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

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Noam Chomsky on Zeitgeist & Venus Project

"I don't regard The zeitgeist Movement as an activist movement. Rather, it seems to me to be a very passive movement that is misled by doctrines that have a pleasant sound, but collapse on analysis. Among them is the idea that we should "stop supporting the system" and should not "fight it," that is seek to change and overcome it. That means that we should withdraw into passivity. Nothing could be more welcome to those with power. My feeling is that however sincere the leaders and participants may be, the movement is seriously misguided. It is not leading towards change, but is undermining it by encouraging passivity and withdrawal from engagement, and offering a false sense that some real alternative is being proposed, except in terms so abstract and divorced from reality as to be virtually meaningless." Noam Chomsky [2009]

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u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.thezeitgeistmovement.com%2Fjoomla%2Findex.php%3Foption%3Dcom_kunena%26Itemid%3D99999%26func%3Dview%26catid%3D232%26id%3D211592%26limit%3D10%26limitstart%

This is a response made to an email sent to Noam Chomsky regarding his thoughts about the venus project/zeitgeist movement, interestingly Peter Joseph did attempt to validate his stance with a counter on his radio show dated 30th December 2009 on the website front page, but it was pretty futile.

Chomsky has the movement nailed, they are not based in reality, economically, scientifically and even practically.

While Chomsky makes a valid point he has no solutions, but neither does the venus project, read my blogs why i say that if you disagree.

One important thing to note about this academic making this statement, the fans of this project gladly jump to the conclusion, "Chomsky has not read the materials, and has not watched the movies".

While this is an absolutely ignorant argument, since they have no evidence to say otherwise [other than an interaction 12 months earlier], it proves how desperate they are to cling to their values, even if it means discarding one of the worlds foremost academics.

Should Chomsky have made a review that agreed with their stance, they would have never made such bold claims, and would be quoting him as a believer everywhere online.

Another favourite is to attempt to state the email is false but the fact is, a member who supports zeitgeist mailed Chomsky and asked, in hope of his support, then posted it on their forum.

Chances are the more they attempt to secure academic support, the more they will encounter these realistic knock backs.

While researching this I remembered another member contacting Chomsky in 2008 and I searched the forums to locate his response and the interaction. Following is a relay of the emails between s.mussared and Chomsky, he also provided Chomskys email in the thread:

"I emailed Chomsky and asked if he had seen the Addendum film...obviously not expecting a reply. 30 minutes later I got this from him." [s.mussared,2008]

"I haven't seen it." [Chomsky, 2008]

"Hello again Professor, I was quite surprised not only to get a reply from you but to get it so aptly. You are the first person of influence I have emailed and have gotten a reply from. My name is ...[*steve lists personal details here] ...and now I am looking to study applied economics with an interest in sustainable development in the third world. The video I inquired about has been quite an influential film directed by a young man like myself named Peter Joseph. He is a private film editor living in New York. The film addresses many of the fundamental flaws in society today. Unfortunately for me I am not gifted with the vocabulary or mental capacity to intelligently summarize what is discussed in the film. It is 2 hours long and in my personal opinion was worth every minute of my time watching it.I am asking what will it take to spark your interest enough to watch the film and provide some constructive feedback and criticisms of what is discussed. Thank you greatly for your time"[s.mussared,2008]

"I'm sorry my response was so curt. Actually, I've heard a fair amount about the film, by people who found it impressive. And what they told me did not encourage me to spend the time watching it.I very rarely watch documentaries. Two hours is a considerable investment of scarce time. Documentaries have considerable value, no doubt, and I'm glad that people make them. But by their nature, they aren't reliable sources, except insofar as they inspire viewers to research what they depict and suggest. But at least for me, it's easier and more productive to investigate those sources directly. It may be that I'm missing something important, but I won't be convinced of that until someone who find the film important informs me about what that is. "[Noam Chomsky,2008]

Steve courteously replies explaining the documentary as best as possible and provides a link [*long post so i abbreviated it for ease of posting]

"Thanks for taking the trouble to outline the documentary. What you describe mostly makes sense, but with some qualifications. The Fed has been too much focused on holding down inflation, contrary to its formal commitment to increase money supply to achieve growth and full employment. And there's nothing like unregulated free market capitalism. When it moves towards the Venus project — which I've looked at a little — my own skepticism grows. I don't see how to implement the proposals, unless the institutions are taken over and placed under popular control. Boycott doesn't seem to me a feasible option. I know Perkins's books. They're very good, but the trouble with them is that they are mostly personal experiences, hard to verify often, hence hard to use as evidence. I can't really promise to view the documentary. Rightly or wrongly, there's a lot of reading that seems to me of higher personal priority."[Noam Chomsky,2008]

http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=7&id=18544

Please be aware that Noam's wife Carol died of cancer less than two weeks prior to this interaction in 2008, so this has full bearing on everything he did and did not do.

~ by anticultist on December 31, 2009.

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1. BTW- It's Peter Joseph, not Peter Jacob. And why not let your blog audience decide for themselves on the merit of the rebuttal? I noticed you failed to provide the link to the broadcast where he addresses the Chomsky critique:

http://www.blogtalkradio.com/peter-joseph

jenwild said this on December 31, 2009 at 5:48 am | Reply

• Ah yes my mistake, i knew there was something not quite right about it, i used his name correctly elsewhere, i shall attend to that right away.

*fixed it thank you for notifying me.

anticultists said this on December 31, 2009 at 7:18 am | Reply

2. I am also an ex member of the Zeitgeist Movement. I joined in December 08 and left the movement shortly after Z-day in March. When I joined, one of the catch phrases of the movement was "the movement is what you make of it." This I found empowering and offered limitless possibilities. I was never into the Venus Project, as I saw it as unrealistic and irrelevant to our time, but I liked the first Zeitgeist movie and first half of the second one. When I went to the Z-day conference in New York I was disappointed to hear that the next big plans for the movement were to make a Hollywood movie. After stressing that the world was in peril and rallying its members to take action, a movie just didn't fit the bill. It was then that I knew that the movement was a waste of time. When the Activist Orientation Guide came out and the movement officially became "the activist arm of the Venus Project" I was further disappointed because it was then that the movement closed it self off to all possibilities of change. I have posted this below on a couple other blogs and I am going to post it here:

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Is anyone curious why there is so much hype going on about the Venus Project? The answer lies in the Zeitgeist Movement, which sole purpose is promoting the Venus Project. "Activists" are encouraged to use as many outlets as they can to "spread the word" and get more people interested in the Venus Project. They have about 370,000 members listed on their website. Then the curious wander onto the Venus Project website and either donate or not. In 2008 the Venus Project's NPO Future by Design made about \$28,000. Figures from 2009 are not yet available, but it is sure to be substantially more due to all the free advertising it is receiving from the Zeitgeist Movement. Meanwhile the objectives, which are clearly stated on the Venus Project website, are to first sell their materials, and then proceed to make a feature film. In fact the Venus Project seems to be so completely absorbed in its own self-promotion and movie production objectives that it forgot that its original intention was to build a test city. Members of the Zeitgeist Movement meanwhile are not given transparency of financial activities of the Venus Project. They are just encouraged to read and research more about the project and continue to spread the word. Dissenting views are not allowed on the Zeitgeist forum. Threads that offer opposing views (without sugar coating it), criticize, or demand transparency are often deleted, and the offending poster banned.

Zeitgeist members are encouraged to read and study a heap of materials in order to "educate" themselves and be able to "educate" the rest of the world. There are several books, speeches, and videos for members to listen to. There are weekly addresses given by founder Peter Joseph and the Venus Project. This is pure indoctrination tactics. Members become so absorbed in the fantasy of a new society that they forget the practical ways of attaining that society i.e. proving or disproving the claims that a Resource Based Economy is actually a viable alternative. Meanwhile members go out into the world and onto the net telling people about the Venus Project and directing them to their website. Funds indeed are being raised to support the Venus Project's movie making efforts – more indoctrination materials. Money is also being used to fund a world lecture tour for Jacque Fresco and Roxanne Meadows to such destinations as Copenhagen, London, and Cancun. All of this is in plain sight on thevenusproject.com.

Members are so passionate about the Venus Project that they tend to believe they are changing the world by engaging in arguments on the internet. They feel this way because of the rhetoric from Peter Joseph (who does not disclose his real name) and the rhetoric on both the Zeitgeist and Venus Project websites. The rhetoric leads one to believe that by supporting the Venus Project one will be helping to solve the world's problems. Obviously, members can't argue their way to a brighter future for all. What they need to realize is that anyone who goes around telling people how they SHOULD live and how the WORLD SHOULD be run, is going to be treated with skepticism. Their best argument is data and proof to support their claims. The activists fail to recognize that they are not participants in a humanitarian movement, but a very political one. The Venus Project and Zeitgeist Movement are a merging of the Technocratic Movement, and the New Left Movement of the 1960s, which is a tweaking of Marxism. This is not to state that the Venus Project is Communism, but a technocratic variation of it.

Now if the movement is as innocent as it claims to be, that would be even more frightening. It would mean that its members do not know the history of their own movement, know nothing of the New Left Movement, Herbert Marcuse, or the technocratic movement, and are operating on the premise that this is all new. Jacque Fresco is not the originator of the idea of machines performing functions in society in order to free people. Herbert Marcuse, the father of the New Left Movement of the 60s did. What is dangerous about the movement not knowing its own identity is that it makes it susceptible to be infiltrated or funded by special interest groups.

Why doesn't the Zeitgeist Movement change its name to something that incorporates the Venus Project and state its objectives clearly on its main page instead of all the rhetoric? It would prevent confusion to what its purpose is, which is to promote the Venus Project. Members on the forum sometimes take on the role of armchair social engineers, even though they don't have the background or power to make decisions as to how the future will be run. It is very delusional and illusory. Furthermore, it is outright fraud to call the movement an activist one, when it does not promote any real action at all. The movement needs to be brought back down to earth, but the more people become indoctrinated into their belief system, the more they consider themselves to be "in the know" and others to "just not get it." The movement is stagnant and forced into the position of defending its doctrine.

The fundamental problem with the Zeitgeist Movement is this: There are many different philosophies on how to run the world. When any one political philosophy claims to be THE ANSWER, including Capitalism, Communism, Technocracy, Theocracy, or whatever, one should beware. There are elements to Capitalism that are valid as well as Socialism. All should be taken into account when planning the affairs of the world. There is no one right way, and to think otherwise is to close oneself to all possibilities of change.

gillian said this on January 1, 2010 at 10:53 pm | Reply

 By the way thanks for taking the time to participate gillian, welcome, I will of no doubt talked to you or read your posts somewhere there. And I see you have the NP0 details also... I have those too !
I grabbed them online, I have seen your posts on other blogs, good insights.
Oh and you have read Marcuse too !!!

anticultists said this on January 1, 2010 at 11:45 pm | Reply

• Gillian,

Interesting post. However, it seems to me that after listening a lot to the shows etc, the stress is primarily on education to make people aware of the possibility of something other than a monetary system (with all the ill-effects of a stagnating profit system) – however, the attempt to make a first city is also very present. Understanding the ideas has to come first, before we simply blindly build a city that requires a differently mindset than any of our current ones.

It sounds like you got bored - this is a danger I guess, as results are slow, given that everything is geared to maintaining whatever status quo is central at the time.

Either way, I hope that you, like me, found some interesting reading nevertheless.

Also, your point that socialism, capitalism etc are all philosophies that should be taken into account; all of these political ideologies are based on the monetary system. Ultimately they are unsustainable. Theocracy I don't see as any useful way of sustaining human life – it's pretty obvious that focusing on resource sustainability is central to life – if the water runs out, it'll take two days for countless lives to be over. Anyway, G'nite.

Hypernation said this on January 3, 2010 at 10:11 pm | Reply

• It's odd that you think TZM is fundamentally closed to change when its very foundation is a philosphy built on the understanding that change is the only constant...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:39 pm | Reply

• Its also odd that you have been away for entire months since the chomsky inicident and yet you feel you have some extra knowledge we dont?

It has changed, for the worst.

Try addressing the points in the posts and come back if you got counterpoints worth disussing..

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:42 pm

• I didn't claim to have more knowledge than I did before, I was merely replying to gillian's post about TZM and his assertations that TVP claims to be the end all answer to the world's problems. It's mentioned lots of times in all of the material that there is no final solution.

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:53 pm

• Yet TZM and all its members only focus on one mans futuristic asummed solution. odd that is it not.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:57 pm

• if you actually understood the movement, it isn't about jacque fresco or peter joseph. the "assumed solution" you're referring to like all knolwedge in the world is a collection of a lot of different ideas from a lot of different people and again...it is not a final solution...there is no such thing...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:01 pm

• I understand it so quit your BS

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:02 pm

3. Hypernation,

I sincerely hope that the Venus Project begins to build or gives out grants to build the test city as listed in its objectives.

No, I did not leave out of boredom. I left for the reasons extensively listed above.

The point of my last paragraph was that it is arrogant and dangerous to claim to have The One Answer to the world's problems, no matter from what ideology it originates.

gillian said this on January 4, 2010 at 12:33 am | Reply

• I understand your reaction – we're so conditioned to being "sold" the ONE idea, and TVP looks like a brand, with its interesting buildings and heavily futuristic look and feel, that we very quickly reject any perceived cultish groupthink; I know I certainly do.

But this is not about ideology. The difference between ideologies (like Marxism, Capitalism, Communism) is that they are assertions based on opinion, and not empirically definable – is it Chinese Communism? Or Russian Communism? etc. The Venus Project is about a PROCESS – one of technical efficiency at its absolute peak – and just as no-one would put a bridge's design up for vote, or vote on whether to implement a 20% increase in water purification, technical efficiency is self-selecting (and always should have been.)Which bridge bears more load and lasts the longest?

And if you, like I certainly was for a while, are concerned about why it's ONLY TVP and not many other organisations, remember that doubling up research and work is inefficient – by definition any organisation which is aiming for peak technical efficiency would club together with every other one and share their info. This seems to be already happening (we have a Venus Project in the UK now I think)- and ultimately TVP and Fresco's name will (and should) disappear – it's not about brands and personalities – it simply cannot be allowed to be. Fresco said this himself in the London lecture at City Uni.

It's like Photosynthesis. It's a name we apply to the process in a plant – but to the plant it's second nature. Hopefully efficient resource management will become the norm one day and we will no longer need a linguistic identifyer for the notion; It will be second nature.

But there's a long way to go for a shift like that in the zeitgeist. There are 6 billion people on the planet, and barely 0.0061% are in the movement. What did you want the next step in TZM to be if not a wider movie?

Also, why do you think that The Venus Project is irrelevant to our time?

hypernation said this on January 4, 2010 at 7:49 am | Reply

4. Again, the Zeitgeist Movement members go to various places on the internet and make arguments with people on the subject of the Venus Project. Again, they can't argue their way to a better future for all, but they continue to do so under the notion that they are "educating" the public.

"The Venus Project is a process and not an ideology." Right a process never attempted before and therefore we do not know whether it will work or not. What is left but a bunch of pipe dreams? A whole lot of talking about talking.

gillian said this on January 4, 2010 at 8:58 pm | Reply

• Gillian, the 'process' has been attempted continuously and is what has led to the greatest outpouring of life-sustaining creation in human history. It's called the Scientific Method and it's responsible for the standard of living we have today. If only we harnessed the methods of science holistically, we could see a true abundance of human ingenuity and production – to name just a few things.

This process is more of a progression. Just as the Agricultural revolution occurred because more and more people came to understand that 'new method', so will the same occur for the methods of science – ultimately leading us to what we call a 'resource-based economy'.

Brenton said this on January 5, 2010 at 4:52 am | Reply

5. I have no problem with science at all. I do, however, have a problem with people trying to convince me the Resource Based Economy is valid with no scientific evidence. Zeitgeist members are like the Mormons knocking at your door. You tell them you are not interested and they say, "What you don't want eternal life?" They will continue to pester until you have to resort to slamming the door in their faces.

gillian said this on January 5, 2010 at 5:04 am | Reply

• And what part do you specifically see as invalidated? It seems relatively experiential. The resource-based economy is based upon the use of the most up-to-date already validated methods – it's the methodology of science itself. There's really nothing 'new' about it per se, other than using scientific methods as the model for social conduct.

Brenton said this on January 5, 2010 at 5:13 am | Reply

6. It seems that at one time Brenton would have demanded proof that a Resource Based Economy was a viable alternative to the present system. He stated this on the Prison Planet forum on April 8, 2009: Reply #2972 <u>http://forum.prisonplanet.com/index.php?topic=10002.2960</u>

"I will not hold confidence, unequivocally, in this project (Venus Project) until I see working test cities."

I wonder what caused him to change his mind and decide to go on blind faith that a Resource Based Economy would work?

gillian said this on January 5, 2010 at 6:10 am | Reply

• Very simply, because everything -has- to be tested - this is of course part of the methods of science.

It doesn't matter how valid the science is, it must still be put to the test and the parameters modified until the desired result is achieved.

Brenton Eccles said this on January 5, 2010 at 8:53 am | Reply

• Brenton, you can harp on about the scientific process and the ways of science all you want, with the misguided illusion it makes you sound scientific.

But I am afraid that until you and the VP actually bring any data, and scientific evidence, with scientific studies, followed by some conclusions, then Gillian is 100% right in this case.

So I am afraid you are just trying to convince the educated, about science basics which they are completely aware of.

Dont forget, publishing and peer review process as well, we need your tests verified and checked by peers. Good luck with that.

And see if you can get Jacque to do some referencing, instead of never referencing or using anything to back up his claims, like in his books:

looking forward

redesigning the future

etc..

anticultist said this on January 5, 2010 at 12:03 pm

7. hi

I also agree that its foolish to just casually discard chomsky's ideas as if he is just some idiot who hasnt bothered to look at the material. this is just another example of the 'lalala not listening' attitude of zeitgeist members. then they even have the cheek to turn around and say that other people are closed minded.

And as for what brenton said. the thing is that the scientific method doesnt allow you to proclaim future of mankind levels of credibility BEFORE you have actually gathered your data. the kind of claims that typ makes should only be considered after the solid scientific data has been presented. otherwise there is no trace of the scientific method about it.

I also have a real problem with this march to the future being led by fresco and peter joseph. i have so much to say on those two that i cant even begin in this short post. suffice it to say that if this had real substance fresco wouldnt have trademarked the tern 'resource based economy' and this idea would be worldwide and free to be developed by whoever takes an interest.

So what if people would have different ideas for these concepts than fresco. this is meant to be about 'mankind' remember not the venus project. he cant use the, 'oh they will use my ideas for evil' argument. what if what they invisage the future to be isnt evil to them.

Sorry guys im digressing waaaay to much here. lets try and stay on topic. the fact is that no hint of the scientific method has been applied to ANY of the venus projects actions so far. this could largely be on account of the fact that they havent actually done ANYTHING at all so far. but thats hardly an excuse.

And as for Chomsky. the fact is he is a hugely important figure in areas relevant to the zeitgeist movement. to have him say what he did is both a serious blow to both the movements and peters ego. and what he said shouldnt just be dismissed out of hand by the movement as some kind of unimformed skepticism.

I mean, i could say the same thing about peter (who really is uninformed) but i still listened to him for ages before i finally dismissed his ideas in the end. the movement though has seen fit to condemn chomskys words as soon as they left his mouth, and that to me seems just a little too hasty

logan86 said this on January 5, 2010 at 1:50 pm | Reply

- chomsky had an arrogance about him during his email, as though he was too important to read or watch the material...How can you take his opinion seriously when he didn't read or watch any of it? You might as well go ask for rumors about TZM/TVP on the street...because they both come from the same point of ignorance...
 - s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:42 pm | Reply
 - Chomsky is a world renowned academic and critic, I take his opinion over any of your members or admins.

He has valid points, TZM is sterile, useless, passive agressive and does little to make any real change come about.

Topped off with the fact its a conspiracy theorist movement with faulty evidence and zero scientific data.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:45 pm

• I personally don't make a habit of blindly believing someone says because of the reverence I have for them. A real critical thinker is someone who looks past that crap because it too is a method used by people to manipulate other people...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:58 pm

• And a true critical thinker would be able to establish the difference between someone with integrity and someone without any.

IE – Chomky has integrity Peter Joseph Merola/Jacque Fresco = no integrity.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:01 pm

• "He has valid points, TZM is sterile, useless, passive agressive and does little to make any real change come about."

perhaps it isn't the movements flaws that change comes about so slowly, perhaps it is the culture built around consumerism, nationalism, fear of change...and long list of other social problems that block social change. How would you cater to such a crowd when the things that you're trying to serve them cuts across the very grain of their egotistical existence...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:04 pm

• Without conspiracy theories, lies, angry mods, us vs them mentality, cult mentality and all the other crap that movement has.

Deal with the facts in the posts dont ask me how I would run your movement, because I would disband it in an instant.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:08 pm

• what the hell does integrity mean in an objective argument. Trusting someones word based off what? The same reverence I mentioned before? The fact that you side with someone because of the way you feel about that person seems to lacks a lot of objectivity...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:09 pm

• Nonsense

The fact you havent even questioned the integrity of peter joseph and jacque fresco like we have shows your lack of dilligence and bias.

end game read the blog posts and do one. This conversation is over fan boy.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:12 pm

• I can tell you that I don't like those things about the movement either and it is partly why i stopped being involved. But I am still convinced and have yet seen any real evidence or logical arguments that "debunk" what TVP stands for. I also want to ask you what would be the motivating factor in your desire to disband it so disdainfully?

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:12 pm

 people make change on their own... remember this quote?

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Why do TZM wait and wait on collecting more people if this is true !!

Inaction inaction inaction

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:14 pm

• You don't need to call me names. What good does it do you or me. I'm not here to win an ego battle over being right or wrong w/ you. I'm here because I'm convinced that if humanity is going to survive itself, the best method by which to proceed is best portrayed by this movement.

"Inaction inaction inaction"

social change is painstakingly slow as history will show.

as for the Margaret Mead quote, of course I've seen it. but like a lot of the arguments on this blog, it's taken out of context. You're implying that perhaps Peter and jacque are seeking some other purpose behind all this and maybe you're right...I can't be certain, I'm not peter and I'm not jacque. But i know that if they are seeking to take advantage of me, they have failed in doing so...I haven't given a dime. I try to engage people I know on their level about these topics...I don't spout TZM TVP stuff because I know it'd scare people away... People don't like change...We're so mentally attached to this idea of surival and security...I'm sure you're familiar with this quote:

"New opinions are always suspected, and usually opposed, without any other reason but because they are not already common." – John Locke

You told me to make up my own mind after reading this blog and I have spent the whole morning doing just that. I am still not convinced that the ideas put for by this movement are as flawed as you say they are...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:29 pm

• ok in that case go make your change, prove us wrong.

Meanwhile I and the rest of the ex members will be waiting.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:34 pm

• "A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in." - Greek Proverb

This isn't some quick fix to a problem. You can't expect it to be fast. People don't like fast changes. I wish like hell I could see this change happen in my life time but I doubt wholeheartedly I will. but that doesn't give you an excuse to dismiss it. The stonemasons of the medeival era spent there entire lives building cathedrals they knew they'd never see finished,....but they still built them...

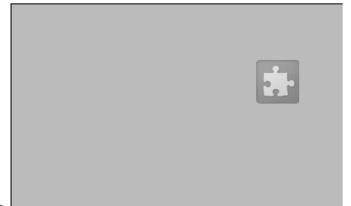
I agree that TZM is pretty ineffectual. but is there anyone really to blame? Ultimately, we're all collectively to blame for the shortcomings of mankind...and we sure as hell have a lot of those...

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:43 pm

• Yes TZM its members and its admin are to blame.

Grand claims require grand action, lets see some.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 5:49 pm



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anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 10:55 pm

• I don't know why you're posting this video. It has little to do with our discussion.

s.mussared said this on May 20, 2010 at 3:19 am

• Merola believes 911 was an inside job, he used chomsky quotes in his videos I believe.

Chomsky doesnt even agree on the basics with merola.

anticultist said this on May 20, 2010 at 4:26 am

• Chomsky isn't dispelling the 9/11 issue with sheer logic. He is making a huge assumption and that is all. I recommend you go to the architects and engineers for 9/11 truth website @ cms.ae911truth.org/ and actually read and listen to their scientific analysis of the incident instead of limiting your attention span to the overly cynical outlook of an MIT linguistic professor that you venerate.

s.mussared said this on May 21, 2010 at 4:49 pm

• First up I dont venerate anyone. Second been there done that.

And allow me to point you here stevie boy:

http://www.conspiracyscience.com

Get an education, have a blast.

anticultist said this on May 21, 2010 at 6:17 pm

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Assuming I'm uneducated and condescendingly calling me stevie-boy are examples again of your immaturity. They're not necessary. I've spent another morning reading links you supply me and I'm still not convinced. Most of the articles on this webpage concerning 9/11 are general and do not present any credible counter arguments that would stand up against the hypothesis that WTC collapse was due to deliberately placed demolition charges.

Anticultist says: Telling someone to get educated is not the same as calling someone uneducated Stevie boy, think about it. If I was to say to you here read this page you can learn things from it, am I calling you stupid ? of course not ! Calling you Stevie boy is me being real with you, you are a boy, hence I call you Stevie because thats your name. Would you prefer I call you suzie girl ?

You are a conspiracy theorist Stevie boy what else is there to say to you?

There is no hope until you stop hating on the 'nwo boogie men' and the mainstream media concerning 911, and think about things objectively. As far as I am aware you arent a 911 expert, you aren't a expert architect, you aren' a forensic invesigator, you aren't an expert fireman, you aren't a demolitions expert, you aren't a scientist, you aren't a social sciences expert, you aren't a psychologist, you aren't a doctor, you have just done a semester in school recently you said, so lets be real you are unqualified to tell me about the matter. You are just a boy with an opinion who has read a few articles and watched a few youtube videos

"First up I dont venerate anyone."....ok then why did you say this....

"Chomsky is a world renowned academic and critic,"

"IE - Chomky has integrity"

Anticultist says: Thats not venerating, its called assessing the level of credibility and academic skill a person has. Chomsky has a lot of credibility and academic skill

why would either of these (opinions on chomsky's character) have any influence over your belief about the scientific method? because that is what was used by AE911truth.org to prove the official reports wrong.

Anticultist says: I dont discount 911 as an inside job because of Chomsky, thats a huge leap of assumption you just made. I discount it because of all the pro and against evidence I have come across so far. period

AE911truth.org even addresses this knee jerk reaction that Chomsky depicted in the video you posted.

Anticultist says: And what did Chomsky have to say to the 911 truthers?

"Its seems to me to be extremely unlikely. Almost certain it would have leaked. Secrets are very hard to keep." Chomsky's words...

I'd have to ask you why you think that "Debunks 9/11 with sheer logic" because it's odd for me to think that you have forgotten such things as the manhattan project. Employed over 100,000 people and was kept secret for years. If you count me uneducated then I have to question your definition of "educated" because you seem to lack objectivity and an unbiased perspective in everything you want me to read...

Anticultist says:So because the manhattan project existed this makes 911 an inside job as a fact?

Have you forgotten about watergate? remember how that little escapade was uncovered ? So why havent 911 truthers managed to uncover the truth yet ? Maybe because theres nothing else to find out So you want a semantic argument about the word educated? get a fucking grip of yourself

Dont cry about education so much, its no shame to be less educated than others particularly if you are much less younger and haven't been on the planet as long as others.

Speaking of objectivity go and read the articles in conspiracy science instead of just calling them down without ever reading whats there, have a chat with Ed you could learn a thing or two from him I am sure.

Anticultist says:911 has been debunked get over it

not to mention the webpage u linked me was littered with advertisements for selling gold and mortgage insurance and a myriad of other shady crap which completely undermines its credibility.

Anticultist says: Ever heard of ad blockers ?

Assuming adverts on a site make it shady is the ultimate come back you have ? Dear me how scientific of you

conspiracyscience.com is another website like yours where people claim to be critical thinkers are actually just spouting their own opinions and beliefs...There's no credible evidence for counterarguments that the official reports about 9/11 are utterly wrong...

Anticultist says: Afraid that is not true you clearly have not read their articles with out your conspiracy blinkers and mindset on

This is my last post because like Chomsky I think reading this crap is probably a waste of time and unlike him I actually took the time to read it...

Cheers

Anticultist says:Since its your last post I can politely tell you to fuck off then can't I :-)

s.mussared said this on May 21, 2010 at 8:14 pm

8. Logan, you're points immediately fall apart the moment you typecast all Zeitgeist members as having the same views. If you are not capable of rational discussion without building straw men here there an everywhere, why would anyone respond to you with anything meaningful?

What Chomsky said is a serious blow? That's your opinion – what people say about things has zero effect on their nature. Zero. None. It is their assessment – their opinion – it is subjective. In fact, the value system of this movement, essentially places no value in what Chomsky or anyone says.

Yes, you will find people who are insulted by Chomsky – just as you will find people who won't give a f**k. So like I said, your [personal attack removed] attempt to slander the movement and it's members fell at the first hurdle of sweeping statements and conceited arrogance that your perception of the effect of Chomskys words is absolute.

We are about to form a worldwide event in March, if Chomskys words had any real effect, I think Z-day would be off. Let's see if it is.

[anticultist] Hardly Michael, we all know Chomskys words dont shut down buildings, governments, or events, thats just plain nonsense. But what Chomskys words do, is bring a point across which zeitgeist finds distasteful and seeks to throw away, and he homes in on the public consensus of your movements ineffective inaction.[end anticultist]

Michael said this on January 16, 2010 at 11:18 pm | Reply

9. NOAM CHOMSKY ON TVP:

"I've looked at some of this material. I see no argument that "money is stopping" all of these good things, and I think that Fresco seriously misunderstands the workings of contemporary society and how it should be changed — to meet his goals, for example." Noam Chomsky [2009]

From here:

http://www.thezeitgeistmovement.com/joomla/index.php?option=com_kunena&Itemid=99999&func=view&catid=229&id=100070#100070

anticultist said this on January 20, 2010 at 1:37 am | Reply

10. I definitely did not expect to see my name on the internet like this...I've been busy at school and not very involved in all things "zeitgeist"....Seems there is a growing anti-zeitgeist movement in the mix? I'm wondering where the motivations come from.

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 3:54 pm | Reply

• Its a Lot of ex members who have grown past it and seen its flaws and failings. Combined with a lot of people who never joined and saw its flaws.

welcome back hope you got lots of constructive things done steve.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 3:57 pm | Reply

• I did...a whole semester at school. What flaws have you uncovered?

s.mussared said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:07 pm

Just read the blogs and decide for yourself whats right and wrong, peace.

anticultist said this on May 19, 2010 at 4:11 pm

11. Change doesn't happen over night! Some of you seem like you want the whole planet to turn into a big venus project in two weeks time!

Activism...look at the climat talks in copenhaguen, two weeks of civil society protesting, making their claims, empirical evidence that some island nations were going to disspace. After all that ranting and ragging, what happend? NOTHING. Heads of state came during the last few days, they met, secret documents where exposed and then they all left! On top of that, civil society was barred from participation with the heads of state! 2 weeks of activism and in the end, jack shit got changed! The talks were indeed a big success because it was business as usual!

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I have problem with those who are so antagonistic to the VP. What if you had a teacher during your elementary, and highschool years that mentioned some of things that the VP adovactes? Not trying to force it down your throat (as if education system doesnt already do that) but to suggest how the environment affects us? To talk about the Earth, our relationship with it. Too present history from different sides. No teacher, no text book, nor my parents or grand parents even HINTED to anything that the VP advocates. Imagine what you'd think if you'd had that opportunity.

I just spent a year doing a masters in conflict resolution in the netherlands. We read the most famous litterature about the topic, learned about the biggest theorists in conflict resolution but not once did any of these so called theorists even mention the arms industry, or how the 5 permamante members of the UN security council are responsible for nearly 90% of world weapons exports. None of these theorists even questioned the monetary system. How can the UN call for peace when they're making back deals to sell weapons?

I now see what is lacking, at least from my point of view. Even Oprah, conversations with God, ekart tolle and all th rest, they never questioned the monetary system. They want you to be this soort of self-realised individual in a monetary system where you have to pay to live. Its nearly impossible when one has to slave for 40 hours or more to live. How can one developp anything under this circumtances?

fresco and Peter joseph are not perfect nor saints nor claim to be. Some of you write as if they should be. Chomsky isnt either. Nobody is. Il tell you this, though. I have near heard or read such clarity as to how the world functions according to the VP. Whethar this amounts to any really empirical change, we have yet to see, but at least i can die with more clarity than i ever got from a book or tv show.

robert said this on July 28, 2010 at 8:04 am | Reply

Change doesn't happen over night! Some of you seem like you want the whole planet to turn into a big venus project in two weeks time!

I dont want the venus project to happen in two lifetimes let alone 2 weeks, there are so many things wrong with it that I would not want to put anyone through the shit its going to create.

I have problem with those who are so antagonistic to the VP.

And those of us who have a problem with TVP/TZM also have a problem with people who are so desperate to change the world they will accept any half ass theory that looks good but is not thought out at all. Do we worry about whether you dont like us for our antagonism towards TVP ? Not at all.

fresco and Peter joseph are not perfect nor saints nor claim to be

Nor are they qualified/experienced in any fields they discuss and claim to be knowledgable about, they are no more valid than anything we say here, and since that is the truth there is no reason for anyone here to hold either of them in any high regard or position of intellectual authority. They are both high school failures and artschool dropouts, neither of them holds any qualities that are likable or skilled in world affairs and political know how. Neither of them has the qualities necessary to bring about any positive change in the world.

Chomsky isnt either

At least Chomsky has a history of world experience in what he discusses as well an academic grounding and peer review process going on with what he says, hes no world leader or expert in the field of world changing but he sure has more qualities about him than either fresco or merola.

I have near heard or read such clarity as to how the world fucntions according to the VP.

Then you are not very well read and have clearly not encountered any of these peoples academic and published predecessors. Since everything they are talking about is lifted directly from the pages of early utopian and socialist authors, as well as thinkers such as Buckminster Fuller/Herbert Marcuse and many other authors. This notion Fresco puts forward is nothing more than an idea thats been floating about since the early 20th century in books and society. Nothing he says is original or his own, neither is the way he has strung his information together, its all been put forward before he existed.

There is nothing remotely convincing about it or original about it.

but at least i can die with more clarity than i ever got from a book or tv show

read some more books then, because you havent read anything of value or substance if thats the case

anticultist said this on July 28, 2010 at 7:46 pm | Reply

12. Did christinaity, or islam spread over night, in 100 years? Human evolution moves glacially slow. Very slow. However, it does change, there more an ample proof of that. Look at gay marriage, it is now accepted in a handful of countires and in mexico city!

There is nothing new under the sun.All the information from the VP, from all of these other so-called save the world books...can trace some of their roots to scorates! Its the packaging that changes, its the era in which the information that is revealed that changes.

Its funny how you made no comment about the maters program. I'm doing. What about the contradicitions from the UN, what about the fact that these theorists never question the monetary system nor the defence industry. I just told you that we've read so much material, and on my over the past 15 years so much. I've read 2 books from chomsky, 2 books from stiglizt, several publications from Ulrich Beck, naomi klein, jimmy carter and many others. I've even read the Road to Serfdom by Hayek and Huntington. I've read a of stuff but yet, you say nothign about the contraints I mentioned about the maters program.

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Is your intention to improve the human the condition or is it just to critizie, and you can do that of course, but do you have an alternative in mind? You might have written somethign here that i haven't come across yet, i dont know.

It is sooooo sooooo easy to trash and tear down, we are al gulity of that. Its delicious for our egos, I love it too!

I'm willing to drop the VP if in time I feel that what they advocate and how they package information, weather it be from other books or not (who is really original?) is no longer relevant to me.

robert said this on July 29, 2010 at 7:01 am | Reply

• Did christinaity, or islam spread over night, in 100 years?

If you are comparing TZM/TVP to a religious ideology nice comparison. I think it is becoming more of a cultlike/religious ideology daily and the ideas have not evolved any further in a century than they were proposed originally by all the previous authors.

There is nothing new under the sun.All the information from the VP, from all of these other so-called save the world books...can trace some of their roots to scorates! Its the packaging that changes, its the era in which the information that is revealed that changes.

The so called Save the world books of Jacque Frescos are just repackaged ideas lifted from other authors I am glad we agree on that.

Its funny how you made no comment about the maters prgoram. I'm doing.

Why would I want to talk about you and your masters program? It is completely irrelevant to the topic of discussion, that is unless you consider your educational studies to be of major importance to this threads points, which I dont.

Is your intention to improve the human the condition or is it just to critizie,

My intention is to point out all the flaws and nonsense in TVP/TZM I will not stand by and watch a bunch of mediocre uneducated people to profess their superior intellect and originality when its all completely fabricated rubbish and also is potentially damaging in that its lies based on conspiracy theories.

So lets keep it on topic.

anticultist said this on July 29, 2010 at 1:04 pm | Reply

• My intention is to viciously mock the human condition. I bet I'll be more successful than The Venus Project in my intentions.

NWO Agent said this on <u>July 29, 2010 at 10:58 pm</u> | <u>Reply</u>

13. So if you believe the current system we live is any better (I don't know if you do) Why did the US, Canada, Denmark the UK, Ireland, Australia which are the most neoliberal countries along with the other 40 or so countries abstain from voiting in favor of the United Nations resolution to declare water and sanitation as human right? Why would any of those 41 countries, mostly wealthy ones, deny water, as a human right?

Billions of people are suffering from the lack of clean water and sanitation. its appauling. Its digusting. And dont argue that this is not part of the venus project disscusion, or that i dont have the facts righ blah blah blah. This is exactly what they're talking about and not just typ but human rights groups around the globe. This is not nonsens as you so often do and offer no solution or idea yourself.

The countries that abstained are symptomatic of the profit driven system. They have vested interest..one of which is to commodify every apsect of human life. That is neoliberal policy in a nustshell. if you read the statments by each country that abstained you will see the curious excuses they gave to vote no against the resolution.

Naturally, not one country voted againt the resolution, they dare not but abstaining its almost the same.

robert said this on July 31, 2010 at 6:29 am | Reply

• i dont know why it happened and neither do you:

The countries that abstained are symptomatic of the profit driven system. They have vested interest..one of which is to commodify every apsect of human life.

while it may seem this is so, you have no direct evidence to prove this is the reason the vote went the way it did, you are assuming this is the answer why.

anticultist said this on July 31, 2010 at 11:02 am | Reply

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14. your comment is fantastic, is show how much avoid talking about anytthign serious except how nonsens and how everyboy has it wrong and you have it right. forget about the water as human right....just remember you dont know why they abstained. i come on, c'est incroyable je te jure! les gens comme toi, ça me dépasse sans déconner

robert said this on July 31, 2010 at 8:18 pm | Reply

• It's also amazing for me how you can assume that the entire political establishment is acting under the same influence worldwide as if every member is a part of a grand conspiracy to dominate and destroy the planet.

Can you explain why they abstained or refused to act other than state it is because of a worldwide conspiracy ?

If not then perhaps you know as little as anyone else why they chose to act as they did, and are merely grasping at the only reason or answer that serves your own personal preference.

Like I said I can not explain why it occurred I dont have enough information that can be verified and tested to prove a reason, so I am happy to say I do not know why. You on the other hand know as little to the reason as I do but you decide to conclude something from it without evidence. You are not using the scientific method to draw your conclusion you are just utilising confirmation bias to provide an answer that agrees with your own pre ordained belief system.

anticultist said this on July 31, 2010 at 8:26 pm | Reply

15. The problem with the venus project is that it has become sort of a dogma and that it is based on some prejudices, like for instance that we are all products of the conditioning of our environment and the circumstances we faced in our lifes. To a certain degree this is true, Hitler initially wanted to become an artist and had he not failed in his ambitions and had not gone through the hell of world war 1 he maybe wouldnt have become that psycopath he was. But other people went through similair expiriences without turning into evil monsters. Jaques Fresco often oversymplifies things and i also never saw him having a real discussion with his audience. He seemingly encourages discussions and questions, but i never saw him really answering a question, he has his memmorized storys which he is always repeating and when he is asked something he piks out one and hopes that it might answer the question.

However he seems to be really sincere in his intentions. It seems that he is concerned with mankind and its fate and he did what he could to workout solutions for many of the worlds problems. I mean, the man is 93, what earthly (or selfish) ambitions could he possibly have now.

And regarding his lack of originality: He admited repeatedly that he was influenced by others in his thinking and named them.

I definitively prefer him to chomsky because Chomsky is obviously a manipulator. His best method to effortlessly kill a theory he is not in favor of is to state." it collaps on analysis" and thats it, he refuses to go into it, relying on his fabricated reputation as "the worlds leading intellectuell" and that the people will understand that he is not going to waste his precious time discussing "nothing" issues. There is enough information on the internet that point to the fact that Chomsky is actually serving the elites he seemingly opposes. One good article is written by Jeff Blankfort which i recommend.

Sammy said this on September 19, 2010 at 6:17 pm | Reply

16. [...] Noam Chomsky on Zeitgeist & Venus Project [...]

Zeitgeist Blogs: Zeitgeist is a Mind Heist « Zeitgeist Movement Exposed said this on November 10, 2010 at 9:09 pm | Reply

17. [...] Noam Chomsky on Zeitgeist & Venus Project [...]

Zeitgeist Blogs: Zeitgeist is a Mind Heist « Zeitgeist Movement Exposed said this on November 10, 2010 at 9:10 pm | Reply

18. I just stumbled upon this piece again and Chomsky just nailed it. TZM and TVP are still entangled in their inability to collaborate to an extent that even with proper management, which everybody IN the movement seems to admit they are lacking, they would be unable to have any major impact on the world, as their message is so outrageously imprecise and passive.

CJ said this on April 24, 2011 at 4:22 pm | Reply

19. noam chomsky is a smartass. He has written too many books and given too many lectures. He is suffocated with self pride and lacks imagination and charm. I'd rather stay with a new idea than with an encyclopedia plenty of analysis, which is the only thing chomsky has done.

Trueno33 said this on June 20, 2011 at 12:18 am | Reply

• The idea you call'new' has been kicking about on Earth for decades, perhaps even ideologically for centuries, so your argument is meaningless. Also new does not mean better or correct, try to use your brain and analyse what he is saying about TZM. That is that they are analogous to a headless chicken flapping about doing nothing of value. If TZM could even manage to do something that was of substance maybe your 'new' idea might be of some value, but the fact remains TZM is all hot air with no direction or action.

anticultist said this on April 18, 2012 at 1:11 pm | Reply

20. Chomsky's point is that an RBE lacks a concrete political lever to implement it according to the current political landscape. It lacks a "militant" agenda.

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What Chomsky fails to mention however is that all the points raised by TZM have never been scientifically debunked as of today's scientific knowledge (2012). And even if any of the points are refuted within the scientific method, TZM can and will adapt to the new knowledge. Ergo, it can never be ultimately debunked as it will always adapt to the latest scientific knowledge, which inherently is its very premise.

BTW, I read all the scientific literature presented in the Zeitgeist Moving Forward 2011 film long before I watched the film. Peter Joseph is just the messenger of this knowledge and never even claims to have produced evidence himself.

Femi said this on April 17, 2012 at 9:33 pm | Reply

• Actually an RBE can and has been debunked all over the internet. Plus TZM no longer has anything to do with TVP ergo the RBE concept which they promoted no longer stands as it did in the movies.

Jacque Fresco himself stated that TZM and its members neither understood the concept of an RBE or would be of any use in bringing it about.

anticultist said this on April 18, 2012 at 1:06 pm | Reply

• All the so-called debunking attempts lack scientific, measurable and falsifiable details. They are all solely based on economic and sociologic assumptions which have no leg from natural sciences to stand on. Nothing verifiable or falsifiable within the scientific method. Just blanket statements.

Besides, all people who state that RBE has been debunked never make the slightest effort to point to serious references from academic publications, papers etc in all due detail. All such "debunking" claims are based on opinions, conditioned by their respective social environments.

Femi said this on April 18, 2012 at 1:24 pm

• That is just your opinion kid, your entire post is a blanket opinion statement, try harder.

anticultist said this on April 19, 2012 at 12:02 pm

21. You just revealed your lack of understanding of the scientific method.

Femi said this on April 19, 2012 at 9:30 pm | Reply

• Yeah because your claims of TZM using it are true right ? LOL get the fuck off the internet and do some study.

anticultist said this on April 20, 2012 at 1:00 pm | Reply

• You have actually disqualified yourself from the topic.

The fields of neuroscience and epigenetics gain new ground every day. The concepts of neuronal plasticity and mirror neurons are in fact observable and/or measurable in laboratory experiments. "Human nature" equals "extraordinary mental responsiveness to environmental influences". There is demonstrably no such thing as predetermined, set-in-stone human behaviour. That's the bottom line of all subsequent considerations in an RBE. Humans are born hungry and needy, and raised to be greedy. If you had read the most recent human biology literature and then watched the Zeitgeist 3 film you might understand what I'm referring to. But as I said, you only *might*.

Femi said this on April 24, 2012 at 9:59 am

• STFU you nob head, talking about neuro plasticity in the human brain doesn't count for validation of an RBE. Are you just a dimwit or are you just trying to sound intellectual at the incorrect moment ?

Listen, an RBE is fantasy, TZM/TVP are conspiracy theorists and uneducated morons trying to act like they can fix the worlds problems. The dimwits that follow it and believe it are just a bunch of wishful thinking clowns.

Chomsky was right, all you fucktards do is talk on the internet.

anticultist said this on May 3, 2012 at 10:11 am

• Why don't you come up with some hard evidence why an RBE is impossible to work? All I've read so far in your replies is vulgarity and ad hominem attacks.

Here are a few highlights of what is technically possible already today, actually already a couple of years ago. [removed video advertisement for venus project] Are you able to refute that in scientific detail? Let me make an educated guess – No, you aren't.

Femi said this on May 5, 2012 at 2:28 pm

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• I already made a post about why a RBE is unfeasible on this blog years ago, but being the intellectual giant you are you have probably already read and refuted it correct?

No of course you haven't!

Seriously you zeitards think you are breaking ground with every internet post you make, when in reality everything you say has been long debunked. Move on why don't you, no one actually gives a fuck about what fantasies you have for the future.

anticultist said this on May 5, 2012 at 6:03 pm | Reply

• "RBE has long been debunked"? Like which detail for instance?

The fact that you censor a video about existing recent technological advances clearly proves that you have nothing concrete to bring to the table.

Femi said this on May 5, 2012 at 6:38 pm

• Like I said you would not read the blogs linked above for you to read that debunk your beliefs about the venus project.

PLUS: Any advertisement for the venus project gets removed, I don't care if you try and pay me to allow it I would refuse.

The venus project is a parasite organisation feeding off the gullibility of people like you, and I won't endorse it on my blog.

anticultist said this on May 5, 2012 at 6:40 pm

• Oh my bad they didn't appear when posted so here you go:

Here are some blogs to read which you undoubtedly wont accept. you zeitards claim that you use the scientific approach and accept all information that is factual, when in reality you only accept your cult dogma.

http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/07/31/rbe-a-baseless-theory-part-1-falkners-legend-reblog/

http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/01/01/the-problems-with-venus-projects-resource-survey/

http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2010/04/19/the-science-that-is-missing-and-completely-wrong-in-the-venus-project/

anticultist said this on May 5, 2012 at 6:49 pm

• I've read those essays before. They are based on a number of erroneous assumptions.

* Man-made concepts such as philosophy, evolutionary psychology and economics are exact sciences based on the scientific method and are on the same level of objectivity as natural sciences.

- * The accumulation of individual property is a sort of natural law.
- * Money is a motivator for cognitive tasks.
- * Efficiency and sustainability can only be optimised with financial considerations in mind, aka rewards.
- * "Human nature", aka behaviour, is immutable.

* etc, there are more

Those assumptions are demonstrably untrue, proven in countless studies in the fields of neuroscience, genetics and psychology. This is not "anecdotal evidence" as claimed in the debunking attempts. There is plenty of recent scientific literature about it.

Femi said this on May 5, 2012 at 8:17 pm

• Besides, as I mentioned before, I have read the scientific publications about human biology and latest technology developments before I even heard about TVP and TZM. I only came across the Zeitgeist Moving forward film a few months ago and watched the first and second only afterwards. The third one confirms many of the materials I had read before.

Zeitgeist 1 and 2 didn't really impress me. I'm not interested in conspiracy theories, religion and especially claims that don't lend themselves to be falsified.

Femi said this on May 5, 2012 at 8:26 pm

• Then your interest in the venus project and agreement simply contradicts everything you just said, because the venus project is based on anecdotal claims and nothing else.

anticultist said this on May 5, 2012 at 8:53 pm

web.archive.org/web/20121005071938/http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2009/12/31/noam-chomsky-on-zeitgeist-venus-project/

• "Anecdotal claims"? Like which one for instance?

How about some concrete details to have a mature basis to discuss on?

Femi said this on May 8, 2012 at 2:25 pm

• Jacque Fresco is 95% anecdote, 1% existing scientific possibilities, 4% what if.

End of debate.

- anticultist said this on May 8, 2012 at 3:33 pm
- "Jacque Fresco is 95% anecdote, 1% existing scientific possibilities, 4% what if. End of debate."

That's exactly how you self-sabotage your credibility.

Femi said this on May 9, 2012 at 8:27 am

• Because your opinion of my credibility is important to me somehow?

You are the one who is following pipe dreams and grifters hence lack of credibility, so your opinion on people is hardly insightful or accurate.

anticultist said this on May 9, 2012 at 11:06 am

• This is not my opinion. You have objectively no credibility because you fail to come up with the details that are scientifically refuted, let alone a link to a respectable scientific paper containing detailed, plausible and verifiable evidence that refutes the claims of TZM.

Which element in an RBE is a "pipe dream" and why? The abundance of renewable energy sources? The existence of already realised technological advances of the last few years? The fact that epigenetics and the strong influence of the environment on humans can be experimentally proven? The fact that the electrical engine can reach an efficiency of 95% already today whereas the internal combustion engine maxes out at 30%? The fact that burning fossil fuels to generate energy is outdated and could be replaced with renewables within the next couple of decades, technologically and resource-wise speaking? ...

The "end of debate!" statement is for those who are obsessed with polemic and quite possibly subscribe to authoritarianism. It's for those who mock the scientific method because they are afraid of a pragmatic debate.

Femi said this on May 9, 2012 at 1:14 pm

• Trot along with your fanciful dreams of the future with robots doing all your work and your little circular cities.

Meanwhile here in the real world people are working towards a more clean future without the need to dream about that garbage.

You just want a debate about the venus project where there is none. It is not even real, it is just some old dude in his garden shed making models, filming himself animating them, some cgi and a whole load of anecdotal speculation.

I won't even get into a debate with you about what is scientific about it, because there is nothing scientific about it at all. Jacque Fresco isn't even a scientist, he is a film maker and story teller.

anticultist said this on May 9, 2012 at 1:20 pm

• You think talking about current scientific knowledge somehow validates a resource based economy as proposed by Jacque Fresco and Peter Merola ?

Newsflash it doesn't

anticultist said this on May 9, 2012 at 1:24 pm

• Well, whatever name you want to give to what current knowledge validates already today, not to mention in the near future, but it very certainly validates a world many times more efficient, sustainable and abundant than what our current reality holds, mostly due to profit considerations, archaic mindsets and science illiteracy.

Branding what can be done already today can be left up to the science illiterates.

Femi said this on May 9, 2012 at 2:25 pm

• Once again knowledge of science does not validate or prove a RBE or TVP. No matter how many posts you make here you simply can not prove it as a credible or feasible alternative that can work...Unless you actually do it and show us, and that my friend is where you stumble.

You have no working example to show your claims are realistic, and that is why everything you claim about a RBE is mere fantasy.

Some of the scientific ideals it has are useful, but that doesn't prove the entire concept. These scientific concepts also have been concerning people who have nothing to do with RBE for decades. Those who propose RBE as an alternative have basically hijacked other ideas and tried to say this is our evidence for our claims, but in reality those claims are as empty with the scientific concepts or without it.

It isn't evidence for an RBE whatsoever, it is evidence for a better way of science.

Without a working example you just have empty rhetoric and no one cares about that.

anticultist said this on May 9, 2012 at 4:53 pm

• You're applying circular logic. It's like saying that nothing based on current scientific knowledge can ever work unless it has been done before. That's absurd.

Of course an RBE has never existed but neither has a true free market economy for instance. Flying men to the moon and back had never existed before 1969 either.

As an example, when I say that replacing all combustion engines with 100% electric engines and the latest fast charging flow batteries in personal vehicles, plus a comprehensive network of charging stations (at least in the developed world) could be implemented right now on a large scale, naysayers scoff at the idea. However when I ask them why, they're never able to come up with scientifically coherent answers. All I get is "dream on, it won't work". Or "we're not there yet" and other superficial one-liners.

Then when getting into the nitty gritty, it always boils down to the profit factor, science illiteracy and plain mental resistance. The resources and the knowledge are no obstacle at all. Then the main obstacle from the industry is the willingness to put R&D manpower, aka money, into it if it might jeopardise profitability. Add to that the lobbying of the fossil fuel cartel and you have them. The real reasons why it won't work if the current mindset doesn't change. The laws of physics are very precise about it and they have always been. The ICE is inefficient and unsustainable.

The proposals the RBE is making are laid out fairly clearly, at least for science literate people, and are adaptable to the latest scientific findings. The statement "it will never work because it contradicts "human nature", history or philosophy" has no scientific substance and is useless for any serious discussion.

Once again, which parts won't work? Only refutations of each detail that are based on the same premises as the original claim can yield valid arguments why RBE cannot work.

Femi said this on May 9, 2012 at 6:58 pm

• Your examples above are unworthy of mention, you talk about changing the Earths entire system based on the whims of a few dreamers, and expect the rest of us to consider it as serious. How can you even compare the serious level of change required here to your mundane comparisons.

The fact is there are not even any small pockets of society or experts you claim believe in the concept who are willing to or capable of proving it non verbally to the rest of us.

You keep throwing out statements I have never even made as well in your arguments as if you are arguing with someone who has not even posted in this blog. For example you mentioning in quotes "it will never work because it contradicts "human nature", history or philosophy'. What are you babbling on about ? Are you having a debate with yourself here, because no one even brought that up.

The only thing you have going for you is you are persistent and long winded, other than that your argument has no redeeming qualities. Your entire premise is that of science is possible therefore an RBE is possible because it is based on the same science. That is hardly very clever, and even with the long paragraphs you post that is the bottom line of your entire premise.

Fact remains is the worlds resources belong to other tribes, nations, countries. No matter how you dice and slice your dream future society you have not even shown how you can coax those people into handing over their assets to you, so you can use whenever you want for your city.

Likewise your cities will be placed where ? Everywhere ? Or do you plan on relocating the Earths population into your new pre fab habitats ?

LOL I can't believe I am asking you these questions like you are some expert opining on the authenticity of RBE's, as the concept is fucking ludicrous. One thing is certain, you will come back talking like some know it all expert with conviction in your claims, and yet have nothing to offer up as evidence for your cities, or Resource Based plans.

I can at least get giggles from you relentlessly trying to deposit your dreams up in this thread.

anticultist said this on May 16, 2012 at 5:33 pm

• The fact that you assume the need to "coax" people into "complying" by "giving up" their resources makes it obvious that, firstly, you haven't understood the issues at hand and that you are trapped in the current ill mindset.

web.archive.org/web/20121005071938/http://anticultist.wordpress.com/2009/12/31/noam-chomsky-on-zeitg eist-venus-project/

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You assume "tribal property" as some sort of immutable natural law. Well, it isn't it. Humans are only temporary lodgers on this only habitable planet we have. None of it is ours. We have to share it responsibly with millions of other species or we will all perish. It doesn't take rocket science to understand this simple fact.

Femi said this on June 18, 2012 at 9:07 am

• You are just fucking stupid, not only are you naive enough to think that humans don't own the land, news flash they do. Your childish hippy wishes for it not to be true are tantamount to stupidity when you claim shit like that.

Not only are you trying to click your fingers and state that people don't own land, assets, or resources, which is a total fabricated argument to attempt to wriggle out of a flaw in the RBE. It also shows how foolish you really are too, trying to make out that your unintelligent retort somehow counters the point !

You are the one with the ill mindset, you don't even comprehend the reality of the planet you live on. You can't just wish shit not to be true and expect people to take you seriously.

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 11:28 am

22. The Venus Project sounds a lot like what Marx called "castles in the sky" in the communist manifesto – viz-a-viz social utopias that were destined never to get off the ground because they relied too much on rich benefactors.

Trevor Moffatt said this on April 27, 2012 at 2:35 pm | Reply

• How do you think those "benefactors" got rich? We're talking about humans here, aren't we?

Femi said this on <u>May 5, 2012 at 2:34 pm</u> | <u>Reply</u>

• And that proves an RBE concept as plausible how?

anticultist said this on May 9, 2012 at 5:44 pm

• Once again, the rationale behind efficiency and sustainability is not a matter of labelling. Call it whatever you want, it is a matter of what needs to be CHANGED in order to achieve the currently technically and scientifically feasible optimum. This is not a question of whether RBE, TVP, or whatever you want to call it, will work or not. The point is that there won't be any other choice in the near future to, at least, gravitate towards solutions that are solely based on the scientific method and not on profitability at all.

The current mindset of "I have an idea that can be turned into profit" must inevitably give way to "I have an idea that improves the efficiency of X and I can prove it scientifically". The former usually yields widespread and unfettered acceptance whereas the latter is systematically put under scrutiny, tests, scepticism, peer reviews and double checks anyway. The latter mindset is nothing new to humans, being practiced for ages. We all need to start applying the same scrutiny to the former as well. Keyword: education.

Infinite growth in a finite system is a mathematical impossibility. Yet the majority is conditioned into the delusion that the laws of nature can be broken by "forward looking statements", aka human belief.

The concepts of equilibrium and sustainability is something that most people can't get their heads around (yet). Let's not be naive but look at reality. As long as the profit made in the current system with inefficient, unsustainable practices tops the profit that could be made with efficient and sustainable methods, the former tends to keep the upper hand. It is a suicidal mindset, a mental disorder. Fortunately there are therapies for mental disorders.

Femi said this on June 18, 2012 at 7:33 am | Reply

• You just talk a whole lot of shit about nothing Femi.

To surmise your entire wall of text it could be said:

The scientific method is current best practice to understand technical and complex problems. until a more efficient method is created it will always be the best way to understand the world we live.

You just used a shit ton of verbiage to say absolutely nothing man.

In fact it almost sounds like you falsely believe you are being profound and cutting edge ?!!

If anyone has a mental disorder here it is likely you Femi, with your nauseus delusions of grandeur and moral superiority. You won't change the world or how it runs, TVP/TZM will be yet another blot on the landscape of time, and the membership and all its beliefs will be yet more examples of how technocratic communistic new age baloney fails every time in the real world.

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 11:38 am

• Your vulgar ramblings and ad hominems won't impress anybody with at least average intelligence.

Communism, hippies ...? You're obviously living in the past.

Femi said this on June 21, 2012 at 6:59 am

• Anyone with at least the average intelligence would not be reading this blog as they would have already surmised for themselves that the venus project and zeitgeist movement were nothing but cranks and internet conspiracy theorists.

They would neither need a blog like this or information like this to inform them. This blog is for sub par intellects like yourself who have fallen into the belief that they can change the world one internet comment at a time.

PS I didn't even mention hippies in that last comment you retard, I did however rip your entire comments that say nothing substantive apart. Aaaaand Strawman !!! ? LOL are you trying to invent some new use of logic, as I see no straw man in place.

Perhaps you are referring to the mental disorder comment, if so then you will notice you were the first to say that people who are in the current societal structure who don't follow your desired wishes are mentally ill, but they can be fixed. Talk about a fucking egotistical maniac.

The fact remains everything I have said is applicable to the venus project, and no amount of subject changes or misdirection you try can change that.

You are a know nothing Femi and deserve all the vulgar comments you get.

anticultist said this on June 21, 2012 at 3:50 pm

• I bet that someone like Noam Chomsky would be seriously cheesed off by your "blog" which is nothing but a desperate attempt to preserve things the way they are, as pathologically sick as they are.

Femi said this on June 21, 2012 at 7:38 pm

• You presuppose my intentions incorrectly and you know what they say, assumption is the mother of all fuck ups.

I have told you numerous occasions before this blogs intention is to show how utterly preposterous the venus project is and those who believe in it are fools for following it. Likewise it is also to combat the conspiracy bullshit that zeitgeist and its followers propose to be the twoof.

You also make the claims for Chomsky who you clearly have no idea what he would think about this, being that he has gone on record slating the zeitgeist movement and all its members are a waste of time and energy, so you could easily be wrong.

Though who really cares what he thinks about this blog, this is something he would never read or care about anyway, he is an academic scholar who reads literature not blogs.

Plus you make the desperate strawman that I am attempting to preseve the status quo as it is, wrong again. How many wrongs can you get in one comment ?

I want change as much as anyone else, I have said this numerous times. I just won't be led down the garden path like some silly rat by a false promise. That of the venus project is nothing but misdirection from the real solutions to the problems we face. I would rather see other ideas take shape to improve our lives and planet than some half thought out utopia.

You seem to assume a lot about people who disagree with the venus project and zeitgeist without ever stopping to wonder how wrong you might be.

anticultist said this on June 22, 2012 at 3:07 am

• anticultist said:

"I want change as much as anyone else, I have said this numerous times."

That's the least anybody above even slightly below average intelligence would extrapolate from your superficial rantings. Wanting alone will never lead to any tangible solutions, let alone change. You have to come up with details which you consistently fail to deliver. You instead choose (?)/have to resort to due to lack of scientific competence (?) irrelevant technicalities and distraction techniques in the form of obsessing with names, labels and political trivia.

Here's a good start for learning some details you've so far disqualified yourself from: nature [dot] com Best of luck to your "brain".

Femi said this on June 26, 2012 at 8:03 pm

• Incorrect Femidom I don't have to provide any solutions whatsoever. I don't have to claim to have solutions, nor do I even have to discuss such matters with an internet plank such as yourself.

Your claims of me having a lack of scientific competence merely shows you to be yet another opinionated clementine, breezing through with typical pulpit styled ranting. If you even knew a little bit about me in real life you would likely never utter such nonsense.

Your entire rhetoric is like the rantings of some hominid on too many psychotropics. Move along Femidom and let the less abnormal folk fix things for you.

anticultist said this on June 26, 2012 at 9:06 pm

• Really? Just one educated detail of why the approach of the scientific method will never work on a global basis (your claim, no need to deny!) would be enough to give your entire "blog" at least a shred of credibility.

If credibility is none of your concerns, which obviously seems to be the case, keep indulging in vulgar superficiality.

Femi said this on June 28, 2012 at 4:11 pm

• Stop putting words in my mouth Femidom. I have not once claimed the scientific method does not work or improve our lives, quit being a jerk and go play with the cult members of TVP/TZM. You know full well that the only thing this blog and me are against is TVP/TZM, so stop pretending that you don't understand or acting like you can't read.

The only way to make this blog more credible is to prevent clowns like you spamming it up with your made up claims, and relentless dreaming of a better future through the internet conspiracy cult TVP/TZM.

So with that in mind that is your last post, now fuck off

anticultist said this on June 29, 2012 at 12:10 am

23. Oh dear, oh dear anticultist, for the past 2 years now you have been pumping out your hateful, ignorant, mis-informed bile against Merola & Fresco & with each passing day TZM have been proven almost spot on in how the economic, financial, social, technical & political events have played out in the circus we term modern society. How long are you going to continue with your wicked witch of the west act? before you finally melt away, Dorothy & Toto skip happily back to Kansas & with the world you know & claim to understand gone forever & your life nothing more than metaphorical slime floating in the cosmos towards some distant black hole.

Your obsession with these 2 gentlemen suggests 2 things, you are a sociopath with a personal grudge, have you met either of them? The level of narcissistic ranting & gestural verbal agression you spout points to a very disturbed individual. On this point I felt genuinely sorry for you, you need to get some therapy. Other than that, if it is all just a contrived act on your part, please give it up now there's a good chap, no shame in being wrong, we are all wrong at times in our lives, it's being able to acknowledge it which is the key to rational critical thinking. Or are you going to sit there & tell me that Buckminster Fuller, Dr. Robert Sapolsky & Carl Sagan to name but a few sources of their reference material are fools as well! Merola especially when presenting his material is highly accurate with his empirical evidence & research but if you are as fucking mental as your behavior suggests you'll be ignoring this anyway, so! I digress.

Of course you could be a paid troll, in which case you really should just do yourself a favor & walkaway now, you're batting for a team in decline old boy & as history has shown us on so many occasions, people like yourself will be looked back upon by future health experts as a footnote in history, a disturbing reminder of how dysfunctional societies produce highly aberrated, deeply disturbed human beings.

So come on out of the closet & into the light, get some joy in your life, walking round with that hump of hate on your back must be a real bummer.

Oh & sorry but I really must say something about your comments during the ZM/TVP 'Split' whatever the fuck the big deal is, it just reveals an awful lot about you & your understanding of personal relationships & how emotionally unintelligent you are. All people have break ups, misunderstandings, losses of trust etc. but that doesn't invalidate any verifiable information they may have given you, Merola, Fresco & Meadows aren't super beings, they shit in the toilet like everyone else but you obviously have difficulty in relating to this more than likely because of not coming to terms with your own personal failings since childhood.

As Bill Hicks used to say "I've had good & bad relationships but I ain't giving up pussy"

Now seriously stop this childish nonsense & go about your day with good intentions.

Agent of Evolution said this on May 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm | Reply

• Actually Sopolsky is fucking brilliant in my opinion, his material on the manifestations of ocd/schizotypal behaviours and cults/religion are extremely interesting and profound. Carl Sagan did not promote Zeitgeist or venus project, so be a good little boy and quit using dead people as martyrs for a cause they did not support.

And I am glad you mentioned Buckminster Fuller because I also made a blog post about how that fucker Fresco stole all the ideas other people made and then has the nerve to claim he is the inventor, he is the originator and wants to copyright things so he owns it. The dude is nothing but a grifter who relies on people like you, to promote him and pay for his lazy lifestyle of making movies and books to sell you more pipe dreams.

Everything else you said however is just fucking nonsense, especially your weak attempt at analysing me ha ha. That is more of comedy for the readers to take a look at. I mean seriously ? Some noobish venus project fan boy from Slough comes here and thinks he can critically evaluate me by my intentionally inflammatory blog posts ? Dude you need to smell some coffee.

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I seek change too, but I am not foolish enough to believe in conspiracy theories and blindly believe some old fart in his shack can change the world with his little play toys he makes videos of.

I disallowed this post originally, but am now making it public as you later made the claim below that you were not a fan of the venus project or zeitgeist on this very blog. I am now making it public to show just what a bullshitter you actually are.

About the break up it was over money you cretin, Jacque wanted control of Peters fan base to make money for his next video, peter didn't want Jacque abusing his fan base. Jacque and Roxanne spat their dummy out and a public fight about it ensued with them calling one another names.

You call that professional and worthy of high praise?

Then I got a bridge you might wanna fund me to build, it will help save lives.

PS I loved the paid troll comment you made, lol paranoid much ?

anticultist said this on June 22, 2012 at 4:30 pm | Reply

24. Since the two movements have so acrimoniously parted ways, they're separate topics now. I can't take Zeitgeist seriously and it's pointless to argue with it's believers because, for conspiracy theorists, at some point no evidence is evidence. No amount of context satisfies those with a pretext.

I've read up on The Venus Project extensively. Its presentations and its acolytes offer broad generalisms, ex deus machina solutions, and pretty concept art. I cannot take them seriously until I meet a few of the devils in the details. Any proposed societal model must have some planning on how to handle people and situations at the narrow ends of the bell curve.

To be honest, having heard to conference call splitting TVP and Zeitgeist, I can't help but feel like this is more of a cult of personality than the leading edge of a societal evolution. If these people cannot formulate solutions among themselves, clearly we cannot rely upon them to be the architects of our future.

Alphalemming said this on May 23, 2012 at 6:13 am | Reply

• Precisely, and that is something so obvious to those on the outside looking in that it pains to see the acolytes hand wave it all away like it is trivial.

anticultist said this on May 24, 2012 at 3:55 pm | Reply

25. You're the architect of your own future if you understand your environment & the functioning of the particular culture you happen to be born in to, you pair of fucking morons

Agent of Evolution said this on June 18, 2012 at 12:32 pm | Reply

• Go ahead and change your fucking environment and life then you bullshitter.

Your environment and life is dependent upon everyone else and the place you live. You can't change shit when you are stuck on the same planet everyone else is.

You can't magic up some environment and lifestyle that doesn't exist for anyone else on the planet.

Seriously there's some total buffoons who post on this blog, you would think they arrived from a different century or planet the way they all talk about shit.

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:08 pm | Reply

26. My mummy picks on me and my daddy hates me. I wish the venus project was real so I could justify being a lazy fucktard who would like nothing more than to sit on my ass all day and get free stuff.

[This post was completely changed by me for fun, as I intended to just mock Tom. He repeated his post after with all the name calling etc. in it, so you can read what he really said below]

Agent of Evolution said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:10 pm | Reply

• Don't worry forest boy, all will be well if you run along back to your cult members.

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:42 pm | Reply

27. Ah! so now we're fucking about with the replies are we Jonesy boy? you pathetic little cunt, typical spineless little prick, melting away as I said into the slime where you belong.

<u>Agent of Evolution</u> said this on <u>June 18, 2012 at 3:49 pm</u> | <u>Reply</u>

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• I love riling zeitards, all love and peace aren't you !

LOL idiot

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:52 pm | Reply

28. If you read my posts before cunt, i'm not interested in Fresco or Merola, I'm interested in what crap like you are up to & I'm watching you boy.

Agent of Evolution said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:57 pm | Reply

• Keep watching son, I am here whenever you want to talk.

If you are not interested in zeitgeist or the venus project, then why do you like them, have friends in the movement, and have posts about it all over your face book wall Tom ?

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 3:58 pm | Reply

• Oh I'm watching you Jonesy, you can be sure of that & don't believe everything you read you naive little prick, the world you live in is just an illusion with a very unpleasant dose of reality ready to bite you at any time. Now as I said fuck off & speak when you're spoken to boy.

Agent of Evolution said this on June 18, 2012 at 4:03 pm

• And there you have it folks a zeitards real nature shows its face in public. Good old Tom here posts all kinds of things on his face book page about zeitgeist and its defense, and has numerous friends in the venus project. Looks to even be a member himself through various face book groups.

Just goes to show you, that the behaviour of their members is not only limited to stupidity and gullibility, but even being creepy and stalking is not out of the question.

Jared Loughner fan boys the lot of them.

anticultist said this on June 18, 2012 at 4:08 pm

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