

The Impracticality of the economic mind-set: Nature's decay towards Utopia

Once one realizes that any process of change is out of human control, it makes life a lot easier! For example, economics is about buying and selling, it assumes at the base level a separation between people. “What I have got vs. what you have got” not only defines each human as an “individual” but seems to separate each “individual” further and further from each other, as a result of the activity of the mind. Not only is this individualism entirely an illusion, as explored in other articles, but it is highly impractical.

Of all of the mind's inventions, development of a monetary system has been one of the most controlling factors of human behaviour. An economy-based society also assumes that nature functions in exactly the same way as economics. This idea was very directly applied to evolutionary theory by, amongst others, the economist Herbert Spenser, who coined the term “survival of the fittest”, in his “Principles of Biology”, 1864, which was appropriate for his own discipline. It was then inappropriately applied to the workings of nature, as well as Darwin's less absolutist term “natural selection”. Economic theories, or should I say abstract human separatism, being applied in an attempt to define natural Oneness, is not just associated with Spenser, but his is an example of the misconception of the human mind trying to categorize nature. The pure observation of nature is all there is to nature, but very often, people just don't see this and need to analyse it.

The idea of Richard Dawkins' “selfish” gene is also a result of looking at something through the glass of separation, rather than through the actuality of Oneness. This is commonplace within science as well as economics and is the basic skewing of understanding into belief systems, as strong as any religion. This happens because the pure observation of nature isn't what you “think” it is, it is what it actually is; this is very difficult for the human mind to be open to, it is usually closed, and only sees what it wants to see, using the theory it already has. So if one is conditioned to feel that the whole world is separate from you, you will be convinced that the economic model is the correct one and that it applies directly to science and to everything else.

If we refrain from a viewpoint and are just open to what there is, then different ways of thinking emerge. An example of this is the work of Alison Gopnik, in understanding the mind of young children. She has shown that children have the open ability to understand and that the mind of an infant works at much higher levels of understanding *before* it becomes hard-wired into the adult's rigidity. The movement from open and expanded thinking to absoluteness is something which the human adult finds very difficult to disengage from. The result implies that infants have a better understanding of the nature of life than adults. From the open possibility of childhood the blinkers go on in the adult world and there comes the closed-minded idealism, fantasy of absolutism and separation at the time of the change into adulthood. If the world was arranged by toddlers it would be a far more peaceful place.

As a result of the system of economics, politics and governmental systems we currently live by, we have to spend our lives working to earn money in order to survive. The actual

process of gaining money is something that people do not naturally find affinity with and they suffer as a result. This way of living doesn't often inspire us because we know that we do best when we enjoy what we have to learn. Since we have been fed from childhood with the 'separatist economic model', i.e. modern consumerist way of life, we tend to imagine that this is the best and only way. The *natural* human animal is not interested at all in money or in any aspect of mind-made life, it is very simple and at One with life. The mind is always caught in a trap of things that are inevitably worthless.

If we look at the natural world, we see that we have the same problems as animals. If one thinks of the squirrels storing food in the winter, or the way that some parasitic animals feed from the flesh of others, even when the host is alive, it *seems* like we are just being natural economists! People are constantly equating themselves with animals and nature - we talk about behaving like a "vampire" sucking dry the "life blood" of a partner's cash, being a "parasite" on society by living on the government's dole, being a "lion" of industry, "working like an ox", the "bear" and "bull" markets. These expressions are attempting to make it seem that humans are just naturally economic, but actually nothing is further from the truth. Humans hate the daily "grind" of going to work, living in desperation and trying to keep the nuclear family in one piece. It is deeply stressful at every level. Even those involved in alternative therapy and health, struggle constantly with this problem of knowing that they are involved in the commercial world, yet are doing something that is totally opposite. Very often we fall in with the crowd and need to concern ourselves with the mortgage, and simultaneously with energetic Oneness, an uncomfortable duality.

When humans dislike doing something it becomes very inefficient, things get done with force and not with want. Doing something because of the money never yields a sense of peace or clarity. This is passed on to children as a "work ethic", an idea of money being a idol is absolutely fine, it seems, in the world where the "rationalist" is wielding his "selfish Levi's" in triumph. But who is this helping? Teenage angst, now commonplace and "normal" in the move from child to adult, is not something to be celebrated but mourned; a dark period of body-piercing and tattooing, a rite of passage of cathartic frustration, followed by a yielding to the onslaught of being a "member of society" and "doing one's job", or many "jobs", if you can find them, as it is in today's world.

This can never work for long, the human animal is not part of this continuum. The inefficiency stems from the fact that humans are naturally tribal creatures, and at one with the earth and sky, from which we originated. The eco-system of the human amongst nature is long gone and seems an idealist's or "anarchist's" dream but actually nature, itself, is making the move to change the balance. The way the human mental attachment has distorted our vision of ourselves and our environment as being separated, is causing such an over-population, with the associated depletion of resources. However one of the key reasons for this overgrowth is not really the success of humans but the ideal of being separate and life being therefore horrific and terrifying that has perpetuated a race of anxiety-driven humans, intent on living and reproducing in order to "push forward". It is the anxiety and panic of the nature of humans which makes them believe in separation of themselves from each other and the environment, that is, life and sky means being

“better” and death and earth being “worse”, of white being superior and black being lower. This type of attitude is something that the evolution of the human mind has produced, but now it has reached its ultimate limit.

The economic models are beginning to fail, we can see this all around us. Some people believe that there is going to be a return from the “economic crisis”. This is a serious crisis, it is the tower of Babel beginning to crack and fall down, simply because it cannot last; resources have their limits and people do too. There is total limitation in this way of thinking and as such it will all come crashing down. This is not something that could ever have been sustained. The real issue is what happens if the collapse of economic ideas occurs within people. As we all watch the governments and banks fall, superstructures that we relied on, we wonder how we will find ways of living. Can it be that the collapse of the inefficient tyrant of economics allows for a realization that it just doesn't work that way?

Many believe that the collapse of society will be anarchic beyond reckoning, an idea of “tribal” warfare, factions killing one another for few resources of food and attempting to take over. Essentially this would be the same continuum we see today but just on a “tribal” level, without gunships and aircrafts, back to sticks and stones, which has nothing to do with the reality of tribal peoples, who are mainly peaceful. This is not nature's way either and inevitably those who move into this continuum will find themselves up in another tower of Babel which will at some time again fall and the pattern will continue. Eventually, however many cycles it takes, the few remaining people will be forced to look towards their roots. These directions are the broadest and most accepting and a path back into the eco-system of natural living:

1. The Ancient wisdom:

The ancients in all of the root cultures understood unity with nature and natural cycles. Their base is about observational science, without theories, and that which allows one to see unity in all things; it is a model or map of the way back to human instinct.

2. Indigenous and tribal peoples

Those cultures still surviving in pockets, who live outside the economic systems but live sustainably and have been in harmony with nature for thousands of years, who use stone-age technology, will become our deepest and most relevant teachers, to allow us to listen to instinct and sense the world again.

3. The infant

The infant child holds within ways back to our own nature, our own instinct. If allowed to learn and understand everything through its own feeling and sense, the infant grows to become a natural human. If indoctrinated with ideas of the adult mind, it becomes another adult.

These three bases will become a last resource for those who want to find a way towards freedom from the ideas of the past. Notice that none of the above is a teaching of any kind, the ancients have an instinctual map, not of individuals but of generations of united

sense. They find unity in all different forms, in all the different countries on the planet, which prevents individual stylism and takes us back to instinctive sense. The native peoples simply are what they are, living proof of the nature of understanding instinctive roots, and the infant again is, in itself, a message which is the same. All of these are encompassed by the grand “teacher” of Nature itself, which has all the answers and is open in every moment. There is in fact no teacher here, no hierarchy, no teaching just simply what is. There seems as if there are many paths, in religions and cultures but actually these have just been superimposed on top of essential natural truth, which needs no name or body of information to associate with it. There is no seeker and no finder and no separation, we go beyond the dualism of religion to the core basis of it, to reconnect to Eden.

This is not something that can be forced on anyone. The true meaning of “anarchy” is actually “ana-“ without “-archy” monarch, command, or actual force. This is far from the punk generation and its ideology. Anarchy is a situation without force, without aggression. It is not a situation dominated with unbridled masculine aggressive anger, but actually based deeply in the nature of the female principle, the yin. The world at the moment is driven and forced by the yang, it is a punk-world, a world that looks away from the natural order to a Mad-Max ideology of live and let die. This however has nothing to do with the nature of the female principle - the hidden underbelly controlling everything because it is the nature of Oneness.

When the yin principle is seen beneath the yang, eventually when there is no way out, when there is nothing left to fight against and no resources to fight over, then the way of the yin which is under the surface but always present, will arise and become the dominant basis of society. This is the case with all of nature, all is held within the Mother’s love, like fingers of her hands. There is no separation here, no dualism whatsoever.

The efficiency of natural systems is unsurpassed, nothing is wasted. Those Native tribes who in many ways still lead a stone-age existence, are generally happier, healthier and less in anguish than anyone in the modern economic world. Their basis is in the yin, the deep anchoring of the male, via the female. There is therefore, a deep connection to the earth, to the seasons, to all of life. This is extremely efficient. This is not about attempting to “get”, or to “try”, or to “do”, is no longer about “survival”, but rather a letting go, to allow “living” to occur. The burden is taken off.

Modern humans have more “mind” as an obstacle than tribal and native peoples, who have metaphors for explanation and ways of living which modern humans are unaccustomed to, the basis of their cultures is a deep intuitive sense, not a theory or an idea. Thought overall is not considered to be important, or as part of day to day living. Of course there are customs, rituals and traditions but in comparison to a life in the basic modern western belief of separation, the difference is like Sufi verses, compared with the doctrines of members of Al-Qaeda. Efficiency comes when humans notice their “in-love-ness” with all of life and then living becomes about a joyous expression and about what one can do with the energy of the actual body, not what one can do by pressing a button - or writing an article!

We are in this together. All of us are in this predicament of the modern western economic ideology and we are stuck. We can't see the next move, can't work out what to do; it is all a form of madness - what can we do, we can try to carry on, sure let's do that - but nature will take its course. As I suggested at the beginning, it is not really about attempting to do something, because nature is us. The feeling of the sense of "wrongness" we all share about the way things are, is, in itself, part of the natural response to the change that is taking place in the whole of the planet. We can't do anything to make it better, or worse, it is just really about listening, hearing what the message is, seeing if, we can move from a state of ideologies about "self-defense" and "collapse" or the "fall", based on fear, and then arriving at the clarity of re-birth into Eden. But it is a realization too of the possibility of letting go of all that this means, a passing-away of possessiveness in every sense, of money, food, social status, and relationships. Then all of life is about Oneness and sharing.

This is a peace or a utopia which is natural. It isn't about violence and power, although people will be killed and aggression will occur. In nature this happens for no personal motive, it happens and there's nothing to "do"; it isn't about power or politics, it is usually about over-population and irritation; there's no mourning, no suffering, there is pain but this is nature.

Modern humans really detest the truth more than they detest anything, because it is hard to move away from the idea of separation and "individualism" towards something else. This isn't about communism either, any ordered system is an ordering of the mind. True anarchy is really when we let go of the regimens of politics and "free" market thinking and actually watch nature take its course and look to nature for direction, the nature within and without; for they are One direction.

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