

Zeitgeist is a mind heist – venus project is a scam?

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The Zeitgeist Movement – Personal experiences

A year of Personal experiences

Back in 2008 when this forum was introduced I was drawn towards the idea, thinking I may enjoy my time meeting new people with similar ideas about life.

I was pleased to arrive and find out that people were open-minded about matters, you could discuss pretty much anything that related to the movies, and generally have a chin wag about all manner of subjects in a funny and informative setting.

The seriousness of the material on the forum was always obvious, as in there were always political, religious, anti-war, science, conspiracy, and various fringe subjects. of course the original membership concerns were

composed of conspiracy theories, Libertarianism, Socialism, pseudo science, science, religion, meta physics, news, politics, finance, etc ...

After plenty of educational months and many new subjects introduced, the forum became tweaked by the management, suddenly particular subjects became announced as off target, and various dissenting members began to ask why this was so.

" If it was presented in the movies, and if the movement was supposed to be an open-minded/ none political /none leadership home for its members, why were these topics denied?".

This created some level of tension between some very high-profile users at the time, some of who were very important actively inputting to the idea of awareness and spreading knowledge, of course the idea that the knowledge they were now spreading was unimportant to the movement and its members was highly offensive, and rightly so. Many people around this time were infuriated and left, vowing to be an enemy to the movements future and denying its ideals.

At the same time there were numerous anti members who frequented the site with various targeted ideas about how the original movie was a complete fallacy and a lot of the claims could not be proven, but there were also the more intelligent dissenting voices calling out for proof and evidence for the claims of the venus project as opposed to the movies.

These arguments were the ones the management appeared to want to be focused on, hopefully silencing any of the claims that could not be proven in the movies, these were basically stripped from the future sites discussions. This did not really affect many of its members as they were not interested in this kind of material, so things continued as normal, but I did notice a lot of the sharp and intelligent members disappear slowly but surely after this period.

It became obvious right away that a lot of the new content had simply become more focused, the forum was split into sub sections and this gave users places to discuss particular areas within the forum.

Strangely though everything suddenly became the activist arm for the venus project, every section had to be

directed about the venus project and its resource based economy, or at least the ideas it espoused within that section of the last movie. This was when I began to wonder about the motives of the film maker, since he had publically denied his views on 911 and his conspiracy ideas, he simply refused to discuss them anymore, calling them "unproductive". Again this was a strange move to take, when considering that his case leading up to his conclusions [the venus project] were all built on the premises he had designed.

Anyway this was unchangeable and had happened so I carried on, still skeptical of the movement and still skeptical of the venus project and its ideals, always aware that it was something potentially great for humanity, but never forgetting that it was only part of a movie.

Currently there are no facts available to prove that a resource based economy is viable, sure there are emotional ideas that it is better for humanity, but there are no scientific studies, or technological validation the venus project is even possible. This infuriates a lot of members when it is mentioned, but it's simply a fact that can not be denied. Generally the members will quote the Merva-Fowles effects of stress paper as if that is enough to validate their entire movement, or throw random ideas and facts based on matters, that are not directly influenced by the venus project. For example science that they have not studied themselves and other researchers materials, trying to validate that it proves the venus project is possible because of second-hand data from unrelated tests and studies.

So slowly I began to get into the movement, time passed and I began to understand what they were trying to achieve, I began to research more into technology, reading up on as much self sustainable matters as I could, I began to really get into the idea that we could change peoples perceptions of the world, help people to understand there are better ways, get them into the zeitgeist movement. I even began researching the background articles and books advised by the venus project reading list, many of which were not very easy to find, also i started reading materials similar to them and beyond.

This was and still is the current fervour the members have, it is general practice to encourage members to read the research materials put together by the movements leaders, watch their presentations, and put on your own displays of the movies and the leaders presentations anywhere possible. Readers of this may be aware that the movement has its own official day every March 15th [this year it will be a full weekend], where they all

congregate in public places and try their hardest to educate the public, giving away the movies for free, handing out paper and documents to inform them and bring them onto the forum, into the movement.

The members insist there are no leaders, but in fact there are certainly leaders, the venus project is completely un editable, its objectives and motivations are beyond reproach for any members, they can promote the ideas, they can not affect the change in its objectives, which are written on its website. Likewise the members can not change the rules laid down in the forum, discuss anything but the content applicable, and are generally advised to keep on track and within boundaries, any steps out of them and they are asked to stop/ leave or are forcibly removed.

This is not really a problem unless you have an in-depth idea about the movement and you shine the light on it faults, and you then find the leniency becomes less than polite and more politically motivated.

Currently there are 34000 members on the forum and apparently there 375000 members in total who are none participants on the forum, how many of these actively participate in "z-days" is unknown, but it is my guessing that there are a hard-core membership of perhaps 10% total of the forum, so roughly 3400 members attending the events perhaps.

Anyway I myself began to advertise like i believed it on my blogs, My space, Facebook I discussed it with friends and to be truthful I even defended it online like it was my own idea. Members now can be seen doing this everywhere online, finding anything that discuss the movement in a negative way regardless of facts or not, they are more interested in making the movement look good and protecting its public image, because if its image is ruined, it is not very promotable.

I would half expect a barrage of messages attacking me when they find it, so watch this space. [updated & this did happen]

So I eventually began to find out about things like earth ships and other attainable methods of living sustainable now, and how cities were being designed in cradle to cradle methods and other such great ideas, how come they manage to do it and the venus project could not yet?

I mean they were advertising that it was completely within our reach at first, we could do it today if we wanted to, this is captured in frescos tapes, but again there is little evidence to validate that his ideas can actually be done today.

So this began to sink in that I was basically just waiting for them to get their act together, finance and resources is always an issue with this movement as well as the claim they have only been running a year, but anyone doing checks realises the venus project has been running a lot longer than a year, so the fact it has not succeeded in gaining funds and input from experts is unusual.

As I began to doubt certain facets of the movement it became more clear that I had been ignoring the negative statements about the movement even though they were factual, and I had been for quite a long time, it was my own bias towards the movement rather than the fact the people were in correct that allowed this to happen.

So here I was talking with other members in private finding out how they felt about particular matters, whilst watching people on the forum being bullied into silence or submitting to apathy, if they expressed any opinions about the movement being un provable.

This is deemed as "negative" "unconstructive" and a whirlwind of other verbal nonsense and abuses, the fact of the matter is when it comes to facts and scientific data, and any physical proofs they have no legs to stand on, so have to resort to being obtuse and claiming a higher moral ground or understanding.

If you were to go to the venus projects website and review their objectives , they have four key phases, these being

phase 1 advertise promote recruit...they call it spreading awareness.

phase 2 make a movie about the venus project called earth2.0, which will fund a blockbuster movie about the same thing.

phase 3 build a test city

phase 4 build a technology museum, which they are calling a theme park

There is no current timeline for any, and there is certainly no discussion of changing them, changing the order, though the only main objective is to continue doing phase 1 all the time.

Phase 2 is currently underway though a hollywood blockbuster seems completely far-fetched and a retarded PR campaign at the least, since it's just another angle for the promotion, recruiting more members and getting more people discussing the zeitgeist movement and the venus project.

There is no current answer to the worlds problems on offer only a futurist idea for a city that will make everyone happy, where they all live in bubble houses, but there is also no developement of this occurring, there are no expert members [scientists/architects/engineers] being used to create any evaluations and test data, be it physical or simulated.

Even the list of volunteers on the venus project website is composed of 90% graphic designers/artists/3-d artists, basically you have all the people attracted to the fancy artwork and models of the venus project joining the volunteer section to get involved making adverts and movies for the venus project, all for free as well.

The Venus project is a registered none profit organisation registered under the name of "future by design" and current funds for the year 2008 were \$28-29000, but this was prior to all of the heavy campaigning by the zeitgeist movement, so it will be interesting to see exactly how much they have managed to secure in the 2009 report. Particularly in light of the fact they have all these people working for free for them to achieve the publicity and marketing objectives. Not forgetting it has a profit arm in the name of Venus Project inc/global cybervisions.

While we are also on the subject of profits, the Venus Project has seen fit in attempted trademarking the term Resource Based Economy, which would prevent anyone from using this without the say of the two owners [updated this has failed], so it is pretty much a legal quandary if someone wants to utilise the idea. Likewise nothing can really go forward without the approval of the two owners , therefore there is always a bottleneck in any matters of concern, no action is taken always hindered, inaction is a constant theme of the movement unless you are willing to be a walking advert or do movie work for free. Asking for transparency in finances is not considered polite on the forum and threads have been ignored, derailed and locked when it is brought up, in fact people do not seem to mind and believe that there is no reason to check, but it seems only common sense to watch where all the donations, funds, sales and free work is being put to use. [updated many emails have been sent to Roxanne Meadows about this and she has repeatedly ignored them, see the Venus project is not just none profit thread for evidence]

Members are also silently removed, there is no debate given to why they are removed, and it is now current practice not to tolerate any person that dissents on there, this may sound like it is no big deal, but when you consider this movement is a theoretical one and it can't even prove itself on its own page, and removes dissent this should give you an idea why you might worry. Even the owner and his main moderators publically state it is no problem to remove dissenters if they want, it is their website and they can control what content is discussed on there.

Now this is true, but it is also a slap in the face to the scientific method and open-mindedness they claim to stand for, and preach they are about everywhere on the internet.

Members currently advise anyone with a counter opinion to simply research and get involved, terms "we are doing this for all of humanity", or "you must take a leap of faith" can be seen in posts. Generally though the entire world may not want to live in cities and homes like these, and possibly wont want to participate in this society. There are so many cultural differences between nations that cultures with ownership and vast capital earned from resources are highly unlikely to make the transition easy, particularly if it means a loss of something they consider valuable. Likewise it is unlikely that a culture or local area that has been exploited for its resources will participate without some high rewards.

It's quite worrying to note how arrogant this movement is, the high ground they take is profound, where they actually consider they are doing a spiritual and beneficial thing for every human being alive, they have a mission a purpose to achieve by representing the movement. As if they know what you and I want in life and they are going to do their utmost to provide it and let everyone know about it.

For those unfamiliar with tendencies of programming and coercion tactics, I suggest the link I provided, it is quite interesting to note the 7 points for coercion and the 8 for thought reform, there are some big similarities

when you interact for a while on the forum.

http://www.factnet.org/rancho1.htm

While the members of the forum are going to retaliate with "this is not the movement, this is just certain members who are uneducated and do not represent the movement", well where is the moderation on these members? Are these members not more damaging than someone questioning the movement?

This simply shows two things:

1 That its ok to be pro movement no matter how extreme you seem, but question it and you are a marked man

2 Cult like similarities are not dissuaded, in fact they are encouraged by the action and inaction of moderation.

In truth anyone who goes to the forum has no idea what it is, is it the venus projects forum on the zeitgeist forum, is it a few zeitgeist members discussing the venus project, is it a representative of the venus project, is it separate and nothing to do with the venus project, is it not even the zeitgeist movement, what exactly is it ?

Intelligent people are literally sucked into the debates, defending their cause and are given the goal of becoming a signpost to the movement, it's quite a shame to watch people who were once individual and less opinionated become so adamant they know what the world needs. How can they expect to be taken seriously, when they simply try to argue they can change the world for everyone, do they expect to be proven right in conversation and debate only ?

Basically it boils down to over a years worth of experience in the group observing a focused trend towards fanaticism, cult like tendencies when anyone questions the leaders/ideals/objectives or the movement, extreme emotional defense of the group, and some peculiar actions and links the leaders have.

Anyway I will add more to this as I see fit, but for now I have given some insight into some experiences there, a lot of this is visible on their forum in old threads that were moved into miscellaneous section, locked threads, public moderator section, and some of the more recent arguments there. Meanwhile you can even validate my

claims on the venus website itself too and even look around online to see what others are saying against it.

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1. I don't think Peter Joseph disowned the first movie, I think he just calls it unproductive so that he doesn't have to answer to anyone who says its wrong. I think that his case leading up to his conclusions are still built on the premises of the movie -but just in case someone thinks the movie isn't accurate, he can say it's irrelevent. He can have his cake and eat it too.

anon said this on February 10, 2010 at 10:06 am | Reply

2. Yeah agreed thats my meaning really, but you have made clear my meaning.

He has made it easy on himself to be a hypocrit.



3. Really, really great post. Appreciate your view.

Shy said this on March 23, 2010 at 12:16 pm | Reply

• Thank you shy

anticultist said this on March 23, 2010 at 7:35 pm | Reply

4. Yes, i see the same problem.

web.archive.org/web/20110831102438/http://anticultist.wordpress.com/about/the-zeitg eist-movement-the-venus-project/the-zeitg eist-movement-personal-expriences/

But it all starts in the first movie, take that as representative, was detrimental for all the movement. And that PJ not willing to clarify all the mistakes, just avoid, or "move forward", it's the same action, it's not helping them. Anyway, emergent, and symbiosis, is something that the venus project lacks, isn't that a contradiction, of what his goal really is?

anon said this on <u>April 14, 2010 at 6:32 am | Reply</u>

• I agree Anon there are still whackjobs that still beleive Archarya S's rubbish from the first movie. In fact both Peter and the idiot members of the movement use the same creationist logic with the astrotheology tripe word for word even going as far as saying "you obviously havent read or watched their work" or "do your own research" or even worse "you see they are not experts" or my favourite "he/she is defending their religion and are a christian apologists". Seriously there is no way whatsoever that these guys are going to last any more than two to four years.

Shane Nolan said this on April 14, 2010 at 11:30 am | Reply

• two to four years might be a long stretch they wish they had lasted.

I'm solving these problems well ahead of them or frankly anyone and thats going to be increasingly the only thing thats relevant to talk about.

TVP was a dead cult walking the moment they lied in public about me regarding my presentation of factual knowledge and called me crazy and painted me as ignorant when in fact i was presenting expert knowledge flawlessly.

From there on out what matters most is that I am the autocad and multi expert whos shopping, and they are the toss away example of no place worth my time;

I'm the one with my hand in Gods cookie jar and they are the ones who have blinded themselves with a demonic drum party dancing circles around their brains.

I'm the one whos now posting new autocad and sketchup images at RBEF based on meaningful not fanciful engineering, and TVP is left out in the cold;

with their ridiculous 70s drawings and then a redress they obviously paid somebody for and who didn't give them days and days

the extra miles and extra miles, just did his work and got out.

Meanwhile, I could do all that work jaques would have to pay somebody for for free, including fix the mistakes he made on his social chalk board.

whos winning and whos losing and how fast will that ripple through?

I give TVP 6 months tops.

Thats if i become utterly uninterested in them and they are very boring and maybe even suddenly half wake up due to the obvious lawsuits they are now advertising.

It could happen a lot quicker than that- their forums could be empty in less than 30 days.

Sorry for being morbid. now, who wants to play?

http://www.rbefoundation.com/grouptopic.php?f=393&t=2027

prometheuspan said this on April 24, 2010 at 6:26 pm

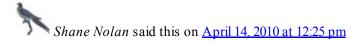
• You would hope that they would be open to emergence and evolution, but anyone who has experienced involvement in their forums will already know this simply does not exist.

Jacque makes the rules for his project, noone else gets to decide what it is affilliated with or how it progresses or changes. Its as simple as this:

Its a one man show and the rest of the people are just hangers on promoting it for him.



• Only when Acharya, Peter, Roxanne and Jacques are publicy humilated and/or exposed then we will have enough of this rubbish and probably have a proper examination and implementation of an RBE carried out(if possible).



5. Hi,

The concept of a resource based economy belongs to everyone. An idea like this can't be owned or attributed to one group and i hope TVP and ZM understand this. Also, having worked at a grass roots level in my own local community, the idea of a world wide system is naive and even frightening. Better to keep it local and let it grow according to the local area a people occupy. The work should be centred on communication and shared values between comunities encouraging people to stay calm and develop good communication skills and to rise above their understandable fears.

The initial structure would probably be based on the resources available in each community and the respect and nurture of individual freedoms between the hopefully peaceful and progressive societies that emerge. There will be problems to sort, big ones and there will probably be bloodshed. A person who has lived in a war zone (and there are many) will agree. but we can limit this destruction if we work in smaller groups and communities and get a co-operative dialogue in place.

If it comes to the collapse of the current system and we truly care about our planet and the life apon it then we can rebuild from the local communities. this is where our strength will be and and to be practical, it will be our only hope! Basic needs will quickly come into attention and the value systems of a handful of individuals from a community on the opposite end of the globe, with it's different climates and resources will not apply to you – and your immediate experience.

Automating government is a ridiculous idea for now anyway, i have to say it, in my opinion. I'm currently active in the australian z movement to get the information out there about the system we are born into, and expose the growing madness of it and the real possibility of it's collapse. I'm not into cutts, titles or individual gurus of any kind. Social change only ever occurs at a local community level and usually when the rights of the individuals within it are disrespected or ignored...there are people who emerge as representatives that speak for the people of their immediate communities. This is the only leadership i feel has any value. If TVP and ZM has the real understanding and love for humanity, then it must relinquish it's ownership of titles and demands for conformity...otherwise it encourages division and devisive action and so the essential pearl is lost in the storm. I know what i'll be doing if and when this system collapses. I'll be attending to individuals who need assistance, organising food water and medical supplies, keeping the peace and calming people down with as much hope as i can muster. The implementation of an rbe will happen at a local level. The challenge would be to allow those with the people mangement skills to function without any overtly egoccentric bullshit emerging. Global will always mean ' many in co-operation' and not one dominant system – to me. I would be more impressed with an emergence of community independance and co-operation – because i can assure you, without it, it will just be chaos and the birth of sysemic global domination once again. If money isn't the driving force, it will become clear what each person is interested in, where their strengths are, who is willing to do what etc... and the actual experience of a collapsing system and the survival strategies that arise will be the preliminary deciding factors of what is to come – in my opinion.

6. I agree, real change will actually happen on a local level and also by teaching people how to be survival-independent when the collapse happens. Waiting for the collapse and expecting TZM or TVP to save us is something I'm not going to do. The real activism comes from teaching people how to get by through the tough times that are more likely to come in an economic sense. There's many many local non-profit organizations in your own city/state/country – if one took the time to do research. That I've done and continue to. I think it's a bit egocentric for a movement that's almost two years old to talk as if it's good to have organizations under their umbrella while the organizations under that umbrella has done more activism for years and even decades – depending on who you are talking about. So you can see the activist-infighting happening already. On that note, I don't plan to waste my time with that unless I'm pulled in to explain my position. If anything, a real activist should dedicate themselves to humanity and Earth, not a movement or organization. There should be revolving door environment must be healthy first so that we can have healthy people and with healthy people, we can get more involved into doing actual activism. It's the first step of healing and looking into human behavior will be the very key of that. With all the ISMs in words we have knee-jerk reactions to coming from the Zeitgeist Movement or being in it still, being an activist is something we can still be proud of.

But...this is all my opinion also.

As far as my personal experience with the Zeitgeist Movement, I can relate a lot and confirm with what you're saying AntiCultist. I got some blog-reading to catch up on I see.

BranManFloMore said this on April 24, 2010 at 4:25 pm | Reply

• It's true, that they seem not open to emergence or evolution even in person when it isn't directly affiliated with TVP. There is not much conversation happening and even on a one to one basis, it's all stock standard answers and no listening or spontaneous conversation of any kind. someone described them as 'programmed'

Well i saw that, but i have enough compassion to let it go becuae they have peoples attention, and that attention is very valueable as a vehicle for change.

I suppose it's about personal financial survival, ironically, within the monetary system! The value of keeping affiliations open and of allowing other groups to develop community specific project independently – may threaten their financial needs...even though it is absolutely necessary for the success of any transition from one system to the next! I understand their fears. But no one group will be able to cling to a resource based economy as their own concept. As i said before, the idea belongs to everyone and isn't that the point? As an alternative system, a resource based economy is emerging as the obvious one and their world tour should be about education and encouragement to independence from the monetary system. I don't think it would affect their financial survival as they are at present able to attract attention as spokespersons. I noticed they were unable to answer any questions about the transitionary plan – as they don't have one. I suspect that is because a transitionary plan would encourage a divergence away from them – especially financially? Maybe they just don't know?

After this world tour, the idea of survival, independent of the monetary system will spread quickly. Future funds we raise could be used to create our own projects locally, buying some land and creating a tangible workable physical model that people could see for themselves. I'm not talking about hippy communes either! For example, we have had some success with inner city community gardens, where food and herbs are grown. The problem is the land was owned by the government and they took it back to build apartments! There is still a herb garden, but it isn't very big and we do need obviously visible gardens and projects so people can see the activity and get interested that way. Shelter is everywhere in the city! Food on the otherhand comes from a store. The models for hydroponic inner city farming could be put into place with some serious lobbying right now! It's important to remember, We have interested people in all sorts of places, including current council and government departments. Sure it's not easy, i know this to be the case, but it's not impossible.

In short, my interest in the concepts raised by ZM and TVP will always be about the application and support of an alternative system at a grass roots level. This is a great thing that's happening and despite all the usual bickering, ZM and TVP are of great value to raising awareness. I allow flaws and perceived faults – especially my own :) because the purpose of presenting alternatives to the people of the world is served quite well anyway! Isn't that the real point at this stage, to raise awareness?

Preventing the collapse would be easier if we could somehow incorporate the idea of continuing to function even in the event of economic collapse. after all, economic collapse would also bring with it freedom – no bills or mortgages and so on. I have this crazy idea to get a survival booklet out to the whole city that encourages the people to keep on going in the event of a total economic collapse...to keep on doing what they do, just to see for themselves that we can survive without money.

Rz said this on <u>April 24, 2010 at 9:37 pm | Reply</u>

• Thanks for the reply.

"It's true, that they seem not open to emergence or evolution even in person when it isn't directly affiliated with TVP."

Yeah, you can see the isolation begin.

"There is not much conversation happening and even on a one to one basis, it's all stock standard answers and no listening or spontaneous conversation of any kind. someone described them as 'programmed' "

Well, I did notice on the FORUMS in TZM that Peter Joseph is working on the Q&A more on the website. But yeah, I don't blame anyone if they called TZM 'programmed'. Especially passing their test to even enter in their FORUMS, I mean seriously.

"Well i saw that, but i have enough compassion to let it go becuae they have peoples attention, and that attention is very valueable as a vehicle for change."

The tenets, sure, but the movement has been proven to be unprofessional time and time again. I get tired of them saying that they are not perfect, as if the word perfect defines professionalism. I know, another ISM word. People have even shot suggestions and they are either ignored or replied back with threats or banning or to an insult. It's quite annoying. But if the people must, then they will create their own vehicles and carry out the same compassion. It would be a shame to see that compassion die down because of the level of ignorance that takes place.

"I suppose it's about personal financial survival, ironically, within the monetary system!"

I wouldn't know, but their must be monetary struggle to keep up the website I would imagine. But then again, the whole issue of transparency comes up.

"The value of keeping affiliations open and of allowing other groups to develop community specific project independently – may threaten their financial needs...even though it is absolutely necessary for the success of any transition from one system to the next!"

I don't see how collaborations with other organizations threaten them financially. If anything, it would help if the Zeitgeist Movement actually had a project to fund with transparency. More volunteers, more progress.

"I understand their fears."

If they understood their fears, they would have made a lot of changes regarding the rules they put out and moderation in general. But you don't see no change there and it has been pointed how much of a joke they are. Just look at the Public Moderation Forum alone and you'll see my point.

"But no one group will be able to cling to a resource based economy as their own concept."

That's true, if you're talking about trademarking. I can't remember who said it and I'm paraphrasing here, but someone said that trademarking RBE would be like trademarking Capitalism. With that said, trademarking would be a waste of time and I think they lost that case any ways. I haven't fully read up on that. But yes, more vehicles would have to be created, especially when the popular one crashes.

"As i said before, the idea belongs to everyone and isn't that the point?"

Yeah, common heritage.

"As an alternative system, a resource based economy is emerging as the obvious one and their world tour should be

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about education and encouragement to independence from the monetary system."

I agree. Hopefully the activism on a local level will be stronger after that and people won't be afraid to network.

"I don't think it would affect their financial survival as they are at present able to attract attention as spokespersons."

I don't think so either.

"I noticed they were unable to answer any questions about the transitionary plan – as they don't have one."

That was always an issue, I think people are going to try different economic systems as transitional methods. There's not going to be a leap of faith between now and there, especially with RBE existing.

"I suspect that is because a transitionary plan would encourage a divergence away from them – especially financially?"

That could be the case.

"Maybe they just don't know?"

I guess we'll have to find out.

"After this world tour, the idea of survival, independent of the monetary system will spread quickly."

We'll see.

"Future funds we raise could be used to create our own projects locally, buying some land and creating a tangible workable physical model that people could see for themselves."

As long as a group of people commit to transparency, I wouldn't see a problem with that. But I would however try to call whatever economic system inspired by RBE not RBE, because you never know if Peter, Roxanne or Jacque might have a problem with you going independent like that. Might cause more infighting, more groups leaving the Zeitgeist Movement or being independent with their activism. Right now, you're probably under their radar for even responding to this blog. And for me, I don't care.

"I'm not talking about hippy communes either!"

Of course not.

"For example, we have had some success with inner city community gardens, where food and herbs are grown."

That's great news.

"The problem is the land was owned by the government and they took it back to build apartments!"

Crazy.

"There is still a herb garden, but it isn't very big and we do need obviously visible gardens and projects so people can see the activity and get interested that way."

Wow, well that's amazing.

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"Shelter is everywhere in the city!"
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I would imagine.

"Food on the otherhand comes from a store."

Okay.

"The models for hydroponic inner city farming could be put into place with some serious lobbying right now!"

Interesting.

"It's important to remember, We have interested people in all sorts of places, including current council and government departments. Sure it's not easy, i know this to be the case, but it's not impossible."

Oh, don't be discouraged.

"In short, my interest in the concepts raised by ZM and TVP will always be about the application and support of an alternative system at a grass roots level."

Well, I'm going to stay open-minded for other solutions as well and try not to be narrow-minded.

"This is a great thing that's happening and despite all the usual bickering, ZM and TVP are of great value to raising web.archive.org/web/20110831102438/http://anticultist.wordpress.com/about/the-zeitgeist-movement-the-venus-project/the-zeitgeist-movement-personal-exprineces/

awareness."

Yeah, people are actually doing something.

"I allow flaws and perceived faults – especially my own :) because the purpose of presenting alternatives to the people of the world is served quite well anyway! Isn't that the real point at this stage, to raise awareness?"

By awareness, you mean by taking action and showing that other alternative or alternatives? Yes. RBOSE and RBEF does the same thing pretty much.

"Preventing the collapse would be easier if we could somehow incorporate the idea of continuing to function even in the event of economic collapse."

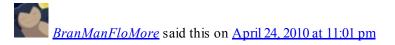
When people say "preventing", they might as well say patchwork. I understand that we don't want to see anyone struggle, but if everything is fine in your proximity, then you won't do anything. But if you see the economy failing locally where you live, then promoting alternatives is the thing to do now and you'll be motivated to do so instead of procrastinate about the matter at hand. It can be done in an okay area as well. The word "collapse" brings in fearmongering and that I understand. But we must prepare ourselves for the unexpected.

"after all, economic collapse would also bring with it freedom - no bills or mortgages and so on."

That's if you know how to stand on your own feet.

"I have this crazy idea to get a survival booklet out to the whole city that encourages the people to keep on going in the event of a total economic collapse...to keep on doing what they do, just to see for themselves that we can survive without money."

I wouldn't call it crazy, the Great Depression did happen and people need to know the possibilities of it happening again.



 Preventing the collapse would be easier if we could somehow incorporate the idea of continuing to function even in the event of economic collapse. after all, economic collapse would also bring with it freedom – no bills or mortgages and so on.

Assuming it will happen, but the side effects of an economic collapse you laid out above, IE no mortgage payments etc are the

reason it wont happen, companies will claw their way to get back whats theirs some how some way. And if a collapse does occur it wont be a matter of everyone is left alone to get on with it, far from that it will be a pandemic of violence and anarchy no less. Have you ever seen political unrest with anarchy and looting in the streets? Think of this on a global scale and you are somewhere near what will happen, irrespective of awareness or not, people take what they can and opt for the shortfall easy way until they have no alternative left but to figure a way out of the mess.

While TVP and their followers somehow think that they will miraculously make the world great from collapse, I dont see this at all. I see mass aggitation and violence, selfish taking and stealing until there is nothing left and those that have things protect them.

This is all of course speculative and futuristic, but people are animals first and social creatures second, we are social because it serves a purpose to group together cohesively for trade/profits and survival, take away everything and people will either stay in the cities and loot or run for the hills and survive.



anticultist said this on April 25, 2010 at 12:15 pm

7. 'I agree, real change will actually happen on a local level and also by teaching people how to be survival-independent when the collapse happens."

I'd very much appreciate it if we could just prevent the collapse.

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I will again repeat the obvious and most important thing to consider.

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Any group that forms end up at odds with the parent because the parent is fucking batshit insane.

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make them nervous. They don't know how to collaborate; only hold the stage.

that last thing i will say twice; because i know and LIVE the difference.

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Whats the real moral of the story?

all seven groups should get it that this is about collaboration; and we should collaborate.

by all means, help yourself to my drawings.

:)

http://www.rbefoundation.com/grouptopic.php?f=393&t=2027

prometheuspan said this on April 24, 2010 at 6:35 pm | Reply

• I just checked out your designs on that thread and I think they are awesome. I didn't know Google had such an application such as SketchUp: <u>http://sketchup.google.com</u>

It looks like you can knock out a lot of designs for your models that way and anyone else who is interested in starting or keep it going.

I'll keep an eye on this.

BranManFloMore said this on April 27, 2010 at 4:38 pm | Reply

8. "I'd very much appreciate it if we could just prevent the collapse."

Then we should work from both angles.

"all thats required to do that for a single transferable motto is;

go ask pan hard questions on RBEF that vtv and crew could never answer."

Yeah, I wouldn't bother with TZM any more. Clearly RBOSE has been blacklisted and RBEF is spam.

"I will again repeat the obvious and most important thing to consider."

Okay.

"TVP always alienates people if they are competent and in direction proportion then to their competency." Sadly, yeah.

"Any group that forms end up at odds with the parent because the parent is fucking batshit insane."

And abusive.

"and i do apologize for the lingua code violations there but truly, just merely "insane" simply doesn't cover it."

Oh, you were provoked for sure. A lot of us were.

"understanding this then, they are a high competency vaccuum sink; where they have good ideas but are incompetent to implement them."

That's where branching comes in, rather the outcome is negative or positive, so far - it has been negative. That says a lot by itself.

"Anyone whos actually got something worth doing or listening to will make them nervous."

Yeah, being analytical is something they can't handle. So it's time for us to wear our own thinking caps.

"They don't know how to collaborate; only hold the stage."

I agree to that.

"that last thing i will say twice; because i know and LIVE the difference."

I can tell you speak from experience and I appreciate your comments here. I'm reading more into what you say in general.

"they don't know how to collaborate; on hold the stage."

Yup Yup.

"collaboration is then driven out; thats why there are 7 splinter groups and facebook groups formed just to discuss them and this."

I'm thinking about joining them myself.

"Whats the real moral of the story?"

I'm listening.

"all seven groups should get it that this is about collaboration; and we should collaborate."

Agreed, we should tell them about RBEF and RBOSE, I should look more into RBEF myself.

"by all means, help yourself to my drawings."

Alrighty then.

":)"

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"http://www.rbefoundation.com/grouptopic.php?f=393&t=2027"

http://rbose.org/wiki/Projects

BranManFloMore said this on April 24, 2010 at 7:04 pm | Reply

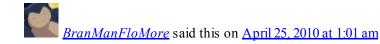
• Hey the rbose wiki project is a wonderful thing!

thanks for that link, i've set up an account x

 $Rz \text{ said this on } \underline{\text{April 24, 2010 at 10:23 pm}} | \underline{\text{Reply}}|$

• :)

You're welcome.



9. Also these groups are splinters needing of regrouping.

http://www.theresourcebasedeconomy.org/

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http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113480501997370&ref=mf

anticultist said this on April 24, 2010 at 7:20 pm | Reply

10. &

http://www.thenzp.com/



anticultist said this on April 24, 2010 at 7:26 pm | Reply

• Awesome website indeed.

BranManFloMore said this on April 27, 2010 at 4:59 pm | Reply

11. I just wish we could all get along! why do we always leave that to the last minute?!!! :) and why do we all take ourselves so seriously so much of the time? In my opinion it's because most of my brothers and sisters don't remember they were someone else once. Yep i'm talking about birth and death and the life cycle between them. the one that gets recycled, broken down into symbolic nutrients, planted in some nice warm dark nether region of a dimension and then drawn back into matter like a baby in mothers arms! The one's of us who do, can forget trying to explain this – half a lifetime will wear you down like a pebble, till youre so shiny, it's water off a ducks back with the disbelief. Proof, they want scientific proof...well i hope they find it. The experience is enough for me. The point is not about the 'reincarnation' the point is, if more people experienced this phenomena, they probably wouldn't take themselves so seriously – choosing instead to make a better world (from which it seems to me, at this stage, there may be no escape – not even death). Forget your grandkids...wait till everyone realises WE are our grandkids!

The tyrants of today become the victims of tommorrow and so forth. i don't know why this happens, i don't know how either. There are lots of complicated answers some are esoteric, some are bloody nuts..

No matter how low i may go, i still mange to raise my head up and find something to laugh about. Not enough laughter in this world exposure thing – and alot of paranoia too.

we should all cut the crap and just work this thing. Open up the field and communicate as politely as possible! thanks for your replies as well.

Rz said this on <u>April 25, 2010 at 7:01 am | Reply</u>

• I'm replying again ;]

"I just wish we could all get along!"

Yeah... Well... It's a waste of my energy, I rather just work on projects.

"why do we always leave that to the last minute?!!!"

When we were all introduced to the Zeitgeist Movement, I think 99.9 percent of us were positive and were totally hyped by it all. But I wouldn't say that being positive was something that wasn't tried before and something we should do as the last minute as it's the first time.

":)"

I appreciate you coming and trying to be positive.

"and why do we all take ourselves so seriously so much of the time?"

Because people would look at us as jokes if we don't take ourselves seriously and what we are trying to do.

"In my opinion it's because most of my brothers and sisters don't remember they were someone else once."

People do change depending on the type of people they meet. People just don't change just because.

"Yep i'm talking about birth and death and the life cycle between them. the one that gets recycled, broken down into symbolic nutrients, planted in some nice warm dark nether region of a dimension and then drawn back into matter like a baby in mothers arms!"

Hmmmm... Deep.

"The one's of us who do, can forget trying to explain this – half a lifetime will wear you down like a pebble, till youre so shiny, it's water off a ducks back with the disbelief."

Well, I think it's healthy for us to step back for a moment and come back to what we care about. Because once we're drained, we won't feel like doing anything. I was at that point once.

"Proof, they want scientific proof...well i hope they find it."

Me too. I'll have my microscope out.

"The experience is enough for me. The point is not about the 'reincarnation' the point is, if more people experienced this phenomena, they probably wouldn't take themselves so seriously – choosing instead to make a better world (from which it seems to me, at this stage, there may be no escape – not even death)."

If you're referring to empathy, I agree. But I think we should look at things seriously, if we don't – then we'll just be passive in general and well...that wouldn't do anything.

"Forget your grandkids...wait till everyone realises WE are our grandkids!"

Yes, we all have grandparents.

"The tyrants of today become the victims of tommorrow and so forth."

A victim of being drunk off authority therefore drowning in their own corruption and getting slapped by reality? I guess you can say that.

"i don't know why this happens, i don't know how either."

It'll happen by people learning the hard way sadly.

"There are lots of complicated answers some are esoteric, some are bloody nuts.."

I would say what you call "bloody nuts" and "esoteric" may fall into something I would call in the "gray area".

"No matter how low i may go, i still mange to raise my head up and find something to laugh about."

Yeah, comedians are social scientists. I have a favorite list of them myself. Comedy, art and music gets me by.

"Not enough laughter in this world exposure thing - and alot of paranoia too."

True.

"we should all cut the crap and just work this thing."

We are, but we're not going to work with those who we don't take seriously. If we did, people wouldn't feel true to themselves A.K.A. forced to throw fake smiles and be vexed.

"Open up the field and communicate as politely as possible!"

Attempts were tried. If people want to reach out to us, they know what to do. And an apology would be nice.

"thanks for your replies as well."

I appreciate the feedback.

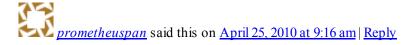
BranManFloMore said this on <u>April 27, 2010 at 4:56 pm | Reply</u>

12. okay, wow, nice links. i will have to think on how to approach these assorted groups.

Rhe rbose wiki is impressive.

the new zeland project also has some design work they have done \dots up on the front page...

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"the new zeland project also has some design work they have done ... up on the front page... ;)"

Yes, I'm very impressed with what they are doing. I'll be watching other websites as well.

BranManFloMore said this on April 27, 2010 at 4:35 pm | Reply

13. Is this where everyone goes who gets kicked? Good read. Ive been at the forums since inception, and there is truth to this too. A lot of good people did leave. There was a lull if you will. I did notice the forums becoming sluggish overt time. Prom, good to see you man, I can't believe they bounced you. Classic example of WTF. They just bounced Nanos too. I mean almost everyone that has been there since it started from the beginning seems like they are gone. At least the most vocal. If you look at most of the posters they are mostly fresh faces. There is always a turnover. Not sure if it due to moderation or what. I do think most of the mods really try to do a good job, some are really over the top and have made bad choices by letting bad people stay and getting rid of good people.

I just like to think that the turnover can maybe have some good, because if anything, at least these people are just a little bit wiser for having been part of the site or seeing the movies. Maybe I am being way to idealistic.

Now devils advocate, you know how crazy the people can get in there and if the mods did do nothing then it would get out of hand. Im not marginalizing anything, but just saying, right or wrong, people have been trying to take down the forum since day one. Not just constructive criticism mind you.

Glad to see you guys. Are you at RBEF now?



• A lot of ex members pass through here, a few post, but as you may have seen from reading the other blogs we get spammed by the rhetoric front line.

anticultist said this on <u>June 18, 2010 at 4:38 pm | Reply</u>

• Yes I'm at RBEF, but moderation has been a joke at TZM for a long time and has been becoming more apparent ever since and no changes have been made- so expect more hiccups from their unprofessional behavior. My brain hurts from looking at the forums now. There's no need to defend them, I feel sorry for those who go through the mental abuse everyday though. But not all ban people or unregistered people come here, they visit other websites as well such as the ones AntiCultist linked through his webpage here.

Warning: You may be labeled as a level 3 troll, I'm sure they eye this webpage all day and everyday. And when I mean "they", I mean the higher-ups and yes-men.

BranManFloMore said this on June 18, 2010 at 6:41 pm | Reply

14. "Now devils advocate, you know how crazy the people can get in there and if the mods did do nothing then it would get out of hand."

I would have loved to help them generate a real metaprocess to handle that problem in an adult way instead of an evil way. Alas, they are so evil, they banned me for trying to help them.

"Im not marginalizing anything, but just saying, right or wrong, people have been trying to take down the forum since day one."

And they are despite all of their hard work and efforts now increasingly nothing more than troll bait.

Every measure they have employed so far to solve that problem has only made it worse.

In the meantime, the real solutions which I have to offer because I studied game theory and systems theory and psychology are posted (not entirely, but I'm waiting for the conversation to start) at RBEF.

If you want a window into what real moderation and metaprocess would look like- go look.

"Not just constructive criticism mind you. Glad to see you guys. Are you at RBEF now?"

Well, yes, I'm hanging out there and I imagine it will be my base of operations.

I'm having some hiccups at the moment... mostly due to so few people there.

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15. "The one's of us who do, can forget trying to explain this – half a lifetime will wear you down like a pebble, till youre so shiny, it's water off a ducks back with the disbelief."

I know exactly what you mean. I have multiple past life memories and this was arranged as a cheat methodology so that I could have a chance of saving the humans.

I'm an old hand at evolutionary emergencies. This is about the worst I have ever faced. Previously, the double think and ability to openly lie were not such big issues, all i had to do was place solutions in front of the population.

This is much harder, because 99 percent of the population is hell bent on not listening.

I try not to open too many conversations with "hi, I'm an extra-universal alien on a mission to save your planet with dozens of detailed past life memories including ones that inform me on how to build a warp drive."

But, thats the situation frankly as it is.

I'm the doorway to the stars.

All it takes is enough people to see that and start working to receive it.

prometheuspan said this on June 18, 2010 at 9:51 pm | Reply

• sheesh prom thats a little off kilter, please dont open any more conversations like that you're beginning to freak me out :D



anticultist said this on June 18, 2010 at 11:45 pm | Reply

• Coocoo for Coco Puffs.



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