

Cosmism over Spiritualism, Philosophy over Science, Consensualism over Coercion

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The Self-Destruction of Western Civilization

- **Plutocracy-controlled governments**—via banks, corporations, media
- **Plutocracy using US Gov't. to dominate** the planet (see *Project for a New American Century*)
- **Impoverishment** of the working class, concentration of wealth
- **Eternal “War on Terrorism”**—official lies, invasions, torture, drones, manufactured revolutions, etc.
- **Abrogation of Constitutional rights**—restricted speech, detentions, universal surveillance, police state, gov't abuse of power
- **Intellectual deterioration**—schools, academia, media, politics
- **Moral deterioration**—loss of personal responsibility, commercialism, legalism, political correctness, identity politics
- **Controlled Art**—any art with meaning threatens plutocrats' agenda

Causes of Western Decline

- **False beliefs** concerning human nature, education and economics→
 - **Pathological childrearing/schooling practices** → maldeveloped persons
 - **Pathological institutions** – banks, corporations, schools, government
- **A society** based upon **coercion**—produces **pathology**, inefficiency
- **The West is mentally incompetent** because it has traded philosophy for **Science. Science is stupid—it only counts, measures, and manipulates.**
- **Without philosophy we:**
 - **Cannot understand Cosmos**, human nature, society, economics
 - **Cannot question** inherited **beliefs** and **institutions**
 - **Cannot solve problems:** Wrong diagnosis → wrong treatment
 - **Have a superficial, short-term mentality:** Cannot anticipate or understand the widespread or long-term consequences of actions
 - **Have no non-religious source of values** → default to money, power, pleasure

The Root Problem: Spiritualism

- **The belief that consciousness a Magical Spirit**—not a product of Cosmic evolution; the default belief until/unless one **understands evolutionary neuropsychology**.
- **A False Theory** of relationship of **consciousness to Cosmos** →
- **Corrupted** metaphysics, anthropology, physics, epistemology, ethics:
 - **Religions**—Magical Spirit-God, holy scriptures, eternal life, reincarnation
 - **Science**—a **compromise** between spiritualist religions and desire for knowledge
 - **False Psychology**—free will, innate depravity, sin, punishment, etc.
 - **Metaphysical Prejudice**—our **spirits are superior** to yours → religionism, racism, sexism, nationalism and classism
 - **False Sociology**—producing **coercion**, regulation, authoritarianism, war

The Christian War against Philosophy

- **Justinian** closed **Aristotle's** and **Plato's** schools in Athens in 529 AD
- **Bishop of Paris** condemned **Aristotle's Cosmism** in 1277.
- **Descartes and Locke—Spirit-matter dualists**—limited knowledge to description of our (spiritual) experiences
- **Bishop Berkeley** realized that **dualism was unstable**—left the door open to **Cosmic theory** (Copernican and Newtonian Revolutions).
 - *Since we know only our own conscious experiences and have no direct knowledge of any material Cosmos, we must not assume that it exists.*
Principles of Human Knowledge, 1710
 - **Consciousness** is a **virtual reality simulation** fed to our **spirits** by **God**.
(See the film **The Matrix**.)
 - **Laws of Nature** are **rules of the Matrix**.
 - **Relativity**: We must treat motion **not as absolute, Cosmic, or real** but as **merely relative to ourselves...and time as a succession of events** in our **consciousness**.
Principles of Human Knowledge, 1710

Western “Enlightenment Philosophy”

- **David Hume: We cannot know any Cosmic causes**, our belief that an effect will follow from a cause is merely a “**custom**” we have acquired through repetitive **experience**. *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding, 1748*
- **Immanuel Kant: We can only know the *phenomena* presented to our senses** and can never **pass beyond** them to knowledge of the ***noumena***—things in themselves. (i.e. Cosmos)
Prolegmena to Every Future Metaphysics that may be Presented as a Science, 1783

(Most written philosophy, of all eras, is false and misleading.)

The Birth of Modern Science

- **Ernst Mach** admitted the influence of Berkeley and Hume.
- ***The world consists only of our sensations.*** *Analysis of Sensations, 1914*
- The aim of **Science** is to **describe** our **sensations**; the **laws of Science** state general **relationships** among our **sensations**.
- **Theories redefined** as **mathematical models** that describe and predict the “hard facts”—sensations and measurements.
- **All theories** about nature and causes of our sensations are baseless **speculations**.
- **Mach’s Positivism** is today’s **Science**, but scientists don’t realize this!

Einstein Followed Berkeley

- Read Berkeley, admitted the influence of Hume and Mach
- *The only justification for our concepts and system of concepts is that they serve to **represent** the complex of **experiences**...*
The Meaning of Relativity, 1922
- To escape solipsism, Einstein became a **Berkeleyan-Platonic idealist**—sought the **rules of the Spiritual Matrix**.
- *Physics is an attempt conceptually to grasp **reality as it is thought**, independently of its being observed.*
Albert Einstein, Philosopher-Scientist, 1949
- **Mathematical Idealist: Nature is the realization of the simplest conceivable mathematical ideas.**
Ideas and Opinions, 1954
- **Theist: God is a superior mind that reveals itself in the world of experience.**
Ideas and Opinions, 1954

Relativity Replaces Cosmic Theory

All laws of Nature are the same in all coordinate systems, whatever their state of motion.

- **No mention of the Cosmos; no Cosmic causality.**
- **Observer-frame-based mathematics**, not physical theory.
- **The Laws are Magic**—absolute c , c as limiting velocity for matter, “time dilation”, etc.
- **Contradictory Subjectivistic Nonsense**—physicists can’t understand it; they apply the concept and equations *ad hoc* to **Cosmic frames**.
- Einstein also created **Quantum Mechanics** with his “lightquantum” model.

Quantum Mechanics Explains Nothing

- “Quantum Mechanics...**rejects as meaningless ... a hidden objective world ruled by causality**; instead, it confines itself to the **description of the relations among perceptions.**”
Eisberg and Resnik, *Quantum Physics*, 1974
- Quantum Mechanics is an **statistical prediction model** modified *ad hoc* over many decades to **fit the facts**. (Not a “proven theory”)
See: Richard Feynman, *QED*, 1985
- Relativity and QM have promoted **subjectivism-relativism** in society: **truth is relative to, and created by the observer.**

To restore philosophy we must **replace Relativity and QM** with a physical theory.

The Cosmos

Hubble Deep Field—Galaxies!

Probability: Millions of Intelligent Species

Hierarchical Evolution of Complexity

1. **Astrophysicochemical** – Big Bang, spatial, subatomic, atomic, chemical, molecular
2. **Biological** – prokaryotic, eukaryotic, multicellular, histological (Earth)
3. **Neuropsychological** – sensation, locomotion, nerve cells, brains, consciousness (animals)
4. **Linguo-mythic** – (1.8 mya) language, tool-making, cultures, religions, civilizations (*homo erectus* to *homo sapiens*)
5. **Linguo-philosophical** – (6th century B.C.-Ionia) Full use of linguistic information processing ability (**unrealized potential**)

Problem: Incomplete Cosmology

1. Astrophysicochemical **No theoretical physics**
 2. Biological – Thank you, Mr. Darwin
 3. Neuropsychological
 4. Linguo-mythic
 5. Linguo-philosophical
- No shared, understood theories**

- More thinkers are embracing **Cosmism**, but still cling to **Science** including Relativity and QM.

See *Cosmos* with Carl Sagan, 1980, *Cosmos: A Space-Time Odyssey* with Neil deGrasse Tyson, 2014

- With **no theories** to explain the **physical Cosmos** or our **linguistic consciousness**, we cannot reconstitute philosophy.
- We are stuck with **God-Magic Theory**; so **spiritualism persists**.

Physics Must Become Space Theory

- **Relativity** and **QM** relate all phenomena to the **observer** in order to **avoid** talking about Cosmic space and physical causation.
- **The facts require space to be substance**—the **ground of all being**, the **cause** of all fundamental physical phenomena,
 - **Space** must be **quantized** (at the Planck scale? Monads?). This is the source of the efficacy of **mathematics**.
 - **Light** is a **wave** in space, **space prevents** matter from moving at **c**.
 - **Space resists** matter's acceleration (as per Newton)
 - The **flow of space** into matter is the **cause** of gravity. Lindner, *Physics Essays*, 2012
 - **Particles** are stable **patterns of motion** in and of space.
- **Space, not Spirit-God**, is the **source** of the **evolution** of complexity; **we are space** become **linguistically self-conscious**.
- **Space theory** is the necessary **foundation** of **philosophy**.

What is Philosophy?

- **Philosophy is the search for understanding**—to know the **nature** and **causes** of all things.
- **Philosophy** is the **disciplined** use of **all** our intellectual **faculties**.
- **Philosophy criticizes and creates theories** to reveal the **cause**:

One who can give no account which includes the cause has no scientific knowledge.

Aristotle, Posterior Analytics, Bk. I, ch. 6

- **Logic** and **mathematics** are **human-invented linguistic tools** of **philosophy**.
- The **sciences** are **branches** of **philosophy**.
- **Only philosophy can provide** what people seek from religion and Science—**knowledge, understanding and guidance**
- **We know much more** now than humans have known before—we must **recreate/update philosophy**

What Does Philosophy Say about Consciousness and Language?

- **All neurological and intellectual functions are brain functions.**
- **Animalian consciousness** is the **primary representational system**; a **virtual-reality** representation of the external and internal environments.
- **Human consciousness** is further enhanced by **language**, a **symbolic secondary representation system**
Derek Bickerton, *Language and Species*, 1990
- Our minds are **dominated** by **linguistic formulae** (memes, memeplexes)
- **Linguistic memes** compete for **dominance**—those with the best strategies and defenses survive and spread: **If we do not control our memes, they control us.**
- We must constantly query and improve our word-formulas; we **must be philosophers.**

Why isn't this common knowledge?

Because **Western Civilization** is **profoundly anti-philosophical.**

Science is Anti-Philosophy

- **Relativity** and **QM** are the **archetypes of modern Science**.
- **Science limits** us to counting, measuring and finding correlations
- Science **inhibits** our higher **cognitive** functions (e.g. theoretical).
- **Science tries to reduce** knowledge to **mathematics** and **technology**
- **Science usurps** successful Cosmic-causal **theories** as its own. (Copernicus, Darwin, Wegener, Faraday, etc.)
- **Science is philosophically incompetent**: trapped within **paradigms**; scientific journals **cannot/do not question** the paradigm.
Thomas Kuhn, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*, 1962
- **Science prevents** us from understanding the Cosmos and ourselves.
- **Science is preventing** us from **replacing spiritualism-religion** with a working **philosophical Cosmology** (as Berkeley intended).

Religion is Anti-Philosophy

- **Ancient, Ignorant, and False theories** about **Cosmos** and **humanity**.
- What is **false** is necessarily **destructive**, i.e. **Evil**, no matter how **well-intentioned**, no matter what **truths** it contains
- Consider the **Torah** (first 5 books of the Old Testament). It is the basis of **Judaism, Christianity** and **Islam**.
- The **Torah is evil**: commands **authoritarianism, child abuse** and **misogyny** within society, and **criminality** against outsiders
<http://henrylindner.net/Writings/Pentateuch1.html>
- Religions thrive in the **philosophical vacuum** left by **Science**.
- **Religions cannot be reinterpreted or reformed**; must be replaced by **philosophy**.

Statism is Anti-Philosophy

- **Philosophy is the only real threat** to government-plutocracy power.
- **Schooling** was imposed by **plutocrats** to accustom **worker-slaves** to **control, disable** their intellect, and turn them into **consumers**.

John T. Gatto, *The Underground History of American Education*, 2000

- **State Schooling—12 yr. sentence to forced mental labor—destroys** the child's natural love of learning and ability to learn

John T. Gatto, *Dumbing us Down, The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling*, 1992

- **The State suppresses** all alternative theories of human nature, society—**suppresses philosophy**
- **Academia** is supported by the **State** and **the plutocracy** as long as it remains **anti-philosophical, irrelevant**.

The Banks and Corporations are Anti-Philosophy

- **Banks** must **prevent** society from understanding **fractional reserve banking**—the **criminal** nature of their activity.
 - **A thinking population** will not take out slave-loans if they **know** that they are created from **nothing**.
 - **Banks fund academia** to maintain **corrupt** economical and **monetary** theories
- **Corporations** are **government-created for-profit machines**—seek to **manipulate** the population to **buy** their products and services.
 - **A thinking population** will only **buy** what they **need**.
 - **A thinking population** will not be **swayed** by **advertising**.
 - **A thinking population** will not take **orders**, and will demand **cooperative** arrangements.
 - **A thinking population** will figure out **who** is **exploiting** and **abusing** them and how.

Spiritualism Supports Coercion

- **Parents do not understand** the infant/child's **animalian nature** or **maturation** processes.
- **Infants** believed to be **spirits** with **free will**; their crying misinterpreted as **manipulation**→parental neglect, maltreatment.
- Child's **disobedience** and **lack of impulse control** taken as proof of **innate depravity**, justifying **coercion** to train them to be **good**.
- **Torah**—“**Honor thy parents**”, “**Disobedient son should be killed**”.
- **Lazy, evil children** must be **schooled** in order to learn.
- **Lazy, evil adults** must be **controlled** by bosses, politicians, etc.
- **Workers-slaves** accept coercion in this life, believing they will be free and happy in **afterlife**.

Coercion Produces Neuropsychosocial Pathology

- **Coercion is anti-morality**—the use of **violence** or the **threat** of violence to **force** a person to do or not do something.
- **Destroys individual diversity**—enforces conformity to others' wills
- **Impairs individual maturation, self-knowledge and self-regulation**
- **Prevents/distorts intellectual development—anti-reason**
- **Produces **damaged** people** who then **require** more coercion.
- **Creates a Slippery Slope**—every coercive intervention produces **distortions** in the individual or society that require more interventions → **complete control**
- **Anti-social:** Once coercion is accepted, **politics** becomes a question of **who** gets to **force** whom to do **what**. **(We are there.)**

Coercion is the Root of all Social Evils

- **Maltreatment** of infants, ignorance of their psychology, needs
- **Compulsory Schooling**—institutionalization, pseudo-education
- **Capitalism is not freedom, but an authoritarian (coerced) system of privileges and controls.** <http://henrylindner.net/Writings/Capital.html>
- **Banker slavery—fractional reserve banking:** banks have gov.'t-granted right to create money from nothing; **enslave** borrowers.
- **Corporations**—government-created profit machines <http://henrylindner.net/Writings/Corporations.html>
- **Artificial property rights**—patents and copyrights
- **Plutocracy**—control of **government** and the **media** by the beneficiaries of government privileges (coercive interventions).
- **Regulations and licensing**—prevent consensual action, ↓efficiency
- **Tax slavery**—governments **steal** from citizens to pay bank-loans

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- **Restricted Speech**—“hate speech”, political correctness
- **Legalism**—Lawyer-games with word formulas—**anti-moral**
- **Civil Liability**—freelance war of all against all; lawyers profit
- **Drug Addiction**—the slaves choose unconsciousness
- **Nanny state**—counterproductive vice laws, war on drugs, etc.
- **Therapeutic state**—drug those who do not adapt
- **Police state**—surveillance, loss of basic rights, brutality
- **Welfare state**—Force some to support others→dependency
- **Warfare state**—violence against outsiders

We Need Cosmic-Philosophical Ethics

- **Reject spiritualism and coercion.**
- **Embrace Cosmism: The Cosmos exists; we are the Cosmos** seeing itself, understanding itself, experiencing joy, etc.
- As does the Cosmos, we must strive for greater **diversity, complexity, and self-awareness.**
- We must **strive to perfect** ourselves, our society, our Earth.
- **All advancement** comes from **voluntary** and **consensual** actions; from healthy individuals' **free** use their **intellects** and **wills.**
- **We must respect and support** each **individual's** need for **self-fulfillment—not use coercion.**

How to Get There from Here

- **Break the cycle** of coercion and psychosocial **pathology**.
- **Healthier persons** will be able to see the way forward.
- We need a **step-by-step** plan to **deconstruct** and **replace** the system.
- **Produce neuropsychological health**: provide **optimal care** to all infants and children Selma Fraiberg, *The Magic Years*, 1959; Sears and Sears, *The Baby Book*, 1993
- **Produce intellectual health**: **STOP** lying to children, **STOP** institutionalizing them. **START supporting** children's **natural maturation** and **learning**, allow them to **integrate** into society. John Holt, *How Children Learn*, 1967; Grace Llewellyn, *The Teenage Liberation Handbook*, 1991
- **Produce social health**: **STOP** coercing/controlling each other!
- **Produce global health**: **STOP** manipulating, attacking and impoverishing other societies. Seek to **improve life** for **all people**.

Towards a Consensual Society

- **Governments must be limited to facilitating consensual society:** maintain commons, infrastructure, prevent/redress coercion, etc.
- **Prime Directive—No Coercion**—including children
- **Freedom of Speech**—yes, even “hate speech”
- **Freedom of Action**—if no harm to others; no vice laws, drug laws...
- **Freedom in Education**—**no compulsion in learning; separation of state and education**
- **No Corporations**—all business private, consensual
- **Freedom in Personal Business**—no licensing, labor laws...
- **Freedom of Association**—yes, freedom to discriminate
- **Freedom of Contract**—with full personal responsibility

Consensual Society

- **Separation of Government and Family:** No marriage, anti-abortion laws ...
- **Rational Property Laws**—land reform, no copyrights or patents
- **Strict Regulation of Pollution**—material, chemical, genetic
- **Government Money Creation**—not private banks
- **No Taxation**—government pays expenses with money it creates and spends into circulation Stephen Zarlenga, *The Lost Science of Money*, 2002, <http://www.monetary.org/>
- **Restitution, Reconciliation and Therapy** for offenses against others, not punishment-imprisonment
- **Private Charity and Insurance**—no **coerced aid**, no government welfare, disability, unemployment, etc.
- **Borders will become irrelevant**—when all nations become **consensual**