system that is good enough to gain serious attention from the necessary publics. Personally, I'd prefer to follow the Dewey model of domestic governance rather than jump ship to a movement I see no philosophical or empirical justification for.



Falkner said this on [August 2, 2010 at 3:30 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

14. I shouldn't be using my work time like this, but I feel its only fair I provide a response. However, I cannot dedicate much more time to this discussion. Again, citing my own conclusion, I intended this to serve as a platform for debate as well as an outline of the surface to my own problems with RBE.

“The entire premise of the author’s argument here is to say that our entire understanding of what is wrong with the world is the “NWO” when in fact it is only briefly ever mentioned in any of Jacque’s work, and even when we do, we state that we are not the “NWO”. And that’s it. The problems we talk about in the world are War, Poverty, etc. all very provable and obvious problems.”

My argument is that the implicit acknowledgement of this world view is present in the official documents provided by TVP and that the problems you are hoping to address are also the subject of concern for many other systematic approaches to world governance and structuralism. Welfare states, for example, work to eradicate these problems. Jeffery Sachs works to solve these problems. However, they do not make the leap to utter elimination of all problems in their systems, but rather a very noticeable reduction and amelioration of the problems at hand. Again, my point is that these other systems that recognize the same glaringly obvious problems make no mention whatsoever of the NWO. And perhaps that is why they are taken much more seriously. Perhaps.

“Again you are putting far more into it then was ever implied. “

Movements need to be very careful about the language they use when they hope to acrew new members. If someone like me can see this in the official sources for RBE, then what are the more well-educated going to think? I am looking at exactly what is present, and it is fairly clear that there is a linkage. Furthermore, as I mentioned previously, this very item is what creates a linkage between CT logic and RBE activism. Those who do believe in the NWO will then read these statements, feel validated in that belief, and support RBE for what, perhaps even you will acknowledge, are the wrong reasons.

“So now because there is no “NWO” then there is no point in there being a Venus Project? If you had reviewed the pages and pages of material about the various problems that Jacque seeks to address with his work that have nothing to do with any form of elite at all you would know this is a “faulty” understanding. “

Again, the problems TVP targets are not unique to TVP. There are many programs that exist that take much different approaches to solving them. And some have even seen implimentation even if they ultimately failed. The Millenium Project is just such an example. My point is that TVP is not set apart by what it aims to accomplish, but by the language and ideas that outline its structure. It is not a complete and respectable system as it stands. I am not saying it could never be (though I completely disagree with the notions of technological reliance from a purely anthropoligcal standpoint) but that it is not one now.

“We feel that the values of the people in a society would have to change, and that the environmental influences on behavior can replace the need for a government eventually.”

This is still a type of anarchy, but that’s not where the problem is. As I outline in the third part, there is an inherent tension in the movement between the elimination of official government and the need for social orders which become governmental forms. The problem isn’t that RBE is outright Anarchy or governance, but that it is not completely one or the other. There is a troubling loop forming in that logic.

“Just because it needs to be tested does not mean it is wrong. I have seen hierarchy firsthand increase and decrease based on the situations a given group of people found themselves in. I have seen enough to be convinced myself. “

Micro and Macrogovernance are very different things. Consider that the main argument against Scandanavian-style Welfare states is that it only works for relatively small populations. Heirarchal structures do change based on the size of populations. This is partly why we see some fairly simple hierarchies in tribal populations (though as Marcel Mauss points out, there are a great deal of complexities even therein) but the real question is whether the same holds true for large populations. Again, the problem facing RBE is that other options have been tested whereas RBE has been relegated to spreading the word. The more RBE activists allow things like The Millenium Project to monopolize the fight to end global poverty, the harder it will be for RBE to enter serious consideration.

“The reason the movement of goods was a display of power was because having goods and denying them to someone else gave you power over them. When there is enough goods for everyone, and then some, this is no longer possible anymore. “

I am actually refering to Gift Economies that are outlined in Marcel Mauss’ “The Gift” and Karl Polanyi’s “The Great Transformation” which are societies of a different order than western-monetary cultures. What I am pointing out here is that the very IDEA of economics and its relationship to society is mutable accross cultures. If economics are embedded into political order, such as those tribes studied by Polyani, than the idea of getting rid of a government and replacing it with a society of abundance makes no sense. There was originally a link to my reference in the paragraph, but I suppose it wasn’t preserved in the move over to this blog.

“There is no reason this is not testable. And there are primitive tribes that have existed in situations of far more abundance and the direct result is therefore far less strife. There are also obvious statistics that prove in situations of scarcity crimes increase. “

There is also the question of criminality’s social construction. Prior to monetary based societies, there were laws that dictated what could and could not be done. Looking into historical record, we find that laws and crimes were informed by very different sets of norms than our own secular legal system. What I am getting at in the idea of untestability is that there is no tehcnology now that will allow RBE to create the kind of abundance necessary to test such a society. It will also face the pblem that participants are always polluted by non-RBE founded social constructions, thus introducing an enormous amount variables to account for. To see a similar pattern, I suggest looking at the Phalanstries envisioned by Charles Fourier. These communities were tested and the results of these expierments should inform future discourse.





Falkner said this on [August 2, 2010 at 4:33 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

15. Did any TVP proponents ever stop to think that perhaps the reason Fresco has such unattainable goals is due to his extremely warped view of humanity?



NWO Agent said this on [August 3, 2010 at 1:00 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

16. VTV recently wrote:

“he is trying to say that we believe people will be satisfied by labor, and that this means that our position is flawed because many people will not be satisfied by labor. We know that. We know that such tasks need to be automated.”

It is clear that there is a great misunderstanding that has taken place, and it needs to be rectified. It was never Marx's position that trivial labor is what satisfied human beings, but rather the ability to own one's labor. The entire critique laid out by Marx was that Capitalism dehumanizes individuals because it removes them from their labor. Furthermore, the fetish of commodities alienates the consumer as well. When the Marxist position that Humans are satisfied by their labor, this does not refer to any kind of factory labor, but rather, as Marx holds, the ability to own and carry out all parts of enjoyable labor. Society is to be built up by the people, not the bourgeoisie, owning labor in society. Many Marxists, and Socialists, understood that industrialization would mandate that certain jobs would be automated, but that those jobs would not become the property of the few, but rather that of the masses. When I say “people are satisfied by their labor” the position I am outlining is that if people are given a choice, and they voluntarily do a job, that is what will make them happy. Having their needs met and doing a job they like is what is important in this argument. My counter argument is that, not only is RBE society political amorphous and thus cannot provide the necessary form for society, but that it is more than people's work that makes them happy. Intellectual freedom, discourse, and creativity are the core of human happiness. Emotional satisfaction and altruistic behaviors are furthermore central to make an individual happy. These are things that are not dependent upon one's work, as many people in today's world have jobs but look forward to using their wages to enjoy their time with friends and family (or themselves for that matter). Hopefully this clears up the position, as I am not sure why “people being satisfied by their labor” would automatically exclude the automation of unwanted jobs. But now there is a question of where our technology is right now that must be answered.



Falkner said this on [August 3, 2010 at 2:01 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

17. My Final Note Regarding RBE

The following is my final reply on the subject of Resource Based Economies. I make this move solely because I find that the discussion is not particularly productive at this time. The theory is not being discussed outside of the current movement and its opponents, and it has made no

tangible gains towards implementation. In the event that Resource Based Economies ever does enter public discourse, I would of course be happy to engage with the matter again. But as of now, discussing it only removes my efforts from completing other, more pressing projects. I feel it is absolutely necessary, again, to state my own position for clarification and to identify my own thoughts on the issues at hand. I am opposed to RBE on a variety of grounds- not the least of which is its immediate practicality. Discussions surrounding alternatives to Capitalism are abundant in reasonable discourse at large, and to relegate one's efforts here would be to take time with an idea in its infancy (and almost assuredly the furthest point it will reach). Personally, I chose to donate my time to matters of political discourse and cultural investigation as locations for understanding and alleviating conflict. And there are in fact an abundance of projects that currently exist that are working to absolve issues of global poverty, not the least of which is The Millennium project. Now, this is not to say that I am a supporter of the Millennium Project, but rather that I recognize that it has made much more of an effort towards progress on the issues that face the unfortunate today. With that, I will make my final statement on this issue.

### Marxism, RBE, and Labor

There is a critical misunderstanding that is occurring surrounding the term "labor" as it applies to Marxist ideology. We must of course keep in mind that Marx founded Material Historiography, and that his understanding of world events was fundamentally founded in material conditions in any epoch. This is not unlike the premise behind The Venus Project. The evils of monetary systems and supposed synthetic scarcity underline The Venus Project's understanding of what causes human suffering. This, in itself, is a materialist understanding of human condition. It makes the argument that because material goods or resources are controlled in a specific way, the human condition is dictated by these conditions. I am not arguing the validity here, but rather pointing out the glaringly obvious connection that exists. Now, of course RBE does not follow the dialectic that Marx supported in *Das Kapital* or *The Communist Manifesto* but it does support a revolution in terms of its reorganization of resources in an effort to create a permanent surplus. This of course assumes that such a surplus can occur (given that many minerals are finite in amount, including tungsten, platinum, petroleum, and so on).

What does this have to do with labor? In the Marxist tradition labor does not mean menial labor or tasks, but rather refers to all human activity that produces. That means that art, writing, music, and manufacture are all forms of labor. It should then be completely understood that The Venus Project is absolutely married to the idea that labor is what makes an individual fulfilled. The idea is that jobs which people do not enjoy will be automated, and those which they do enjoy will be theirs to partake in. This is ownership of one's labor. And let us not forget that this is not a new concept owned exclusively by the Venus Project, but rather has been mentioned by Socialist thinker Oscar Wilde. Thus, this misrepresentation of the word "labor" misleads the reader to the deeper meaning of this critique. My own position is not merely that humans are fulfilled by creative production (which is still a form of labor) but rather by introspection and expressive that is both material and non-materialist. These two aspects- a materialist understanding of human condition and the pursuit of self-owned labor free of obligation- are fundamentally not new in the least. And indeed, Marx himself critiqued the bourgeoisie for creating a system in which the workers were forced to sell their labor in order to earn a wage so that they could buy their food stuffs. This mirrors, almost exactly, the root of TVP's own critique of the world. Now, it should not be the case that Marxism and RBE are equitable. Indeed, the two have vastly different solutions to these problems and application of their end results. Where Marxism envisioned a proletarian state that transcended the state as a bourgeoisie construct, there is no such solution or model in the Venus Project. My critique is that the points The Venus Project makes are not wholly new, have a very clear ontology, and have been discussed at length by philosophers, historians, and politicians. However, there is no such publicly available discussion in regards to

these points. Instead, there is a flat rejection of the genealogy rather than an examination. To accept a genealogy is not to doom one's self to the faults of the original ideas. Rather, to do so would enrich a new doctrine because it could be wholly enriched by following the tradition. Continuing to ignore these similarities only dooms the movement to paralysis.

Conspiracies Aren't RBE, but they do enter them

I will open this section with a specific case taken from The Zeitgeist Board:

“I think you should all rewatch Zeitgeist I, I rewatched it a few days ago and I've understand it in a very different way now than I did back in 2007. Zeitgeist I is still an amazing and very valid film, I see no conspiracy theories there, I see natural events of the system we live in.

It makes me sad to see TZM members reject Zeitgeist I instead of defending it.

Honestly, what information presented by Peter Joseph in that film is incorrect?”

- [http://thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?](http://thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=3&id=279496&limit=10&limitstart=30)

[option=com\\_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=3&id=279496&limit=10&limitstart=30](http://thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=3&id=279496&limit=10&limitstart=30)

This comment makes it abundantly clear that Conspiracy Theories are , in fact, still generating interest in the movement, and that the movement itself has done nothing relevant to stem this pattern. Setting aside the obvious error in the poster's statement, this clearly lays out my point exactly. The first film, which supports a conspiracy theorists world view, is still fundamentally joined to the movement by way of interest pathways. I have explained this repeatedly, and indeed this is what causes a tremendous fault in the RBE logic. Despite what VTV would hope the movement is about, the motives of all members do not align. Those who turn to the movement in an effort to stop the progression of a perceived conspiracy infinitely pollute the movement's goals. These motives surround and color action, and this action is in turn based on an utterly false premise. In order to make real change, that which must be changed must be correctly understood. And my point is that TVP's official statement does not clarify this point, but only perpetuates it. While correctable, it may mean losing a great deal of support that came from viewers of the first Zeitgeist Film.

A Fundamental misrepresentation of the Human Condition

As I stated in my first critique, and as I will state not, RBE is easily debated if one does not accept the basic assumption that human suffering is the result of material conditions. If one refutes that war, poverty, crime, and so on is the result of a forced scarcity on the grounds of our monetary system, then the whole project is ultimately refuted. Likewise, if we refute that these material conditions can be made to fulfill humans by allowing them to own their own labor (again, productive and creative ability) then RBE gives us nothing of real value. And this is of course all based on the idea that such a surplus is even remotely possible. If we examine the root causes of all wars prior to the implementation of monetary policies as they exist today, we have a very complicated picture. To reduce all wars to monetary gain is fundamentally flawed. The Crusades, The Peloponnesian Wars, and countless wars for independence were not the result of seeking monetary gain, but rather a complex set of circumstances that lead to open hostilities. Are monetary systems involved, and do they present a very strong structural constraint on war? Certainly. But that is not all that makes up a war. To claim otherwise is to oversimplify history to a troubling extent.

Furthermore, there is nothing in TVP which has conclusively shown how social constructs are to be eliminated. Any RBE society will of course be tainted by remnants of previous society, but how will these remnants be completely eliminated? As I mentioned before, there are latent power structures that exist in this theory that have not been addressed. The need to overcome social constructs demands a very extensive structure, and indeed there must be a total understanding of what causes human behavior- something that not even the experts have reached a consensus on.

This also means being able to overcome inherent and natural inequalities. Just because education is available does not mean it will be taken or that it will be successful. Educated individuals in our society do not agree on a great deal of things, and indeed this disagreement leads to innovation and productive discourse. The point is, however, that not all people are equally capable. People should be legally equal, but this does not mean that people are equal in terms of capability. Where then, does TVP safeguard against the kinds of social constructs that surround the presence of inequalities? These are the areas where TVP is fundamentally not coherent, and where it has taken a huge gamble. If human conditions aren't so readily confined to material condition, then the whole thing is shot. All it takes is the first murder in an RBE city to cause a problem. Crimes not founded in money exist, and they have existed. Indeed, crimes have existed in many shapes and forms, and an RBE would be no exception.

With that, I finish my discussion on RBE. When the movement makes its first substantial gain to compete with other projects and theories for world governance, I will gladly return to it. Until then, it is relegated to the forums.



Falkner said this on [August 3, 2010 at 8:37 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- Perfectly explained, and I agree with it:

Just to highlight and reiterate a few points made that are of major importance:

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[anticultist](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 5:40 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

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Which is why some sort of legal system must still exist to deal with the crimes that are not the result of money i.e. rape and other crimes, as well as future entities that would take the place of the Food Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency etc

“People should be legally equal, but this does not mean that people are equal in terms of capability. Where then, does TVP safeguard against the kinds of social constructs that surround the presence of inequalities?”

I agree even in an RBE (which support) there would still need to be a method of ascertaining a qualified person from one who is merely a generalist or enthusiast. Perhaps the same means of ascertaining levels of skill or proficiency of an area will need to exist (technical elitism is and always will be a necessary form of elitism – this even exists in Star Trek which is the closest thing to a realistic moneyless society in fiction) but that isn't to say that the education system we have now isn't in need of a huge kick up the behind. To be honest I don't know why TZM/TVP are still clinging to Jacques' magical and unrealistic view of the future when Star Trek (yes I sound like a nerd at this point – or even delirious but eh) presents an even more realistic concept of an RBE



[Shane Nolan](#) said this on [August 4, 2010 at 7:17 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

18. Respect to Falkner. You have cleared your point entirely.



Nate D. said this on [August 4, 2010 at 10:56 am](#) | [Reply](#)

19. “Technology” has and will in the near and distant future change the way that we look at society and human labor.

The labor force is shrinking and will continue to do so because of labor saving devices that are used by a capitalist class, so as to increase their “Rate of Profit.”

The FACT that technology is used by the capitalists to make a large workforce not necessary to a capitalist society, it logically follows that production of goods and services will be limited to those that can pay the inflated and controlled price of what is needed to survive.

Those that are displaced by the machines will become the force that will find it necessary to overthrow the system of private ownership and the planned market economy that is designed to enrich the small percentage of capitalist owners over that of the rest of society.

A global economy will, as all things eventually do, turn to the diametric opposite, of being for a select few, and will become a planned global economy that is designed for all of the people on the planet.

What will without a doubt make this transformation of society possible and necessary is the eventual development of our technological sciences.

Because “TECHNOLOGY” is what helped transform the world, does not mean that technologists should be in charge of running the world.

The revolution was also carried out by those that were the victims of technology, those that were dispossessed by the machines.

The only people in the beginning stages that will and should take control of our world society, so that we as a society will have a heart and a soul, should and most likely will be, “SOCIAL SCIENTISTS!” NOT “TECHNOCRATS.”

In the future {KARL MARX} predicted that because of an environment of all that is necessary to satisfy all of the material needs of all of the people, that a social non competitive people, will give birth to a new kind of human being, “a Social Scientific Human Being,” that will be secure inside their world environment, and will have a total scientific awareness of their surroundings, so they will not need a state apparatus to tell them or order them to be social and instruct them what to do, they will automatically know what to do to improve their surroundings and their relationships with all of the people on the planet.

Under these conditions the “STATE Apparatus” of Police ,Courts Jails, etc. will no longer be necessary so they will wither away and you will have a administration of things, ... not people.

This will happen because it is the only thing that can happen!



despicable said this on [August 5, 2010 at 4:52 am](#) | [Reply](#)

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Labour saving technology reduces the costs of production, therefore it follows that the price the product sells at should be reduced. Savings in the workforce employment in one industry drives other industries growth in labour, because if a workforce is no longer needed in one area it creates unemployment for some people, but means they have to seek alternate employment elsewhere. The idea of a job for life in the modern era is a fallacy and noones job is secured no matter how experienced they are. The threat of unemployment has always been present during the industrial era and industry evolves and grows due to changing trends in technology, while technology decreases employment possibilities in one field it increases employment in other areas.

Those that are displaced by the machines will become the force that will find it necessary to overthrow the system of private ownership and the planned market economy that is designed to enrich the small percentage of capitalist owners over that of the rest of society.

Those that are displaced by machines will have to seek employment elsewhere, the idea they will revolt against a machine is ludicrous and has never been effective or true in any point in history, when mills and mines became automated and machine orientated people were made redundant, they were simply forced to look elsewhere for employment. Eventually due to changing technologies and trends even these automated and machine driven mills and mines closed down, and new technologies and industries sprang up out of necessity. Local economies are certainly affected by these changes but they dont cause international or major national problems, the miners conflict in the UK is probably the biggest revolt against shutdowns of industry I have seen and this was back in 1970's and simply subsided after people accepted their job was over, they are small pockets of change that people have to deal with in the modern era. Thinking that it happens in one huge moment affecting the entire population at the same time is untrue. It will not cause a revolution to fight the machine driven industry, it will simply cause a change in the industry and how people seek employment and change their employment skill sets.

A global economy will, as all things eventually do, turn to the diametric opposite, of being for a select few, and will become a planned global economy that is designed for all of the people on the planet.

What will with out a doubt make this transformation of society possible and necessary is the eventual development of our technological sciences.

Here you say technology will be responsible for making mans life better and he will accept that technology can improve his life, where as above you claim that the use of technology is bad for him and will cause him to revolt, which is it ?

Because “TECHNOLOGY” is what helped transform the world, does not mean that technologists should be in charge of running the world. The revolution was also carried out by those that were the victims of technology, those that were dispossessed by the machines.

How can anyone be in charge of running the technologies if they know nothing about them? A technological society is based upon the skill sets of knowing how to utilise technology and therefore is dependant upon the workforce changing their skillsets towards a more technological worldview, their skillsets must be in synchronisation with the current industrial system, not oppositional to it. To be in opposition to it is similar to being a luddite who refuses to change and go with the way things are. Noone can be a luddite and yet run a technological society without any understanding of it, a poor example would be a child ruling your local school board and being in charge of education for everyone. They would have no idea what education people needed as they have none themselves.

The only people in the beginning stages that will and should take control of our world society, so that we as a society will have a heart and a soul, should and most likely will be, “SOCIAL SCIENTISTS!” NOT “TECHNOCRATS.”

Then you are talking about people who have no idea about a technological worldview who are only interested in societal interactions, these people would be no more skilled at running a technological society than you or I would since we have not got the skillsets.

In the future {KARL MARX} predicted that because of an environment of all that is necessary to satisfy all of the material needs of all of the people, that a social non competitive people, will give birth to a new kind of human being, “a Social Scientific Human Being,” that will be secure inside their world environment, and will have a total scientific awareness of their surroundings,

But here you say everyone will be technologically savvy and will understand the technology, so which is it ? are they technology experts or are they social scientists? or are they both? And how are you going to get every human being on the planet to be the same kind of person with the same understanding and the same skillsets. In reality this is impossible because people have different learning styles and potential understanding. All people do not understand how technology works, this is not because they dont want to, it is because the way they think is not pre disposed towards a technological understanding or a scientific style. Not everyone is equal or will be equal in understanding or knowledge, this is fantasy. As Falkner said they should be considered equal in a moral view and in societal importance, but their intellect and knowledge will not be the same.

Under these conditions the “STATE Apparatus” of Police ,Courts Jails, etc. will no longer be necessary so they will wither away and you will have a administration of things, ... not people.

Again technology will miraculously remove problems ? it will actually just create different problems, it will not remove crime or remove emotional problems or psychological problems, these things existed before technology existed and they still continue to this very day. If technology was responsible for removing these things then logically we should have seen a decrease in these matters during the technological and industrial era, and since you have no evidence to show that murder or rape or mental illness or crime has reduced due to technology this is an empty claim.

This will happen because it is the only thing that can happen!



No it is not, the opposite could just as likely happen, you can not predict the future



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20. “Labour saving technology reduces the costs of production, therefore it follows that the price the product sells at should be reduced. Savings in the workforce employment in one industry drives other industries growth in labour, because if a workforce is no longer needed in one area it creates unemployment for some people, but means they have to seek alternate employment elsewhere. The idea of a job for life in the modern era is a fallacy and no ones job is secured no matter how experienced they are. The threat of unemployment has always been present during the industrial era and industry evolves and grows due to changing trends in technology, while technology decreases employment possibilities in one field it increases employment in other areas.”  
anticultist

The existing reality that can be statistically proven is that when a capitalist enterprise lowers the cost of production and the cost of labor is where the largest cost of production exists, that as a direct consequence of the reduction of the cost of labor will be a corresponding raise in the rate of profit.

By not lowering the price of a product that costs less to produce, will automatically raise the capitalist’s rate of profit. Because profit is what business is all about I find it not rational when purchasing power is low because of unemployment that a business enterprise would opt for gaining more customers by the lowering of the price, rather than a quick immediate high rate of profit.

The concept that new jobs and opportunities will become available to pick up the slack created by the destruction of jobs by the creation of labor saving devices, is a ignorant assumption.

To stay alive competitively it becomes necessary for the large competing enterprises to make the most highest possible “rate of profit” in the quickest possible time.

The evidence is clear, in todays environment, that the concerns of aggregate capital in their pursuit of making not only a profit, but the largest rate of profit that is possible under existing conditions, ... that the quickest and easiest way that these enterprises can succeed and remain competitive, is to ignore the well being of the majority of the people, and their physical environment, and go like “gang busters” in the exploitation of the people and their environment. Their battle cry is and has always been, “FULL SPEED AHEAD AND THE PUBLIC BE DAMNED!”

The Instruments of production are now and most likely in the near future will be in the hands of a class, a class that will naturally go through a transformation as it had transformed itself from being a “Free enterprise” system of competing free small enterprisers to a competing private enterprise system of competing large corporations

to a economic system of a no longer competing system but a cooperating system of multi-nationals where the entire globe is their oyster, and the people of the world are their subjects.

New technology is the wave of the future, it can be a positive force or a negative force, depending on who owns the productive forces of the world!

New Technology can destroy the entire planet or it can be used to save and enrich the planet and the people that populate the planet.

Ignorance will destroy what exists! Intelligence will not!

Science can predict the future! If we go to the opposite direction that science points us to, we can wind up dead or we can learn from our mistakes and get ourselves on the right track and move forward into the future and not backward into a no longer relevant past.

The thrust of science is to predict outcome! To say that science cannot predict is to not understand what science is all about. It has been scientifically established that the nature and character of a society evolves and changes depending on the precise circumstances, situation and conditions that exist at a particular point in time.

It is popular to say in conservative circles, that “you can’t change human nature!”

This view is unscientific! It is scientifically established that when your surroundings change from an environment of abundance to an environment of scarcity that the nature of humans and animals and all sorts of living things will change their nature to conform to the nature of their environment. Scarcity forces all living things to become aggressive so that they can get what is necessary to survive and thrive before that what is needed and is scarce runs out and they are left wanting and not getting.

Things that are scarce are regarded as valuable and the more that you can accumulate for your self the more status you will have in a society that values that what is scarce

The opposite will occur when living in an environment of plenty! It is predictable that the nature of all living things will under an environment of material abundance act in a manner reflecting their surroundings. All living things will cooperate and become more in harmony with everyone and in tune with their surroundings. The need to value that what is scarce is no longer necessary so material things are no longer a status symbol because there is enough to go around to comfortably satisfy everyone.

This material abundance resulting from advanced technology has not as yet been utilized by the capitalist class because the capitalist class is not interested in having a system of material abundance. A class society can only enrich themselves by having one class dominate control and exploit another class. That is why it is not in the best interest of the capitalist class to have an abundant society, and that is why we have a society that encourages artificial scarcity!

When you are able to accomplish scientific clarity, only then will you be able to predict with scientific accuracy the stages of human history, that occurred in the past, what is occurring in the present and you will be able to predict what will happen in the future!



[despicable](#) said this on [August 6, 2010 at 3:45 am](#) | [Reply](#)

- The existing reality that can be statistically proven is that when a capitalist enterprise lowers the cost of production and the cost of labor is where the largest cost of production exists, that as a direct consequence of the reduction of the cost of labor will be a corresponding raise in the rate of profit.

This is under the assumption that all enterprises maintain the same sales price and have a larger ratio of profit, you say it can statistically

be proven. . . would you care to show multiple real world examples of business profits that have occurred due to the implementation of automation ? And . . . not cherry pick the few that have kept their sales price at the original price prior to automation. Can you actually show that automation reduces production costs instantaneously? Businesses will need to recoup the initial input costs of the automation before they can consider reducing the sales price to the customer. This is just normal business practice. No business is going to operate under loss conditions, it would not last long if it did this and it's not nefarious to do this, it is common sense.

Without getting into a silly argument here the above poster does not even consider the notion of competition in the market place, he seems to be going under the presumption of monopoly companies, as if every company on Earth operates like this. There are laws in place to prevent this, also competition drives prices down, when automation increases production numbers and quality processes this gives a competitor an advantage, if its competitor follows suite, it logically creates a price battle in the marketplace where each tries to sell more than the other. This creates price reductions.

You are simply paranoid about companies good man, you are all about the evil man behind the curtain who seeks to ruin the world and ruin your life through his company. In reality that's not how companies work, they are not set up to fuck up humanity or their market, they are set up to provide a solution to a customer's needs and provide a service that they require, if the customer did not require it the service would cease to exist and the company would disappear. The business world can no more manipulate this than a magician can, if people don't need something it is simply no longer going to be bought or sold.

Example if we move away from using petrol cars and start using Jacques imaginary flying vehicles that run on fairy dust, the car industry will go out of business.

Science can predict the future!

No ! completely erroneous statement, science can predict a possible outcome of an experiment under set conditions, it can not predict the future. You are making egregious statements about the scientific method and its implementation.

It is popular to say in conservative circles, that “you can't change human nature!”

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Is it now ?

Please provide peer reviewed citations and evidence to prove that abundance of material conditions creates a harmonious society and removes all abhorrent behaviour. You can not prove this because such conditions have never existed, and also you will not remove problems in society that are not based on materialistic worldviews or monetary situations. You can not remove the mental instabilities and problems people have simply with objects around them, you can not remove people's emotional instability simply with objects around

them. Please do me a favour and think deeper and provide evidence to your speculative claims. Granted without food and water things will change but those are necessary life preserving resources, you are talking about objects other than this.

The opposite will occur when living in an environment of plenty! It is predictable that the nature of all living things will under an environment of material abundance act in a manner reflecting their surroundings. All living things will cooperate and become more in harmony with everyone and in tune with their surroundings. The need to value that what is scarce is no longer necessary so material things are no longer a status symbol because there is enough to go around to comfortably satisfy everyone.

Typical false claim by a zeitgeister. NEWSFLASH: Even in an RBE resources will be scarce ! There are resources on Earth that are naturally scarce and are needed in production of certain material objects in our technological society, if you can somehow prove to me how you intend to make these materials abundant without magic and pseudo science I will be impressed. Until then here in the real world we all know that resources are actually scarce and you can not go using them where you want in mass production around the globe because there are simply not enough to go around.

A class society can only enrich themselves by having one class dominate control and exploit another class. That is why it is not in the best interest of the capitalist class to have an abundant society, and that is why we have a society that encourages artificial scarcity!

When you are able to accomplish scientific clarity, only then will you be able to predict with scientific accuracy the stages of human history, that occurred in the past, what is occurring in the present and you will be able to predict what will happen in the future!

So you say the world is set up to stop people from having things ? yet since the dawn of the industrial era people have been gaining more and more material objects in their homes of a technological nature decade by decade, and at cheaper costs. We have labour saving devices in our own homes that are due to the advancement of the capitalist system, without it you would still be making tea by boiling water in a saucepan, you would be cooking your food on a wood burning stove, you would be making your fresh juice by manually compacting fruit, etc etc... The list is endless you moan like a person who has never benefited from the technological society we live in. As if it has all been held back from us and out of our reach. The fact of the matter is you have never managed to make enough money to buy things you simply can not afford and you blame society for oppressing you into this scenario, the bottom line is you are not in the financial bracket to afford such luxuries and you did not work hard enough to get into it.

Again you use the scientific method blatantly wrong in your final statement, no one can predict the future, NO ONE. We can attempt to steer people and society into a direction we wish to happen, and we can set the conditions for this to occur, but it does not guarantee anything with people or society, because people have free will and are random in behaviour. You have no way of proving that your dream society will do anything you claim because you have zero evidence to prove it. All you have is empty claims and words.



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- “Again you use the scientific method blatantly wrong in your final statement, no one can predict the future, NO ONE. We can attempt to steer people and society into a direction we wish to happen, and we can set the conditions for this to occur, but it does not guarantee anything with people or society, because people have free will and are random in behavior. You have no way of proving that your dream society will do anything you claim because you have zero evidence to prove it. All you have is empty claims and words.”

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It seems to me that those that cannot see how things intersect and connect and are so sure of the randomness of all things everywhere in the universe and on our planet, are destined to go through life confused, and not seeing or knowing what science discovered and is discovering from the beginning of science to the present day.

You seem to not be able to see the forest because of the trees!

If you soar above the trees you will get a birds eye view rather than a surface view and perception of what exists in the forest.

Perhaps you will better understand the nature and character of what you are a part of.

It is generally known by most people that a cause will create an effect. That a particular cause will create a particular effect. It is scientifically predictable

what effect will happen because of a particular cause.

A scientific prediction is that at a particular degree of heat will cause water to change to steam. Science can predict that this will within a particular degree of certainty, that it happened in the past, is happening in the present and will under relatively the same precise conditions, happen in the future.

The more you know the more accurate will be your prediction. If you know and understand the nature and character of the societies of our historical past, and the nature and character that exist in the societies of our present, the better able are you to predict what the nature and character of society will be in our near and distant future.

It is a scientific fact that everything changes nothing on the planet or the universe remains exactly the same as it was in the distant and near past.

The more you know of the science of the way change occurs the better that you can predict how one thing that exists in the present will with a particular degree of certainty depending on the amount of concrete evidence, will change in the future.

When I say that Capitalism will not last forever, I do so knowing that nothing lasts forever.

When I say that Socialism will be born out of Capitalism, that it is the only possible alternative to capitalism. I say so because I know it is so! I do not believe that it is so.

When I say that socialism will lay the foundation for Communism to come into being. I know scientifically that it will be because it is the only thing that possibly can be!

I do not believe! I know or I do not Know! What I know, is not based on faith!  
It is based on evidence! SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE!



[despicable](#) said this on [August 7, 2010 at 9:25 am](#)

- yeah right scientific evidence you have not provided.  
what a crock of shit.



[anticultist](#) said this on [August 7, 2010 at 2:13 pm](#)

21. Excuse me for my english, I'm not a native speaker.

### Refutation of the refutation

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I'm just going to refute a few points in the argument in the post before they become implanted \*somehow\* in other people. The main flaw is that the entire argument is based on projections and misinterpretations. So I'll expose only the flaws as they are the very basis of the argument. I'll just copy & paste the parts of the argument and then my refutation will follow each part. By the way, I may have missed some parts.

### Part 1

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“The measure of success would be based on the fulfilment of one’s individual pursuits rather than the acquisition of wealth, property and power.” according to Jacque Fresco.”

“The argument, implicitly, is that humans can be satisfied and fulfilled through ones work.”

according to you.

Your argument seems very well done were it not for a very slight error.

The main flaw is in the word “implicitly” for it calls for many individual interpretations. You just gave YOUR interpretation of what “one’s individual pursuits” means. But according to Jacque and thoroughly supported by science itself the human is NEVER fulfilled. The very nature of the brain is against any kind of eternal fulfillment, any kind of final frontiers. The brain is NATURALLY always looking for new connections so it’s never satisfied.

## Part 2

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“What is so striking about this statement is that it largely falls in line with a common Conspiracy Theory known as the New World Order. This theory is famously forwarded by Zeitgeist film in part 3.”

The conspiracy theory may indeed be in the Zeitgeist movie and the existence of this NWO can’t be shown but it CAN be asserted. How? With the help of science once more. If one STUDIES the monetary system and the way it functions, then the existence of this NWO can be asserted. The connection between corporations and government can scientifically be deduced. I don’t need evidence because through science it’s clear as crystal.

## Part 3

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“The movements associated with this brand of RBE, Venus Project and Zeitgeist, both rely on a very specific illusion of expertise.”

What do you mean by “illusion”? Is that my illusion or your illusion? I think I won’t even refute this, you’ll just have to look for the expertise you want so much and which is already existent in actual days.

## Part 4

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“There is always a serious inequality among people.”

“Human beings are born with inequality within all societies. Consider that children, almost universally, are not considered equal to adults. Even in the United States, children are granted basic rights but are not given certain privileges. And indeed, children are legally dependent upon adult care and authority.”

You’re once again making projections. Scientifically speaking, human beings are born with inequality only in terms of external appearance, for even the interior is the same. All the other inequalities are created by man not by nature. It’s the humans who THINK they have to take care of their children until they’re big enough and by this they mean age of 18 and 21. The truth is that had those same children been educated in a

scientific manner (meaning education about the environment and relationship to other humans), they wouldn't have to become 18 or 21 to be able to live on their own provided other people had the same education.

## Part 5

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” The love of excess is not dependent upon taking from others, but rather on the love of having more than one needs. It is then perfectly reasonable that an RBE promotes social greed, not erases it.”

I don't know what you mean by “love of” something so I won't enter in a discussion starting with such subjective interpretations. But I'll try to give a new word and simply call it “desire” which is more objective.

An RBE would probably eliminate greed through education meaning understanding the true causes of desires and their nature including social consequences. The greedy people would then study the very root causes of their greedy desires and think about the consequences before they take action but it also needs an abundant environment so that there's no fight for anything producing the so-called aberrant behavior. That's the first step in eliminating greed. In fact, The Venus Project is all based purely on understanding, true understanding through science.

@anticultist

“TZM dont use science they exhibit a belief structure throughout their membership, they have no science to back up their claims and utilise a vague declaration that using the scientific method will save the world, we have yet to see them actually utilise the scientific method for anything.”

They can't show anything until they have the world people's majority supporting TVP and ready to hear about the scientific method you're asking for. When we're still fighting ourselves how can we hear and understand each other? We must first understand each other through conversation, knowledge and education. So the majority of the world's people first has to be educated about TVP.

“Where is the evidence that monetary system itself is responsible for the worlds problems?

Also how do you plan on conditioning an entire planet without force ?

We all recognise the current system is flawed? do we ?

When did you start speaking for an entire species?

I recognise there are elements/people within the worlds system that are corrupt, and people need to address these elements to clean it up.”



So you recognize that some people are corrupt. What causes that corruption? The only difference between TVP and other “movements” is that Jacque STUDIED the monetary system from inside-out to discover where were the roots of the problems. He exposed some of the problems in his famous interview with Larry King. The basic problem with the monetary system is that it’s profit-oriented in a time when it’s not sustainable and that’s what causes poverty, hunger, etc. It’s not so much that the monetary system is bad, it’s just not adjusted in time. It did extremely well a long time ago, not now with the advancement of science and technology. This system should probably have ended before the industrial revolution.

The entire planet will be conditioned through knowledge and education. For each specific case there’ll be a specific form of education but always avoiding the use of violence and other forms of abuse.



*hangyaku* said this on [August 28, 2010 at 1:48 pm](#) | [Reply](#)

- My replies to Your replies:

Part1: Science please.

Part 2: Claiming the use of science and then using none to back up your claims is not only weak but empty and devoid of any evidence or meaning. I can say anything like the following: The proof the NWO agenda does not exist can be proven by science, see it works both ways. So if you have no science to back up your claim in part 2 my advice is to step down or put up some evidence based on scientific rationale.

Part 3: Semantics and muddying of the point, you again say nothing that is of value . TVP/TZM have no expertise or engineers in any fields doing anything that validates their claims, period. So until you refute that with evidence then you will never refute his argument.

Part 4: Humans are not similar internally at all, some people are born with no legs, some people are born with a damaged brain, some people are born with degenerative diseases, some people are prone to emotional problems, some people are devoid of emotional understanding, some people are even born with more or less internal organs. People are not the same at all, you want to categorise and generalise that everyone is the same when its absolute bulshit, people are different and react differently to external influences. Why you are talking about being 18 or 21 is irrelevant, because train a person in science all you want you will never overcome the fact people are different and have varying dispositions towards learning and understanding. Not everyone is predisposed to understanding science, period.

Part 5: The majority of the world needs to be educated about things that actually matter and are useful, they also need practical evidence and scientific proof before they get involved in anything that's going to change things. Since TVP/TZM have nothing but empty rhetoric and an idea that is flawed and faulty and proven to be wrong on many grounds already your point is nonsense. You can talk all you want

about some idea that is empty but people will not respond to it since it has nothing backing it up but some conspiracy theorists, and an old guy with no education. Noone else is taking it seriously in the academic or technical world because it offers up nothing but a set of empty words.

What causes that corruption ? who knows, you certainly dont and neither do peter joseph merola or jacque fresco. Claiming it is one thing is a lie because people are motivated by different things. Jacque is not an economist he is not a financial expert he is not remotely scientific in anything he does, he has not once laid out a plan with evidence and quotes/references. The man is not scientific and has not studied the monetary system inside out at all, you are just making shit up about him.

Also you claim you know what causes poverty... bullshit, its dependant on many different things, for instance one example in Africa poverty is driven by lack of food and water and starvation is rife as is disease. The mere fact Africa can not produce a steady diet of staple food sources and water has nothing to do with the monetary system, your claim is nonsense. Monetary systems are not to blame for everything, in fact you can simply say that the physical environment a person chooses to stay in or live in, or is confined to can create poverty starvation and illness too.



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22. “The entire planet will be conditioned through knowledge and education. For each specific case there’ll be a specific form of education but always avoiding the use of violence and other forms of abuse.”

Except that they are patently abusive and violent on their forums and against anyone who threatens to expose them by providing actual factual depth information.

So its too late.

The difference between Jaques frescoe and Bill Mollison is that Bill Mollison had a temperament of pure gold and an alignment of angelic good, while Jaques is just a selfish and self serving lawful evil scam artist who knows a good idea before he steals it.

“is that Jacque STUDIED the monetary system from inside-out “

if that were true he would have more solid answers than he does.

What he actually did was copy, badly, the technocrats, whom he spent time trying to be a member of until they realized he was a crackpotted bad investment strategy.

” This system should probably have ended before the industrial revolution.”

yes, that's when it became possible to have a truly egalitarian society. Before that it was impossible, just as direct democracy was impossible prior to mass communication.

“So the majority of the world's people first has to be educated about TVP.”

At the critical mass flashpoint of about .1 percent, serious scientific analysis will doom the movement and the rest of humanity will thus never hear about TVP, which is as it should be since TVP is a scam and textured vegetable protein claimed the three letters first.

“That's the first step in eliminating greed. In fact, The Venus Project is all based purely on understanding, true understanding through science.”

If that were true, they would not have banned me for pointing out the simple facts of science and psychology which were so alien to VTV that he called them nonsense. In fact they are based on ignorance, greed, corruption, and finding cheap marks. They are anti science and anti intellectual.

If you KNOW any of the sciences deeply this is transparently easy to see. DO YOU? I do. They get everything wrong, and are so dead set that they are demigawds that they can't allow the people who do have real knowledge to have a voice.

They are scam artists and they prey upon the ignorant. Period.

“What do you mean by “illusion”?”

they have at best a knowledge equal to a few bachelors degrees.

Any comparison to depth knowledge at the post grad level shows that they are simply not experts- period. They are not experts. Period. They are not experts. Period. Get it?

Do you have expert knowledge? I don't have to pretend, I am a REAL polymath. And its easy to spot a fake when you are the genuine article.

“Is that my illusion or your illusion?”

it is an illusion in the tradition of “magic” stagecraft. Sleight of mind. There is no expertise. Only scum sucking bottom feeding sociopathic fascists who want your money.

“I think I won't even refute this, you'll just have to look for the expertise you want so much and which is already existent in actual days.”

I looked. And it didn't matter to me that they were ignorant and faking it i was willing to forgive them that. But one worse, they are also evil basterds who revile and fear and thus ban those who DO ACTUALLY HAVE EXPERT KNOWLEDGE.



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [September 2, 2010 at 4:17 am](#) | [Reply](#)

23. “When I say that Socialism will be born out of Capitalism, that it is the only possible alternative to capitalism. I say so because i know it is so! I do not believe that it is so.”

Thats stupid, ignorant, pathetic capitalist rhetoric, and you should be ashamed.

There are dozens of real third alternatives, and your argument is a classic example of a false dilemma.

“This will happen because it is the only thing that can happen!”

You also, clearly, do not understand cause and effect or cause and effect chains in psychohistory and you have no business pretending to understand real psychohistory having only at best a weak understanding of socialism.

In fact many other things CAN happen.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False\\_dilemma](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_dilemma)



[prometheuspan](#) said this on [September 2, 2010 at 4:27 am](#) | [Reply](#)

24. “The theory maintains that a secret cabal of bankers and other elite individuals are attempting to put the world under a one world government with themselves in power. This theory has been refuted time and time again, “

Not really, no, it hasn't. The truth is a lot more wishy washy, complicated, and less well organized than that, but there is a kernel of truth to it and there are numerous fine examples of how that plays out in our reality, from the banking fraud and transfer of our government over to the fourth branch of government- the fed bank- to how electric cars have been kept off the market.

The fundamental assertions of TVP regarding the problems of the current system are mostly true, and this is the reason why the hook is so good and how they scam people out of their cash.

While there is no single secret cabal or star chamber of elites who play it all like puppet masters, there are dozens of elite secret societies that do try- and somewhat succeed and somewhat fail.

There is a difference between a conspiracy theory and a conspiracy fact, and I think that most of the important conspiracies can be easily proven- for instance the conspiracy to make batteries that only last X amount of time- entered into mutually by all of the major battery makers... and similar such conspiracies over the lifetime of light bulbs (which any first year physics student can make to last forever) and cars.

We are still driving cosmetically redressed 1940s automobiles. That there is a conspiracy between auto makers to do this is not disputable if you understand just how obsolete a piston engine is.

The fallacy many people seem to make is that having encountered a few wingnut conspiracy theories they discount all such and fail to recognize that some fraction of them are not only real and factual but easily provable.

Sanity is not being anti conspiracy theory- it is testing each new one and looking for the empirical evidence which resolve the issue one way or the other.



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25. There are groups and there are individuals that will engage in conspiracies because it serves a particular interest to do so. To turn a blind eye to that irrefutable fact, is just plain stupid!

It should be and probably is recognized by all sensible people that individuals, groups and economic classes are pitted one against the other because of the nature of the particular relationship.

What serves the best interest of a BUYER does not serve the best interest of a SELLER, because their interests are diametrically opposed to each other. A Buyer's best interest is to buy low, and a seller's best interest is to sell high! This is what is known as a "IRRECONCILABLE CONTRADICTION" in the relationship between the buyer and the seller.

It is reasonable to assume that it would be natural for the buyer and the seller to engage in conspiracies one against the other because it would serve their best interest to do so.

That is why it became necessary to pass "ANTI TRUST" legislation so as to protect the consumer from a monopoly and a conspiracy by BIG BUSINESS to fix prices that would exploit the buyer by forcing him to buy at a controlled high price.

The Government conspired to protect, the consumer from big business that conspired against the consumer.

The interest of "LABOR and CAPITAL" are diametrically opposed one against the other!

Their relationship is antagonistic because the relationship is based on the worker creating value by his labor and receiving value in the form of a wage that is not equal to the value that the worker created with his labor. That value that he produced and did not receive as a wage was the

capitalist's profit that was stolen or exploited from the worker.

Because of this relationship there is a natural conflict of interests that is manifested in this relationship that will naturally put capital and labor at each other's throat, and will encourage class struggle and conspiracies, one against the other.

Most change that occurs does so, not by conspiracies, but by the natural flow of events.

The concentration of capital in increasingly fewer hands, is the natural expectation, when smaller sharks in the sea of competition are being swallowed by the larger sharks.

“PROGRESS” is a road that moves forward into the future! the opposite of progress is taking the road that leads backward into the past. By standing still not moving forward or backward is being stuck in the present without a thought of the past or the future.

I guess it all boils down to ” WHAT SIDE ARE YOU ON?”



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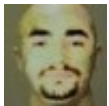
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