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4 hrs ago

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KPS59 wrote:
...as the World Order of Baha'u'llah proceeds like the Juggernaut it is in an absolutely unchallengeable direction toward total global supremacy over each and every one of it's adversaries.

...

KPS-69,

I think everyone already knew that the goal of bahai cultists is to create a global, imperialistic theocracy that is dedicated to the destruction and obliteration of democracy and freedom, but thanks for pointing it out again in such clear terms.

Fubar
Roseville, CA

3 hrs ago

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Larry Rowe wrote:
<quoted text>
Yo Fubar,
Believing that any system of belief/world view is: 'the one and only true', is fundamentalism even if that belief is a disbelief in mysticism or a specific metaphysic.
IMHO it is better to move beyond both belief and disbelief.
Cheers
Larry Rowe

Hey Larry,

Hope you have been well.

re: Anti-pattern theory: "one truth above all".

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"the one and only true", is fundamentalism"

Ok, sure. Even the "mean green meme" advocates of Gaia can become nasty absolutists and descend into "vaginized" forms of thought policing, political correctness and inquisitorialism.

re: "IMHO it is better to move beyond both belief and disbelief."

But isn't that a belief?:)

(This is similar to the problems of postmodernism: an absolutist approach opposing absolutism.)

re:"The religion of no religion."

The reality is that few people will ever be able to live at such a high level of cognitive-spiritual enlightenment. However, that number *is* increasing, and the number of people that support that concept (even if they don't know how to "live" at it) is also increasing, so the possibility of social and political leadership based on a "religion of no religion" should improve as time goes by.

Side note: the commercialized aspects of LOHAS (new age marketing of "Lifestyles Of Health And Sustainability") will provide some economic underpinning. A giant fracas broke out about the "corrupting" nature of commercialized LOHAS at the annual Conference on Integral Theory last year. In contrast to bahatism, the leading intellectuals in the Integral movement encouraged dissidents to participate and speak.

So, when it is more "adaptive" for a small, powerful social elite to do so, they will create a new set of social regulations, beliefs, laws, etc., that heavily discourage ACTING ON outmoded beliefs that damage progress toward holistic/integral culture.

(This is what happened with democracy: anti-democratic forms of culture were disincentivized, and eventually a civil war was necessary to settle unresolved issues.)

If there is broad participatory support from within a growing "green meme" (postmodern) culture, then prospects further improve.

Unfortunately, before that happens, totalitarianism and fascism will probably have to become widespread. We already see that in the USA as the "tea bagger" movement, funded by ultra right wing corporate criminal overlords like the Koch Bros., absorb populist rage and frustration about the great corporate/bank swindles that are destroying the working and middle classes.

<http://fabiusmaximus.wordpress.com/2011/04/08...>

excerpts:

Origins of what may become the 3rd American Republic (a plutocracy)
8 April 2011
by Fabius Maximus

Summary: The article excerpted here provides a powerful explanation for the evolution of our political system during the past 35 years to favor the super-rich, becoming in effect a plutocracy. It even provides an excuse for us, the citizens. If you consider ignorance and apathy to be excuses.

Review by David Runciman (teaches politics at Cambridge) in the London Review of Books, 14 April 2011
...

Treasure Islands: Tax Havens and the Men who Stole the World by Nicholas Shaxson

Winner-Take-All Politics: How Washington Made the Rich Richer – and Turned Its Back on the Middle Class by Jacob Hacker and Paul Pierson
...

All this happened because the politicians followed the path of least resistance – as elected politicians invariably do – and the better organised and better-funded resistance came from the representatives of big business, not organised labour.
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---end excerpts---

Again: the rise of the Right is a result of the failures of the Left. See Rabbi Michael Lerner's book "Surplus Powerlessness" (or www.tikkun.com) on the spiritual origins of the failures of the Left.

Fubar
Roseville, CA

2 hrs ago

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TeamGopher wrote:

If I think that Walmart isn't following their mission statement, can I create my own Walmart and change things to the way I think business should be done?
No.

Actually, *IF* democracy and free markets worked according to plan, the answer should be "yes", competition would favor a better business model.

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But, you seem to have a basic problem understanding capitalism and the theory of free markets (democracy).

Walmart is simply a business. Its wild success came about because Kissinger and Nixon "opened" China and started the destruction of the working and middle classes in the USA.

If those dynamics change, Walmart will vanish, just as have so many other trade ventures and businesses in history.

"Why cities survive, and companies die":

<http://www.eweek.com/c/a/IT-Management/Why-Ci...>

Religion is not a business (stop laughing smart people), at least not in the sense that it would need to follow the rules of democracy and the "theory" of free markets.

What religion "sells" is myth. What people want from religion is a sense of belonging to a group of people with heroic, noble goals, including the goal of investigating truth (scholarship), the cultivation of inner and outer beauty, arts, compassion, altruism, contemplation, and so forth.

In order to get those things from religion, people pay the price of conforming to myths.

This has been a disaster in the modern world.

The only religions that are flourishing are corrupt and fundamentalist. bahaim tries to imitate such popular fundamentalism, but does so by incoherently violating some of its own basic precepts (honestly and integrity).

Humanity's "salvation" probably lies in the discovery of a non-religious culture of spiritual capitalism, beyond narcissism and nihilism.

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Roseville, CA

1 hr ago

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re: spiritual capitalism and slumdog millionaires

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TEDxBoston - César A. Hidalgo - Global Product Space

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Global Economic Development: The Product Space and the Evolution of the Wealth of Nations from the Perspective of a Complexity Scientist

<http://www.mefedia.com/watch/31636052>

With billions of products, billions of people, and trillions of interactions, the world economy is one of the most outstanding complex systems to have ever emerged. Can we use complexity science to improve our understanding of a system of such paramount complexity? In this talk, Dr. Hidalgo will summarize recent research that uses networks to describe, characterize and understand differences in the productive structure of nations. He will show how the complexity of an economy can be quantified by looking at the structure of the network connecting countries to the products they export, and that countries tend to approach a level of income which is dictated by the complexity of their economies. Dr. Hidalgo will also present how development is constrained by a projection of this network into the space of products, or Product Space, by demonstrating empirically that the evolution of countries comparative advantage is limited by the structure of this network. He concludes by presenting a simple model that can account for some of the stylized facts that arise from this network description of the world economy and show how coordination problems restrict the development of poor countries and cause increasing returns to economic diversity.

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Roseville, CA

17 min ago

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Fubar wrote:
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The great paradigm shifts in human consciousness were not caused by "revelations", they were caused by the following:
- hunter gatherers developed stone tools, etc. (tribal/gang culture/shamanism)
- gardening/farming, then irrigation (kingdoms/empires/mythic religions)
- industry/science/modernism/materialism (democracy/capitalism)
- information/postmodernism (holism/integralism)
...

<http://santafe.edu/news/item/forbes-slums-hop...>

[http://www.des.ucdavis.edu/faculty/Richerson/...](http://www.des.ucdavis.edu/faculty/Richerson/)

Hamilton (1964) deduced from the principles of natural selection acting on genes that organisms should engage in altruistic acts only when the benefit to the recipient exceed the costs to the provides by a factor greater than the reciprocal of the relatedness by descent between them, his famous $b/c > 1/r$ rule. Since in most animal species, individuals have only few relatives with appreciable r Hamilton's theory predicts that altruism will be massively undersupplied compared to a perfectly group-selected case where altruism within groups should be supplied whenever $b/c > 1$. Every individual in a group would be better off if every other followed the $b/c > 1$ rule instead of the $b/c > 1/r$, but natural selection on genes cannot favor such acts. With the exception of humans and a few other special cases, Hamilton's rule predicts the maladaptively low amount of animal cooperation quite well. Human societies are a theoretical puzzle because they typically include much cooperation between distantly related and unrelated people. We have adaptively evaded a rule that otherwise seems to have nearly the law-like force of a physical principle. We argue below that cultural evolution is likely the source of our capacity to pull off our defiance of Hamilton's rule.

The unique features of the cultural system of inheritance are predictable from the elementary consideration that selection on genes to increase our capacity to learn from each other would surely not have favored this rather costly system if it did only what genes could do for themselves.

...
note that humans evolved during the Pleistocene, a period of high frequency climatic variation (Richerson and Boyd, 2000), and we became an unusually widespread animal by middle Pleistocene times. The ability to adapt quickly to a temporarily variable environment is easily put to use adapting to spatial variation as well, adapting a tropical ape to live in temperate and eventually periglacial climates. We became completely cosmopolitan using subsistence strategies tailored to practically every terrestrial and amphibious habitat on the planet. We believe that ability of the cultural system to rapidly create sophisticated adaptations to niches that persisted for a relatively few generations was the main advantage that paid the overhead of our large brain and long learning curve.

...
Almost everyone agrees that human cultures were essentially modern by the Upper Paleolithic, 50,000 years ago. So even if the cultural group selection process began as late as the Upper Paleolithic, human behavior has been selected for 2,000 generations in social environments in which the innate willingness to recognize, aid, and if necessary, punish fellow group members was favored by social selection acting on genes. We suppose that the resulting tribal instincts are something like principles in the Chomskian linguists' "principles and parameters" view of language (Pinker 1994).
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