

Poverty and Capitalism

The reality of poverty is supported with a series of illusions to which a significant number of highly capable people are attached. It is an energy within these people upon which the illusions feed. The more disciplined the people, the greater the concentration of energy, the greater illusion's feast.

In the system of corporate capitalism these highly disciplined people are programmed to be attracted to increased opportunity and reward. The system generates focuses of opportunity through economic structures such as private businesses, public and private corporations. The most powerful corporations attract the most capable people, thereby the corporation increases its concentration of energy: (Human Resources).

Once this energy is gathered in some business form, the form acts like a battery and like any "battery" it can then be tapped. Once a person commits to a "battery" (hired) there is a loss of choice as to the use of one's energy while employed in that economic structure, (work.) Subtly, there is a corporate cultural reprogramming element that is framed within all encompassing illusion the purpose of which is to increasingly blind these employees to the consequences of certain elements of their work that is harmful to the community and to the environment. *This is the essential nature of an illusion; it blinds people and masks the reality within a system of rationalization that supports the benefit of the illusion.* The format is that the negative consequence is "dressed" in a positive manner thus providing the illusion with the ability to boost morale in the work place.

An example can be seen in the making of armament. The industry tucks in under the wing of the admired Department of Defense's effort to protect the Homeland. While the production of armament for the defense of our nation is admirable and critical, in truth most of the armament being made are sold on the international arena to other countries which can't make these weapon system themselves. Some of these countries are allies, and some were allies like Afghanistan during the Soviet occupation, however many of these countries are in the Third World and fail to have democratic governments. The rationalization for the employees is they can feel proud that their work is for our nation's self defense while at the same time the illusion simultaneously blocks the awareness of the reality that most of the weapons are sold to satisfy the buyer's goal of the suppression of its populations so that the elite can continue to remain in power and enrich themselves at the cost of its citizenry.

Concomitant to the blinding elements of the illusion, it is armed psychologically with a comprehensive defense system that is triggered by any effort to unveil the hidden reality. When reality "nudges" the illusion, it activates anxiety in its members and should the "irritation" continue and intensify, the psychological defenses come to the forefront through law suits, propaganda, police, and if necessary, the military. The function of this defense is to render the threat, (truth) inoperative and at best illegal.

So how does this influence the creation of poverty domestically? It's in the huge profits that are being made that sucks money out of our economy to be placed in money making investments that require greater automation, sending our production units over seas, which strips jobs out of the economy and places the poor in conflict with each other for the few remaining jobs that pay less than a living wage. While this is going on those who are benefiting from this travesty are succumbing to the rationalization that states,

“Yes, poverty exists but only because those living in poverty refuse to enter the mainstream. Worse, in their laziness they insist on being supported by those who work hard. These shiftless people then having nothing better to do than to use drugs and seek other activities of pleasure engage in rampant propagation.” The impoverished are thus viewed as parasites on society.

This viewpoint safely supports the illusion that the corporate structure is “the best system” and encapsules its participants in rhetoric that is self-serving and denies the reality of the negative consequences, that being the shortages it creates. What is the affect of high gas prices on people living on minimum wages? What is the affect of a loaf of bread costing \$3.00 a loaf? What is the affect on the poor when rents are rising to the point that the family has to move further and further away from their work just to have a place they can afford? Unregulated price gouging formants losses to those who work hard for too little. But to assuage and redirect the hidden guilt within their employees the corporations match donations to agencies serving the poor like Toys for Tots, or Food Banks.

The power of this corporate structure resides in its ability to reinforce its values through praying on the psychological needs of its employees. It does this through an energetic system of reward. **The power of the reward is addictive and overrides any efforts to self-moderate participation in this system.** The system of reward dampens the individual employee’s sensitivity to the needs of others. Interestingly, the fact of poverty elevates the corporate participants feelings of greater worth. “Look at what I can do that they can’t.” Without poverty, one loses the benefit of the comparison. This sense of strength is an anecdote to the feeling of vulnerability and weakness sustained through their past personal experiences and trauma as they climbed the ladder into corporate employment. The climb to the top for more and more to feed the addiction for self-worth and security is the tramp. Even those who are the “Dealers” that gives rise to this addiction are also addicted. For them it is even more intense as they protect their sense of being righteous by the following mantra, “Who are you to tell me when I have enough? One can never have enough. One can never be too careful in keeping what one has.”

The result of this is that corporate capitalism is “run” by a group of what I call the “highest functioning” seriously mentally ill who use the economic system to sustain their feelings of security at the cost of a great deal of suffering for the rest of society and in deed the world. The core of this illness is that profits are created through the loss by others. The greater the profits, the greater the loss for those not competitive thus leading to an increased imbalance in the distribution of resources all of which lead to poverty. It gets worse. The more that is accumulated the greater they fear that the poor will rise up to get a share. This cycle leads to a state of paranoia by the wealthy. Paradoxically, the greater the accumulation the greater the insecurity. The paranoia leads to the psychological need to have everything and everyone under control. The greater the need for control the larger the loss of civil rights and in this manner wealthy individuals de-evolve from humans into dragons protecting their hoards.

Now who can reason with a dragon sitting upon its hoard? “Hey dragon. Come on man. Give up some of your hoard. You know share, share, share.” Flame!!!! Phtttt.

Power is an addiction that creates its own enemies that in turn reinforce the need for greater power. Corporate capitalism is the system through which this addiction and resultant paranoia operates. Those that are most addicted are the most powerful adherents

to the system. To a degree all of us United States of America citizens who seek a return on our money in savings accounts, to those who seek returns in the form of corporate dividends, to those who are looking for investments with substantial returns, to those who manipulate the markets by controlling vast amounts of money; raising and dropping the value of the whole stock market for personal gain; all of us who own homes and hope for their endlessly increasing value; all of us INVESTORS who seek to gain something without the sweat of our brows are The Cause of This Great Sorrow, called POVERTY.

All of us want to buy cheap, sell dear. All of us want to buy cheap at the cost of cheaper than cheap labor over seas. All of us want cheaper and cheaper products which encourages American corporations to take their toxic wastes overseas and dump them among the most impoverished so as to escape the real cost of cleaning up and processing the poisons so that they are no longer a danger to the Americans. Who are the Investors to which the market is enslaved? Why is the value of a corporation tied to the increase of profits that are artificially driven up through short-term gains at the cost of long-term stability and productivity? So the CEO's can take home millions in bonuses, so that the sales staff of brokerage houses can stuff their pockets with end of the year bonuses and so that the line people of our industries can go home and just be grateful that that they have a home to go to. Investor driven financial gains, increased value of stocks, all based on greed and then KaBoom...2008 collapse with a full Bail Out for these same people who caused the catastrophe. We must keep the illusion alive and well. Keeps poverty deeply rooted. Keeps the pain and suffering in place and the population so demoralized that they don't even have the energy to fight back or to think clearly. So that they are easily deluded into voting for a Billionaire for their president who promises to look out for them while being the same person who grabbed everything in sight at the cost of their jobs. I mean, this is what's frightening. When people get desperate they will listen to anyone who promises the sky even when it will only drive them deeper into despair!

Some still cry, "LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT!" I say, "Can It." Am I really so down on Capitalism? Yes, the way it operates today. Am I against Capitalism in principal? Not at all. In fact I feel that as an American, who has the Freedom and Choice guaranteed in the Constitution and Bill of Rights, that there is a societal responsibility that must be the guiding light of our Capitalistic Economy. That guiding light is the dream that in the United States we live in a country that cares and seeks to assure the welfare of all the people. The issue isn't about the value of Capitalism; rather it is the question about why the American Values of Fairness and Truth are currently devoid in the operation of our Economy? Why aren't the financial markets operating on a foundation of ethics that guarantees the fair access to capital at a fair rate that promotes the health of the economy? Why are financial bubbles allowed to permeate our lives? Why are the select few allowed to dictate and promote the destructive value of The Survival of the Fittest to govern rules of order in the financial markets and then when they make colossal self-defeating decisions, to then to have the power to change the rules to save themselves from financial ruin? Why when the company breaks the existing laws are the people running the corporation not personally prosecuted and made to pay restitution? Is this injustice simply because the American people have been seduced and no longer have the will or ability to stand firm and to act upon our citizen rights? Maybe. Maybe not. It all depends. On what you may ask? I certainly ask. Perhaps because our educational system being so deeply influenced by the wealthy have been prevented us from learning how our current form of

capitalism functions to the detriment of the general public. Further we have not been educated how the corporations have through the political system have placed people in the position of running the agencies that are designed to regulate and to manage the equitable function of the business that make up our economy

You know, the difficult element of understanding the dynamics of today's circumstances is the challenge to bring people to the point of awareness without frightening them so badly that they stick their heads back into the sand. It's a terrible thing to awaken people to their deteriorating situation without being able to provide them with a reasonable and attainable pathway to an improved state of being. It does no good to yell from the mountaintop, pointing out the ills of society, which in everyone's heart they already know even if they deny them publicly. "What else can we do?" And you know what? They have a point.

Somehow the efficacy of capitalism has been corrupted for the benefit of the few. So the issue isn't about capitalism, but how to return it to health where its health is defined by the overall health of our society to satisfy the basic needs of all our people. Then, when we achieve this, our system will truly be an inspirational force on earth. No hypocrisy as we now exhibit.

Today's American Capitalism needs to be cleaned up! It needs to be ethical as defined by the health of all of its citizens. Obviously what is missing is the promotion of the intelligent management of the market; A Conscience. It requires a regulatory system just as our human bodies require this for health to be achieved. Just as when one over eats, or over consumes, this behavior can't be honored with accolades, for their excessive consumption leads to the body becoming diseased. Someone must be in the position of authority to address the person's addiction to food and to have the power to guide the person through learning how to regulate their consumption of food. So too, the bloated billionaires who have swallowed so much financial resources that this behavior has led to severe shortages for others must be brought into line and be guided to manage their excesses. They would show that they have learned this by making it a priority to provide employment such that those previously deprived can feed, cloth, house, educate and provide medical care for themselves and their family.

Obviously some of the billionaires are coming to some sort of recognition of this need such as Bill Gates and his wife who are dedicating a good amount of their accumulated wealth for philanthropic purposes. I guess in time the billionaires will have to work together to assure that they develop the ability to regulate themselves so that their ability to "out compete" everyone else doesn't result in such catastrophic shortages for others. They also must pay attention to rein in their need to control due to the consequence of adhering to an ethos that supports the freewheeling and unethical capitalism enhancing the corruption of politics to such a point that the Supreme Court has now become politicized and so very dysfunctional. It has been so deeply affected by this that it is abrogating its constitutional responsibility to protect the powerless in society. Instead it just further promotes this growing inequity in resources as seen in its vote to allow corporations to be unregulated in funding political candidates. In short, the Supreme Court is increasingly undermining democracy so that the rich can now with permission to purchase all elections. This is the epitome of our Cultural and Social Immune System failing in its very purpose. The Supreme Court has in effect introduced a

cancer into our society that unless removed, will ultimately destroy America and the Democracy that supports its welfare.

Now, how to go about this delicate operation of awakening the democratic sense of the American people without the effort resulting in the elimination of those who would work together for this purpose; the emergence of a healthy egalitarian society? Certainly the cancer will fight to kill us; for that is its purpose. This function of cancer is our total destruction. It will take all of our combined and cooperative effort to remove the cancer without the effort itself resulting in the death of our society.

I don't know how to present common sense to the American public so that it is attractive and will motivate change. Maybe Bernie Sanders can do this. But it's going against the grain of Greed. It's easy to sell War, or a political ideology, or iPhone 6 even when iPhone 3 is still so functional. McDonalds has no problem being the industry leader even though its dollar meals are unhealthy. Of course cigarettes is the classic model for the ease of selling stimulating but long-term agonizing death. It's easy to promote drugs that are both legal and illegal regardless of their toxic side effects. "Buy X, it will give you such relief from your pain as long as one of these possible side affects doesn't take you out: liver failure, kidney failure, sudden loss of consciousness, blinding, increased chances of getting pneumonia, heart attack, stroke, etc." Yes pharmaceutical companies have no problem paying millions of dollars for their TV ads. because they are so effective. "Remember talk with your doctor about X, plus we will send you a thirty day supply of X for free if your doctor disagrees with this suggestion. You should be the ultimate decision maker about what you consume.

Just a quick review. Poverty is the side effect of the gross inequity and imbalance promoted by under regulated economics. As long as there is an irresponsible financial and political hierarchy that fails to value the welfare of all citizens Poverty and Inequity will continue to spread and this disease will continue to weaken and undermine the life of our society. You know, for me the true measure of the health of our human body is the degree to which we are disease free. In this way, the true measure of the health of our system of economics must be measured in the degree of poverty that exists. The less poverty the healthier the system is. This is true also for the world economy. The measure is much greater, but the principal is the same. Health is directly related to every cell that makes up the body getting sufficient nourishment so that each cell can contribute to the welfare of the whole.

Well I can't say that all of the above is that original. My chaotic manner of writing is definitely original, but the essence has already been previously stated in numerous books and articles written by the progressive people of our time. But all of us who are working hard to provide this perspective to the reader have been impotent in arousing sufficient ire among the readers to affect awareness and change that would encourage all of us to be optimistic about the future.

To me the goal of my life is to learn and then to live a life that is and promotes Balance; taking only my share and leaving the rest for those who are doing without. I defined my share as being my individual fraction of the total number of people in the world divided into the finite resources that allow for the continued procreation and existence of all these resources. That's my share. Take the minimum. Any more than that would mean I'm taking part of someone else's share. It doesn't matter whether I'm a

subsistence farmer in Ethiopia or a Neurosurgeon in Newport Beach. My share doesn't change because of my livelihood.

A good number of people would call this the manifestation of insanity or at least communist inspired. To me it's the struggle and the determination to live fairly, which is a result of viewing all human and non-human being of this earth as the family within which I live.

Beyond myself, I don't know how my approach to living has any affect on anyone else's decision on how to live their life. Somehow I wish it did have such an affect, but it's not in my personality to be in this role. As I look back at my life and it's evolution into joining my spirit with the spirit of the Earth and it's creations I can't say anyone else has been overly motivated to learn from me how to pursue this path. I was lucky to be born with an inquisitive nature. I was also fortunate to be able to be inspired by those who journeyed on this path before me and once they came into my life I studied their lives and their writings. Once in a while I was able to meet one or two such people and I was able to live with them for a while to absorb the essence of their way. This to me was very helpful and supportive. Still it was always up to me to choose to incorporate what I learned into my life and in doing so I definitely was casting my life into a different pattern than those with whom I was living and eventually the pattern birthed me into a different sphere.

You ever see the Greenpeace volunteers on the street with their Northern California I live in the woods type clothes and individual hair styles pleading with people to join the movement to help the Earth cope with the inhumanity of humanity as it pollutes and slaughters in excess the essence of the food chain? They are treated poorly and often ignored, even as people pull the pollution into their lungs by just breathing the air. It's sad that they are not venerated like Buddhist monks in Asia out with their begging bowls and where providing a bit of sustenance is to receive a blessing from The Creator.

Well, and well again and again...well what do you think we need in order to make a difference in our lives? What can we say or do to interfere with the values of domination being the essence of our culture? What can we do to interfere with the Universities supporting this value of domination? What can we do to get our ministers and pastors, and rabbi's and imams and priests to stand together, arms interlocked to stand in the face of this self-destruction and say, No More!

Who is respected enough to have such an influence; to inspire a challenge, a calling of the family to sit together and to evaluate the values that guide our lives? Who can help us to understand and to determine the inconsistencies between the teachings and the practices, and to formulate a vision in practical terms that allows our peers to choose to live the values of Sharing and Taking Care of those in Need? I'm sure that it could be you, or you, or you. What wonderful outcome in doing so for then the dam will be taken down that has prevented the flow of living wages. In consciousness this would again allow one earner to make sufficient income to allow their partner to work in the home to provide the support and guidance our children need as opposed to the teaching of the baby sitting video games and social media.

Who knows how to start this process? Who knows how to do this? Who knows how to do this and would like to teach those of us who would like to learn this skill? Do

you have any proven ideas on how to effectively market Sanity and its friend Common Sense? If so, please contact me. I am an enthusiastic learner and practitioner of what I learn.

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