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FALSE PREMISES GUIDE THE SYSTEM THAT IS MODERN CULTURE

THE WORDS “CULT” AND “CULTURE”
DIFFER IN CONNOTATION NOT REFERENT

CONFORMING: WHY WE OBEY

This section reviews the cultural beliefs that are the foundation of the dominant culture, and which result in Systemic Injustice. Emanating from Greek antiquity and the “Enlightenment” era philosophers. widespread adoption of three “enlightenment” inspired beliefs served colonial expansion, empire building, and establishment of property as a fiercely self-replicating cultural meme from which emanate most rationalizations for genocide, ecocide, class hierarchies, and injustice itself.

Let’s Start with a quote from Howard Zinn’s [“The Problem Is Civil Obedience”](#) from Chapter 20 of *Voices of a People’s History*

“But remember, this power of the people on top depends on the obedience of the people below. When people stop obeying, they have no power. . . The violence of our time is caused by obedience.”

“Civil disobedience is not our problem. Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is that people all over the world have obeyed the dictates of leaders...and millions have been killed because of this obedience...Our problem is that people are obedient all over the world in the face of poverty and starvation and stupidity, and war, and cruelty. Our problem is that people are obedient while the jails are full of petty thieves... (and) the grand thieves are running the country. That’s our problem.” – Howard Zinn

[Are We Living in Non-Places?](#)

A Twelve and a half minute video

Prominent New York journalist John Swinton, much to the displeasure of his colleagues, retorted after receiving a toast to the 'independent press' by a guest at a banquet in 1980, that:

“There is no such thing, at this date of the world's history, in America, as an independent press. You know it and I know it.

“There is not one of you who dares to write your honest opinions, and if you did, you know beforehand that it would never appear in print. I am paid weekly for keeping my honest opinion out of the paper I am connected with.

“Others of you are paid similar salaries for similar things, and any of you who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the streets looking for another job. If I allowed my honest opinions to appear in one issue of my paper, before twenty-four hours my occupation would be gone.

“The business of the journalists is to destroy the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to vilify, to fawn at the feet of mammon, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread. You know it and I know it, and what folly is this toasting an independent press?

“We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are the jumping jacks, they pull the strings and we dance. Our talents, our possibilities and our lives are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes.”

CONFORMING TO THE LOGIC OF OPPRESSION

Language, Syntax, and the Real Grammar Nazis

Grossman’s “Fish Discover Water Last” analogy applies precisely to humans and their unconscious relationship to language and the thoughts they think in that language.

- **The tweezers of language, with which we manipulate everything we name, define, and think about, remains invisible to us.**
- **Language is the tool from which we construct ego consciousness and conscious thought.**
 - **Words of Power; The Spell of Words**
- **Language forms unconscious beliefs and dictates behavior.**
- **[New research offers insight on modeling belief dynamics](#)**

- [Making Change through Philosophical Thinking](#)
- [Did Western philosophy ruin Earth? A philosopher's letter of apology to the world](#)
- [Alan Watts: Don't Think Too Much](#)

“I think the difficulty is this fragmentation. All thought is broken up into bits. Like this nation, this country, this industry, this profession and so on... And they can't meet. Wholeness is a kind of attitude or approach to the whole of life. If we can have a coherent approach to reality then reality will respond coherently to us.” ~David Bohm, physicist

THOUGHTS THE DOMINATOR CULTURE PERMITS

The Limits of Orthodoxy

THE [“GREAT CHAIN OF BEING”](#)

How is hierarchy justified?

- **Separate But Superior**
 - **Human Superiority over nature and non-modern humans**
 - **Rationalizes Dominion / Colonization / Enclosure / Debt-Enslavement / Ecocide / Genocide**
 - [Climate Change Is A Symptom](#) -- Rachel Donald
 - [What raising an orphaned owl taught me about our broken bond with nature](#)
 - **Genesis 1: 26 “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”**
 - **1 Corinthians 11:3: (The Biblical Doctrine Of The Chain Of Being) – “But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man,[a] and the head of Christ is**

God.” It goes on at length about the necessity of men not having long hair or praying with a hat on, and women having long hair and covering their heads in prayer.

- **Hebrews 2: “You have brought him a little lower than The Angels. You have placed glory and honor on his head and you have authorized him over the works of your hands.” – [Aramaic Bible in Plain English](#)**

According to Christian dogma, if the chain, made by God, is broken the order in the world is broken, and it can descend into chaos. Has this proven true? Or is something else happening?

- **The hierarchy is artificial and coerced.**
 - **[The Invention of Capitalism: How a Self-Sufficient Peasantry was Whipped Into Industrial Wage Slaves](#)**
 - **The Great Chain of Political Hierarchy: [The Hungry, the Haunted, and the Hunted](#) – Ben G. Price**

REDUCTIONISM TO SEDUCTIONISM:

Naming as Conquest - the flag of ownership

“From my perspective as a biologist, interdisciplinarity is satisfying for other reasons. What we call arts and sciences both arise from our faculties of imagination, wonder, and curiosity—regarding the phenomena unfolding around us and regarding our own ability to meaningfully experience these phenomena. The bifurcation between the “sciences” and the “arts”—itself founded on a centuries-old bifurcation of the world into “primary” quantities and “secondary” qualities—has erected all sorts of confusing boundaries that we stumble over, mistaking them for natural features of our minds. Scientists, lawyers, judges, artists, and philosophers are—and have always been—emotional, creative, and intuitive, whole human beings, navigating worlds that were never made to be cataloged and systematized. All have to interpret and communicate their

insights, often ambiguous, uncertain, and contradictory, using imaginative language composed of metaphor and analogy. I think we'd all have much more fun if we could dispel the delusion that these activities belong in entirely different departments of human life." – [Honoring the Wild Proliferation of Earthly Perspectives](#) – with Merlin Sheldrake and David Abram

"People normally cut reality into compartments, and so are unable to see the interdependence of all phenomena. To see one in all and all in one is to break through the great barrier which narrows one's perception of reality." ~Thich Nhat Hanh

"I think the difficulty is this fragmentation.. All thought is broken up into bits. Like this nation, this country, this industry, this profession and so on... And they can't meet. That comes about because thought has developed traditionally in a way such that it claims not to be effecting anything but just telling you the way things are. Therefore, people cannot see that they are creating a problem and then apparently trying to solve it." ~ David Bohm, **Wholeness: A Coherent Approach to Reality**

NEWTON & BACON: method replaces relationship/presence (POSIWID)

- What the scientific method has in common with the Inquisition
 - *Principia Mathematica* (Isaac Newton) quote from p. 12, Pam Montgomery. *Plant Spirit Healing: A Guide to Working with Plant Consciousness*
 - Knowledge v. Gnosis (both are silent about their beginnings: kno and gno)
 - [Something Wicked This Way Comes](#) – Richard Heinberg
 - Reductionism Atomizes Nature and Society / Alienation /Solutions nullified

- [Others' words, not firsthand experience, shape scientific and religious belief formation, study finds](#)
- WATCH AT LEAST ONE of THESE VIDEOS
 - [My dream died, and now I'm here.](#) Sabine Hossenfelder
 - [Science is in trouble and it worries me.](#) Sabine Hossenfelder
 - [I Was Asked to Keep this Confidential - Sabine Hossenfelder](#) Funding Physics as Entertainment
- [The Hungry, the Haunted, and the Hunted](#) – Ben G. Price. Reducing Humanity to Social Roles

INDIVIDUALISM, IDENTITY, AND THE DEATH OF COMMUNITY

- Individual Personality Rationalizes Property [community-immune privilege] / Enclosure / Capitalism
- Identity politics - not identity itself - is a project of neoliberal monetization of subjectivity.
 - [How We Learn to Compartmentalize](#)
 - [Awakening from the Cult of Ignorance](#)
 - [Why Is Our Culture So Obsessed With Individual Experience? Story by Anna Kornbluh](#)
 - [Neil Gorsuch: 'Rule by nobody' undermines our nation's respect for the individual](#) - perhaps explaining how a dictatorship is in his comfort zone.
 - **[Catafalque: Carl Jung and the End of Humanity by Peter Kingsley, from the first chapter:](#)**

"We are living through an extraordinarily difficult time now. The trouble is that most people, however intelligent they happen to be, and however keen to keep up with the news, don't have the slightest wish to see with open eyes what really is happening in our world. Even if they sense or intuit or suspect something, they have an overwhelming urge to tune it all out, and say "No, no: I don't want to know. I just want to go on as before."

"Well, there is no going on as before. Maybe we think we can act in the same way for a few more years; but what we are leaving behind us is a totally different world. And we have a certain responsibility to wake up to the awareness of what that means. ..."

"Everything that was implicit in our civilization from the very beginning, everything that was already contained inside the seed of Western culture, is being acted out now – in spite of us, and regardless of our best intentions [POSIWID] – because of what we have agreed to forget."

"Our future is guaranteed, automatically determined, by the fundamental fact that we failed to honor our sacred source."

- [Study identifies the 14 dead ends threatening humanity](#)

"The 14 evolutionary traps identified in the study are the simplification of food production ecosystems, growth at the expense of social well-being, the overshoot of the Earth system tipping points, the division of humanity by conflicts, large-scale contagion, fossil fuel infrastructure lock-in, chemical pollution, existential technology, technological autonomy, misinformation, short-termism, overconsumption, biosphere disconnect and local social capital loss."

- Critique of “Western” (European) Culture by Native American (Wendat) Sage [Kandiaronk](#)
 - Kandiaronk’s critique as recounted in Graeber and Wengrow’s book [“The Dawn of Everything”](#)



NEXT SECTION: [FROM CULTURAL NARRATIVE TO BELIEF TO BEHAVIOR:
TELL ME A STORY](#)