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difficult to shame a woman with magazines into believing she's ugly and worthless when she knows with enough focus and determination her mind can literally pool and shape the reality around her; it's quite the task to get some young person to focus solely on acquiring worthless consumer goods when they are certain this life is only one among many; it's nigh impossible to convince people to dress up in uniform and kill strangers they've never met when they're all too aware that they might soon be reborn in the very country and culture they're subjugating.

In short, their world, the world of Moneytheism, becomes not only non-important but *obsolete*.

The capitalist world depends on an emptiness that can only be filled with material goods, depends on people being scared and feeling alone. It will vigorously crush and obliterate any challengers to this empty existence *because if it allows them to be right, even once, it brings the whole thing into question*. If people can learn of a world, a deeper and richer one, totally removed from the petty world of finance, one that transcends mere commodities and prices, a greater existence that they can **plug into today with no money down**...the world of capitalist production and importance falls away as the cheap, tasteless toy that it is. Thus the old Radical Consciousness, now emboldened and rising, will be kept censored and suppressed.

And as we have outlived the former suppression we shall outlive the latter.

money off of it? Or how our boring little mechanical universe appears to be fine-tuned for life? “*Fine-tuned a little – maybe it just happens,*” said Lisa Randall, a professor at Harvard University. But in Arkani-Hamed’s opinion, being ‘a little bit tuned is like being a little bit pregnant. It just doesn’t exist.’”

What was that old Crowley line? “*Science is always discovering odd scraps of magical wisdom and making a tremendous fuss about its cleverness.*”

## “Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain”

We’re left with the question of why, why are we being forced a scientific establishment that ignores almost all data to the contrary of this materialistic worldview, that still shrieks (even all evidence otherwise) that an empty, sterile universe is all there is? Simple. The only science that gets done is the science that gets paid. The only people that can pay for it to be done are the private interests with lots of capital. And those people want a certain worldview not only confirmed but propagated. Because it serves a purpose. We’ve already established how the Capitalist system is one of global control and exploitation. It would be impossible to maintain that system of servitude if the reality of The Unseen was not only evidenced but *widely known*. You think the upper realm of the capitalist pyramid doesn’t know about spirits, magic powers, and the possibilities of the human mind? Hell, the CIA had its own psychic spy division (only closing it down when one agent went public) and Putin has a paid wizard, Alexander Dugin, on his staff.

No, the person they don’t want knowing about all this is YOU, the rabble, the working people, the common folk. And why? Well, it’s quite simple. It becomes hard to get someone to focus on a 9-hour shift at a doughnut shop when he knows his consciousness can literally time-travel; it becomes quite dif-

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might prove him wrong. You won't find anything pointing towards the existence of something beyond the doctrines of mainstream science within the establishment because Randi and his ilk make it that way; it's a holy war, a crusade against what they consider to be a very personal and abhorred mortal enemy. To permit it to exist would undermine not only the very foundations of their careers but their very worldviews. *And once you start doubting part of it, what killed the Old Church kills the New.* But outside of this monolithic, strict materialist faction there is still renegade science being done; heretics uncovering and publishing shocking blasphemies against consensus reality. Let me introduce you to Daryl Bem.

*“Bem’s nine experiments demonstrated similar unconscious influences from future events. For example, in one experiment, participants saw a list of words and were then given a test in which they tried to retype as many of the words as they could remember. Next, a computer randomly selected some of the words from the list and gave the participants practice exercises on them. When their earlier memory test results were checked, it was found that they had remembered more of the words they were to practice later than words they were not going to practice. **In other words, the practice exercises had reached back in time to help them on the earlier test.** All but one of the nine experiments confirmed the hypothesis that psi exists. The odds against the combined results being due to chance or statistical flukes are about 74 billion to 1, according to Bem.”*

You can find out more about those experiments here as well as his answers to critics here. If that's not enough, how about the time Sony proved that ESP exists but didn't do anything with the technology because *they can't figure out a way to make*

skeptic, has offered to \$1,000,000 to anyone that can prove this worldview wrong. Only, it's not quite that simple:

*"First of all, the challenge is meaningless by scientific standards. It's not a study and it can't be replicated. It's a one off. As it is entirely controlled by one person who has no scientific experience, is known to have strong views and has published no scientific peer reviewed papers on the subject, The challenge carries no scientific weight whatsoever..."*

*He has explicitly refused to test homeopath John Benneth (who has issued a \$100,000 challenge to any person who can demonstrate, under conditions similar to James "the Amazing" Randi's Psychic Challenge, that the Psychic Challenge is a valid offer for proof of psychic powers.), Professor George Vitoulkas's homeopathy experiments similarly never got tested and backed down from a challenge issued by Dr. Jule Eisenbud, who wagered \$100K that Randi could not duplicate the "thought photography" of Ted Serios, even with the aid of a prop in which a gimmick could be housed. Randi has ignored challenges to the test such as English psychic Chris Robinson. Dick Bierman, PhD proposed a presentiment test to Randi which Randi simply never followed up on. This brings up a legitimate question: who else is he ignoring?...The Daily Grail points out that Rules #4 (allowing Randi to use the data from the experiment in any way he chooses) and #8 (denying the applicant legal recourse), when combined allow Randi the option to lie about the results and get away with it."*

Any "objectivity" in Randi's challenge is a joke when it's literally designed to suppress or ignore anything that

What could be called the "pagan mindset" might instead be referred to as a "radical consciousness."

I don't call myself a Pagan(I see myself as a Gnostic and an Occultist) however in my line of work I've seen enough to know that the powers and divinities served by those who deem themselves as such are very real; Just because I don't happen to work with them doesn't mean I doubt their existence. Regarding metaphysical belief usually I have much more in common with a polytheist than a monotheist anyway. It's two totally different worldviews.

The pagan mindset was not merely an outlook but a whole nest of belief structures that pervaded even under the iron rule of The Church: It was the reason you left food out for the Dead, why you didn't cut down some trees, why you could put a Saint's statue upside down to make him behave if he didn't do what you wanted. It was a mental map filled with an interconnectedness of everything, even the most common item or creature part of a greater, sacred whole. It was life-affirming not life-denying; the world, the cosmos was beyond mere "good and evil," it's manifestations just as much a part of the great unity as their unseen qualities. Powers, some understood and some not, interacted with each other, and through this synthesis reality was made. Arlea Æðelwyrd Hunt-Anschütz described this concept as *Wyrd* in "What is Wyrd?":

*"Wyrd literally means 'that which has turned' or 'that which has become'. It carries the idea of 'turned into' in both the sense of becoming something new and the sense of turning back to an original starting point. In metaphysical terms, wyrd embodies the concept that everything is turning into something else while both being drawn in toward and moving out from its own origins. Thus, we can think of wyrd as a process that continually works the patterns of the past into the patterns of the present."*

Even after its loss of societal power after many generations of eradication and conversion, this liberating, life affirming mindset either continued to exist degraded in folk culture or was kept quietly under wraps; sometimes, as in in the fascinating case of the Fontenelle Skull Cult, a little of both. Whatever the case it persisted because it *worked*. But to maintain this amid a monolithic culture and belief system that literally denied the things you heard and witnessed was no small feat; this radical consciousness was a wholesale rejection of everything the dominant belief structure was about.

When Christian Monotheism became the dominant ideology it came with several of its own unquestionable axioms, thought patterns which would inform the day-to-day observations of those who held it. Whereas once there had been a multiplicity, now there was one and only one explanation and rulebook for everything. For instance, God only gave souls to humans, so animals were merely unfeeling tools for human enjoyment or use. This led to such things as goose-pulling festivals and the often short, brutal lives of Turnspit dogs. The environment too was merely placed here for human use, and with nothing more than basic hand-tools and weaponry the entire “Western Frontier” of the American continent saw at the time unheard of ecological destruction in the belief that it was merely a resource for us to exploit. In Jehovah’s grand hierarchy, Man served God and Woman served Man, resulting in a permanent place of subservience for one-half of the entire species. These edicts were based on a wholly negative view of life, that this world and everything in it was of a “lesser quality” in a grand, angel-filled hierarchy; the farther things were removed from it, the better. These ideas, though birthed in Middle Ages Christianity, became thoroughly embedded in our psyche, and continued to influence human thinking long after the dethroning of its ancestor... even to the present day.

*Traditionally these are questions for philosophy, but philosophy is dead. Philosophy has not kept up with modern developments in science, particularly physics. Scientists have become the bearers of the torch of discovery in our quest for knowledge.”— Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow, The Grand Design*

Remember that bit about reactive philosophies? In an interview with the Guardian, Hawking pontificates “*I regard the brain as a computer which will stop working when its components fail...There is no heaven or afterlife for broken down computers. That is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark.*” Really? Because the literally thousands of cases of Near Death Experiences worldwide would beg to differ, as well as the hundreds of people every year who receive actual phone calls from the dearly departed. It’s not that the science isn’t there, it’s that they refuse to acknowledge it. Got an hour to spare? Watch this incredible documentary (with plenty of scientific data) about the reality of communication through electronic mediums between the living and the Dead. How about kids remembering past lives? Hey, how about mediums? “*So the original study was 16 readings and this most recent study is 58. So that’s a total of 74 readings in which under these more than double-blind conditions mediums could report accurate and specific information about the deceased when no sensory information could be plausible for where they got their information...*”

Life after death, reincarnation, and the living speaking with the Dead? Looks like the witches and wizards were on to something.

And it’s not just the existence of life after death they’d rather just explain away, it’s the very nature of consciousness. We are told that we are mere machines, that our minds are mild electrical storms; that there is no evidence our minds extend beyond our bodies. In fact James Randi, the legendary

this, suicides continue to climb, leaving entire communities to wonder just how everything went so wrong.

Perhaps it's because we're forced to deny a far greater reality.

## Suffer Not the Heretic

Nietzsche, though a virulent atheist, saw the "men of science" and the skeptics of his day as no better than what he believed were deluded Christians. He saw in them the same strain of the True Believer, and said in his book "Beyond Good and Evil:"

*The objective man is an instrument, a costly, easily injured, easily tarnished measuring instrument and mirroring apparatus, which is to be taken care of and respected; but he is no goal, not outgoing nor upgoing, no complementary man in whom the REST of existence justifies itself, no termination and still less a commencement, an engendering, or primary cause, nothing hardy,*

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*ye pessimistic moles!" The skeptic, in effect, that delicate creature, is far too easily frightened; his conscience is schooled so as to start at every Nay, and even at that sharp, decided Yea, and feels something like a bite thereby. Yea! and Nay!-they seem to him opposed to morality; he loves, on the contrary, to make a festival to his virtue by a noble aloofness, while perhaps he says with Montaigne:*

A virtue of his aloofness you say?

*"What is the nature of reality? Where did all this come from? Did the universe need a creator? ...*

The "pagan mindset" in regards to this ideology is practically antithetical. D.H. Lawrence in *Etruscan Places* describes it thusly:

*"...the conception of the vitality of the cosmos, the myriad vitalities in wild confusion, which still is held in some sort of array : and man, amid all the glowing welter, adventuring, struggling, striving for one thing, life, vitality, more vitality : to get into himself more and more of the gleaming vitality of the cosmos. That is the treasure. The active religious idea was that man, by vivid attention and subtlety and exerting all his strength, could draw more life into himself, more life, more and more glistening vitality, till he became shining like the morning, blazing like a god."*

That battle of ideology has come and gone, and we are the victors.

I'm not saying that Christian Fundamentalism still isn't a threat. The creeping danger of Dominionism, a theocratic blend of Fascism and Christianity, could very well spawn a Protestant ISIL if things got too uncomfortable, and fundamentalist thinking certainly informs large sections of the Republican Party. All this is true. But those people are holdovers, or rather, what happens when a community begins to shrink. Confronted with a changing world and a loss of power, groups tend to place the beliefs they held at times of power on a fetishistic pedestal. It's the reason Jim Jones lost it in South America, why the Soviet Union became so paranoid, and why Americans still believe we can recapture "the good old days" if we just got rid of these damn republicans/democrats (Newsflash: No, no you can't.).

Evangelicals are a minority. They may be a loud and particularly bitter minority, but a minority none the less. The world view they ascribe to belongs in a history museum.

Because...

## God is Dead.

The great philosopher Freidrich Nietzsche, in his typical bombastic style, first asserted this in his work *The Gay Science* when he said:

“God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him. How shall we comfort ourselves, the murderers of all murderers? What was holiest and mightiest of all that the world has yet owned has bled to death under our knives: who will wipe this blood off us? What water is there for us to clean ourselves? What festivals of atonement, what sacred games shall we have to invent? Is not the greatness of this deed too great for us? Must we ourselves not become gods simply to appear worthy of it?”

The point he was making was that the old world, the world of Christian values based on an absolute universal order maintained physically by a vengeful, all-seeing deity was lost forever, destroyed by the popularity and skill of science. Christianity and its edicts could no longer simply be taken at face value, the words of a priest believed before all others, scripture simply acted on in blind obedient faith. *And if you began to doubt parts of it, the whole thing started to collapse.* Who today, honestly, amongst the fundamentalist camp can say they have the faith your average peasant held in the middle ages? Who would sign up for a Children’s Crusade and expect the ocean to split in half and welcome them to the “holy land?” That ship has sailed.

*frustration of western foreign policy, the usual talking points. But it soon strays into talking about day-to-day militant life. How here, on the frontlines of a hopeless war, they have found a community of believers who eat together, pray together, tend to each other’s wounds, and cover each other’s back in battle. As one British jihadist put it: “We are like a single body, if one part suffers, the others react.” What these wandering souls hope to find among the ruins and the dead of the Levant is something to believe in, something that saturates each action with a perennial meaning that overshadows the fleeting and the transient, a community worth living and dying for and held together by something other than the rule of gold...*

*“When middle class youth from sleepy villages in the heartlands of Europe decide to take up arms for a brutal racket offering little more than a sea of beheadings and a death under the unforgiving Levantine sun, little else is left to be said about the supposed “triumph” of progress, capitalism and liberal democracy. In the words of a Canadian imam whose young students took off to fight for the IS: “When you don’t find purpose and meaning in life, the only thing you look forward to is death.”*

When dying in the desert for a cause you have only the faintest connection with becomes a **better option** than existing in a spiritually empty void, we have to wonder just how valid this mechanistic belief system is. Here in the United States, the supposed “Land of Opportunity” and go-go Capitalism people are more depressed now than ever before and if K-12 school is in session this week there’s a damn good chance someone’s going to get killed. In-between all



This prevailing model, not just for the human mind but for the reality as a whole, is a mechanistic-determinist one: The universe operates on unalterable laws, along an unalterable path, and we are all just a bunch of thinking machines. Your personality, your character and feelings are merely window dressing; the accumulated thought-patterns collected through years of existence you determine to be “you” are merely the freshest layer of dirt. Life is merely a constant competition between warring factions for the survival of the fittest, and this is all there is, so you better enjoy it while it lasts.

Charming, isn't it? How life-affirming. No wonder its wide scale adoption in Europe has led to declining birthrates and a shocking revolt amongst some sections of its youth. From an excellent article in Ritual:

*“Intelligence agencies estimate thousands of foreign fighters from Western Europe have flocked to Syria and Iraq to heed the calls to arms of the various jihadist organizations operating there...What is it that these young men and women, growing up in the tranquil comfort of the heartlands of this supposed “best of all possible worlds,” hope to find amid the rubble and corpses of Aleppo? Why do thousands leave the supposed suburban dream to fight and die under the banner of a brutal racket whose appearance and ideology seems like some atavistic shadow out of time?*

*“Among the many interviews, documentaries, and video messages about and from “foreign fighters” in Syria there is a fragment of two Belgian jihadists discussing what motivates them to stay, fighting a bloody turf war in a largely deserted city to which they have no connection. The conversation initially focuses on theological duty, a sense of humanitarian empathy for the victims of the Al-Assad regime and*

But nature abhors a vacuum, and something else took its place. A new consciousness even more alien to our own has risen to power: The Consciousness of Capital.

## Enter Marx

“The bourgeoisie, wherever it has got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal, patriarchal, idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motley feudal ties that bound man to his ‘natural superiors,’ **and has left remaining no other nexus between man and man than naked self-interest**, callous ‘cash payment.’ It has drowned the most heavenly ecstasies of religious fervor, of chivalrous enthusiasm, of philistine sentimentalism, in the icy water of egotistical calculation. It has resolved personal worth into exchange value, and in place of the numberless infeasible chartered freedoms, has set up that single, unconscionable freedom—Free Trade. In one word, for exploitation, veiled by religious and political illusions, it has substituted naked, shameless, direct, brutal exploitation.

The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the man of science, into its paid wage laborers. The bourgeoisie has torn away from the family its sentimental veil, and has reduced the family relation to a mere money relation.”— Karl Marx, The Communist Manifesto

Human beings need value; we will look for and place meaning in something, anything. Forced into a world with the (false)

understanding that nothing had any intrinsic meaning, that there was no order or reason to the universe, we needed to come up with our own; when coming up with our own we needed to measure how worthwhile it is because we now existed in a universe with no absolute moral order. Money became the perfect vessel. Money is an easy exchange and measure of value, a universal one. Anything and everything can be measured by it. As if by magic we can equate the value of 100 potatoes and use this symbol of its value to purchase and acquire things of similar value; we can tell how good something is because “good” things are more expensive. As such that currency value becomes a stand-in for actual value itself. The problem is it becomes the *only* measure of value. As Marx said, *“If money is the bond binding me to human life, binding society to me, connecting me with nature and man, is not money the bond of all bonds? Can it not dissolve and bind all ties? Is it not, therefore, also the universal agent of separation?”*

If Marx isn't your thing, other philosophers have noted the same.

All bonds, from the sacred to the profane, are reduced to their monetary value. This thinking, this ideology infects all our relationships and literally *breaks them down*. The well known lottery curse is a testament to this. How much money would it take for you to do something you'd always regret? To sell out a friend? To witness a crime and look the other way? Hundreds? Thousands?

That line Marx had about “cash payment” even overriding and converting priests? Quite prophetic. Dr Farrell via Rune-soup's fantastic Archonology series:

*“Prior to the election of Jorge Maria Cardinal Bergoglio as Francis I, I noted that one thing to watch about the new pope would be precisely his stance on the Vatican Bank, which was, you'll recall, recently embroiled in yet more scandals involving money laundering charges, and some murky dealings with American banks. As readers of my Covert Wars and Breakaway Civ-*

*production, dictates market prices to the exclusive benefit of rich farmers, drives the emergence of superweeds, allows the spread of transgenes to wild crops in other countries, and uses the state to boost its profits....Yet in the wake of news that indebted farmers in India were being driven to suicide, many pro-GMO commentators wrote dismissive rebuttals, plainly refusing to admit that the introduction of Monsanto's Bt cotton and the exorbitant costs of seeds and chemicals had created a deep debt crisis for many Indian farmers....Most troubling, Monsanto and other multimillion-dollar agribusiness firms have been suppressing independent research on their genetically engineered crops for decades.”(Source)*

“It can't be bad because only the stupid/wrong/unbelievers are bad! If we don't defend it it means they could be right!” It's a behavior we've seen plenty of times in the fundamentalist camp, and yet the behavior is increasing among the scientific community, who will even go so far as to make quotes up (lookin' at you Neil Degrasse Tyson) to affirm how right they are and how wrong the “nonbelievers” are. The system feeds itself: You only get funding to do your science if you're a competent, intelligent person. How can we determine if you're competent and intelligent? Why, you believe the same things we do, because we know what's right and correct. How do we know? The people we've paid to do the research have assured us we are correct. There have been a few who've been mistaken of course, held heretical views. But don't worry, we know how to deal with them.

The similarities between the scientific establishment and the Catholic Church's patronage system in the Middle Ages is striking. But what exactly is this glorious vista of progress brought to us by the finest minds money can buy?

then making sure the flow of money remains open; the only way to do that is to please the people that have the money, usually by making sure they continue to get it. Don't believe me? Ask Tesla or Rudolf Diesel(if you can find him).

One of Nietzsche's main critiques about Christianity was that it was life-denying, an ideology that was built to destroy and deny the natural feelings of man, even the natural world itself. He identified in life two distinct instincts: reactive and proactive. Dr. W Large in an essay on Nietzsche's atheism states:

*Reactive forces, as the words suggests only have their existence through an opposition to another force which it rejects. Reactive forces, Nietzsche says, are always...no-saying. It might be better to understand this relation in terms of political or social model; that is to say in terms of the relation between groups. A reactive group is a group in which only obtains a feeling of power through hating another group and who only gains its values through this negation. Everything that we do is good, whereas what they do is bad. Active forces, on the contrary are self-affirming; they have their values from the beginning, and do not obtain them through hatred of those that are different from them.*

Christianity, in Nietzsche's view, was a reactive philosophy, constantly building itself by emphasizing what it wasn't, gaining power by denying aspects of life and reality and supplanting them with it's own warped interpretation and goals; a strict dichotomy between us-and-them, this world and our world.

*"A rigid defense of 'the science' prevents scientists from recognizing that Monsanto monopolizes seed*

*ilizations will recall, this is a relationship that goes back to at least 1948, when the Institute for Religious Works (The Vatican Bank's name), was used as a money laundering conduit for CIA funds entering Italy to ensure a Communist defeat at the polls in that year's election."*

No organization that honestly believed in an ever-present wrathful god, one who kept score of every moral transaction, would undertake such dealings. But it **would** if they didn't *really* believe any of that and all they cared about was money. The Old King is dead. Long live the King.

But capital itself isn't enough to remake a world in its image. In the place of the Old Church a new one must be built, if anything just to keep the people from noticing just how terrible King Capital really is. Well, in the battle between God and science what about the victor?

## To Build a New God

There indeed is a new religion, a new global church jostling for position that you may not of heard before: Scientism. Described as "*belief in the universal applicability of the scientific method and approach, and the view that empirical science constitutes the most 'authoritative' worldview or the most valuable part of human learning – to the exclusion of other viewpoints.*" Sounds weird but innocuous enough, I guess. However let's peel it back a bit further:

*"Modern science is often described as having emerged from philosophy; many of the early modern scientists were engaged in what they called "natural philosophy." Later, philosophy came to be seen as an activity distinct from but integral to natural science, with each addressing separate but complementary questions – supporting, correcting, and supplying knowledge to one another. But the*

*status of philosophy has fallen quite a bit in recent times. Central to scientism is the grabbing of nearly the entire territory of what were once considered questions that properly belong to philosophy. Scientism takes science to be not only better than philosophy at answering such questions, but the only means of answering them. For most of those who dabble in scientism, this shift is unacknowledged, and may not even be recognized. But for others, it is explicit. Atkins, for example, is scathing in his dismissal of the entire field: "I consider it to be a defensible proposition that no philosopher has helped to elucidate nature; philosophy is but the refinement of hindrance."*

But not just any science...

*"This attitude has been articulated in the other main group of theories of science, which rivals the essentialist understandings — namely, the "institutional" theories, which identify science with the social institution of science and its practitioners. The institutional approach may be useful to historians of science, as it allows them to accept the various definitions of fields used by the scientists they study. But some philosophers go so far as to use "institutional factors" as the criteria of good science. Ladyman, Ross, and Spurrett, for instance, say that they "demarcate good science — around lines which are inevitably fuzzy near the boundary — by reference to institutional factors, not to directly epistemological ones."*

Oh you mean these institutions?

*"Any discussion of the state of science must deal directly with the massive expansion in privately*

*funded science over the last few decades. In other words, it must grapple with a status quo few scientists question or even recognize...*

*"Today, large numbers of scientists are in the employ of Big Pharma, Big Ag, and all kinds of corporations with anti-environmental and anti-social justice agendas. Meanwhile, academics, while still largely publicly funded, have their own ties to capital. Many receive grants or training fellowships from biotech, pharmaceutical, or agricultural companies; serve on advisory panels and committees; oversee and participate in industry-funded events and colloquiums; and rely on industry links as funnels for outgoing graduate students or postdoctoral candidates."*

It gets better:

*"The results are readily apparent. The overwhelming number of retractions due to flawed methodology, flawed approach, and general misconduct over the last decade is staggering. Stories in almost every field have seen a rash of inaccuracies. **The percentage of scientific articles retracted because of fraud has increased tenfold since 1975.**"*

So much for "objective truth."

Capital again leverages and utilizes existing structures to draw the world into itself, advancing a world-view suited to its interests, dissolving all bonds but its own. When entire ideas and technologies are beholden to moneyed interests, they take on a whole new importance, even when they're shown to actually be useless or even harmful. They become religious dogma, inarguable canon, papal bulls that are infallible, a litmus test to determine the true "good, intelligent" people from the "bad ones." Facts, ideas, even technologies become less important