

The decay of seeking: the gradual falling away of the hunt for nature.

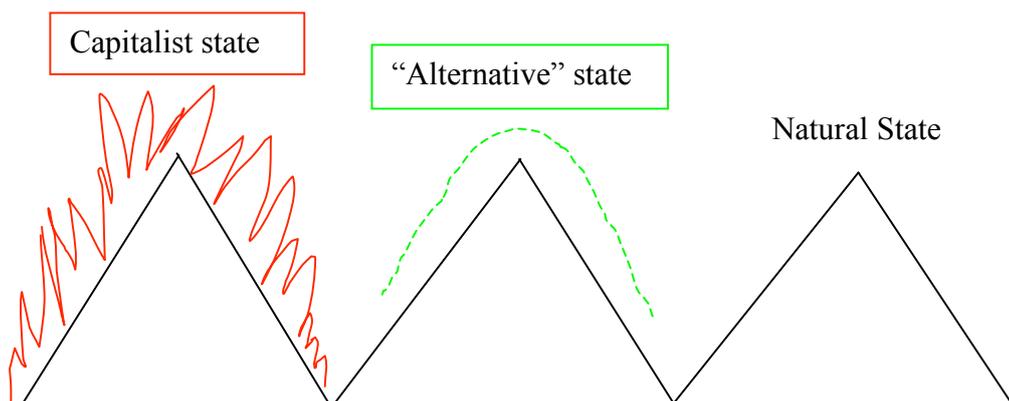
For almost everyone there is a hunt going on, and it is for the Natural State of the human being. We try to find it in every possible external method and even seek it within the way we think, like a hunter trying to chase his own reflection in a mirror. This process has been going on for many thousands of years and continues today where we now we find ourselves in a world of material and spiritual capitalism, both of which are different expressions of the same fundamental seeking, just with different focuses.

If we look at the big picture of this we can see that all of politics and science and all the processes of the human being are about attempting to get back to the natural state. Marx pointed out that for true communism to ever occur there would be a requirement for everything else to completely fall away. I suggest that if Marx's utopian ideal was actually nature and the natural human, then it is clear that what we might now call the façade of "human culture" has to fall away before the true nature is seen behind it.

Just as this is happening for the individual, so this is mirrored in politics and the larger picture. For the individual there is perhaps the ideal of capitalism that begins to decay and drop away, revealing a desire for a more simple life. This way of feeling is evident within the global population, fewer of us still want to work the way we do for the ridiculous "achievement" of "getting somewhere", and many are realizing that this really is a dead-end. This leads to a movement towards "alternative" ways of living and thinking, often materialism gives way to altruism and political/spiritual freedom. While there appear to be many layers to this human "onion", in fact there is only one layer of contraction and it is the same thing just expressed differently. However as this layer of contraction of "human culture" dies away, so it has a process of decay, or a softening.

For the individual and for society, the capitalist model is the first to drop away, we might call this the strongest contraction. It is the exploration of the "me" as an individual fighting against the world for individualism and power, which is a total struggle from beginning to end; it is also a struggle which has nothing to do with the natural world and in fact is out-and-out destruction of nature in all its ways and forms.

As this very tough and exterior façade is seen and realized to be illusory, people start to walk away from it. The alternative lifestyles begin to seem more "natural". In fact they are simply a softer form of the façade, a less contracted state but which is still within the outer layer hiding the reality of the natural state behind it.



Notice how in the above the Natural/ Child state is always the foundation no matter what the add-on psychology of seeking is, no matter what the façade.

After we move into our cottage-industry situations rather than industrial-industry situations, growing or buying in organic produce, trying to live a lifestyle which is more frugal by “down-sizing” the car and making things smaller, what we often eventually find is that there is more openness here, although it is also realized that the city mentality is still within this model, just on a smaller scale and with ivy round the door! This is fine, there’s no judgment here, but this is also not satisfying. We still crave the natural and while this is enough of a step for some, for others there is still a craving to become closer to nature.

Next step...we move from our detached houses or private family cottage-industries to communal living. There is a moment to join forces with people who are looking at totally different ways of being, who are “in-touch” with the energy of the world rather than just the hard-industrial world. We start to connect to nature in clearer ways, being able to sense things more acutely. Then life becomes even more open, and it seems that if there are people who are so open that they share their lives and themselves with each other, then there could be a way out of the nightmare of individualism. While there is an openness to many things, there is also a getting caught up in ideals that still seem unreachable, such as being totally free and natural, or being able to contend with the thousands of years of cultural madness by seeing through that to what is actually felt - this is the hope but is it really real within us? There is a question-mark hanging over it, fights occur in the communal setting because there are different of ways of being and differing interests. The city mentality is still within our being, although in many ways it is much softer than ever, yet still nature is not all we see, we continue to feel separate and individual. Monasticism and other religious paths associate with this way of alternative being, they also have within them the very unnatural process of trying to become natural through methods such as meditation and also by attempts to *control* the natural function of the body. This is a very obscure form of “moving back to nature” and it is still full of the same problems. Much has been let go of here but only superficially, as we move back to nature, nature demands a letting go of more than the façade, it requires a death of “me” and so the realization that the psychology can never overcome psychology, it is within its own box.

Some go further still, deciding to live a life of total “wildness”, connecting with the indigenous peoples of the world and following their ways, letting go of everything and being “extreme” in their radical approach of connecting with each other in a way that is more true to human nature. Yet for those who have immersed themselves completely, having gone into what they call a “totally natural” existence, still there is a feeling within this of separation, a feeling that nature is out there and I am in here. It is absolutely true there are always gradual moves which are about breaking down the illusion of separation, but these are completely inconsequential to the individual’s embodied feeling of separation. There is still no satisfaction to be found here. This is why when “improvements” are made in politics or in science, one absolutely knows that there will fundamentally be very little effect resulting from these changes. There may be a partial change that is made but because it is working at the level of the façade, it is utterly superficial. This includes all the so-called “greats” the Abraham

Lincolns, the Mahatma Gandhi's the Adolph Hitler's and the Mao Tse Tung's. Yes, these people all seem very powerful, some would say for the "good" or for the "bad" but outside of the judgment of good or bad it is actually that they are just shifting energy around on the surface of things, they are just either softening or hardening the façade of human culture, but the bubble doesn't burst.

Fundamentally it makes no difference whether it's a harder or softer society, one is arrogant, yang and brittle, the other is soft, more yin and pliable. No matter what the external form of this madness is, it is only on the surface of the natural human expression. This façade can be called the human-condition, self-hood, or simply the act of investigating the psyche: psychology. Some people will say going towards a natural life is "the best we can do", but in fact it's not really about altruism, it's about a decay of this and of all ideals. Things will shift, fashions of politics will come and go, fascism will take over from liberalism and liberalism from fascism, however the fundamental "fascism of "self"" remains the original premise. Until this background state of tension is let go there is no real change.

The softer façade may in fact not be closer to nature but it is something where the human physiology is recognized more than the other more radical perspective of out-and-out capitalism. There is more of a clarity that this indeed is a closer state to human-nature than the world of idealism of capitalistic power. Hence for those who are sensitive, these approaches towards nature are the ones we take. We do this naturally as the decay/entropy of seeking is gradually falling away. However even as ideologies fall, traditions are forgotten, capitalism dies away and basically everything is let go more and more, for most of us there still may well be a situation of feeling separate, even until the moment of death when it is revealed that through all the seeking and letting go, underneath there was clear and pure reality.

There is no point seeking and as this becomes apparent, it is very natural for a person to look towards natural things in ways that are closer to this, this is natural for the human, they are responding to a call within them, a call back home. This is not better or worse than any other state but it is simply a following. When there no ideology in the background then things just occur, there isn't a real direction for them to go, this then is something that nature is doing, not the so-called individual.

There is no choice to this, we can only go on what it is we feel. Not everyone will feel this way, there is no better or worse as the breaking down of me can occur at any point. The soft "me" can break open and the hard me can also break open, neither situation is "better", nature has its own ripening process and so the occurrence of a liberated state is nothing to do with the individual. However anyone who goes through this process will find themselves wanting to connect to the natural and to move away from the "man-made", as anything imbued with human cultural ideology has an energetic quality that is jarring to the natural senses. This doesn't so much mean "everything is accepted", for it is clear that everything is simply the way it is, but even so there is a preference the physiology has which is towards natural expressions, rather than things that the human mind has augmented to help progress his/her world of madness. The natural state resonates with the natural world, but it makes no difference whether there is a want to move this way or a total rejection of nature, as natural forces determine the falling away of "self", "I" cannot.

Both seeking and “self” are dying all around us, people are losing faith and losing ideals and the more this occurs the great possibility of the return towards nature. This may simply come about in the ridiculously small event of a policy being made that is more open and accepting of natural expression, or in the large expression of a person dropping out of a life they hate and finding a way to live in the country. This entropy is not chosen, it is happening to us all on many levels. There are some that will resist this pull and will keep powering on, but this is like a matchstick trying to burn as a tidal way comes. For the human to live on in this era, they will need to do so in a softer way that is more in contact with nature, as like it or not, the human is one with nature, although the “self” state is so strong within us that it may take many generations for this to burn off. As expressed in the Old Testament parable of the “children of Egypt in the desert” whom god “punished” for worshipping the golden calf, they spent 40 years roaming blindly in the desert, unable to find a way out. God muddled their senses until the generation who believed in the golden calf had died away, then the children of the next generation were able to find the “Promised land” - Canaan. While if taken literally this is meaningless idolatry of a “god” on high, if taken as a metaphor one can see that the nature of “me” or “self” has to die out and that may take several generations to occur within humans.

Perhaps we are at last seeing the beginning of the end of human culture and the return to nature of the human-being in its infancy. Thousands of years from now, if people still can remember and read, (which I hope they may forget!) there may be tales of the ancestors who mistook reality as being separate from them. There may be a remembrance of the fore-mothers who pointed the people to the land and as they did so, so nature’s ripening of “self” occurred and the people returned to natural humans leaving behind the suffering of the idolatry of “me” in the revelation of Eden.

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