**To put my position; we cannot entertain a cataclysmic economic, political & social collapse as such would prove disastrous. Thus world leaders rightly responded to the GFC in a manner calculated to avert such. At the same time I disagree with those who hold the mass lateral growth of the last few centuries can be sustained, as there are too many environmental, social, fiscal & practical limits ranged against it.**

**In our times another door has opened upwards; which seems to be open-ended in proffering a stage by stage ever higher level of development, perhaps some type of vertical infinity.**

**Being simultaneously constrained in mass lateral expansion; while our potential for continuous stage by stage upward development appears open-ended; informs us where our future is.**

**The emerging new society will disdain population expansion & high per capita material consumption as unsustainable. It will be a meaner, leaner & ~smarter~ machine more focused on continuous higher development;**

**How do we engineer such a change of direction & social ethos? Not by economic collapse which would prove disastrous; rather by a stage by stage series of mini-crises, none big enough to deliver calamity, but each big enough to bring about a few degrees of course correction. The Greek crises was one, Brexit another, & there appear to be many more pending.**

**Should we relieve the effects on household budgets as some suggest? In my view probably NOT! It is we the people who control society; governments, finance & other institutions simply act as our agents. If there is no strain on household budgets, a cossetted people will not feel a need to change their lifestyle, aspirations & behaviors. Only if the situation impacts on the people directly, will the people act to bring about the necessary change in direction & social priorities.**

**Where some hold housing inflation as due to loosening regulation combined with low interest rates, plus NZ obsession with real estate; I would point the first two were designed to stimulate the economy in general so averting recession.**

**Yet all over the world the role of small enterprise is declining; so instead of stimulating productive small enterprise; loosened credit was effectively channeled into housing markets due to lack of other profitable areas for the small-holder to invest in.**

**This trend has been exacerbated within NZ due to our being small & geographically isolated on the edge of the world. Small enterprise has a declining role worldwide, but even more so in NZ. Thus over-capitalization of the housing market is not so much driven by NZ’s one eyed obsession with the housing market, but lack of other profitable enterprise for the small player, *seeking some control over his own destiny;* to independently invest in.**

**This seems less a product of uninformed or willful misadventure, & more a product of the accruing limits of mass lateral growth ~foreclosing~ on the options of small players.**

**Changes in human development & capacities in the 18th** **century saw the death of Gold Standard economics & the development of the GDP measure.  Likewise the changes & advances in our times are the death of GDP economics; so requiring the development of some sort of upwardly focused ~smart~ measure.**

In the past economic stimulation would cause small players to set up independent shops or other businesses which gave them some independence for life & could be sold to finance retirement.

One look at any main-street, local trade or manufacturing directory tells us what happened to that option over the last 20 years.

One of the public concerns traded on by various political aspirants is restoring full employment. Yet emerging technology has rendered tens of millions of humans redundant as productive or administrative units. *We cannot uninvent technology; indeed as high-tech is the only basis of a viable practical future we are going to develop more of it*. Thus there are tens of millions more human redundancies to come. We cannot base ourselves on unconditional human rights for the unemployed or displaced as such would bankrupt the society which is the sole guarantor of any rights at all. Thus we are back to the Biblical concept of rights being contingent on contributing to & in some way supporting *in some currently appropriate manner* the society that accords us any rights at all.

I do not believe modern populations understand just how serious the situation is becoming. Mechanization is displacing humans as productive units, computerization displacing humans as administrative units, robotics displacing humans as military units.

The slack has been taken up by the so-called ~activities economy~ which resorts to any activity that keeps people happy & occupied. *Mass tourism, endless professional sports, festivals of all persuasions, VR entertainments, health fads, sex industry, gambling industry, housing estate, new road’s, pet shows or restoring vintage cars.* This activities economy has expanded exponentially over the last thirty years, & has at least ensured social stability by keeping people occupied. Economic planners expect to double it in the next twenty years.

Yet this expansion ethos faces a back-lash on many fronts, as this economy consumes much & produces nothing. Many are questioning this endless self-indulgence on moral, fiscal, social & environmental grounds. Local people are fed up with tourists, a few visitors is a stimulating exchange; hordes of them trample the local society underfoot.

Yet further environmental efficiencies are being negated as increased human activities mean greater environmental net impacts despite said efficiencies. Much of this economy is deficit financed; so future generations inherit near bankrupt economies. As technology is increasing unemployment or under-employment for pittance incomes faster than economic stimulation can remedy; this is a race we can only lose; as economic stimulation in the present increases unemployment in the future.

Yet the big issue is this activities economy must itself founder on the environmental limits of growth. This means when the next wave of technologies displace ever more people from the real economy, the activities economy will also be contracting & displacing people **simultaneously**.

This can only give rise to an increasing number of people; who have no participatory contributory role or ~place~ in society. As humans do not keep well in storage, this growing body of the alienated, disaffected & displaced can only give rise to increasing problems of social instability.

In the 1980’s an American economist expressed his view ~modern administrations have catered to bourgeoning human demand with innovation & professionalism; we need not assume however these capacities are infinitely expandable. Power must fall into the hands of people with the will & the ability to bring growing population numbers & expansion of human appetites **to a halt!** The longer remedial action is delayed, the more traumatic & the greater the casualties of said transition. *If that applied in the 1980’s how much more so thirty years later?*

*I believe the 1980’s was too soon, we had not then developed the modern micro-technologies without which there could be no viable hi-tech future.* Yet the last thirty years has seen them develop sufficiently for a progressive vertical development future to be viable. Now is the time to **bite the bullet**, to stage one of those **nexus** or ~hinge of history events~ on which the whole of history hinges from time to time; to install a complete new social ethos which gives us a future.

While modern fiscal stimulation is still serving some general good; it is increasingly channeled to over-capitalizing the property market & other stocks due to lack of viable alternates.

At the same time modern medicine is extending aggregate longevity, so the beneficiaries of said over-valuation see it as justified in financing extended retirement.

The *once entrepreneurial* middle classes are being reduced to a salary & institutionalized finance dependency they do not particularly like. *They are exercising less & less independent control of their own destiny.*

At the same time the other great beneficiary of economic stimulation are the big corporations. These are increasingly tax adverse & low wage based; which they claim necessary to fund further R&D or other burdens. While many rail against them, modern society is hugely dependent on them.

In sum, the limits of mass lateral expansion are closing in on us on all fronts.

The new socio-economic system will have to be different to what has been used in the past. The Gold Standard was effective in containing mass lateral expansion; *which invites our consideration at environmental limits;* but was equally effective in constraining higher development as well, which the modern world cannot contemplate.

Gold Standard constrains on all fronts; GDP economics liberates on all fronts; neither is viable as a modern manager.

Thus the new system needs to be some type of **smart measure**; one that actively encourages continuing higher development while simultaneously constraining mass lateral growth.

How do you encourage some human appetites while dissuading others? In answer I hold the Biblical faiths have been doing just that for millennium, & are proven pretty good at it too.

The Biblical faiths, *as crafted,* positively encourage all activities held *(currently)* beneficial to humanity & God; while firmly dissuading all activities held *(currently)* detrimental.

The Bible works on a graduated scale of redeeming virtues; vs self-serving sins, again graduated in scale from venial to mortal

Exactly the type of *discretionary* ***~smart measure~*** we need right now.

My answer to modern social engineers of all persuasions; is why reinvent the wheel, when we have had a perfectly ***round wheel*** given in the Bible for many millennium already; & it was given to serve for **all of time**?

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Thus I wish to summarize the Biblical offerings to the modern world…

In May of this year I removed a large body of documents from my Webb-site in a bid to simplify my position. With this document I now have 30 pages on the Biblical faiths posted to my Homepage; as simple as I can make such a vast & complex subject.

In my postings I hold Polytheism proved an incoherent shambles which could not be bought to order so is ~ungovernable~ *Holding it is not meet for humans to lose control of our own self-management;* the Bible threw it out & replaced with Monotheism. Of note this is consistent with secular & general thinking in the Great Axial-age; where societies dispensed with Polytheism to install Kings, Pharaohs or other head- persons as absolute rulers. Secular thought operates at man’s more normative or earthly plane; Biblical thought on Gods higher plane; otherwise they can be remarkably similar.

Monotheism at least got all people working together on the same page so was governable. Yet where in human hands all power corrupts & absolute power corrupts absolutely; absolute Monotheism proved subject to absolute corruption, totalitarianism & despotism. *(Note the failings of Islam)*

In a bid to counter this undesirable down-side the Jews developed Torah as a complex web of legislations designed to place restraints on abuses of power & accord considerations to the vulnerable. Yet it proved complex & cumbersome to administer; while it did indeed contain abuses of power, it also bound its God up in that much red tape Torah arrested capacities for higher development.  *While the Jews focused on building the perfect state; the OT records they were overwhelmed by other powers whose focus was on industrial, military & practical development.*

After a period of deep reflection on what worked & what didn’t; early Christians bought forth the Trinity; a division of powers & functions between three Divine Persons in a committed relationship of mutually supportive fealty each to the other within the common body of the One God.

This off itself placed constraints on corruption & abuses of power; while according considerations to ordinary people, plus making terms with ongoing human development. Higher development could now proceed, unfettered from the endless red tape of Torah; *at least to the extent current human capacity & current practical opportunity allowed.*

I have also made clear my position western secular constitutions are **clones** or variants of the Trinity. The Trinity is a division of powers & functions between the Father, *good governance;* the Son, *concerns of the people;* & the Holy Spirit, *medium of human discovery & development.* Secular Constitutions are a division of powers & functions between the body politic, *the people;* the body Judicial, *sound law & governance;* & the body economic*, an agency of progress & development.*  Like the Trinity all three are in a committed **inter-active** inter-relationship of mutually supportive fealty each to the other within the greater body of a common Constitution. Again this construction restrains abuses of power while optimizing opportunity; sans the higher guidance of the Biblical God.

Thus the near simultaneous development of religious & secular thinking alike was to dispense with Polytheism as incoherent, so replacing with absolute Monotheism during the Axial-age. Then as further experience revealed Monotheism prone to multiple abuses of power; to develop divisions of powers & functions between three different agencies to constrain abuses of power; while binding all three in a relationship of mutual & reciprocal fealty each to the other within a greater single body, in a manner that ensured coherent management calculated to serve the greater good of the whole.

I have posted works on the Immaculate Conception in which I hold it did not start a power fight the weaker hand of the people could only lose. Law & order plus coherent governance is always the **primary** concern of any society; the Gods which legitimate such always claim the office holding establishment as their ~agents~ Thus any God who placed constraints on abuses of power while according considerations to the ordinary people; had to be intimately inter-relational with the establishment God & the common people BOTH. The Immaculate Conception was a stroke of genius obviously deeply thought through by **the pure of heart**; & has succeeded where nothing else could.

It is also of note that Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit; basically the agency of change, progress & development. This established the Holy Spirit as a separate autonomous agency within the Trinity, while operating in supportive inter-relationship with the other two Persons of Trinity. As an agency of enlightenment **equally effective in the reasoned, the felt & the spiritual**; thus equally legitimate whether effecting the development of the computer or bringing about the Immaculate Conception.

Further western Christianity is correct in holding the Holy Spirit ~proceeds~ from both the Father & the Son, as both establishment offices & the common people are pro-active agencies of innovation & development. Which in turn changes the way both establishment & people must manage their various roles & responsibilities, in a continuous process of inter-active adaptation. **This is the interrelation working body of the living God.**

*The above is vastly different from the myriad Pagan & mythological Gods; who were always back-stabbing or undermining each other, in a bid to advance themselves at the expense of the others.*

Yesterday’s society had to live with some positives & some negatives; Christianities graduated scale of virtues & sins encouraged the positives & discouraged the negatives of that period. Today’s more advanced society lives with an apparently open ended potential for stage by stage higher development; while being quite restricted in its ~self-indulgent~ lateral mass expansions.

The biggest effect of modernity on ordinary people will be declining prospects of employment & declining rewards from such. While political aspirants of all persuasions keep promising more jobs & better wages; they in fact sound like King Canute commanding the tide not to come in.

The tide of events is moving in a manner which promises less employment not more. Discontent & insecurity arising from such can only put great strain on the social fabric, causing deep unease & inciting distrust & disrespect for the economic & political order. As the practical future of humanity depends on ever more technological & knowledge advance not less; we are going to have to come to some constructive terms with the attendant high levels of unemployment.

We cannot appeal to the secular-humanist concept of unconditional human rights for this, as such upholds the rights of the disaffected to destroy society. The establishment alone is not solely responsible for either the positives of negatives of high-tech development; the whole of humanity is jointly & severally responsible; thus we **all** have to take joint & several ~ownership~

Social discontent plus political upheaval destroying the existing order will not fix a problem the establishment has no power or capacity to fix; it will just make an already troublesome situation worse for all of us.

We need appeal again to Christianities human rights being conditional on supporting responsible public administrations; plus its graduated scale of virtues & sins adapted to encourage the positives & discourage the negatives of OUR OWN PERIOD.

It is my clear understanding only Christianity offers the *discretionary* **smart-measure** necessary to best manage the changed **opportunity - restriction equation** of the modern world. This is not new but a continuation of **the body of the living God**; constantly responding inter-actively with the changing terms & conditions of human existence & every advance &/or reverse of human fortunes.

On that note I conclude my posted pages of what the Bible offers to modernity.

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