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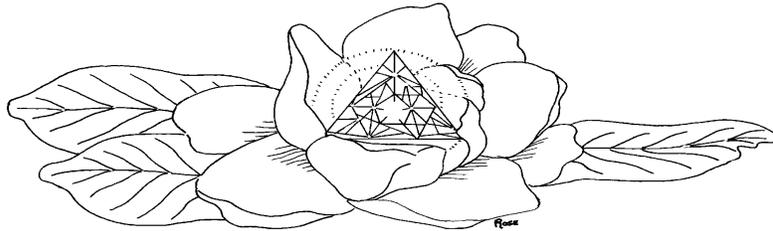
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The disciple acts "as if" he were initiate and then discovers that "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," because the heart is the custodian of the power of the imagination. The imagination is released into creative activity when the disciple acts "as if" he were the soul in full expression, "as if" the Master were ever aware of the doings of His disciple, "as if" he walked in full liberation consciously. *Discipleship In The New Age II p.555*

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IGNOROMICS

THE ECONOMICS OF IGNORANCE

The other day, while perusing a *New York Times* graphic that showed the huge number of poverty spots on a map of the United States, I had a sudden realization of how stupid poverty is. It is simply irrational. There is no REASON for poverty to exist on the planet. It exists because of the lack of REASON. Hence this issue of *Thoughtline*.

The existence of a supermundane, a super-physical, formless, abstract, multidimensional, Cosmos of consciousness was actually part of the awareness of the ancients. However for eons now, such a conception has been ignored, scoffed at, ridiculed by the vast majority of the planetary intelligentsia including scientists of any stripe.

Because we happen to live in a Cosmos of exactly this description, the systems that we have designed to organize and structure our lives on the planet have been based on a totally illusory conception of Reality.

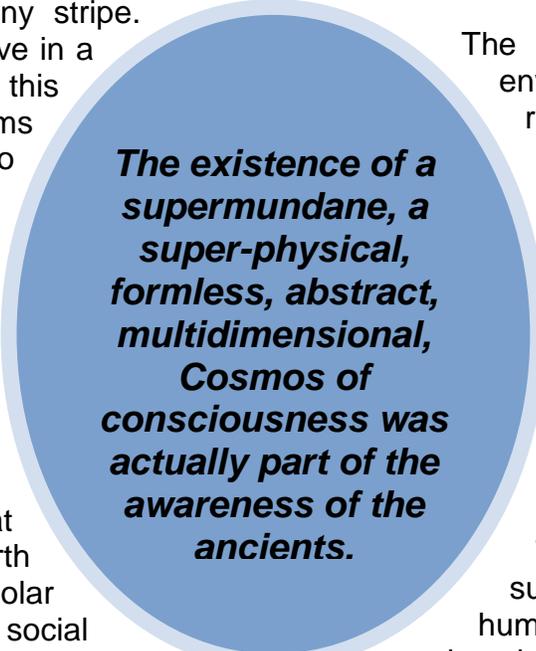
So, for a very long time even scientific facts about the planet (It was only 500 years ago that we “knew” that the Earth was the center of the Solar System.) as well as social theories concerning human rights, government, and economics have been generated even proclaimed by individuals whose conception of Reality was/is that we live on a planet of dense physical matter that was constructed in seven

days. This planet is surrounded by a not so dense, but physical never the less, atmosphere. The planet was and still is, even by much of the scientific community, considered to be the only planet in the universe capable of supporting Life.

This vision postulates a dense physical, one dimensional planet. The planet is made of “matter” which is all that exists in the vast Cosmos, a very tiny fraction of which we can actually see. The vision postulates that the matter of which our planet is constructed is divided into four different divisions or kingdoms: mineral, vegetable, animal, and human. These four were organized into a hierarchy of power and value.

The human kingdom was envisioned as being in all respects superior to the other kingdoms. It was, as anyone could see, the pinnacle of the Hierarchy. Therefore, humans were the rulers, kings, lords, and any number of other grandiose titles that we made up as we went along.

This vision goes on to sub-divide and stratify human beings as well. We placed ourselves into a hierarchy of various groupings of Lesser and Greater power/value. The most powerful of these became the de facto rulers, etcetera, of the lesser ones.



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This hierarchy of grandiose beings to the scum of the earth, with titles appropriate to the time, exists today.

This vision generates defacto systems like the Divine Right of Kings and the notion that the planet and everything on or in it was the "property" of those who occupied the top of the Hierarchy. Of course, this view included all those human beings who were lesser than the rulers. Slavery is actually a built in cornerstone of this vision.

When, for example, a 10th century king referred to his subjects, he was not talking about his equals, his brother or sister human beings, he was referring to his property as was the king of kings, Ozymandias.

I met a traveler from an antique land
Who said: `Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown,
And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,
Tell that its sculptor well those passions read
Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,
The hand that mocked them and the heart that fed.
And on the pedestal these words appear --
"My name is Ozymandias, king of kings:
Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away.
Percy Bysshe Shelley

(I place this little poem here because it is an image of exactly what humanity is rushing pell-mell toward... but I get ahead of myself.)

Traditionally, economics is considered to be "the science of the utilities or the useful application of wealth or material resources; the study of the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services of a nation or region, and its

effect on the wealth of a country." **Webster Dictionary**. This, in my view, is more aptly defined in the *Wiktionary* as "the study of resource allocation, distribution, and consumption of capital and investment; and the management of the factors of production." In either case, it is considered to be a "Social Science" rather than a "Hard Science."

However, regardless of how economics is classified, the pronouncements and predictions of most of its gurus, authorities, professors, and pundits—the vast majority of whom have been immersed in the illusion of materialism which I outlined above—concerning the health and welfare of the planet have exercised enormous power over the evolution of the planet and the planet's primary driver, humanity, for a very long time. The individuals making these predictions achieve the status of authority through the acquisition of documents, awarded to them by others who already hold such documents, that indicate he or she is an expert, or an authority in this particular field of study. Whether their opinions, predictions, assumptions, post the acquisition of their documents of authority, have proved to be accurate or not is seldom considered in evaluating the next guesses they make.

The pronouncements and the further predictions of future events by these various individuals are based on their research and analysis of various current events. The events are viewed as the result of what has been done before in the general area of the use and application of "wealth and material resources." In the effort to make their analysis appear to be "scientific", these prognostications of the future, put forth with authority, are based on artfully

organized, intellectual research, accompanied by statistical devices, formulas, graphs and curves to support interpretations and assumptions regarding **why** what has happened in the past has happened.

Other than the weight they gain by being voiced or published by a documented authority figure, these pronouncements and predictions, unlike say the Combined Gas Law of physics, have little or no substance. The evidence or “proofs” backing conclusions required in hard science are nonexistent. Theories, such as free market, laissez-faire capitalism, trickledown economics are not the same as π , π . They are simply the opinions, actually the guesses, and frequently the manipulations for an end, of why various things like unemployment and inflation happen and what possibly could happen in the future.

The factor that comes powerfully and unavoidably into play--in any science and especially in the social or soft sciences such as economics, political science, psychology, sociology and so forth--is one's personal opinions and point of view regarding the nature of reality. Lacking the disciplines, the objective, impersonal approach of scientific inquiry, and the physically verifiable proofs of “hard science” the proofs put forth by many of these authorities mostly masquerade as “evidence”. The research, analysis, and

conclusions are frequently driven by one's personal, frequently political, and self promoting agendas, and personal, usually unconscious, conceptions of Reality.

For example, consider the recent economic plans and federal budget plans put forth by Senator Paul Ryan, Chairman of the House Budget Committee. Or consider this comment. George Riesman, in an article “The General Benefit from Reducing Taxes on the Rich” says, “Of course, many people will characterize the line of argument I have just given as the 'trickle-down' theory. There is nothing trickle-down about it. There is only the fact that capital accumulation and economic progress depend on saving and innovation and that these in turn depend on [**“depend on” means are the result of**] the freedom to make high profits and accumulate great wealth. The only alternative to improvement for all, through economic progress, achieved in this way, is the futile attempt of some men to gain at the expense of others by means of looting and plundering. This, the loot-and-plunder theory, is the alternative advocated by the critics of the misnamed trickle-down theory.”

In any number of situations, and, although to a lesser degree, even in the hard sciences one's motives—which are also strongly conditioned by one's conception of Reality—will also play a

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huge part in what one's analysis reveals. For example, it was not hard for the tobacco industry to find individuals with the necessary PhDs to prove that smoking cigarettes was not damaging to health or for various religious organizations to find documented authorities to prove that global warming is not caused by how humans live. The field of economics is and has been especially vulnerable to these two factors.

The assumptions regarding the nature of reality held by most of these individuals are irrational. Or, one might say, it is an ignorant vision of reality. This vision of Reality, however, is the lens through which Ignoromists not only analyze, but actually choose their data.

Un-like U2 these Ignoromists always find what they are looking for because they cannot see anything else. The Ignoromic seers are usually members of the powerful/valuable class and are afflicted with this particular ocular problem. It is not surprising that for the most part their analysis leads to prognostications which always support their illusory view of Reality.

Basically, this flaw in point of view has produced the economics of ignorance or Ignoromics. I am not using the term ignorance as a put down or slur. It is simply a fact that these theories are the fruit of a huge ignorance regarding the synthesis of multidimensional reality and how energy moves and creates throughout cosmos.

Rather than harmony and balance, the Ignoromics of ignorance which have mainly been formulating the planet's economic systems for untold eons have produced opposition and imbalance in virtually every aspect of living. Over the eons the masses, the Lesser on the scale of value, assumed that these imbalances were their normal or natural condition. The Greater few, or People of Quality as they referred to themselves, also considered these imbalances to be their normal condition and viewed them as righteous proof of their superiority.

With gradual advances in education and improving communications techniques, the obvious absurdity of this situation is slowly beginning to be registered by some of the ordinary people. Because of our current electronic communications systems and the Internet the average citizen of any country may be aware of the world-around scope and grossness of the imbalance which is causing their daily suffering. However, they are mainly bewildered and do not have a conscious realization that the conditions are wrong, stupid, and against the basic laws of physics.

As yet today, there has not been one economic plan or even discussion that embraces the multidimensional reality of Cosmos, the fact of the One Humanity, the Principle of Equality, and our unavoidable involvement as an integral aspect of the Planetary Synthesis.

Here are some examples of how the current systems of Ignoromics have and

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are this very day impacting the One Planet:

For the Greater Ones:

In the New York Times article on January 2, "High Rollers in a Buying Mood" we learned that Matt Hlavin, an entrepreneur in Cleveland who owns seven businesses, bought three Mercedes last year: a \$237,000 SLS AMG and a \$165,000 S63 AMG for himself, and a \$97,000 GL550 sport utility vehicle for his wife. If this expenditure startles you, it is an indicator that you are not aware of the scope of the imbalance. Mr. Hlavin's point of view is that the \$427,067 is really "not that much". "I look at it as, I don't have a boat."

For those in the owners of a boat and probably a couple of planes as well category, Roll Royce offers a bit of an upscale car selection: There is the Ghost for \$300,000, the Wraith, a performance car, for \$340,000 and then the Phantom, which has a base price of \$402,940 and is designed for use with a chauffeur.

*(The **national** average price of a 4 bedroom house with 2 bathrooms is \$292,152.)*

Eric Shepherd, Rolls-Royce's president for North America, said that for many potential buyers in the six-figure market, the barrier to buying wasn't an issue of dollars but of cultural sentiment. "Our customers never lost the ability to buy," he said. "They may have lost the appropriateness to buy."

The article indicates that luxury, which was seen as a bad word several years ago is O.K. again, and it is now deemed appropriate to buy.

These examples may seem extreme, but they are petty when one looks at the data

regarding the actual use and distribution of world wealth. Mr. Hlavin, for example is light years away from being a member of the world's billionaires who numbering "just 497 people (approximately 0.000008% of the world's population) were worth \$3.5 trillion (over 7% of world GDP).

This link (control + Click) will give one a very clear picture of the actual grossness of the imbalance.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uWSxjyMNpU>

For The Not So Great and the Lesser Ones:

- Number of children in the world. 2.2 billion
- Number of children in poverty. 1 billion, that is every second child.
- Almost half the world — over three billion people — live on less than \$2.50 a day. (Again if it seems ridiculous that someone can live on \$2.50 a day, it indicates that you are not aware of the real situation on the planet.)
- At least 80% of humanity lives on less than \$10 a day.
- According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.
- 10.6 million children died in 2003 before they reached the age of 5. same as children population in France, Germany, Greece and Italy.

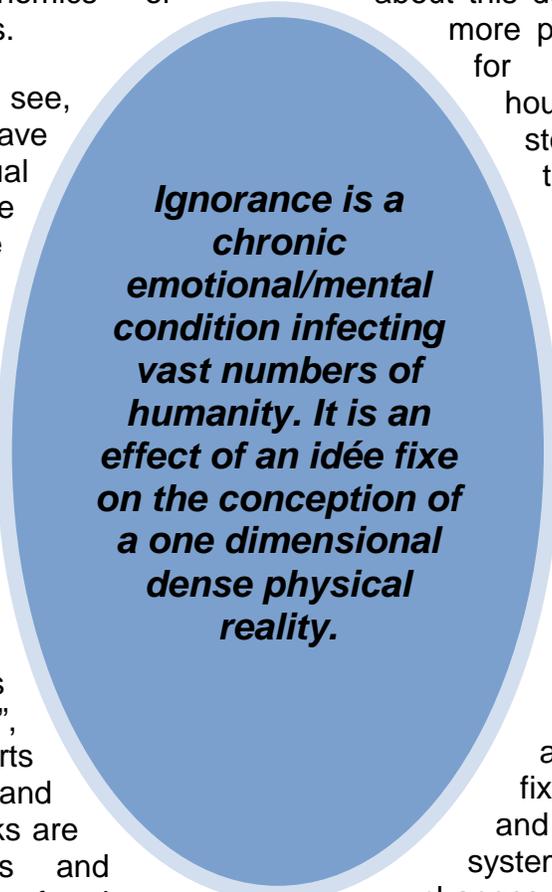
For more heart stopping statics go to www.globalissues.org/article/26

The above cited facts are a tiny window into the gross imbalances in just one sector of the planetary Life; however, such imbalances cut across the entire

spectrum of life on the planet. These imbalances are the direct result of the basically flawed point of view which generates the economics of ignorance or Ignoromics.

As we can easily see, ignorance does not have to do with intellectual facility. Indeed, some Ignoromists have developed the ancient art of sophistry to extraordinary depths. This is evident in the precious quotation from George Riesman in which efforts by the people to fund the Common Good through various kinds of taxes are characterized as “looting and plundering”, and the fraudulent efforts of the directors and managers of giant banks are simply the righteous and necessary exercise of the freedom to make high profits and accumulate great wealth.

Ignorance is a chronic emotional/mental condition of vast numbers of humanity. It is an effect of an *idée fixe* on the conception of a one dimensional dense physical reality. This fixation blinds one to the synthesis of the multidimensional reality in which we live. As long as this delusional view of reality is paramount, we will not be able to generate systems that are sustainable, that are harmonic with reality, that would not allow things like poverty to upset the harmony of the Real.



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We hear a lot about change that matters. I suspect that most of us who care and who are able to actually think and act about this do so in terms of feeding more poor people, getting jobs for the unemployed and housing for the homeless, stopping the pollution of the planet and on and on. These are changes, and they are desperately needed in the short term.

Otherwise, a global Ozymandias scene is a very real possibility. It's sort of like an Etch a Sketch.... Well that didn't work out too well. Let's try again!

As we have seen over and over again, these are usually short term fixes to an already broken and basically un-repairable system. These kinds of changes deal with effects rather than causes. They react to a presently occurring problem. They do not deal with the cause of the problem. Hence all “fixes” ultimately fail and the essential systemic flaw eventually re-establishes the problem.

The fact is that the existing system cannot be fixed. Its generating core concept is a lie or at best an error. It has been at least 5 or 6 thousand years now that we have been working on these issues and they are still very much with us. The system needs to be re-visioned and then reconstructed. The sooner we get this, the better for all concerned, including the brothers and sisters who are

presently deluded into thinking they are somehow exclusive.

Ending The World In Fire

It was prophesied long, long ago that the world would end in fire. As usual, we think of this in dense physical terms like atom bombs, huge earthquakes, and volcanoes. It is true that re-visioning and reconstructing the system will indeed end the world as we know it in fire. But it will be the implementation of the fiery potentialities, the manifestation of systems based on Cosmic Principles, like Equality and Brotherhood that will sweep away, actually, in a blaze of Joy, the systems of slavery and poverty that have so long gripped the planet.

I do not see this happening overnight. Neither is it going to take another 50 or 100 years. When consciousness, just as anything else that is being born on any dimension in Cosmos reaches a certain threshold, it sort of explodes. Change that matters is unavoidable. It is coming and will not, cannot be stopped. If we handle the situation correctly, that is with compassion and gentleness, the explosion will be more like the blooming of a rose than the detonation of a fragmentation grenade.

Change That Matters

Change that matters takes times. The petals will unbend slowly, and not without pain, but also with a commensurate Joy. I

realize that this is a very big change for those individuals within our government and the economists who are still working to fix the unfixable. I have in mind economists like Paul Krugman. He and other friends of humanity who are actually able to see the destruction and ignorance of the system are essential to our survival. They are working hard to bring change into this system.

The Work of Re-Visioning

Obviously, we support all such efforts. At the same time we need to be about the work of re-visioning the ignorant, boilerplate assumptions of Humanity's adolescence regarding reality. We need to "leave childish things behind", and to bring an adult understanding of the unavoidable interrelatedness and Divinity of all Life to the forefront of human consciousness.

This "re-visioning" is what we have been trained to do over any number of incarnations. Managing this evolutionary step for humanity will require the courage and the will of every loving, that is thinking, heart on the planet to speak, to manifest, to bring the Path into form by being the Path in whatever way we can.

Why did you think you incarnated just now?

Tom Carney
Pisces, 2014