

What Were You Thinking - 1400s

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Framework

Humans, Planet

Population

Humans

Questions

1. What is History?
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Initial Conditions

Individual, Groups

Self reference

Individual, Group

Preamble

Life is to be imagined and experienced - not imitated and achieved as an inner goal. (Paraphrasing Oswald Spengler)

Truth is far more interesting than delusion and lies (Me Now)

There is **no version of Future History** which Penny Wong, Tanya Plibersek, (all the Greens/Labour Women), Jim Chalmers, Andrew Barr, Andrew Leigh, State Premiers, Magistrate Robert Cook, Act courts, prosecutors and Victims of Crime units, Human Rights Agencies, Truth Telling Commissions, Canberra Public Service Women, Ed Husic, Anthony Albanese, Richard Marles, Mark Butler, Mark Dreyfuss - feminists, Binary Zealots, ABC Board Management and Staff, Marxists - where they do not **imagine themselves** as **Immortal heroes**. In their minds - if not in actuality - great statues are already being erected in their honour. Certain Legends in their own lifetimes - the ultimate "Celebrity". Penny "The Great", Suleiman the Magnificent, Religious types - Saints, heaven, eternal paradise surrounded by Virgins, Nirvana, Immortality, etc.

Let us not wait for history to judge my actions, let us make a gold statue to me now!! If I kill others and then martyr myself won't that make my path to paradise even quicker?

Chinese leaders, like many tyrants across the world, believe that they have a **mandate from heaven**. Many leaders believe they are Gods themselves - even more than direct communication with "God" or some "insight" to "god's messages". https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mandate_of_Heaven You proved you had a mandate from heaven as if by magic there were less fires, floods, famines, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. See Beijing's Temple of heaven - **Temple of Heaven - Temple[1420 to 2023]** <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/881/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Temple_of_Heaven 39.88218, 116.4066.

The promise of certain eternal salvation if you take the knee to the great cause. We will be saved for eternity. Maintain your dogmatic faith at ALL COSTS - be a Deified Martyr for our great cause.

Delusions of Grandeur, eternal salvation and **utopian afterlife** are strong **human habits**. Whole societies have been driven by these delusions for thousands of years in different places and different times - sometimes **without being aware** that other societies were doing the same thing - sometimes

the hysteria and shams spread quickly. The **sacrifice to Gods** habits is also widespread - usually starting as Gods of day to day matters and calamities. Pyramids in Egypt, South America, Levant, Oracles, Soothsayers, Public Square Lecturers, Prophets, Temples, Analysts - all **vast expenditure and investment** in the **certainty industry**. Certainty, Greed, Corruption, Tyranny, Virtue signaling - all connected. Socrates and Tacitus saw these people for who they were. Augury, Divination, Omens, Portents? (fortuna?) , Signs from heaven, Premonitions and Superstition dominates the anxiety filled psychopaths - **truth is habitually ceremonially and profitably destroyed** by the **Tribal Mob**.

As **information flowed more rapidly** around the world - others followed all these trends in **mass popular delusions** - pilgrimage tours, legends, religious artifacts, sacred relics, **signs of god of certainty** - weeping statues, the **Shroud** of Jesus https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shroud_of_Turin (anything to help people believe in "the cause" - **binary tribal hate-filled zealotry and destruction**), "miracles", "Magic" (tricks, lies and delusions), bribes, corruption for profit, Prophets, grafters and grafters (protection rackets, legal scum, Pharisees, scribes) , **inquisitions** of "ultimate truth" (Spanish inquisition, Cathars, Guatenemo Bay), "Crusades of Truth", "House of truth", "Temple of truth" (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kittum> *Kittum, also known as Niĝgina, was a Mesopotamian goddess who was regarded as the embodiment of truth. She belonged to the circle of the sun god Utu and was associated with law and justice.*), "Truth Confessions", "**Indulged** Confessions", **councils** of a **New World Order** (Religion - Trent, First Council of Nicaea ,etc, Socialism, Communism, Fascism, Feminism, Identity Politics, Equality, Diversity, Democratic Socialists, Aryan Race, Purity, Gaia, Nature, Virtue, World Economic Forums, etc), etc.

Current words for **magic predictions** from **today's Oracle** are *Soothsayers, Seers, Saintly, Divine, Diviners, Gifted and Talented, Thought Leaders, Religious "Clerics", Muftis, Tea Towell wearing Religious mystics, Insane Girls and Children, Secrets, Secret Societies, Billionaire, The Rich ("God given" wealth - God Smiles on me), Mystical Cults of the Gifted (Levant Cults, Greek Cults of Heroes, <https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus:text:1999.01.0046> Athenian Constitution - Apollo was their God, Pythagoras (Demi-god,cult)), Lived Experience, Models, Science, Consensus, Sustainable, Equity, Diverse, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Prediction, Commercial In-Confidence, Intellectual Property, Algorithm, Neural networks, data mining, Big data, Expert, Team of Experts, University Study, Independent Research, Government report, Independent Inquiry, Ombudsman, Royal Commission.*

An Aside: The Greens/Labour cult about trees means that no-one can cut trees without government approval. It is a crime to cut down a tree in your own back yard or on a rural property. Andrew Barr has made it a crime to upset/offend sentient creatures. Trees and animals are the human hating Greens/Labour focus. Saving Trees, Insects, Frogs is now a sign of **Smug Moral superiority** for the binary extremists and other dim-wits and a method of demonization and tribal warfare and division. Predictions about when a tree might fall, how many lives each tree is saving, how many species of sentient animals are being saved - are the complete focus of the Greens/Labour "predictors" of how the world works and how the **whole world needs to managed** in a dogmatic, totalitarian, authoritarian way. You are trained to be ashamed of cutting down a tree and the mob and government will **use force to ruin your life** lest you dare to suggest a large tree grown up naturally right next to your house needs to be cut down. Large industries - paid for with government (taxpayers money) on people who are diligently saving Koalas (Tanya Plibersek - government money

to grifters, mandates and Authoritarianism) and stopping trees from being cut down - now grown up around the **Green/Prediction** cult which now dominates much of the world.

Constant personal attack, tribal mobs, allegations, passive aggressive abuse using the entitled victim narrative (Women, Blacks, Women with Penises, Religious Zealots, Binary Certaintists, etc), tribal demonization, violence, hatred, smug ignorance. Don't **EVER THINK** that by agreeing with them or taking the knee to their cause or ADMITTING to THEIR ALLEGATIONS AGAINST you (*Yes I Do discriminate **against** Nature, Koalas, Animals, Food, Plants, Insects, Climate, (pardon me for breathing and farting) women, blacks and all the group identities you control the definition of - **unconsciously** - thank you for telling me how my unconscious mind works - thank you for telling me all my faults, and sins against humanity - here, take all my money, take all my work, take all my land - is that enough sacrifice yet?) - that they will go away, leave you alone, leave you in peace, concentrate on someone else, someone else's problem (SEP - Douglass Adams) - if only you run away and hide, if only you pay them more money, **more tribute**, more Guilt money, Someone else's guilt money, **Alms for my Guilt, Alms for my sanctity of being re-born as a better human**, more special treatment for the accusers, jobs for the girls/blacks - once you admit **YOUR FAULTS** and **YOUR GUILT** OF ALL THEIR ALLEGATIONS - they will cut off your head, laugh, cheer, sneer and smirk along with all the hate-filled tribal mob - cheering and stamping on your grave and the people you love. See the Khans, Turks, Religious Messiahs, Emperors, Russians, Barbarians, Greens/Labour - especially lying cow political staffers, Mobs, etc - for example.*

There is **every reason to think** that the behaviors we observe in history are not isolated or singular events and may occur again.

As Aside: To overcome a current binary trans gender debate - women with penises should not be allowed to enter the same bathrooms as women without penises. Women with penises should go to the same jails as males with penises. The impregnation organ of the penis is the issue - not the "identity". Naked women with penises and fake breasts should not be able to teach children about sex. They are dysfunctional and extremists - while tolerated and not ostracized - they are not mandated as "take the knee", "rub up against my penis", "stuff money into my panties" - **women with penises** and **men with Vaginas**. Something in the middle and less extreme maybe? Women with penises fucking women without penises is an insane concept as a publicly endorsed dogma and **education campaign for children** but, **as a private matter** - it is **none of my business**. Like Women without Vaginas "giving birth" to babies and "chest feeding" them - fundamentally insane. I am not going to go around - **as my business** - asking people if they have penis or not or whether their breasts are real, what exactly are the sexual positions and preferences - what business is it of mine? I am not going to partake in mandated celebrations of rainbow coloured smoking ceremonies every time a self-Declared Lesbian, Black, Jew, Tribal, Trans fuckwit-narcissist enters the Room. **FUCK HAMSTERS IF YOU LIKE** - even FUCK Unhealthily **FAT HAMSTERS** (no **SHAME** IN THAT) but don't expect the rest of humanity to recognize and reward you as inclusive and diverse, fly your **Hamster Fucking Flag** (which Amanda Stoker uses taxpayer funds to buy) and give you human rights awards, or visit schools and peddle your hamster fucking dogma. As long as your beloved HAMSTER (sentient as legislated by Andrew Barr) is "RESPECTED" and "happy" whose business is it? You can even make it a Cult and invent Gods about it - **none of my business**. Cut some Flowers and present them to the Hamster. You have about 30 minutes before the Greens/Labour - David Pocock and other morally superior dim-wits - make a new law against that as well as part of the new world order

of their great moral crusade. It will be illegal to cut flowers (offensive and flower abuse) and present (evil white men's culture) them to Hamsters any minute now! Surely Sentient Hamsters have the *human* right to be happy with their sentient pet human and believe that they communicate on a fundamental level - like Greenies with Trees and Plants? And old women with sentient pets? Maybe Helen Watchirs can spend her waste of professional existence and public money on legislation of that "hamster freedom" - as a selected tribal group. Think about the happiness of the Hamster!

Deluded narcissistic psychopaths dominate politics and the media. Like thinking Genghis Khan was reasonable and an innovator or The Ottomans, who were advancing the concept of Authoritarianism, Tyranny and Totalitarianism as "unifying" society and maintained the "peace" or the corruption of Joe Biden is acceptable or the daily lies and corruption of the Greens/Labour/ABC/Mebourne is "good". ABC - **"we are balanced an unbiased - you can trust us"**

The **Daily Psychopathic Liar** is someone whose every word and statement is a lie but they claim it as the truth **"AT THE TIME"**. **Every moment the psychopath's mind is playing** with words and lies (using my focus model for example as a frame - shifting focus). "I **have said** I will not change Superannuation taxation" - A "true statement because that is what they **have said** they **really said** (they actually said those words) *"they had no plans to change superannuation"*. Yet **all the Time** they *had plans to change superannuation* but they just keep saying they won't - even if they promise. This incoherence and deliberate lying is all the Greens/Labour types know. It is like a deluded psychopath who says *"I promise I will not commit a crime" "I have no plans to commit a crime" "I have no current plans to commit a crime" "I have already told you many times that I have no plans to commit a crime"* and once the crime is committed - *"I did not say I would not commit a crime all I said was I promise not to commit a crime" "you will be Safe - I will keep you safe"*

We see this technique in the **entitled victim narrative** *"I truly believe that I am the victim here regardless of any facts", "I have already told you that I believe that I am the victim" "I have said many times that I am the victim here (crying and wailing loudly)" "Again, I repeat the point - which you fail to appreciate and keep on attacking me on - I believe I am the victim here" "I have already answered that" "people have moved on" "The ABC has interviewed me many times and I have said I am the Victim" "A.C.T. Victims of Crime Unit(and other man hating feminists in courts) support me as the victim", "Many Women support me and believe I am the Victim here", "I have been paid millions of Taxpayer's funds because people believe I am the victim here - and that is the fact and truth of the matter - I am **Australian of the year**, don't you know", "With respect - I have already told you that I am the victim here" (Richard Marles) "With respect, I speak on behalf of all victims"*

Another technique is **silence** - like I get from the ACT Magistrates court and politicians - rather than respond they simply ignore - in a cave like deluded way - and pretend that you, your question, your idea (the threatening volcano on the doorstep) simply do not exist. What problem?, What lie? What Corruption? What Promise of Plans, Price reduction in Electricity, *Safe Hands, Managed Economy*, Nurses in every Nursing Home (*it is obvious it is in the Name - Mark Butler*), Lower mortgages, stable government, no major changes, etc, **Lies and then avoid and ignore. Demonise those who questions as racists, misogynists, far right extremists, "borderline racists" - anything to invoke tribal mob demonization and violence.** *Low-lifes, shitheads*, far many more English words which need to be used.

Historically, in professional public services, employees were impartial, independent, sought the best value and outcomes for the people - they worked on behalf of the people exploring complex topics and **explaining the issues and ideas** behind decision processes. This also applied in courts, schools, universities, politics and media. This impartiality and **lack of corruption** was about recognizing the struggle of complexity and uncertainty and **so usually, only the most educated, intelligent, explorative humans** were employed in these kind of public service jobs. They were less sure of everything and **more able to cope with questions and uncertainty**. This approach of choosing the best most talented people for complex jobs was recognized in ancient times way back to Greece (Solon) and Rome (Many Emperors) - this was an idea of **The West**. Here in Australia, appointments to highly paid jobs in the public service are usually based on **identity** and **nepotism**, not **talent** or **impartiality** - this is formally entrenched in legislation in the Discrimination Act (How to discriminate in an Orwellian 1984 sense) where it is legally impossible to discriminate against white men yet everyone else is a apparently permanent legislated victims of discrimination. Penny Wong, Tanya Plibersek fought hard for this kind of entrenched discrimination under the guise of "saving people from discrimination" - that is to say - tribal definitions of their tribes, Lesbians, women, blacks, Taliban women, etc. The Greens/Labour discrimination idea pushed the tribal identity and entrenched victim narrative (Blacks, Women, migrants) throughout the schools, universities, family courts, politics, media and this was taken up by Marxists, feminists, binary extremists, binary thinkers, communists, cause zealots, religious zealots, psychopaths, narcissistic psychopaths, grifters (legal scum and similar types), women (on average - quotas, targets, entitled victim, wages, "believe all women") and weak minded men (virtue signalers and Heroes). These weak minded binaries then were determined to entrench this thinking in their children so they changed the education system into centralized, controlled Chinese style, systems of declaration of tribal good and dogma - to maintain the population in a permanent state of ignorance and compliance with the State and the elites who made sure they continued to control everyone and everything. As their power grew - so did their blatant lies and corruption and their laughter and abuse of those who questioned them for their lies and corruption and the continuing decline in society. "let them eat cake" "the Voice". Katy Gallagher (Hysterical ignorant Greens/Labour woman) removed grants from male scientists and legislated money in the annual budget to give money to women scientists instead - not based on merit or the scientific value of the research - but purely based on tribal identity characteristics. In her deluded mind - (she is a psychopathic liar like most of the Greens/Labour types - mean girls - smug, sneering abuse) - she imagines herself a "Hero". She also gives millions of dollars of Taxpayer's money - withOUT documentation, reason or public justification - to any woman who alleges to be a victim of a man in a fully corrupt, insane, bigoted and tribal way. Words like "openness" "accountability" "transparency" - which used to be the hallmarks of a western civilization - are replaced with **deliberate ignorance, lies, corruption** and **binary certain tribal justice** that Feminists, women (on average) and other binary zealots exercise on a daily basis. This delusion is also represented by liars and psychopathic narcissists like Penny Wong - who leads debates with Greens/Labour with personal attack, pursed lips, furrowed brow and demonization techniques - anything other than debate of ideas - to suggest how personally upset she is with the fact that the Taliban in Afghanistan is leaving university places for men only - Yet in Australia, places are removed for men and given/grants/quotas/targets instead to blacks and women based on tribal identity.

In Penny's **sick mind**, her tribal differentiation and corruption, Public Jobs for the Green/Labour party hacks, misuse of resources, Aldi bags of cash, Trying to buy elections for corrupt politicians in

the Pacific, lies, beliefs and delusions are not corrupt and that she and her colleagues - as a cohesive tribe (**mean girls** abuse) - are **morally and intellectually superior** (Gods of "Equality (of tribal identity)" and "Diversity (of tribes)") to everyone who dares to question their behavior. They cannot see how similar to the Taliban they are. See **Racism and Other Groupthink - 23/08/2019** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Racism-and-other-Groupthink.pdf> The Office of Women is not enough corruption for the man hating feminists and weak minded men in politics - but the Constitutionally Enshrined Blacks, Office of blacks and tribal versions of Blacks are spread throughout the government - all tyrannical and abusive - in a passive aggressive way - of anyone who points out their lies and blatant corruption. As their **delusion of "goodness" grows in themselves** their blatant corruption grows - until all humanity is thrown out the window for the **greater certain good** - the **ends justifies any means they can invent** (as Lord Acton observed) including torture and burning at the stake.

The widespread delusion we see in the political caste - their constant lies and corruption and working for their own personal gain or granting favours to their tribe - **Money, Graft, Nepotism and corruption** - is barbaric and widespread and dominant in New Zealand, USA, Canada, Australia - any place where general education is low and knowledge about history is poor and **corrupt men** and tribal women and blacks are in positions of power and decision making (*isn't about time we had a gay black jewish high court judge?*). I suspect places like India, Bangladesh, Slovenia, Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Ukraine maybe Nigeria, possible Chile, Slovakia and Croatia but I have not checked lately (<https://www.transparency.org/en/cpi/2022> I don't rate countries the same way that the dogmatists do because some countries are largely smug and deluded (NZ and Canada) and religious hell-holes - not striving) - who seem to be **authentically striving to build a better nation** - are much less corrupt than Australia. Once the tribal women and blacks get in power here they seek to exclude anyone who is not of their tribal identity - like the Rampant Tribal Politics in Italy (a major historical source of tribes and tribal life) for many recent decades until changes a year or so ago. The Corruption feeds on itself - Bill Shorten's friends and families profited enormously from Government funded "Employment Agency" schemes (which replaced the CES) which **did nothing for employment but everything for greed, corruption and wasting taxpayers' money** like the profiteers from the NDIS schemes now in place. All soon to be overrun by Black activism corruption, waste and the greedy elite.

An Aside: Historic Rome was a very cosmopolitan city of its time. The Pantheon - still standing after 2000 years - was so all residents and visitors to Rome could worship their gods in a temple - no matter what they believed. This was an attempt to stop tribalism and **encourage tolerance** and cooperation. Tolerance, as an idea kept re-emerging at different times throughout history (e.g. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hugo_Grotius Huig de Groot) - but many times it was **legislated as Dogma** and with defined groups in a **binary tribal way** (Australian Discrimination Act) and became a **tool of abuse** to unselected groups - the outsiders - the them of the us/them binary certain groupthink model.

Aborigines in public service jobs only employ aborigines they refuse to employ white people (as allowed under the discrimination Act - Orwell's "ministry of Truth Telling") - in the same way women in power bias their employment of others in jobs towards women in most professions - media, politics, schools, universities; hence the Australian Public service has been discriminating against men for 50 years or more and now 60% of employees are women compared to 40% some decades

before - all based on legislated and mandated discrimination against men and against merit and based on identity of women and blacks. Corruption, misuse of funds and nepotism is rampant now in Politics, Government, Courts, Schools, Universities, the charity sector - rorts, corruption bleeding the country dry of money. This is all legislated, mandated and funded by Taxpayers money and is "cheered on" - not as corruption but "Good" - 60% now means equality, inclusion and diversity. Political parties are tribal and corrupt - continuing to entrench policies of tribalness and identity politics into their structures. This corruption is celebrated and awarded - Politics, Companies, Boards, Human Rights agencies (e.g. Helen Watchirs and her staff in Canberra, Identity pronouns, Females and Women's Golf is a priority) staffed by women, blacks and weak minded men (tribal binary zealots) - with smug, sanctimony of "advancing the cause" in a morally superior way - because "the cause" is binary adherence to tribal domination and deluded narcissistic psychopaths like the Greens/Labour types violently destroying "the certain devil" - currently deemed to be white men but historically this tribal demonization took many forms. The Major political parties are run like Criminal Crime Gangs all over the country but very obviously in Melbourne - Triads (Chinese), Chinese Communist Billionaires, Vassal state of China, Mafia (Italy) and other power/money structures - not only to form relationships with groups of power and corruption - but they actively seek "input" and "Donations" - not from the poor and destitute humans - not from the middle class and simple farmers, merchants and small business - not from the intellectual class, the thinkers - but from the Mobs and Tribes - Corrupt Business, Tribal Unions, Religions, Money, Women (on average), Blacks. So rather than **appealing to individual humans as part of a cohesive society** - it is all about graft and corruption based on tribal mob structures plausible deniability - separation of gang structures - secret code words - handshakes deals, "Understandings" in secret "meetings", Fly into my private BBQ, favours, free invitations to expensive **government funded** events, "**personal**" largess of **ministers and public servants (using taxpayer money)** "fringe benefits" and "entitlements", promises, expectations - a vast network of grafters, grifters and corrupt in the Politicians, Staffers, Police, Judiciary, Public Service, Lawyers, Superfunds, Finance industry, accountants, Banks, Unions and the media protecting the **leadership business** from exposure. Historically, Corruption and interference in societies judicial and other systems by the corrupt tends to grow. The Stoics in Rome fought Tyranny and many people died doing it https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arulenus_Rusticus https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senatus_consultum. The **Opposite** of a decent democracy and also remember spare bag of cash for "The Man". Hence the **Drug trade** grows under Andrew Barr and runs Rampant in USA and California, and **all corruption** Grows under Dan Andrews and the **Green business** and the Cloning and DNA sequencing "health business" Grows under Health bosses in USA and the **Blacks business** grows under USA, Canada, Australian Commonwealth and state governments and The **Gays/sexual identity business** grows under Politicians everywhere and in primary schools where feminists/women (on average) dominate and other places where the binary tribal identity zealotry of smug moral superiority festers. Children see this widespread corruption and madness in schools with tribal, victim, celebrity cult wealth, taught as dogma around a victim/perpetrator narrative rather than learn maths, writing, thinking, questioning, history, engineering, etc. "To Sir With Love" https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/To_Sir,_with_Love tells the story of real hard times in human existence - **day to day reality** of children being supported by Teachers willing to do their best to help them authentically engage in complex and difficult choices. (also see Goodbye Mr. Chips) Boys leave school early - not because they are failing their teachers - it is because their teachers are failing them to provide sufficient unbiased information and anything

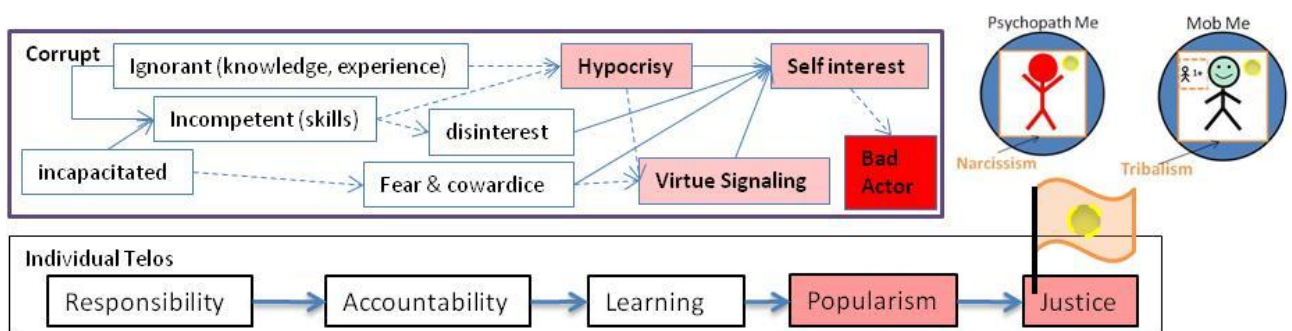
other than tribal feminists/black topics for them to engage with - sufficiently stimulating, rewarding and engaging topics to explore and learn. **Teachers are failing Boys** - not the other way round.

I weep for humanity as many others do.

Demonization of white men is rampant in family courts (constantly demonizing and seeking to remove men from families and their children and force financial ruin on men - CSA, Financial "Settlements", "Relationships Australia" (staffed by Feminists and man haters)), courts around the country ("believe all women" **Allegation is Truth**), public service, education, politics, media, charities, employment, police forces (within and as externally exercised force), etc all parts of society dominated by feminists, women (on average - quotas, etc), Blacks and weak minded "heroic" men. **Tribal binary zealot** types.

Greens/Labour types, feminists, women (on average - quotas, targets, victim narratives), binary zealots and many others are corrupt, smug, self-possessed, narcissistic, deluded psychopaths. They cannot learn anything, are bad actors in every sense of the word and they prefer popularism and waving tribal/binary flags of certain justice to plurality. **They lack the intellectual humility and humanity to learn anything.**

Tanya Plibersek will never apologize to Craig Kelly for abusing him and calling out the mob for him stating the obvious, questioning the dogma and the tribe and exploring the Truth. She abuses individuals daily while saving Koalas and murderous Taliban/Isis/Muslim Brides while calling her questioners names like "Voldermort" and "Mysogonists" and "Racists" or "Right wing extremists" with that smug, sneering smile and laughter - like all the fuckwit kindergarten type mean girls who dominate Greens/Labour politics and they sit around in parliament sneering, smirking and smugly preening themselves in their mirrors of delusions "*I could have been prime-minister*". She will never learn - she only **doubles down** on her smug, tribal abuse and demonization of "others", **entitled victim narrative** and narcissistic psychopathic delusions and **entrenched bias and corruption** like the rest of the Greens/Labours, Marxists ("*I hate Tories*"), communists, Religious zealots, binary extremists, fascists, women (on average - Quotas, targets, wages, victim narratives, groupthink, dogma, hysteria) and weak minded men. Greens/Labour spend all the time smiling at themselves like the deluded lying psychopathic tribal narcissists they are.



Every culture calls itself "Human" and the others "Barbarians" in binary certain tribal warlike ways.

The Aborigine culture is one of deliberate and **enshrined ignorance** and Tribal existence as "noble savages". In their mind humans are **not meant to** explore, learn, interact and face anything other

than the simplest of life's challenges for existence - food, sex, tribal war. Even tidal waves, earthquakes and volcanoes have not impacted their existence in any way they would know about. Learning, education of the wider world is **completely foreign to their culture**. This is why the Greens/Labour/Feminists types are attracted to the idea of simple life - the **burden of knowledge and education** is too much for them. They not only want to remain simple - as if simplicity itself is morally superior - but they want to attack and destroy anyone who is too intelligent or knowledgeable in a tribal mob way. **Eating Insects and Grubs is a Good idea they claim**. Minimal subsistence with lots of tribal warfare is how life should be. *"I don't mind sex from time to time - let's do it the black cultural way - traditionally - the black position"* (who needs a Kamusutra)

Not what science or history tells them - **their culture and myths (fanciful delusions of reality)** has all the answers necessary for life - cannibalism, child rape, no writing, no housing, tribal, daily drug induced comas and seasonal migrations in "harmony" with the world. *"Take the knee to my Superior determined pig-ignorance."* It is not only that Tribal Blacks, Greens/Labour types, Women (on average - quotas, targets, victim narratives), Binaries Zealots and weak minded men - **Can't Learn** - it is that they can claim **smug moral superiority** in **deep fatalistic ignorance and ceremonially entrenched tribalism in a binary certain way**.

Their **"one book of certain dogma"** is their "culture".

Any minute now the white man will be blamed for teaching women and blacks how to behave like smug, passive aggressive victims - it is white man's fault blacks and women (on average) behave like barbarians. *"it's your fault I killed white men - you white men made me do it"* or as one of my mad ex-partners said to me *"how could you let me get so fat?"*

Universe 25 with Sufficient space for all is what binary zealots, identitarians - women (on average - binary, victims, zealots, virtue signalers), blacks, etc aspire for. (See John Callhoun). Or to put into the Club Of Rome's **Limits to Growth** idea - Aborigines spent 60,000 years developing the "perfect culture" so that around 1,000.000 humans could stay in a perfect (noble) state - not too much tribal warfare and cannibalism, not too much interbreeding - on one whole continent fully stocked with animals, plants, water, minerals, metal and an abundance of life. So by adopting the Aboriginal sacred culture, taking the knee, etc - as long as we reduce the world population to around 100 million or less - the world will have the perfect culture. Finally we will achieve the **Black Utopian Dream**. Tanya Plibersek will traipse around the outback allocating Koalas to every black as adorable pets - smugly smiling to herself all the time handing out free Aboriginal flags as she travel in native dress from aboriginal "Town" to Aboriginal "Town".

The Binary certaintists tend to adopt tribal identity and groupthink rather than individual complexity or plurality. They tend to lack cognition skills and training. Generally speaking, older men, who have done things and explored, are more able to write and explain things than younger men or women (on average - narcissistic, groupthink, victim narratives) yet younger men are more able to do things and explain how to do things than older men. Young children seem to be really good at asking questions even before they have the ability to write words. The ability to communicate through the ages of life is a challenge at every stage. Yet When I see people like Peta Credlin say "Mandates are bad but targets are good - for identity groups" I have to point out that they miss the obvious assumption that identity groups are the accepted norm in their thinking. The thing they take for Granted. **Dan Dennett** pointed this out with the keyword "Surely ..." when everything that follows is

not only an assumption but THE BIG assumption. *We all know that groupthink is good and we all know that women are victims*. This constant re-enforcement of groups and tribes becomes the daily focus and the **only topic for conversation** for tribes and women - that's all they can talk about all the time (on average). For example Amanda Stoker - a feminist and Bigot who professionally (it is her job) loves and supports the "Office of Women" and "Black Flags" is very tribal and dominated by groupthink. Her contribution in parliament was demonizing Bettina Arndt, handing over cynical amounts of taxpayer funds to blacks and ensuring the Office of women received as much money as it could. She must be so proud now all her good work allows the Newly Appointed Aboriginal Ambassador to Australia to hand out taxpayer funded Black flags as gifts to everyone. Penny and Tanya will fly you in for celebratory BBQ. Her latest argument is *"I am not saying all men are rapists and murderers but there is a pattern"* or as some women have said to me "Jon is not bad like the others". In other words her constant tribal bigotry and judgement is always entrenched and assumed to divide people by group identity and call me a Man rather than person or a human or even just jon. This entrenched binary groupthink and tribalism is taken for granted and is very dangerous because it encourages rampant tribal warfare.

It is a bit like me saying *"not all Chinese are murderous lying psychopaths"* - **damning with faint praise** - a saying attributed to the Ancient Stoic **Favorinus**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Damning_with_faint_praise <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Favorinus> .

But this technique can be used a number of ways with Groups and Individuals for example "Not all women are as bigoted as Amanda Stoker" or "I have no evidence that Jon is a murderer (although I have heard rumours that a woman (let us call her Brittany or Grace or Judith of Holfernes (made up names) - to protect her identity (with all the respect of Richard Marles and Katy Gallagher) claimed to be killed 4 times by him and held her captive for 7 years and fuckwit magistrates in Queanbeyan and Canberra failed to rule that out - GOOD ON YOU, **fuckwit Canberra Magistrate Robert Cook** you must be SO PROUD of yourself - the next **Australian of the Year** if Andrew Barr gets his wish)" or "I still think Cardinal Pell is guilty no matter what any court says". At the heart of this technique is a general **instant judgement** technique - and entrenched **Rush to judgement** as compared to another kind of idea like a **Rush to Exploration and Debate**. This constant Rush to judgement is usually adopted by entrenched binary groupthink types who adopt these and similar techniques to maintain their **smug sneering violent certainty** in life (on average). Once you **bow down to their judgement** "take the knee" they then judge your every action and constantly demonize you for the rest of your life - you become "framed" by them and therefore controlled. Or in other words "Jon is not a criminal as long as he bows down to my judgement of men, him and everything else in the world". So Amanda Stoker does not explore things as Hypothesis but states them as given assumptions. *"We all know women are victims"* it is "her truth". But even if we explore the groupthink and tribal narratives that woman are sexually assaulted by men with penises in jails we find that sexual assault in women's jails is around the same (on average) as sexual assaults in male jails (USA). But these ideas are such a affront to the deeply held groupthink and tribal victim narratives that women reading this will all rush to find statistics (on average) to disprove the notion that women attack other women or that Women are the most deserving of the **permanently entitled victim narrative** in a groupthink, tribal binary certain way.

Never **take the knee** or seek to **Curry Favul** (Curry Favour) with barbarian, tribal, corrupt, power-mad, zealots https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_de_Fauvel or become a **Cuckold for the feminist cause** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabliau>.

Tribal Mob driven **bloody** human sacrifice for the **certain cause** is common in all cultures across all times.

Australia is fully tribal at levels of society with mainly uneducated hate filled tyrants running most things now and very few people willing or able to stand up to them. People take the knee without thinking to knee jerk reaction to tribal causes for Women, Blacks and other group identities while smiling to themselves how wonderful they are in a widely shared delusion. A Zombie mind - state. Fuckwits like the Magistrates in Canberra Courts and politicians in Greens/Labour hurl abuse and call out violent mobs action at everyone. Corruption is rampant in politics, media, public services, police - especially the judiciary, universities and business. The individual has become the plaything of the tyrants and bastards who run most the politics and business in places like Melbourne, Brisbane, Sydney and Canberra in particular. Stealing, Lying, Abusing - the daily cycle of the politicians and the legal and other scum on the gravy train.

Introduction

Things changed during the 1300s to late 1400s - two hundred years of changes emerged - some with long histories - some emerged as new and re-developed.

While looking at Humans up until late 1400's I am also looking at historians who viewed this period as well. Spengler looks at what he sees as the **Decline of the West** and Leibniz looks back to examine the **idea of Evil** and Tacitus explores **individuals, mobs and crowds** in Rome around 100. Many others had reviewed the 1400s in history and framed it in ways that they saw from their own perspective, emphasizing things they wanted to concentrate on and sometime omitting other things they wanted to avoid. I chose to look at Tacitus because it is leading up to the time of the one god of certainty idea become entrenched in administration and politics and the 1400's is around the time that these ideas was being questioned more - it least in the places not dominated by Religious Zealots and Khan types.

History has been framed/*represented* in periods, epochs, civilizations, tribes, cultures, beliefs - all given names are argued over by expert historians - sometimes in excruciating dogmatic detail.

The Rise and Fall of the Empire. The Schisms in Beliefs. Tribal changes. World Domination in the View of The Dominate tribe. My life as I see it as an individual. His life is I see it as an individual. The Age of Reason, Enlightenment. Lives of famous people. Legends of stories of people.

We get from the works of Tacitus (Roman history to 110) - not the fall of empire - but insights into the **Fall of the Power centering on the City of Rome** and how individuals and crowds behaved - He had an **idea of humanity** which he cast over his observation of the events and people (in my view) and he wrote when he was about the same age as me. This was the period leading up to the growth of the "**One God of Certainty**" idea combined with the "**World Domination**" idea which started around 300 and then around 700 another group started their version of those ideas. Two strong tribal barbaric binary violent mobs instead of a variation of tribes and cultures. Tacitus gives us an insight to the different Germany tribes in Roman times

<https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/7524/pg7524-images.html> but we also get and insight into history in Tacitus time as he writes about **THE LIFE OF CNAEUS JULIUS AGRICOLA**. The Short Introduction by **Edward Brooks, Jr.** <https://www.bookdepository.com/author/Edward-Brooks-Jr> a

prolific writer and publisher? of history who might be? (there seems to be many Brooks families in the area and time) related to <https://worldcat.org/identities/lccn-n85204779/> **Edward B. Hall** from **Massachusetts** from 1800 to 1866. We have a record in Edward Brooks jr own words about his Fight with https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Amory_Lowell from Boston. "I married a daughter of Mrs Boott in 1821"

https://www.google.com.au/books/edition/A_Correspondence_Between_Edward_Brooks_a/pxjU7ORBe2UC?hl=en&gbpv=1&printsec=frontcover. I know a little and a lot about the person writing the introduction - from a wealthy area, near Boston around 1800s - involved with Boott, Lowell and Brooks families and a prolific writer/publisher? of history.

https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/7524/pg7524-images.html#link2H_4_0003 Tacitus now writing his own introduction .." 1. *The ancient custom of **transmitting to posterity** the actions and manners of famous men, has not been neglected even by the present age, incurious though it be about those belonging to it, whenever any exalted and noble degree of virtue has triumphed over that false estimation of merit, and that ill-will to it, by which small and great states are equally infested. In former times, however, as there was a greater propensity and freer scope for the performance of actions worthy of remembrance, **so every person of distinguished abilities was induced through conscious satisfaction in the task alone, without regard to private favor or interest, to record examples of virtue.** And many considered it rather as the honest confidence of integrity, than a culpable arrogance, to become their own biographers. Of this, Rutilius and Scaurus 1 were instances; who were never yet censured on this account, nor was the fidelity of their narrative called in question; so much more candidly are virtues always estimated; in those periods which are the most favorable to their production. For myself, however, who have undertaken to be the historian of a person deceased, an apology seemed necessary; which I should not have made, had my course lain through times less cruel and hostile to virtue. 2*

2. *We read that when **Arulenus Rusticus** published the praises of Paetus Thrasea, and Herennius Senecio those of Priscus Helvidius, it was construed into a capital crime; 3 and the rage of tyranny was let loose not only against the authors, but against their writings; so that those monuments of exalted genius were burnt at the place of election in the forum by triumvirs appointed for the purpose. **In that fire they thought to consume the voice of the Roman people, the freedom of the senate, and the conscious emotions of all mankind; crowning the deed by the expulsion of the professors of wisdom, 4 and the banishment of every liberal art, that nothing generous or honorable might remain.** We gave, indeed, a consummate proof of our patience; and as remote ages saw the very utmost degree of liberty, so we, deprived by inquisitions of all the intercourse of conversation, experienced the utmost of slavery. With language we should have lost memory itself, had it been as much in our power to forget, as to be silent.*

3. ***Now our spirits begin to revive.** But although at the first dawning of this happy period, 5 the emperor **Nerva united two things before incompatible, monarchy and liberty;** and Trajan is now daily augmenting the **felicity of the empire;** and the public security 6 has not only assumed hopes and wishes, but has seen those wishes arise to **confidence and stability;** yet, from the nature of human infirmity, remedies are more tardy in their operation than diseases; and, as bodies slowly increase, but quickly perish, **so it is more easy to suppress industry and genius, than to recall them.** For indolence itself acquires a charm; and **sloth, however odious at first, becomes at length engaging.** During the space of fifteen years, 7 a large portion of human life, how great a number*

have fallen by casual events, and, as was the fate of all the most distinguished, by the **cruelty of the prince**; whilst we, the few survivors, not of others alone, but, if I may be allowed the expression, of ourselves, find a void of so many years in our lives, which has silently **brought us from youth to maturity, from mature age to the very verge of life! Still, however, I shall not regret having composed, though in rude and artless language, a memorial of past servitude, and a testimony of present blessings.** 8

The present work, in the meantime, which is dedicated to the honor of my father-in-law, may be thought to merit approbation, or at least excuse, from the piety of the intention."

But I think here, in Tacitus as with many other writings of older writers (their age at the time of writing) a greater appreciation of things I would group generally together as "humanity" or the "human condition" - Generosity, Honour, Art, Conscious emotions, Exalted genius (the exceptional humans) , the voice of the people. Some extracts about the Romans in England.. *"He was also attentive to provide a **liberal education** for the sons of their chieftains, preferring the natural genius of the Britons to the attainments of the Gauls; and his attempts were attended with such success, that they who lately disdained to make use of the Roman language, were now ambitious of becoming eloquent. Hence the Roman habit began to be held in honor, and the toga was frequently worn. At length they gradually deviated into a taste for those luxuries which stimulate to vice; porticos, and baths, and the elegancies of the table; and this, **from their inexperience, they termed politeness, whilst, in reality, it constituted a part of their slavery.**"* (take the knee to our culture)

... "Upwards of thirty thousand men in arms were now descried; and the youth, together with those of a hale and vigorous age, renowned in war, and bearing their several honorary decorations, were still flocking in; when Calgacus, 113 the most distinguished for birth and valor among the chieftans, is said to have harangued the multitude, gathering round, and eager for battle, after the following manner:—

*30. "When I reflect on the **causes of the war**, and the circumstances of our situation, I feel a strong persuasion that our united efforts on the present day will prove the beginning of **universal liberty to Britain**. For we are all undebased by slavery; and there is no land behind us, nor does even the sea afford a refuge, whilst the Roman fleet hovers around. Thus the use of arms, which is at all times honorable to the brave, now offers the only safety even to cowards. In all the battles which have yet been fought, with various success, against the Romans, our countrymen may be deemed to have reposed their final hopes and resources in us: for we, the noblest sons of Britain, and therefore stationed in its last recesses, far from the view of servile shores, have preserved even our eyes unpolluted by the contact of subjection. We, at the furthest limits both of land and liberty, have been defended to this day by the remoteness of our situation and of our fame. The extremity of Britain is now disclosed; and whatever is unknown becomes an object of magnitude. But there is no nation beyond us; nothing but waves and rocks, and the still more hostile Romans, whose arrogance we cannot escape by obsequiousness and submission. These plunderers of the world, after exhausting the land by their devastations, are rifling the ocean: **stimulated by avarice**, if their enemy be rich; by ambition, if poor; unsatiated by the East and by the West: the only people who behold wealth and indigence with equal avidity. To ravage, to slaughter, to usurp under false titles, they call empire; and where they make a desert, they call it peace. 114*

31. *"Our children and relations are by the appointment of nature the dearest of all things to us. These are torn away by levies to serve in foreign lands. 115 Our wives and sisters, though they should escape the violation of hostile force, are polluted under names of friendship and hospitality. Our estates and possessions are consumed in tributes; our grain in contributions. Even our bodies are worn down amidst stripes and insults in clearing woods and draining marshes. Wretches born to slavery are once bought, and afterwards maintained by their masters: Britain every day buys, every day feeds, her own servitude. 116 And as among domestic slaves every new comer serves for the scorn and derision of his fellows; so, in this ancient household of the world, we, as the newest and vilest, are sought out to destruction. For we have neither cultivated lands, nor mines, nor harbors, which can induce them to preserve us for our labors. The valor too and unsubmitting spirit of subjects only render them more obnoxious to their masters; while remoteness and secrecy of situation itself, in proportion as it conduces to security, tends to inspire suspicion. Since then all Lopes of mercy are vain, at length assume courage, both you to whom safety and you to whom glory is dear. The Trinobantes, even under a female leader, had force enough to burn a colony, to storm camps, and, if success had not damped their vigor, would have been able entirely to throw off the yoke; and shall not we, untouched, unsubdued, and struggling not for the acquisition but the security of liberty, show at the very first onset what men Caledonia has reserved for her defence?"*

32. *"Can you imagine that the Romans are as brave in war as they are licentious in peace? Acquiring renown from our discords and dissensions, they convert the faults of their enemies to the glory of their own army; an army compounded of the most different nations, which success alone has kept together, and which misfortune will as certainly dissipate. Unless, indeed, you can suppose that Gauls, and Germans, and (I blush to say it) even Britons, who, though they expend their blood to establish a foreign dominion, have been longer its foes than its subjects, will be retained by loyalty and affection! Terror and dread alone are the weak bonds of attachment; which once broken, they who cease to fear will begin to hate. Every incitement to victory is on our side. The Romans have no wives to animate them; no parents to upbraid their flight. Most of them have either no home, or a distant one. Few in number, ignorant of the country, looking around in silent horror at woods, seas, and a heaven itself unknown to them, they are delivered by the gods, as it were imprisoned and bound, into our hands. Be not terrified with an idle show, and the glitter of silver and gold, which can neither protect nor wound. In the very ranks of the enemy we shall find our own bands. The Britons will acknowledge their own cause. The Gauls will recollect their former liberty. The rest of the Germans will desert them, as the Usipii have lately done. Nor is there anything formidable behind them: ungarrisoned forts; colonies of old men; municipal towns distempered and distracted between unjust masters and ill-obeying subjects. Here is a general; here an army. There, tributes, mines, and all the train of punishments inflicted on slaves; which whether to bear eternally, or instantly to revenge, this field must determine. March then to battle, and think of your ancestors and your posterity."*

Tacitus reports this in faith or as praise of ideas of humanity and the ideas of conflict.

*A striking and hideous spectacle now appeared on the plain: some pursuing; some striking: some making prisoners, whom they **slaughtered** as others came in their way. Now, as their several dispositions prompted, crowds of armed Britons **fled before inferior numbers**, or a few, even unarmed, rushed upon their foes, and **offered themselves to a voluntary death**. Arms, and*

carcasses, and mangled limbs, were promiscuously strewed, and the field was dyed in blood. Even among the vanquished were seen instances of rage and valor.

Bloody, Britons, Bloody Romans. Although there is something Human in his observations.

I continue about the 1400s.

Historians could call the 1300s to 1500s in History as “**Fuckwit Murderous Zealots/Khans complete World Domination stalls for a bit**” or “**72 Houri Virgins in heaven and harems on earth for all True Believers and other tyrannical Murderous Psychopaths**” or “**Benevolent Christians Bring Enlightenment to the New World with Swords, Burning Heretics and Witch Trials**” or “**An investigation of World Domination Cults**” or “**Arts, Trade, Individual, Economy - There’s an idea!**” or “**Administrative Efficiency and smug superiority (Baghdad) combined with Murderous Barbarism (Khans) combined with Muslim/Christian Zealotry combined with Greed, Corruption, Graft, Bribes, politics and “diplomacy” combined with Turkish Hill tribes and resentment - creates a world domination cult run by the Ottomans**” or “**A short reprieve from the permanent idea of Constant Tyranny, Totalitarianism and Murder**” or “**Greeks Bloody Greeks, Romans Bloody Romans, Religion Bloody religion, Khans Bloody Khans - I Blame them**” or “**The beginning of the fight for Humanity**” or “**Waking up to life**” or like Italian Writers “**Aren’t Italians Wonderful and Isn’t Leonardo great?**” or “**What’s a Human for? And other questions**” and then I could address each of those frames - Or I could just keep to the idea of **What Were you Thinking?**

Legenda aurea or *Legenda sanctorum* (1266) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Legend ..” was one of the most widely published books of the Middle Ages.[6] During the height of its popularity the book was so well known that the term “Golden Legend” was sometimes used generally to refer to any collection of stories about the saints.” And *Gesta Romanorum* (1440 in English)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesta_Romanorum

https://archive.org/stream/gestaromanorum01hoopgoog/gestaromanorum01hoopgoog_djvu.txt

Also see *The Harley Manuscripts* <https://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/harley-manuscripts> or search the **British Library’s** collections <https://www.bl.uk/collection-guides/western-illuminated-manuscripts> . People were interested in the world and its history - manuscripts were spreading.

The challenge for me is to see the human - the individual and the group ideas - in a plurality model and to be able to see the patterns and focus on the ideas. What can I notice and why? Things change gradually - humans react and wake up and notice things - plans and ideas emerge and action is taken by individuals and then by groups. *Gosh we seem to be a little cold maybe we could invent warmth, clothes, fire, cave dwellings, ivory and skin tents? Maybe we could move somewhere and follow the food in seasons. Maybe we could store food by salting it and keeping it large pots.*

Some Current Full-Time Historians are:

Peter Turchin - Lifespan[1957 to] Rank(50) Keyword(History Predictive Models Science)

<http://peterturchin.com/> <https://evolution-institute.org/profile/peter-turchin/>

<http://seshatdatabank.info/>

William Grassie/William John Grassie - Lifespan[1957 to] Rank(60) Keyword(History, Humanism)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Grassie <https://www.grassie.net/>

<https://metanexus.net/big-history-the-new-narrative/>

Niall Ferguson - Lifespan[1964 to] Rank(60) Keyword(History, Economics)

<http://www.niallferguson.com/> <https://www.hoover.org/>

The human condition gives rise to ideas and the ideas are framed by not only what they were thinking eternally but everything else going on around them in time and place - sun, moon, stars, meteors, volcanoes, earthquakes, comets, weather, climate changes, and atmosphere and constant human interactions. Fire, Land, Water, Air.

The world as it is physically described in human times has land and sea of form and shapes with volcanoes, mountains, mountain ranges, hot springs, rivers, river valleys, lakes, islands, swamps, ice, Glaciers, Glacial valleys, deltas, and other specialist environments like tundra, grasslands, savanna, forest, jungle, tropics, desert, oasis, caves, rocks, gems, minerals, chemicals, soil, plants, agriculture, etc. Many of these names are created by **Geographers, Geologists** and **Cartographers** who specialize in classifying the physical planet's land and water. All arranged in different ways at different places and all connected to the other life and movement of living things - flora, fauna, plants, flowers, insects, birds, fish - all forms of life from Virus upwards <https://www.evogeneao.com/en/learn/tree-of-life> described in a plurality.

Wars raged all over the world from 1300 to 1500 between kings and tribes - Knights in Armour and large siege machines, huge armies marching all over the place and large maritime war efforts, war galleys, fireships, etc and transporting troops by sea. 100 years war in some places, invasions in others - a constant overrunning of settlements based on greed, differences in ownership, power, inheritance, beliefs, religion and revenge - and the consequent defense. China sent some of the biggest wooden ships ever built lead by **Zheng He** out to discover India and Africa and sea (pun on see tish boom) for themselves what the world looked like.

The **Yongle Emperor/Zhu Di** and then the Mings in China spent about 100 years fighting back against the Northern Mongol tribes - who were partially civilized compared to the roaming hordes - and then once conquered became a northern buffer zone against the tribal Khan insanity raging across the Northern Asian silk road corridors. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/ming-china-and-its-allies/march-to-power-in-a-chinggisid-world/66519489DE8F7EE6B3D798C3D5D48F0A> The **Great Wall of China** was enhanced and further developed under the Mings to help protect from the barbarians. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Wall_of_China This relative peace and prosperity allowed China to start developing art and culture - artisans, craftsmen and economy - the Great Canal was extended and further developed. China was getting ready for more international maritime trade while strengthening its own domestic trade networks. *Mote, F., & Twitchett, D. (Eds.). (1988). The Cambridge History of China (The Cambridge History of China). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. doi:10.1017/CHOL9780521243322* <https://www.cambridge.org/core/books/cambridge-history-of-china/185D55101E4AF1E50007CA4773605CEF>

The Muslim/Turk/Khan types had progressively invaded in India https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delhi_Sultanate and the Hindus and others fought back for hundreds of years.

Communities and structures along coast of South America and middle America were developing and about to be introduced to the Portuguese and then the Spanish explorers. Mayan culture was at its

peak and Human Sacrifice by pulling out the living hearts of people was the **popular sacrifice** of others to Gods at the time. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maya_civilization

Meanwhile Australian Aborigines were doing what they had done for many thousands of years along with many other tribal groups around the Pacific. As far as I can tell.

Some Humans were becoming more interested and adept in Alchemy, Astronomy, Ship Building, Map Making, Optics, Weather, invention, **prediction** (Kubla Khan's court was full of Astrologers and it had become a sign of wealth and "progress" to have vast collections of "predictators" (a word made up by me now)) - all tied together in practical application for a growing number of topics of significant size - no longer totally focused only on how to wage war or defend cities - but how to sail large distances, catch fish, make trade, explore the sea, establish communities, clothes, buildings, agriculture, entertainment, etc. Laws, Guilds of Traders and **fair dealing** around trade had developed at least as far back as Mesopotamian times - but around the 1400s in busy **open** trade cities like Paris, English Countryside (the workers were rebelling until **serfdom was replaced** by more rights and freedoms - **Copyhold** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copyhold>), London (Still recovering from the Black death like the rest of Europe), Venice, Genoa, Florence, Hamburg - the idea of Guilds, Banks and cooperation between guilds - was growing. According to the Team of **Historians at Southampton University** Principle Investigator **Dr Craig Lambert** <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/history/news/2018/01/29-medieval-ports.page> <http://www.medievalandtudorships.org/> around documented 51,000 ship movements took place around Britain in over 600 ports between 1400 and 1580 - there may have been other undocumented ones as well. Many of the ships moved around the Island so England, it seems, had not only developed an international sailing capability but a strong domestic - **local maritime trade** as well. Wool was being shipped from many ports to **Flanders**, <https://www.discoveringbelgium.com/medieval-flemish-cloth-industry/> Antwerp and Genoa. The Cistercian Abbey at Hull established a port as a business in the 1200s to ship wool - probably to Flanders - which resulted in higher mortality rates during the black death - and during 1400 to 1580 there were more than 240 shipments. <https://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryUK/HistoryofEngland/Wool-Trade/> Wales had many ports and the Wool trade from Sheep all over Britain was growing - Bristol, Liverpool - seem to have emerged as exporters of cloth as well as wool and the guilds and groups involved in the wool and clothing industry were starting to get organized and innovative. Flanders was on the decline as industries spread to different places in the world and rather than one city dominating the large surrounding market, many places competed with differences of quality, style and artistry - they **creatively innovated**.

Guilds, and Merchant cooperation with craft workers had been around for thousands of years, but there is a rapid growth of these in cities all over many countries Paris, Italy, Florence, Flanders, Germany - with places like London building huge buildings as Guild Halls - a sign of wealth and cooperation and many - in effect - became centres of local government - sometimes in competition with Churches and sometimes combined with Churches (e.g. **Riga** - Holy Spirit Guild https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Large_Guild,_Riga) . https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guildhall,_London , <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guild> , https://www.worldhistory.org/Medieval_Guilds/ , <https://www.britannica.com/topic/guild-trade-association> . <https://eh.net/encyclopedia/medieval-guilds/> .

Power corrupts and what **starts out as cooperation, innovation and mutual flourishing** can sometimes end up in **greed, tyranny, corruption and war** - sometimes based on resentment, jealousy, individual psychopathy and narcissism and binary extremist views on gods of certainty "Equality" "Diversity" "Inclusion" "Good" - and the **passive aggressive entitled victim narrative** frame.

The Portuguese set out to explore more of the World by sea as many other European countries started to do.

Venician Traders had already cornered the Market on Alum in **Phokaia** forcing Alum mines to open up in Italy **Tolfa**. Maybe also sea shells from **Sligo** in Ireland might have been used for dyes - alchemy and experimentation was happening in the arts and clothes with colours, dyes, paints, materials to use. "Cottage industry" was starting to grow into big business with innovation attached.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sheep_farming_in_Wales Wool from Briton made warmer clothes than Silk. Who doesn't want a colourful Tapestry on their Castle walls to help keep things warm and keep the drafts out? The Textile and Clothing industry was growing
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medieval_English_wool_trade.

The **Open ports Open trade cooperation idea** was in contrast to the Golden Horde, Muslim Caliphates and other regimes who wanted to control by violence, threats and tyranny all the trade moving through their area. They preferred the business of **stealing, raiding, kidnapping and killing** and Barbary pirates/Coursairs/Khanates/Ottomans spent centuries raiding throughout the Mediterranean and up to UK and into the Atlantic.

The business model of extortion, threats, bribes and protection rackets for being able to travel freely through even your own empire was very strong in many places - land/sea extortion and protection money - but not only the knights Templar but also as small business in places like Turkey and across the major trade routes. The Khans had centralized the graft/grift/extortion/protection rackets but in Turkey - particularly on the various roads to Trabzon we have records from our travelers of the poor conditions of these bandits and their arguments for extortion. *We are the best of a bad lot and will keep you safe on the journey because the barbarians further up the road are far more barbaric than us.* This is to be contrasted with the idea of the Romans being **free travel** for everyone paid for by Taxes. It was not only that Romans built and maintained Bridges, Roads, Wells, Aqueducts to supply water, Stopping places, Sanitation, Roman Baths and Guard settlements - it was that it paid for these out of **taxes received everywhere in the empire** and sent out troops to quell the barbarians who were attacking settlements or threatening freedom of travel. This is an idea I think that many people fail to recognize. The idea of **free and safe and travel** in your own country is an **idea of the West** and **something we take for granted until we notice the local tyrant** in government making up "Emergency Laws" and using state police to quell people who resist the tyranny.

Turkey/Anatolia was once a main travel area but was also a main pressure point for hundreds of years. Many of the cities in Turkey have long histories of control by different empires. **Malazgirt** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Manzikert then there was a large flow of Turkish people coming from the west and south possibly Armenia and Georgia, areas under constant pressure from the barbarian hordes to west - and from the south the Turkish/Sunni Muslims **Seljuk Turkomans** who controlled Mesopotamia/Persia https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seljuk_dynasty which created the **Sultanate of Rum** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sultanate_of_Rum then they were taken over

and battled Khan Empire in **1243** at the **Battle of Köse Dağ**
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_K%C3%B6se_Da%C4%9F and the **Armenian Kingdom of Cilicia** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Armenian_Kingdom_of_Cilicia , the **Empire of Trebizond** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Trebizond and the **Sultanate of Rum** all became vassal states of the Mongol Empire

While Byzantines and others controlled many of the Coastal ports and some Cities around Turkey, **Anatolian Beyliks** were fomenting anger, resentment jealousy and revenge enough to motivate the Ottoman Empire. The Beyliks https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anatolian_beyliks - a collection of essentially some main cities, small towns, hilltribes and refugees from the Mongols- including trained and armed soldiers - attacked cities and towns under Control of Byzantines and Mongols. One Beylik centered in **Bursa** was lead by the **Osmanoğlu family** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osmano%C4%9Flu_family https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Osman_I **Osman** defeated/united the other Bayleks and formed the Ottoman Empire with designs on controlling the world. The Osman Family was fighting the Khan Family. Family squabbles and power mad greed became world wide warfare to dominate large parts of the world for the next 500 years.

Notably Trabzon - **Trabzon/Trapezous/Trapizoni/Trebizond/Trapezus/Trapesund** - Historic_Settlement[-1500 to 2023] 41.00269, 39.71676 on the South coast of the Black Sea and a major port and trade route on the silk road had **Venetian** and **Genoese** trader's castles cooperating side by side <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kalepark> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Empire_of_Trebizond - which was a **idea which had spread around many ports** - many major trading ports were more "cosmopolitan" - with many people from different cultures and language backgrounds - all living together and cooperating around the ideas of trade. This **cooperation idea** continued to grow - especially in **dealing with piracy** - which was always a major problem on the trade routes - especially by the North African sailors and the islands between Greece and Turkey. **Trade versus the Pirates** was a war on its own. The **Ghassanids** (220 to 1300) <http://www.royalghassan.org/history.html> also describe some historic involvement in managing the Land Trade of the Berbers in Levant/Arabia.

So while the individual, Artisan, Crafter, Trader, Merchant, Seaman, Town, Organization, competition, striving for quality, striving for standards, cooperation and shared wealth and responsibilities ideas were blossoming in European towns - places like Africa, Arabia, Middle East and other Muslim/tribal places were causally destroying individuals, using authoritarian, Totalitarian, Bribes, Nepotism and corruption and running every part of society as Brutal tyrannies. Meanwhile The Khans/Tartars/Turks and other Khan like barbarians were raging backwards and forwards across middle Asia and into India in brutal bloody minded (literally) pig-ignorant ways.

Early Greek writings ideas were becoming more widespread - **Science** was being arranged into **Topics** - many described by Aristotle - Geology, Physics, Chemistry, Math, etc. The **idea of scientific topics, exploration and developing expertise** about interactions with the real world were becoming more widespread. **Hypothesis, Testing, Experimentation** became more entrenched as a pattern in everything - music, painting, architecture, design, printing, writing, philosophy, etc. The **idea of experimenting** itself became **more interesting and entertaining**. There were still **large numbers of people obsessed with certain dogma** - who travelled all over the world on religious pilgrimages - but the number of scientists and thinkers was growing. This **exploration of broad categories of science** -

in **comprehensive** and **cohesive** ways - can be considered an **idea of the West**. The **Individual** - the **idea of Individuation** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Principle_of_individuation existing within a **complexity of combinations of relationships with groups** - was becoming more accepted and appreciated - in a Plurality. Less “slaves to one certain ruler” (except the Ottomans/Khans)

In later centuries - **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz** - Lifespan[1646 to 1716] Rank(20)

Keyword(Philosophy, Maths, Library) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gottfried_Wilhelm_Leibniz <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/leibniz/> <https://www.leibniz-gemeinschaft.de/en/about-us/history/gottfried-wilhelm-leibniz.html> Explored the **idea of plurality** in his search for **universal certainty** in *On the Principle of Individuation (De principio individui)* and *Dissertation on the Art of Combinations (Dissertatio de arte combinatoria)*. He also explored the **God of certainty** in **Theodicy** <https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/17147/pg17147-images.html> “In one politically important particular the theological attitude of **Leibniz** differed from that of **Locke**. Both stood for toleration and for the **minimizing of the differences between the sects**. This was a serious enough matter in England, but it was an even more serious matter in Germany. For Germany was divided between Catholics and Protestants; effective toleration must embrace them both. English toleration might indulge a harmless Catholic minority, while rejecting the Catholic régime as the embodiment of intolerance. But this was not practical politics on the Continent; you must tolerate Catholicism on an equal footing, and come to terms with Catholic régimes.”...” We are **impressed by what is outward**, while the **inner essence of things requires consideration of such a kind as few persons are fitted to give**. As **true piety consists in principles and practice**, the **outward forms of religion imitate these**, and are of two kinds: the one kind consists in ceremonial practices, and the other in the formularies of belief.” - He notices the imitators, virtue-signalers and practicing dogmatists.

The world moves in complex ways and the human moves constantly. **Ideas** within the human mind change and become popular, groups form in different arrangements and then groups interact with each other and individuals.

The dysfunctional and enjoyable progress we see now around is part of the human condition - there is a **plurality** of human inventions in the form of ideas and manifested in writing, laws, buildings, art, systems, ideas, oral traditions, etc in time and place around the world - all constantly interacting with humans.

Some see this as a large **definable** and **controllable** system, others as individual and different things partially connected in a plurality. Humans have **tended to excessive dogmatic binary definition** of things - sometimes in **violent and life destroying ways** - where the **idea of “system”** takes over the world. *I must be able to predict and **Prophesize an all things**, I must have certainty*. The individual is destroyed by the **popular idea** of the group of the time. For some reason, a **small number of outstanding individuals** stand up to the group and present information, ideas and examples which shift the group’s focus from popular ideas to something else and maybe exploration rather than **smug, fat, dumb** and **lazy popular habits**.

Living Systems - Document[1978] Rank(20) Author(**James Grier Miller**) Age(62) Keyword(Planet Science Life) <https://archive.org/details/LivingSystems/page/n41> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Grier_Miller <https://www.panarchy.org/miller/livingsystems.html>

The **Human organism, Web of Life** books and ideas are compared and contrasted with religious dogma and certainty expressed by zealots as totalitarian authoritarian binary systems - Religion, Political Science, Sociology, Economics - usually determined to provide certainty, predicted outcomes and “greater Good” of groups rather than the individual human.

Dogma and authoritarianism notably dominated many parts of the world until around 1300 when things seemed to change in Italy, France Germany, England, Spain, Netherlands and Poland. Meanwhile the Barbarians were still being barbarians - but the entrenched dogma and control was being questioned. Much of the dogma was invested in Religions and Cults - which some people associate with the words **Transcendental** and **Mysticism** - which is like the idea of **something other than** the day to day concrete certainty of the world around them - the “daily grind” of basic human existence. For Religious types this is like the idea of <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fideism> **Fideism** - *Faith is independent of reason* - in a **binary certain** way people switch (the **binary switch technique**) from reason to their “faith” depending on the situation, or “Intuition” and other like concepts. Many Religious types believe “faith” **is Superior to** “reason” and that it is a “good Idea” to be martyred for your “Faith” rather than bow down to a **violent tyrant**. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/4_Maccabees **Fourth Book of Maccabees** and possibly originally known as *On the Sovereignty of Reason ..* “I could prove to you from many and various examples that reason is dominant over the emotions, but I can demonstrate it best from the noble bravery of those who died for the sake of virtue, Eleazar and the seven brothers and their mother. All of these, by despising sufferings that bring death, demonstrated that reason controls the emotions.”

This **redefined the idea of reason** to mean **virtuous martyrdom** and **certain everlasting heaven** as “reasonable”. Something in-between maybe - a compromise and debate? Standing up to the tyrant is always difficult. Canberra magistrates, Screaming Blacks and Feminists, Local Tyrants in Clubs and Public Services, Universities, Media, Corrupt Politicians (oxymoron), etc

Faith was elevated above reason and knowledge and thinking was attacked by the Religious Zealots and popularly endorsed by the weak-minded. Put your faith in the “High Priests of Certainty” you are “Morally Superior” https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Imitation_of_Christ (1427). Of course, when you think about it, it is really obvious that Faith based religions are really for the **determined pig-ignorant** who want to elevate themselves - not by hard work, thinking, intellectual rigor, questioning, learning from others, learning for themselves - but instead they can remain in a permanent state of mind of smugly self satisfied, piously greedy, permanently judgemental, morally superior and murderously corrupt. Like we see with Khan types, Pious Tyrants, Ottomans, Tribal Religious Killers, Communists, Socialists (the certain cause of “equality”), Fascists, Religious zealots, Binary Extremists (the “cause of certainty”), Feminists, Totalitarian “the cause” Dictators, Women (on average - quotas, targets, mandates, entitled victim narratives, “Believe all women”, wages) and weak-minded men. Have faith in the “cause” and you can lie, cheat, bribe, steal and kill people as much as any corrupt premier in Victoria, Queensland and everywhere else.

For some reason humans like to believe in “magic” - **things magically (a miracle) appear** which means they don’t have to work or solve problems. *Oh look there in front of me is an Apple Tree with all the apples I can eat. I sit around all day and eat apples.* See Homers’ Odyssey - **Lotus Eaters** - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lotus-eaters> or being lured by promises of food and provisions into the cave of **Polyphemus** <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Polyphemus> (also see Sirens of the Sea,

Loaves and Fishes) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deus_ex_machina **God in the Machine. Deus ex machine. "God smiles on me"**

Something - other than food, water, shelter, warmth, sex, fear, comfort, etc - drives humans to sometimes create their **own form of Magic** and appreciation of things they create and do in their lives. See **Oration on the Dignity of Man** (Rank:10) :Author(**Giovanni Pico della Mirandola/Johannes Picus de Mirandula**) :Year[1486] Age(23) :Keyword(Group Development Humanism)

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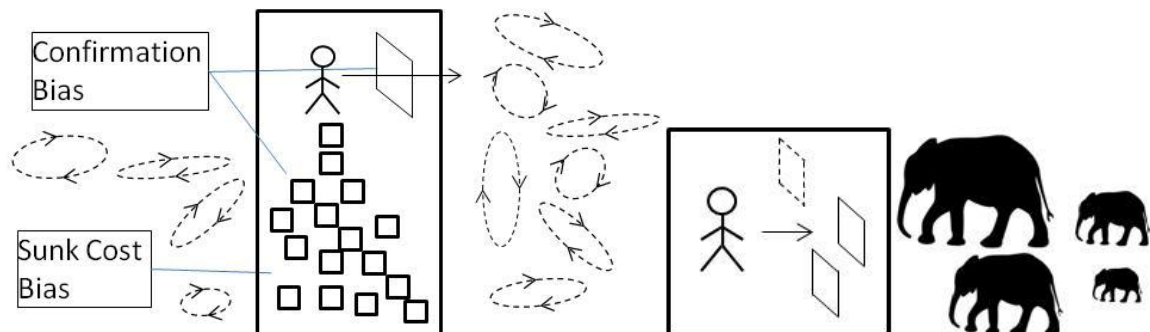
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Framing History

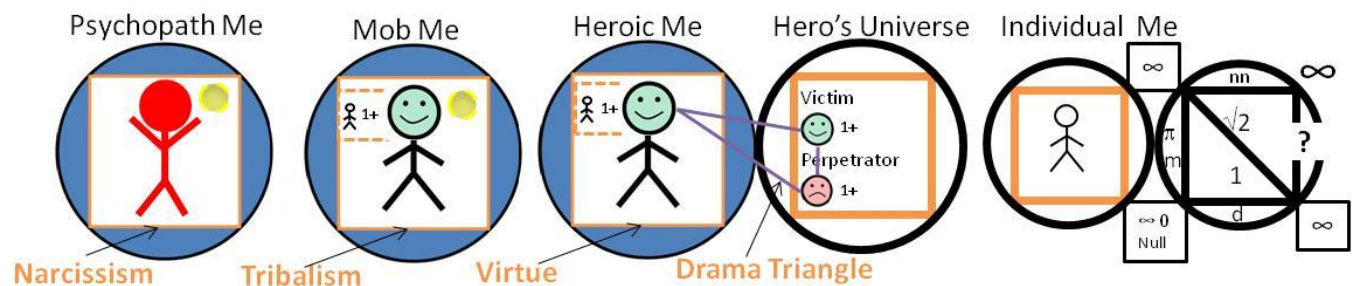
Plato's Forms https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theory_of_forms , "Ideas" - connected and navigatable (Searchable, explorable) ideas - Schemas <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/schema/> provide Frames we use to examine the real world. See **Obvious Deluded Psychopaths – Extremists – Feminists** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Obvious-Deluded-Psychopaths-Extremists-Feminists.pdf>



Most humans have great difficulty understanding and separating their own ideas and schemas from reality - the *material world*. Narcissists - self-possessed - obsessed with their looks, identity, "fame", "Wealth", ostentatious "displays" of self, Feminists, Marxists, Religious Zealots, Socialists, Women (On average - victim narratives, quotas, delusional self-possession, "looks", fashion) and weak minded men are not only binary in their thinking - but they seem unaware of much of the reality of the world and default to the Good/Bad schema where they assign everything they do or think as "good" and tend to demonize others as "bad" as a kind of heroic crusade of destruction. Many Women (for example) cannot see anything unless they are **staring into a mirror to see themselves**. *"How do I look, darling", "With your eyes, my love"* - This is **Not a trivial observation** - the ability to **see and change focus** with our eyes is a **major human development** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pineal_gland (Pineal Gland, Melatonin and the "Third Eye".

See Creeping Tyrannical Totalitarianism – The Destruction of the Individual

<https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Creeping-Tyrannical-Totalitarianism-The-Destruction-of-the-Individual.pdf>

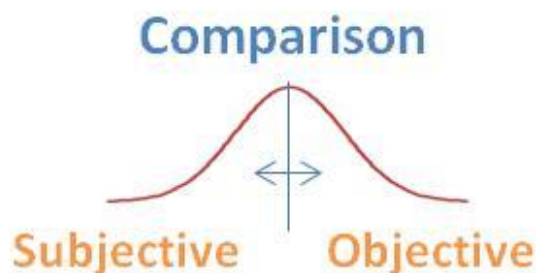
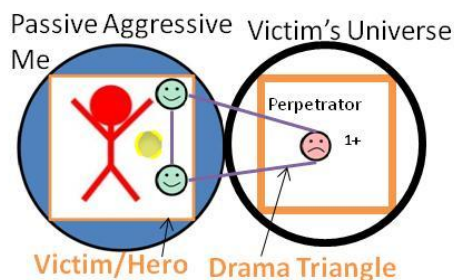


We can observe historians making a deliberate and conscious effort to find appropriate Frames to discuss and analyze the factual, material, “real” world. Some might call this a “scientific” method. To do this you must first be aware of the concept of various frames - and aware that you yourself will have incomplete and biased frames which may skew your understanding of reality - you may be more or less deluded. This **self awareness of Frames** versus Reality - and the ability to explore and examine both is an **idea of the West**. (Socrates, Plato, Aristotle)

Societies develop - not so much by sharing reality - but by sharing ideas and schemas - Ideas that fit well with reality aid survivability. Unfortunately some ideas are “un-popular” - people simply do not want to believe reality. This is called, by way of example, “Ignoring the Elephant in the Room”. For some it is anxiety and fear - others are simply unaware and lack any abilities to see anything. Some prefer to **remain deliberately ignorant** - in a smug pig-ignorant violent abusive way we see in Greens/Labour types - not only the women (as is to be **expected on average** (victim narratives, quotas, targets, binary thinking, narcissism, self-possessed, passive aggressive, resentment, lying cows, etc)) but also many men too. **An Aside:** We must always divide humans by Men and Woman as Legislated in Australia and mandated as language by the binary extremists in **politics** - so I am using the **politically correct language** and frame of **women and blacks - the frames of my “culture” - tribalism and identity groups**. See schools, “respect” campaign propaganda material and the Office of Women

Historians tend to try to make sense of history of humanity - and **how it might help current humans** and their education and decision making - and many will take on large expanses of reality in time and space. Others will limit their historic explorations to narrow times and topics.

Some “history” is told as stories, tales, memes and disconnected ideas - some exaggerated or moderated to make the “un-popular” ideas more “popular” and easier for children to understand. History for adults, seems to me, to be a little more confronting and **potentially upsetting** to people. This is recognized by many who - in a binary certain extremist way - **adopt a fully confronting and upsetting way of describing the world** - as if that is “true” history - **because it is confronting** or upsetting to others - the abusive passive aggressive narcissist. **SHOCKING REVELATIONS SCREAMED THROUGH A MEGAPHONE**. This becomes their binary certain Frame (usually with themselves as virtuous and heroic victims using the drama triangle) - usually dominated by a highly subjective frame. They **shrilly declare the “truth”** of the world rather than explore and discuss.



Somewhere in the middle might be closer to the reality than the extreme simplicity of babies learning to speak and the other extreme of **pushing all the buttons** of fear, anger, confusion, mobs, anxiety, panic, doom, Righteousnes, etc. Something less certain and more questioning perhaps? Something which can debated and explored - rather than defended and turned into binary mob action. "Certain truth" becomes "**debated ideas**" instead. **Binary Extreme Truth** - The Word, Orwell's ministry of truth - Australia's ABC, "fact checking", "Truth Commissions", Nobel Prize Winner for **being Black** Barrack Obama's <https://www.state.gov/bureaus-offices/under-secretary-for-public-diplomacy-and-public-affairs/global-engagement-center/> **Global Engagement Center**, Banned Books lists, heresy lists, Fatwa Lists, etc

This idea of **debating History** is an **idea of the West** and is not tolerated in Russia, China, North Korea and many other Totalitarian, Authoritarian and Religious Zealot regimes. People killed, intelligent people killed and dumped in rivers (Cambodia, Argentina, South America generally, Africa, Burma, etc) , state controlled re-education centers, Books burned, social behaviour monitored by state police on data collection networks, large arrays of video cameras monitored artificial intelligence ready to instantly judge everyone in a certain instant judgement state control way. "Take the Knee to my authority!"

There also seems to be the idea of **explorative travel** - either in reality - through different places at different times - to exploration of ideas - through reading books and examining the ideas as represented in architecture, art, words, cities, bridges, etc. **Strabo** knew this.

The geography of Strabo (Rank:60) :Author(Strabo) :Year[-7] Age(56) :Keyword(Group Humanism Philosophy, History, Geography)

<https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Strabo/home.html>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Strabo>

https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Strabo/1A*.html *The science of Geography, which I now propose to investigate, is, I think, quite as much as any other science, a concern of the philosopher; and the correctness of my view is clear for many reasons. In the first place, those who in earliest times ventured to treat the subject were, in their way, philosophers — Homer, Anaximander of Miletus, and Anaximander's fellow-citizen Hecataeus — just as Eratosthenes has already said; philosophers, too, were Democritus, Eudoxus, Dicaearchus, Ephorus, with several others of their times; and further, their successors — Eratosthenes, Polybius, and Poseidonius — were philosophers. In the second place, wide learning, which alone makes it possible to undertake a work on geography, is possessed solely by the man who has investigated things both human and divine — knowledge of which, they say, constitutes philosophy. And so, too, the utility of geography — and its utility is manifold, not only as regards the activities of statesmen and commanders but also as regards*

knowledge both of the heavens and of things on land and sea, animals, plants, fruits, and everything else to be seen in p5 various regions — the utility of geography, I say, presupposes in the geographer the same philosopher, the man who busies himself with the investigation of the art of life, that is, of happiness

It also seems that those who travel and explore or **more likely to try to make sense of human history** in some ways than those who do not explore. **Herodotus** traveled and explored the history <https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Herodotus/home.html> <https://www.livius.org/articles/person/herodotus/> *“Herodotus of Halicarnassus hereby publishes the results of his inquiries, **hoping to do two things**: to **preserve the memory** of the past by putting on record the astonishing achievements both of the Greek and the non-Greek peoples; and more particularly, to **show how the two races came into conflict**”*

The Many Gods and One God idea were being argued - Hinduism and Buddhism were essentially **ideas and philosophies of men** which many then created into Gods, temples and One God. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shivaism> The **Vedas** and to some extent **Zoroastrian** ideas, stories and legends were passed down orally from around -2000 BC. **Jainism** (-800 BC) has an oral wisdom tradition <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jainism> and *beyond the God idea Transtheism* <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transtheism> . These ideas were developing in a main trade area of many interacting humans. Other stories, legends and ideas started growing around the Levant from about -500BC. Many Ideas were shared orally through trade and travel. Chinese ideas were passed down from around -500BC and then into collected writing from about -200BC onwards. The **oral history** tradition appears in many cultures and some cultures did not use writing at all.

Some Historians and writers of human tales you may know are

- **Homer** - Lifespan[-800 to -800] Born_Loc(Chios) Rank(20) Keyword(Poet, Tale)
- **Hesiod** - Lifespan[-750 to -650] Born_Loc(Mount Helicon) Rank(10) Keyword(Tale, History)
- **Aesop** - Lifespan[-620 to -564] Born_Loc(Samos) Rank(30) Keyword(Tale)
- **Aeschylus** - Lifespan[-524 to -455] Born_Loc(Eleusis) Rank(30) Keyword(Tale)
- **Book Of Documents/Shu King/Shujing/Shoo King** (Rank:20) :Author(Chinese Philosophers, Taoism, Confucianism) :Year[-500] :Keyword(Group Nation Thinking, History)
- **Sophocles** - Lifespan[-497 to -406] Born_Loc(Dipylum, Athens) Rank(30) Keyword(Tale)
- **Euripides** - Lifespan[-480 to -406] Born_Loc(Salamis Island) Rank(10) Keyword(Tale)
- **Herodotus** - Lifespan[-484 to -425] Born_Loc(Halicarnassus/Bodrum) Rank(1) Keyword(History, Geography, Travel)
- **Thucydides** - Lifespan[-460 to -400] Born_Loc(Athens) Rank(20) Keyword(History)
- **Aristophanes** - Lifespan[-446 to -386] Born_Loc(Athens) Rank(30) Keyword(Tale)
- **Xenophon** - Lifespan[-430 to -354] Born_Loc(Athens) Rank(20) Keyword(History, War)
- **Polybius** - Lifespan[-200 to -111] Born_Loc(Megalopolis, Greece) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Library, Travel)
- **Sima Qian** - Lifespan[-145 to -86] Born_Loc(Hancheng) Rank(60) Keyword(Philosophy, History, Library)
- **Cornelius Nepos** - Lifespan[-110 to -25] Born_Loc(Ostiglia, Italy) Rank(80) Keyword(History, Biography)

- **Diodorus Siculus/Diodorus of Sicily** - Lifespan[-90 to -30] Born_Loc(Agyrium/Agira,Sicily) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Philosophy)
- **Virgil/Publius Vergilius Maro** - Lifespan[-70 to -19] Born_Loc(Virgilio, Lombardy) Rank(30) Keyword(Tale)
- **Strabo** - Lifespan[-63 to 23] Born_Loc(Amaseia, Pontus, Turkey) Rank(10) Keyword(History, Philosophy, Geography, Travel)
- **Gnaeus Pompeius Trogus/Pompey Trogue/Gnaeus Pompeius Trogus** - Lifespan[-60 to 20] Born_Loc(Vaison-la-Romaine, France) Rank(80) Keyword(History)
- **Titus Livius/Livy/Titus Livius** - Lifespan[-59 to 17] Born_Loc(Patavium/Padua, Italy) Rank(30) Keyword(History)
- **Ovid (Publius Ovidius Naso)/Publius Ovidius Naso Ovid** - Lifespan[-43 to 18] Born_Loc(Sulmo/Sulmona, Italy) Rank(1) Keyword(Philosophy, History)
- **Ban Biao** - Lifespan[5 to 54] Born_Loc(Xianyang, Shaanxi) Rank(60) Keyword(Philosophy, History, Library)
- **Ban Gu** - Lifespan[32 to 92] Born_Loc(Xianyang, Shaanxi) Rank(60) Keyword(Philosophy, History, Library)
- **Plutarch/Lucius Mestrius Plutarchus** - Lifespan[46 to 119] Born_Loc(Chaeronea, Greece) Rank(1) Keyword(Humanism, History)
- **Tacitus/Publius Cornelius Tacitus** - Lifespan[56 to 120] Born_Loc(The province of his birth remains unknown, though various conjectures suggest Gallia Belgica, Gallia Narbonensis or Northern Italy) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Politics)
- **Suetonius/Gaius Suetonius Tranquillus Suetonius** - Lifespan[69 to 122] Born_Loc(Hippo Regius, Algeria) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Librarian, Documentalist)
- **Arrian of Nicomedia/Lucius Flavius Arrianus Arrian** - Lifespan[87 to 145] Born_Loc(Nicomedia, Turkey) Rank(20) Keyword(Philosophy, War, Politics, History, Humanism)
- **The Book of Han** (Rank:80) :Author(Many) :Year[92] :Keyword(Group Development History, Politics)
- **Pausanias** - Lifespan[110 to 180] Born_Loc(Lydia, Turkey) Rank(80) Keyword(History, Geography, Travel)
- **Tertullian/Quintus Septimius Florens Tertullianus** - Lifespan[155 to 220] Born_Loc(Carthage, Tunisia) Rank(80) Keyword(Religion, History, Philosophy)
- **Lucius Cassius Dio/Cassius Dio** - Lifespan[155 to 235] Born_Loc(Nicaea/Isnik, Turkey) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Library)
- **Diogenes Laertius** - Lifespan[180 to 260] Born_Loc(His home town is unknown (at best uncertain, even according to a hypothesis that Laertius refers to his origin). A disputed passage in his writings has been used to suggest that it was Nicaea in Bithynia, Turkey) Rank(10) Keyword(History)
- **Eunapius** - Lifespan[346 to 414] Born_Loc(Sardis, Turkey) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, History)
- **Augustine of Hippo/Saint Augustine/Augustine** - Lifespan[354 to 430] Born_Loc(Thagaste (now Souk Ahras, Algeria)) Rank(20) Keyword(Religion, History)

But many histories are written as propaganda and virtue signaling for vainglorious humans (Auto Biographies - *The world as I see it*) who believe they are “great” and “good” and want statues erected to themselves in their own lifetimes - only to be trashed and torn down once they are dead. Many a statue of roman emperors were toppled from the cliffs in early roman times after their death not to mention killing all their friends and relatives and attempting to erase their memory in history.

The exploration of the grand and wide schemas of history are more than the individual and a series of biographies - although individuals do play a part - the shared ideas of groups and group interactions become something to be examined as well - so rather than a “What was Jon thinking” - we get “What were **the** (or many Jons) people thinking and why?” - although if we examine what Jon was thinking we get a personal view and some insight into a Mind of the time - in position and relation to the “group”, time and place. We can even explore what was Jon thinking about what was Jon thinking about. - what was Jon thinking about his own thinking abilities, (Says Jon speaking in layers of abstraction about himself in ever more recursive and self absorbed but not narcissistic ways).

Or to put it another way Spengler, Leibniz, Tacitus had reached a point in life where they had observed enough, searched enough, explored enough to express a point of view about humanity with references. Or to put it another way these are not artificial, imitations like a doctoral PHD student paper - but deep understandings of lifetimes (not only theirs but others they have read and seen) of human observation - these are great works of human art every bit as worthy of a Michelangelo, Picasso on any other great artist. Having the machinery and opportunity for observation, analysis, hypothesis, testing, exploration, creativity and synthesis - does not make you a good artist. More work is required.

Many were simply unaware of their own frames and biases - things they took for granted and did not question. Things “omitted”. Lord Acton picked up Mandell Crieghton on him missing the death and destruction of the “inquisition”. See **Confidence Tricksters** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Confidence-Tricksters.pdf> playing with the Focus Model.

Some of the historians of later times moved away from biographical analysis into schematic explorations. This **idea of writing something other than heroic tales about Individuals** can be seen with Plato and Aristotle. Some changed focus because of the times they were living in - some as active explorations of times past. We also get the travel records - especially of Buddhist Chinese monks (*The Journey West*) who were not only searching and on pilgrimages but many were sent as Ambassadors and Emissaries to far away Kingdoms

- **Gan Ying** - Lifespan[50 to 120] Born_Loc(China) Keyword(Politics, Diplomacy, Travel) (China to Rome)
- **Gildas the Wise/Gildas Sapiens/Gildas** - Lifespan[500 to 570] Born_Loc(Kingdom of Strathclyde) Rank(80) Keyword(Religion, History, Briton)
- **Owain mab Urien/Owain Urien** - Lifespan[520 to 595] Born_Loc(Rheged, Galloway, Carlisle?) Keyword(Tale)
- **Taliesin** - Lifespan[523 to 599] Born_Loc(Unknown maybe wales) Rank(20) Keyword(Tale)

- **Xuanzang/Chen Hui/Chen Yi/Hiuen Tsang** - Lifespan[602 to 664] Born_Loc(Chenliu/Kaifeng municipality,Henan) Rank(80) Keyword(Explorer, Religion, Monk, Translator, Chinese)
- **John bar Penkaye** - Lifespan[610 to 692] Born_Loc(Fenek, Turkey) Rank(20) Keyword(Religion, History)
- **Bede The Venerable/Bede** - Lifespan[672 to 735] Born_Loc(on lands belonging to the twin monastery of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow in present-day Tyne and Wear) Rank(60) Keyword(Philosophy, History, Religion)
- **Arabian Nights** - Document[800] Rank(30) Author(Many) Keyword(Group Development Thinking)
- **Anglo-Saxon Chronicle** (Rank:60) :Author(many) :Year[871] :Keyword(Group Development History, Religion, England, Wessex)
- **Ahmad ibn Fadlan** - Lifespan[879 to 960] Born_Loc(Baghdad, Abbasid Caliphate) Rank(70) Keyword(Travel, Trade, History, Vikings)
- **Ibn al-Nadim/Abu al-Faraj Muḥammad ibn Ishaq al-Nadīm** - Lifespan[932 to 995] Born_Loc(Baghdad, Iraq) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Language, Library, Belief)
- **Domesday Book/Liber de Wintonia** - Document[1086] Rank(1) Author(Many) Keyword(Group Humanism Register, Assets, Taxes, Survey)
- **Policraticus** (Rank:1) :Author(**John of Salisbury**) :Year[1159] Age(49) :Keyword(Group Learning Politics, Law, Government)
- **Jacobus de Voragine** - Lifespan[1230 to 1298] Born_Loc(Voragine, today's Varazze near Genoa Italy) Rank(70) Keyword(History, Tale, Religion)
- **Jean Froissart** - Lifespan[1337 to 1405] Born_Loc(Valenciennes, France) Rank(30) Keyword(Travel, Poetry, History)
- **Leonardo Bruni** - Lifespan[1370 to 1444] Born_Loc(Arezzo, Italy) Rank(10) Keyword(History, Language, Humanism)
- **Louis Le Roy/Ludovicus Regius/Loys Le Roy** - Lifespan[1510 to 1577] Born_Loc(Coutances) Rank(20) Keyword(History, Humanism, Greek, Plato, Aristotle, Isocrates, Zenophon, Demosthenes)

People were reading and writing for themselves in their own languages rather than relying on being told everything by a “God” or “messenger from God”. Books were being written and becoming popular. There was a thirst for more detailed knowledge of the past and humans rather than only legends, myths and childish stories. I noticed these books in the 1300-1500 time period and the **wide array of topics** - many of them about history, travel and philosophy - **questions** about humanity. Criticisms, analysis, poems, jokes, mockery, songs, music - growing around Paris, Italy, England and Germany and spreading widely. **Thinly veiled and amusing criticism** (usually in songs, music and poems) of Authoritarianism, Greed and Corruption of the powerful became more widespread and more comprehended and understood by the people. Ideas were being explored and growing. The **idea of civil discourse** was emerging.

- **Magna Carta** (Rank:1) :Author(many) :Year[1215] :Keyword(Group Nation Humanism)
- **Opus Majus** (Rank:20) :Author(**Roger Bacon**) :Year[1262] Age(48) :Keyword(Group Development Philosophy, Nature, Science)
- **Summa Theologica** (Rank:1) :Author(**Thomas Aquinas**) :Year[1274] Age(49) :Keyword(Group Philosophy Humanism)

- **Cursor mundi** - Document[1300] Rank(80) Author(many) Keyword(Group Religion History, Religion, Christian)
- **The Secret History of the Mongols** - Document[1300] Rank(50) Author(many) Keyword(Group Change History)
- **Convivio** - Document[1307] Rank(30) Author(**Dante Alighieri**) Age(42) Keyword(Group Philosophy Humanism, Philosophy)
- **On Monarchy** - Document[1313] Rank(10) Author(**Dante Alighieri**) Age(48) Keyword(Individual Nation Nation, Government, Politics)
- **The Divine Comedy** - Document[1320] Rank(10) Author(**Dante Alighieri**) Age(55) Keyword(Group Development Humanism)
- **De vita et moribus philosophorum** - Document[1320] Rank(60) Author(many) Keyword(Group History Philosophy, History)
- **Defensor Pacis** - Document[1324] Rank(1) Author(**Marsilius of Padua**) Age(54) Keyword(Group Religion Religion, Politics, Power)
- **Book of the Consulate of the Sea** - Document[1330] Rank(40) Author(many) Keyword(Group Law Maritime, Law)
- **Sophismata/Summulae de Dialectica** - Document[1340] Rank(20) Author(**John Buridan**) Age(39) Keyword(Individual Development Sophism, Logic, Self-Referential Proposition)
- **Codex Manesse** - Document[1340] Rank(80) Author(**Rudiger Manesse the Elder**) Age(88) Keyword(Group Poetry History, Poetry, Manuscript)
- **The Decameron** - Document[1353] Rank(30) Author(**Giovanni Boccaccio**) Age(40) Keyword(Individual Philosophy Humanism)
- **The Rihla/A Masterpiece to Those Who Contemplate the Wonders of Cities and the Marvels of Travelling** - Document[1360] Rank(30) Author(**ibn Battutah**) Age(56) Keyword(Individual Explore Travel, Humanism)
- **Il Canzoniere/Rerum vulgarium fragmenta** - Document[1368] Rank(30) Author(**Petrarch**) Age(64) Keyword(Group Humanism Humanism, Poetry)
- **Muqaddimah** - Document[1377] Rank(40) Author(**Ibn Khaldun**) Age(45) Keyword(Group Humanism Religion, Philosophy, History, Demography, Economics)
- **Troilus and Criseyde** - Document[1380] Rank(30) Author(**Geoffrey Chaucer**) Age(40) Keyword(Individual Philosophy Humanism)
- **Parlement of Foules** - Document[1382] Rank(50) Author(**Geoffrey Chaucer**) Age(42) Keyword(Individual Philosophy Certainty)
- **The Canterbury Tales** - Document[1400] Rank(30) Author(**Geoffrey Chaucer**) Age(60) Keyword(Group Hypothesis Choice)
- **Romance of the Three Kingdoms** - Document[1400] Rank(10) Author(many, Luo Guanzhong) Keyword(Group History Chinese, History, Han)
- **Yongle Encyclopedia** - Document[1401] Rank(80) Author(many) Keyword(Group Development History, Knowledge, Education, Encyclopedia, China)
- **History of the Florentine People** - Document[1442] Rank(10) Author(**Leonardo Bruni**) Age(72) Keyword(Group History Humanism, Nation, History, Florence)
- **The Boke of Nurture** - Document[1450] Rank(80) Author(**John Russell**) Keyword(Group Learning Household, Manners)

- **Oration on the Dignity of Man** - Document[1486] Rank(10) Author(**Giovanni Pico della Mirandola/Johannes Picus de Mirandula**) Age(23) Keyword(Group Development Humanism)
- **Ship Of Fools** - Document[1494] Rank(20) Author(**Sebastian Brant**) Age(36) Keyword(Group History Humanism) from **BASEL** which at the time was a center of travel, trade, study. <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/20179/20179-h/20179-h.htm> *"If popularity be taken as the measure of success in literary effort, Sebastian Brandt's "Ship of Fools" must be considered one of the most successful books recorded in the whole history of literature. Published in edition after edition (the first dated 1494), at a time, but shortly after the invention of printing, when books were expensive, and their circulation limited; translated into the leading languages of Europe at a time when translations of new works were only the result of the most signal merits, its success was then quite unparalleled."*

We get to more recent time periods where - due to the work of many individuals all over the world - the world history is more exposed and there are grander explorations across everyone else's translations, archeology, maps, records, notes, books, etc. The great record keepers, note takers, librarians and keepers of the information - most of them unknown to history but many knew how important the records were to those coming after them. The age of exploration was not only exploring the planet but exploring the history of the planet and everything on it.

- **Richard Hakluyt** - Lifespan[1553 to 1616] Born_Loc(London) Rank(80) Keyword(Travel, History, Americas)
- **Edward Gibbon** - Lifespan[1737 to 1794] Rank(30) Keyword(History, Rome, Politics, Archeology)
- **Leopold von Ranke** - Lifespan[1795 to 1886] Born_Loc(Wiehe, Saxony, Holy Roman Empire) Rank(20) Keyword(History, Education)
- **Charles Darwin** - Lifespan[1809 to 1882] Rank(1) Keyword(Science Life Species Change Evolution)
- **Theodor Mommsen/Christian Matthias Theodor Mommsen** - Lifespan[1817 to 1903] Rank(30) Keyword(History, Rome, Politics, Archeology)
- **Sir Henry Yule/Henry Yule** - Lifespan[1820 to 1889] Born_Loc(Inveresk, East Lothian, Scotland) Rank(30) Keyword(History, Travel, China)
- **Lord Acton/John Emerich Edward Dalberg-Acton** - Lifespan[1834 to 1902] Rank(10) Keyword(History, Philosophy, Travel, Politics, Education)
- **Mandell Creighton** - Lifespan[1843 to 1901] Born_Loc(Carlisle, Cumberland) Rank(40) Keyword(Religion, History)
- **Oswald Spengler** - Lifespan[1880 to 1936] Rank(30) Keyword(History, Philosophy)

Some individual librarians and record keepers from early history include the "conquerors" - every time some conquered someone else they took all their records and icons or destroyed them (as the Religious Zealots regularly do) - but also these notable individuals:

- **Tukulti-Ninurta I/Nimrod** - Lifespan[-1243 to -1207] Born_Loc(Assur, Iraq) Rank(80) Keyword(Politics, Librarian, King, War)
- **Callimachus** - Lifespan[-310 to -240] Born_Loc(Cyrene, Ptolemaic Kingdom) Rank(80) Keyword(Librarian, Poet, Scholar, History)

- **Eratosthenes/Eratosthenes of Cyrene** - Lifespan[-276 to -194] Born_Loc(Cyrene,Libya) Rank(10) Keyword(Philosophy, Maths, Librarian, History)
- **Richard Aungerville/Aungervyle/Richard de Bury** - Lifespan[1287 to 1345] Born_Loc(manor of Willoughby near Bury St Edmunds, United kingdom) Rank(70) Keyword(Librarian, Religion, Research, Diplomat)
- **Coluccio Salutati** - Lifespan[1331 to 1406] Born_Loc(Stignano Italy) Rank(20) Keyword(Philosopher, Librarian, Humanism)
- **Jean de France duc de Berry/John the Magnificent /Jean/John de Berry** - Lifespan[1340 to 1416] Born_Loc(Château de Vincennes, Paris, France) Rank(80) Keyword(King, Patron, Arts, Librarian, Manuscripts, History)
- **Palla Strozzi/Palla di Onofrio Strozzi** - Lifespan[1372 to 1462] Born_Loc(Florence, Italy) Rank(70) Keyword(Librarian, Banker, Politics, Philosopher, Researcher)
- **Poggio Bracciolini/Gian Francesco Poggio Bracciolini** - Lifespan[1380 to 1459] Born_Loc(Terranuova Bracciolini, Italy) Rank(70) Keyword(Librarian, Humanism, Translator, Greek, Latin, Researcher, Religion)
- **Cosimo de Medici/Cosimo di Giovanni de Medici** - Lifespan[1389 to 1464] Born_Loc(Florence, Italy) Rank(40) Keyword(Humanism, Librarian, Banker, Politician, Philanthropist, King)
- **Francesco Filelfo** - Lifespan[1398 to 1481] Born_Loc(Tolentino, Italy) Rank(20) Keyword(Education, Translator, Greek, Latin, Librarian, Humanism)
- **Bessarion/Basil Bessarion** - Lifespan[1403 to 1472] Born_Loc(Trebizond, Empire of Trebizond, Trabzon, Turkey) Rank(40) Keyword(Librarian, Historian, Greek, Translator, Educator, Humanism)
- **Konrad Peutinger** - Lifespan[1465 to 1547] Born_Loc(Augsburg, Germany) Rank(50) Keyword(Humanism, Librarian, Diplomacy)
- **Sanuto the Younger /Marin/Marino Sanudo/Sanuto** - Lifespan[1466 to 1536] Born_Loc(Venice Italy) Rank(50) Keyword(Librarian, Research, Diarist, Historian)
- **Jacques Cujas/Jacques Cujas/Cujacius** - Lifespan[1522 to 1590] Born_Loc(Toulouse, France) Rank(50) Keyword(Law, History, Roman, Education, Humanism, Librarian)
- **Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar/Akbar the Great/Akbar** - Lifespan[1542 to 1605] Born_Loc(Amarkot, Rajputana (present-day Umerkot, Sindh, Pakistan)) Rank(60) Keyword(Politics, Emperor, Librarian, Education, Religion, Tolerance, Mughul)
- **Thomas Allen** - Lifespan[1542 to 1632] Born_Loc(Utttoxeter, Staffordshire) Rank(80) Keyword(Math, Astrology, Librarian)
- **Sir Robert Cotton, 1st Baronet, of Connington/Robert Bruce Cotton** - Lifespan[1570 to 1631] Born_Loc(Denton, Huntingdonshire) Rank(80) Keyword(Librarian, Antiquarian, Law, History)
- **Robert Burton** - Lifespan[1577 to 1640] Born_Loc(Lindley, Leicestershire) Rank(80) Keyword(Librarian, Antiquarian, Education, Drama, Melancholy)
- **John Selden** - Lifespan[1584 to 1654] Born_Loc(Salvington, Sussex) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, Librarian, Polymath, Politics, Law, Religion)
- **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz** - Lifespan[1646 to 1716] Rank(20) Keyword(Philosophy, Maths, Library)

- **Thomas Carlyle** - Lifespan[1795 to 1881] Born_Loc(Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire) Rank(10) Keyword(History, Translator, Maths, Education, Librarian)
- **Henry Morley** - Lifespan[1822 to 1894] Rank(10) Keyword(Literature, Librarian, Lecturer)

The group concept applies to libraries - although some libraries were private - centers of study and collections and books developed in many places around the world. Many people bequeathed their collections to the local library (places like **Florence** and **Venice**) and these collected records grew. By the 1400s the idea of **book collections** at universities, church buildings and other public and private buildings was common and growing. Collected works were being explored, copied, translated and shared more widely.

The studies expanded in topics - the study of Heroes, Myths, Sacrifice, Burial, Birth, Ideas, Songs, Genetics, Customs, Language, Sounds, Music, Form, Meaning - **Philology**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philology> - all searching for ideas and common patterns through

history of humans. **Homer and Classical Philology, by Friedrich Nietzsche**

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/18188/18188-h/18188-h.htm> *It must be freely admitted that philology is to some extent borrowed from several other sciences, and is mixed together like a magic potion from the most outlandish liquors, ores, and bones. It may even be added that it likewise conceals within itself an artistic element, one which, on **æsthetic and ethical grounds**, may be called imperatival—an element that acts in opposition to its purely scientific behaviour. Philology is composed of history just as much as of natural science or æsthetics: history, in so far as it endeavours to comprehend the manifestations of the individualities of peoples in ever new images, and the prevailing law in the disappearance of phenomena; natural science, in so far as it strives to fathom the deepest instinct of man, that of speech; æsthetics, finally, because from various antiquities at our disposal it **endeavours to pick out the so-called "classical" antiquity, with the view and pretension of excavating the ideal world buried under it, and to hold up to the present the mirror of the classical and everlasting standards.** That these wholly different scientific and æsthetico-ethical impulses have been associated under a common name, a kind of sham monarchy, is shown especially by the fact that philology at every period from its origin onwards was at the same time pedagogical. From the standpoint of the pedagogue, a choice was offered of those elements which were of the greatest educational value; and thus that science, or at least that scientific aim, which we call philology, gradually developed out of the practical calling originated by the exigencies of that science itself.*

So we see that **Good of man** has become the <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aesthetics> **Aesthetics** - other words as well like essence, life-force, light in the heart, ethics, etc - some kind of enduring and repeating patterns of “goodness” of some kind. The **Foolish man** is treated as Comedy - the man who knows nothing - **Margites** - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margites>

Friedrich Nietzsche explores the question “**What was Homer Thinking?**” and “**Was Homer a Person** - an individual we can understand and explore?” - the same question I find myself asking as I look at human history. Ptolemys, Habsburgs and Huxleys are stories of family dynasties. The groupthink and their amalgamated personifications (groups, tribes, gods, heroes, ideals, archetypes) and the identifiable individual in a Pluralistic model sense.

All these schools of thought start from the assumption that the problem of the present form of these epics can be solved from the standpoint of an æsthetic judgment—but we must await the decision as

to the authorised **line of demarcation between** the man of genius and the poetical soul of the people. **Are there characteristic differences** between the utterances of the **man of genius** and the **poetical soul of the people?**

In the following he **explores plurality** and the **popularity** of masses extinguishing the individual poet.

*This whole contrast, however, is unjust and misleading. There is no more dangerous assumption in modern æsthetics than that of **popular poetry** and **individual poetry**, or, as it is usually called, artistic poetry. This is the reaction, or, if you will, the superstition, which followed upon the most momentous discovery of historico-philological science, the discovery and appreciation of the soul of the people. For this discovery prepared the way for a coming scientific view of history, which was until then, and in many respects is even now, a **mere collection of materials**, with the prospect that new materials would continue to be added, and that the huge, overflowing pile would never be systematically arranged. The people now understood for the first time that the long-felt power of greater individualities and wills was larger than the pitifully small will of an individual man;[1] they now saw that everything truly great in the kingdom of the will could not have its deepest root in the inefficacious and ephemeral individual will; and, finally, they **now discovered the powerful instincts of the masses, and diagnosed those unconscious impulses to be the foundations and supports of the so-called universal history**. But the newly-lighted flame also cast its shadow: and this shadow was none other than that superstition already referred to, which **popular poetry set up in opposition to individual poetry**, and thus enlarged the comprehension of the people's soul to that of the people's mind. By the misapplication of a tempting analogical inference, people had reached the point of applying in the domain of the intellect and artistic ideas that principle of greater individuality which is truly applicable only in the domain of the will. **The masses have never experienced more flattering treatment** than in thus having the **laurel of genius set upon their empty heads**. It was imagined that new shells were forming round a small kernel, so to speak, and that those pieces of **popular poetry originated like avalanches, in the drift and flow of tradition**. They were, however, ready to consider that kernel as being of the smallest possible dimensions, so that they might occasionally get rid of it altogether without losing anything of the mass of the avalanche. According to this view, the text itself and the stories built round it are one and the same thing.*

I have only scanned many of the historical works - some are so immense as to be almost too daunting. Others I have searched and linked with my growing database and maps - to confirm places, placenames, Routes and roads, dates, times, people, and explore links. I have read some histories and many biographies in depth - but not nearly enough to call myself an 'historian'. When you see the work of Gibbon, Mommsen, Acton, Creighton and Spengler - you are seeing in many cases a "life's work" by men old enough and studious enough to make some sense of the world. In other cases - a whole series of men - slaving over candle light - working collectively to translate, collate and organize vast libraries of information to be retained as history.

- **Histories** (Rank:1) :Author(Polybius) :Year[-146] Age(54) :Keyword(Group Nation History, Library)
- **Records of the Grand Historian/Shiji** (Rank:10) :Author(Sima Qian) :Year[-94] Age(51) :Keyword(Group Humanism Philosophy, History)
- **The Library of History/Bibliotheca historica** (Rank:30) :Author(Diodorus Siculus) :Year[-30] Age(60) :Keyword(Group Development Philosophy, History, Geography)

- **The History Of Rome** (Rank:20) :Author(Titus Livius/Livy) :Year[17] Age(76) :Keyword(Group History History, Rome)
- **Bede's Ecclesiastical History of England** (Rank:10) :Author(Bede The Venerable) :Year[735] Age(63) :Keyword(Group History English History)
- **Muqaddimah** (Rank:40) :Author(Ibn Khaldun) :Year[1377] Age(45) :Keyword(Group Humanism Religion, Philosophy, History, Demography, Economics)
- **Romance of the Three Kingdoms** (Rank:10) :Author(many, Luo Guanzhong) :Year[1400] :Keyword(Group History Chinese, History, Han)
- **Natural History** (Rank:20) :Author(Pliny The Elder) :Year[77] Age(54) :Keyword(Group Humanism Geography, Humanism, History)
- **The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire** (Rank:1) :Author(Edward Gibbon) :Year[1776] Age(39) :Keyword(Group Development History)
- **Idea for a Universal History from a Cosmopolitan Point of View** (Rank:10) :Author(**Immanuel Kant**) :Year[1784] Age(60) :Keyword(Individual Philosophy History) <https://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/ethics/kant/universal-history.htm> *“Since men in their endeavors behave, on the whole, not just instinctively, like the brutes, nor yet like rational citizens of the world according to some agreed-on plan, no history of man conceived according to a plan seems to be possible, as it might be possible to have such a history of bees or beavers. One cannot suppress a certain indignation when one sees men’s actions on the great world-stage and finds, beside the wisdom that appears here and there among individuals, everything in the large woven together from folly, childish vanity, even from childish malice and destructiveness. In the end, one does not know what to think of the human race, so conceited in its gifts. Since the philosopher cannot presuppose any [conscious] individual purpose among men in their great drama, there is no other expedient for him except to try to see if he can discover a natural purpose in this idiotic course of things human. In keeping with this purpose, it might be possible to have a history with a definite natural plan for creatures who have no plan of their own.”.. 6th thesis “The highest master should be just in himself, and yet a man. **This task is therefore the hardest of all**; indeed, its **complete solution is impossible**, for from such crooked wood as man is made of, nothing perfectly straight can be built.[2] That it is the last problem to be solved follows also from this: it requires that there be a correct conception of a possible constitution, great experience gained in many paths of life, and – far beyond these-a good will ready to accept such a constitution. Three such things are very hard, and if they are ever to be found together, it will be very late and after many vain attempts.”* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Perpetual_Peace:_A_Philosophical_Sketch
- **The History of Rome** (Rank:1) :Author(Theodor Mommsen) :Year[1856] Age(39) :Keyword(Group History Rome, History)
- **Illustrations of Universal Progress: A Series of Discussions** (Rank:20) :Author(Herbert Spencer) :Year[1865] Age(45) :Keyword(Group Humanism History)
- **Lectures on Modern History** (Rank:10) :Author(Lord Acton) :Year[1901] Age(67) :Keyword(Group History History, Humanism, Religion)
- **A Short History of Freethought: Ancient and Modern** (Rank:30) :Author(John Mackinnon Robertson) :Year[1906] Age(50) :Keyword(Individual Development History, Thinking, Choice, FreeThought, Humanism) <https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/51793/pg51793->

[images.html#ch4.1](#) Given the co-existence of a multitude of local cults, and of various local Yahweh-worships, it is conceivable that the Yahwists of Jerusalem, backed by a priest-ridden king, should seek to limit all worship to their own temple, whose revenues would thereby be much increased. But insoluble perplexities are set up as to the alleged movement by the incongruities in the documents. Passing over for the moment the prophets Amos and Hosea and others who ostensibly belong to the eighth century B.C., we find the second priestly reform,¹⁸ consequent on a finding or framing of “the law,” represented as occurring early in the reign of Josiah (641–610 B.C.). But later in the same reign are placed the writings of Jeremiah, who constantly contemns the scribes, prophets, and priests in mass, and makes light of the ark,¹⁹ besides declaring that in Judah²⁰ there are as many Gods as towns, and in Jerusalem as many Baal-altars as streets. The difficulty is reduced by recognizing the quasi-historical narrative as a later fabrication; but other difficulties remain as to the prophetic writings; and for our present purpose it is necessary briefly to consider these. ...”The special development in **France of the spirit of “chivalry”** had joined the normal **uncivilizing influence of militarism** with that of **clericalism**; the various knightly orders, as well as knighthood pure and simple, being all under ecclesiastical sanctions, and more or less strictly vowed to “defend the church,”⁴⁴⁸ while **supremely incompetent to form an intelligent opinion**. It is the more remarkable that in the case of one of the crusading orders heresy of the most blasphemous kind was finally charged against the entire organization, and that it was on that ground annihilated (1311). [357]It remains incredible, however, that the **order of the Templars** can have systematically practised the extravagances or held the tenets laid to their charge. **They had of course abused their power and departed from their principles like every other religious order enabled to amass wealth**; and the hostility theirs aroused is perfectly intelligible from what is known of the **arrogance of its members and the general ruffianism of the Crusaders**. Their wealth alone goes far to explain the success of their enemies against them; for, though the numbers of the order were much smaller than tradition gives out, its possessions were considerable. These were the true ground of the French king’s attack.⁴⁴⁹ But that its members were as a rule either Cathari or anti-Christians, either disguised Moslems or deists, or that they practised obscenity by rule, there is no reason to believe. What seems to have happened was a resort by some unbelieving members to more or less gross burlesque of the mysteries of initiation—a phenomenon paralleled in ancient Greece and in the modern Catholic world, and implying rather **hardy irreligion** than any reasoned heresy whatever.”

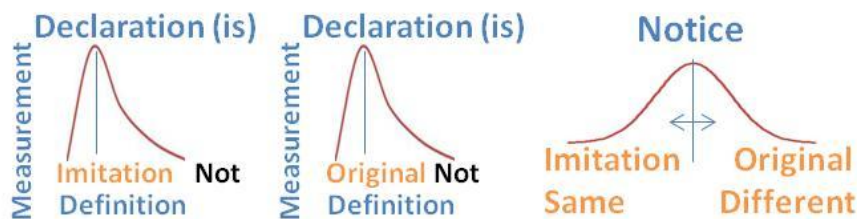
- **A History of Mathematics** (Rank:30) :Author(Florian Cajori) :Year[1909] Age(50) :Keyword(Group Science Maths, History)
- **The Outline of History** (Rank:20) :Author(H G Wells) :Year[1920] Age(54) :Keyword(Planet Nation Humanism, History)
- **The Decline Of The West** (Rank:1) :Author(Oswald Spengler) :Year[1922] Age(42) :Keyword(Group Nation Humanism, History, Culture)

Oswald Spengler’s frames for history are explicit and sated so his frames can be explored and tested - as he does himself as he relates the details of individuals, times and places. His ideas can be understood and explored and I can ask myself - What is he missing? and What am I missing? He focuses on art - it seems to me - to be in search of the **authentic human ideas** to be differentiated from copied and mimicked ideas - and music and art in general are good vehicles for having that kind

of discussion. Art which is Popular and imitated but other more explorative art as well. Exploring creatively within frames is a good starting point - we see poems changing style, content, length over many centuries. But the idea contains **so much more exploration**. The Notion that Muslim art and Architecture was “art” is like calling Irish Dancing “**a full and complete unconstrained statement of human exploration and joy filled expression**” Or cubism painting “**the final solution to painting itself**”.

Although imitation provides some sense of rhythm and Harmony it is not sufficiently “original” enough to grab our attention. (Paraphrasing Aristotle poetics)

Also - **Let us not kill difference** or **I Like Chefs but I Hate Some Food** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/I-Like-Chefs-but-I-Hate-Some-Food.pdf>



But there are **many fields of human ideas** - and due to the great work of **record keepers** - those who noticed, remembered and wrote things down and passed things on - we have vast collections of information. The history of collections and libraries itself is a study of history as we see stones, carvings, art, papyrus, scrolls, sculpture, buildings, books, manuscripts, relics, etc collected, moved and studied throughout the world - Uruk (Sumerian Empire), Assur, Nineveh (Assyrian Empire - Mosul), Egypt, Persepolis (Persian Empire), Antioch (Seleucid Empire), Aristotle (Greek), Athens, Alexandria (Roman Empire), Ban Biao (Librarian China), Babylon, Rome, Istanbul/Byzantium/Byzantium/Nova Roma/Constantinopolis/Constantinople/Escomboli (Roman Empire), Paris (Roman Empire), Oxford. Generally the kings and conqueror’s capital cities became the homes of collections of material from other places. Huge collections and artifacts travelled backwards and forwards and later - vast networks of temples and churches produced documents which were spread through the network and stored in capital cities central libraries.

We see an expansion of material in the 1300-1400’s of genres of material - many due to wealth - world and travel trade (Roman Empire, Pilgrims, Venice, Genoa, Hanseatic League, Calliphates, Khans, Arabs, China (silk, tea), India (pilgrims), North Africa (piracy), Africa (gold, slaves - servicing the Ottoman Empire) - a greater number of wealthy individuals who could engage artisans to **produce ideas** and also a growing number of people who were interested and able to buy and use and enjoy the material produced. Vast collections were growing and spreading and, while free public libraries had been tried in places like Babylon earlier, the push to have free access to information was growing - people were curious and interested in ideas and information regardless of their wealth, intellectual capabilities and language. Polish, German, English, Italian, etc languages started to develop to allow greater access to information - firstly with Bibles and then with other topics.

People were interested - not only in “new” things to **escape the constant dogma** - but also **Unknown things** - **things that were unknown and would take some effort to understand and**

appreciate. What is that? How does it work? **What other questions can I ask?** “Magic” of life” was being explored.

The question itself was appreciated. This was a major shift in thinking from faith, obedience and being “good”. A slave to dogma and duty. It is **trite** to call this recognizing the “individual” - to me it seems a defined step in history - a moment - trying to balance plurality between groups and individuals. Things had gone too far toward group identities, tyrannies and entrenched lies and corruption. **Individuals were fed up with being slaves to the Dogma.**

This was not so much as the “Age of Discovery” but in many parts of Europe - the age of the question and investigation. See **Courage to Question** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Courage-to-Question.pdf> expanded with minor math errors corrected in **The Great Adventure or Guaranteed Failure** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/The-Great-Adventure-or-Guaranteed-Failure.pdf>

Much later we see a shift in drama to the First person - the **audience is invited to take a journey and ask the questions “What was he thinking?”** of historical figures. The idea of history AND the individuals was being explored. Shakespeare explored this (The monolog - *my public rant*) with great and long lasting success as either a revival of some of the Greek Plays or as an **enhanced development which we take for granted** (and **fail to appreciate or understand**) in all the drama we see around us now.

An Aside: The Car driven by a fan which pushes it faster than the air around it is explained at Veritasium by Derek Muller <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyQwgBAaBag>. I explained this to a friend of mine who was an engineer and he dismissed it straight away as a hoax and lie and impossible. Rather than question what was going on and exploring - he was determined to attack the person, the view, me, his eyes - anything but try to question and explore the issue or even debate it in a non ad-hominem way. **Only a fool would believe the impossible** - yet somehow the binary religious zealots (and certain “causists” - Marxists, Communists, Zealots, Feminists, Tribes, Binary extremists, Women (On average - Quotas, targets, Wages, Victim Narratives) and weak minded virtue signaling “heroic” Boys and men)) believe everything they think **without question** - to the extent of burning people alive at the stake who question or disagree. A mystical God of Certainty is “possible” but a car going faster than the wind is “impossible” and a blatant lie even if you see it.

Not only are they not prepared to investigate, they will kill anyone who does investigate. Don't upset the corrupt applecart

Children should/ought do small scale experiments not large world changing mob action.

Many books and topics started to be explored and widely communicated - Maps, Navigation technology, Poems, Food recipes, hunting techniques, Architecture, Religion, Sea guides, Weather, Language, Trade guides and advice, Household Management, Portraits, Decorative art, Jewelry, Banking, Investments, Economy, Drama, Ballads, Music, Songs, Instruments, Dance, Ceremonies, Household Goods, Material, textiles, Weaving, Dying, Agriculture techniques, Plants, Alchemy, Engineering, Science, Astrology, Astronomy, Maths, Ships, Time Pieces (sundials, waterclocks, hourglass and Verge clocks https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Verge_escapement see **Book of**

Knowledge of Ingenious Mechanical Devices 1206

https://www.muslimheritage.com/uploads/Automation_Robotics_in_Muslim%20Heritage.pdf).

We also see the human **frame of messages** - simple ideas orally passed down through families and communities as “truisms” and things repeated without question. We see history reflected in Memes and repeated sayings - “Pride comes before a fall”, “Look before you leap” that are habitually repeated without thought between generations. It is difficult to see all of these throughout history - not only because of the language issues - but also because while I can emphasize a saying by “putting it in inverted quotes” - we have no idea what other cultures in time might do to emphasize **habitual sayings** - a “historic truth” “a simple message” “Confucius says - *put your mask on and take the knee to Blacks*”

“By Zeus!” “By Jupiter”. In some ways we see these as the simple expressions for children - to guide their choices and not involve them in thinking that they are not yet capable of. Like the “Rules”, the “Commandments” The **Golden Rule**.

I must assume - because I have some awareness of the size of the issue - that when **Oswald Spengler** mentions one or two names of humans - that he is aware of thousands of other names but is only choosing two names worth noting. In the same way I only mention some historians above - not all - because there are thousands of published historians and biographies.

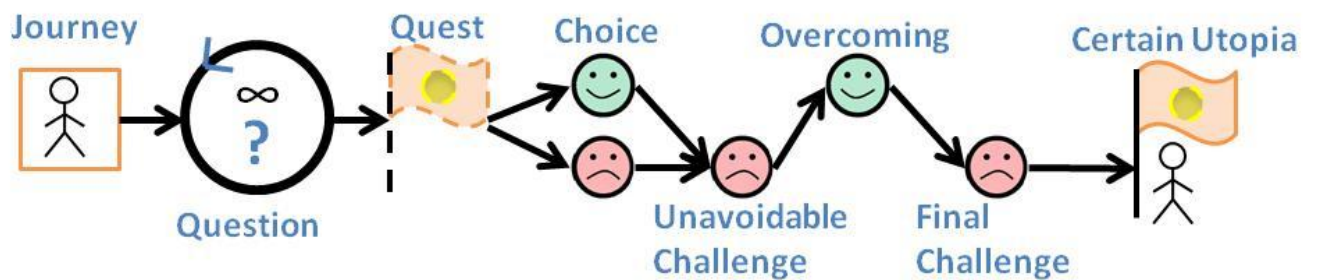
This ability to declare your frames and explore both your frames and reality at the same time - is something which I appreciate and enjoy - it goes to the heart of your own corruptions and biases and allows them to be observed by others. I rate that technique used by authentic historians highly. See **Evaluating Humanity** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Evaluating-Humanity.pdf> **Corruption Coherent Comprehensive Hypothesis Certainty Exploration**. The questions and explorations still remain and are open for continued discussion. Why did they think that was a “Good” idea?

Two general **meta frames** for history are **linear** - in a binary certain way or **circular** - in phases. History as a Tale has a defined beginning a middle and an end - to mirror the binary thinkers and their lack of understanding of the continuum. While their personal life might be defined like that - history looks completely different. Linear (binary) types tend to see everything as the “most advanced” stage - *you cannot get better than this*. Others - in particular around the time of Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and Chinese - see a circle and flow rather than **certain ends**. The flux and flows of tribal warfare, hope, corruption and decline. There are many other circular flow models which humans frame discussions - stars, moon, planets, seasons, days, birth and death cycles, alchemy, water, air, fire, plants, rocks, mountains, rivers, etc.

Kurt Vonnegut - Lifespan[1922 to 2007] Born_Loc(Indianapolis) Rank(30) Keyword(Drama, Satire, Critic, Humanist) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kurt_Vonnegut
<https://www.vonnegutlibrary.org/kurt-biography/> <https://bigthink.com/high-culture/vonnegut-shapes/>

The **Shape of Stories** <https://bigthink.com/high-culture/vonnegut-shapes/> ..” *So, does Vonnegut’s theory actually have useful application in literary criticism?*

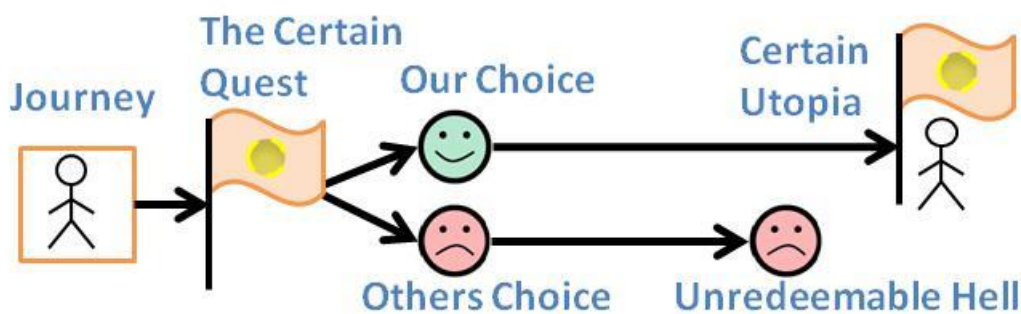
"I think perhaps it does," Vonnegut said. "I think this rise and fall is, in fact, artificial. It pretends that we know more about life than we really do. And what's perhaps a true masterpiece cannot be crucified on a cross of this design. Well, alright. Let's try 'Hamlet.'" .." Vonnegut describes how Hamlet's experiences throughout the play can't easily be classified as good or bad. For example, Hamlet speaks with a ghost who claims to be his father. But Hamlet (and, by extension, the audience) never definitely learns whether this ghost really his father or a demon who's impersonating him. Ambiguities like this make the story of "Hamlet" difficult to plot on Vonnegut's diagram. But they also make the story great. "I have in fact told you why this is respected as a masterpiece. **We are so seldom told the truth. In Hamlet, Shakespeare tells us we don't know enough about life to know what the good news is and what the bad news is, and we respond to that. Thank you, Bill.**"



Finally we have achieved "civilization" and "progress" and "advancement" and "Greatness" never to be surpassed. Binaries prefer this linear model. While there are still many complexities and twists you can invent in the model - it is still linear and **certain binary**. This is an opposing idea to the "Human Condition" explored by the Huxleys and others. The compelling idea of "greatness" and "Final happiness and Success" - "Heaven" - is one that the binaries, dim-wits, virtue signalers, religious Zealots and Utopian Dreamers - all believe in. The **Certain god of Happiness** is going to arrive any day now - at the same time **certain damnation of unbelievers** is coming too.

60% women in the Public service - but there is still more work to be done to achieve certain "equality".

But for binaries it is even more certain than that. Marxists, Religious Zealots, Communists, Feminists and the many other binary zealots (women - on average, Quotas, targets, victim narrative) and weak minded men - not only want to reach utopia but they want to define the journey and damn the "unbelievers" to certain hell.



But Aristotle had explored the narratives and the stages in the play as well in Poetry. **We can learn from his analysis** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poetics_\(Aristotle\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poetics_(Aristotle))

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<https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text.jsp?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0056%3Asection%3D1447a> “Since the objects of imitation are men in action, and these men must be **either of a higher or a lower type** (for moral character mainly answers to these divisions, **goodness** and **badness** being the distinguishing marks of moral differences), it follows that we must represent men either as better than in real life, or as worse, or as they are. It is the same in painting. Polygnotus depicted men as nobler than they are, Pauson as less noble, Dionysius drew them true to life. “ ..

“Now it is evident that each of the modes of imitation above mentioned will exhibit these differences, and become a distinct kind in imitating objects that are thus distinct. Such diversities may be found even in dancing, flute-playing, and lyre-playing. So again in language, whether prose or verse unaccompanied by music. Homer, for example, makes men better than they are; Cleophon as they are; Hegemon the Thasian, the inventor of parodies, and Nicochares, the author of the Deiliad, worse than they are. The same thing holds good of Dithyrambs and Nomes; here too one may portray different types, as Timotheus and Philoxenus differed in representing their Cyclopes. The same distinction marks off Tragedy from Comedy; for Comedy aims at representing men as worse, Tragedy as better than in actual life.” ..” Poetry in general seems to have sprung from two causes, each of them **lying deep in our nature**. First, the **instinct of imitation is implanted in man from childhood**, one difference between him and other animals being that he is the most imitative of living creatures, and through imitation **learns his earliest lessons**; and no less universal is the pleasure felt in things imitated. We have evidence of this in the facts of experience. Objects which in themselves we view with pain, we delight to contemplate when reproduced with minute fidelity: such as the forms of the most ignoble animals and of dead bodies. The cause of this again is, that to learn gives the liveliest pleasure, not only to philosophers but to men in general; whose capacity, however, of learning is more limited. Thus the reason why men enjoy seeing a likeness is, that in contemplating it they find themselves learning or inferring, and saying perhaps, 'Ah, that is he.' For if you **happen not to have seen the original**, the pleasure will be due not to the imitation as such, but to the execution, the colouring, or some such other cause.

Imitation, then, is one instinct of our nature. Next, there is the instinct for 'harmony' and rhythm, metres being manifestly sections of rhythm. Persons, therefore, starting with this natural gift developed by degrees their special aptitudes, **till their rude improvisations gave birth to Poetry.**”

Oswald Spengler makes a similar point after his analysis of Religion. Ideas and religions vary but the **imitators follow the dogma or rebel against the dogma in a certain way**. Spengler observes the destruction of religion - not as demonizing certain defined religions - but the general of idea of “irreligiosity” (my words) under the weight of binary certain idiotology - losing any kind of inner “religion” - or as Aristotle might call it **Authentic Individual Poetry** - the original, not an imitator

The is the <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anagnorsis> **Anagnorsis moment** for developing individual humans and our failure to grasp it is one of our tragic flaws - **Hamartia**.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamartia> See **Creeping Tyrannical Totalitarianism – The Destruction of the Individual** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Creeping-Tyrannical-Totalitarianism-The-Destruction-of-the-Individual.pdf> , **Time to Wake up Not Woke Up** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Time-to-Wake-Up-not-Woke-Up.pdf>

Note Well, Take Notice, Have some **Nous** not just repeating slogans **Logos**, think about it, ask some questions, show some interest, get some knowledge, skills, capability, try to gain some **insight**.

Insight (Rank:10) :Author(**Bernard Lonergan**) :Year[1957] Age(53) :Keyword(Group Philosophy Humanism) <https://epdf.pub/collected-works-of-bernard-lonergan-insight.html>
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The **Frames** Oswald Spengler uses of **Art, Music and Poetry** combine well with Aristotle's analysis to show the creative and inquisitive human exploring differences - a move away from popularity towards insight and inspiration, sufficiently in harmony in meter, timing, rhythm, sound, pitch, style, etc to promote initial investigation by the masses but also sufficiently discordant to get a reaction and provoke some thought. This is not done to be "popular" or successful - because that is done by the imitators, many who will do nothing but imitate all their uncreative lives. We all have to imitate and repeat many things because that is how we learn. But at some stage - in any field of endeavour - there is a recognition of difference, interest and possible investigations or changes which can be authentically explored and **all humans** are capable of that.

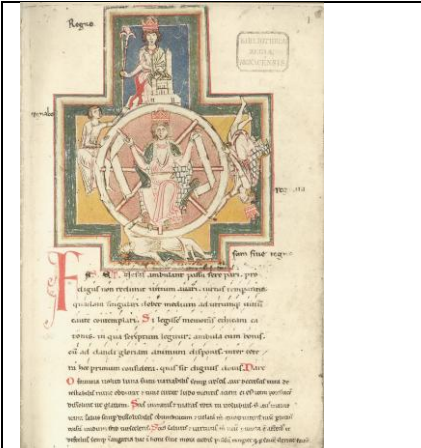
Aristotle describes the poetic techniques of the time - the plot twists. The **Reversal of Fortune**. *Reversal of the Situation and Recognition—turn upon surprises.* The **unexpected and unusual**. **Errors of Character, Words and plot invoke emotions** rather than 'spectacular' *Fear and pity may be aroused by spectacular means; but they may also result from the inner structure of the piece, which is the better way, and indicates a superior poet.* **Deed of Horror** - done with knowledge, **unknowingly**, revealed later or not done and should have been done. In many ways this is **THE CHALLENGE FOR AUTHENTIC HUMANS**. *The action may be done consciously and with knowledge of the persons, in the manner of the older poets. It is thus too that Euripides makes Medea slay her children. Or, again, the deed of horror may be done, but done in ignorance, and the tie of kinship or friendship be discovered afterwards. The Oedipus of Sophocles is an example. Here, indeed, the incident is outside the drama proper; but cases occur where it falls within the action of the play: one may cite the Alcmaeon of Astydamos, or Telegonus in the Wounded Odysseus. Again, there is a third case,— (to be about to act with knowledge of the persons and then not to act. The fourth case is) when some one is about to do an irreparable deed through ignorance, and makes the discovery before it is done. These are the only possible ways. For the deed must either be done or not done,— and that **wittingly or unwittingly**. But of all these ways, to be about to act knowing the persons, and then not to act, is the worst. It is shocking without being tragic, for no disaster follows. It is, therefore, never, or very rarely, found in poetry. One instance, however, is in the Antigone, where Haemon threatens to kill Creon. The next and better way is that the deed should be perpetrated. Still better, that it should be perpetrated in ignorance, and the discovery made afterwards. There is then nothing to shock us, while the discovery produces a startling effect. The last case is the best, as when in the Cresphontes Merope is about to slay her son, but, recognising who he is, spares his life. So in the Iphigenia, the sister recognises the brother just in time. Again in the Helle, the son recognises the mother when on the point of giving her up. This, then, is why a few families only, as has been already observed, furnish the subjects of tragedy. It was not art, but happy chance, that led the poets in search of subjects to impress the tragic quality upon their plots. They are compelled, therefore, to have recourse to those houses whose history contains moving incidents like these.*

Aristotle seems to be an authentic analyst, He describes his analysis and his views on things of what seems good or bad to him - he explains and says what he thinks. His bias is there and we can see it but also we see that he has explored things - his explains what he has explored - and he provides his understanding of what he sees. But this is more than a daily diary - it is a *well ordered* mind - **exploring Topics in structured ways**. Aristotle’s insight is explorable and able to be communicated through many generations even though the detail of the man is lost. We might want to know more but we never be able to. Some will mythologize the Man and downplay the messages - emphasizing the individual and omitting the messages. Others will recognize the **human in general** rather than the **man in particular** so we can continue to talk about the human in general - like **the human condition** - rather than the man in particular - like a plurality model - and avoid traps like concentrating souly (a pun on solely) on the binary certain classifications of Hero/Victim/Perpetrator (the drama triangle) and Good/Bad.

Hesiod and Greeks and Romans developed a Cyclic Frame - *The Ages of Man*

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ages_of_Man Golden, Silver, Bronze, Heroic, Iron. Around this cyclic view comes a **binary certain - unavoidable stages of life** that we all must go through - as individuals and societies. A kind of constant “becoming” idea - where the thing “becomed” is infinitely unknown - the infinite question.

<https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/7/7d/Wheel-of-fortune-carmina-burana.jpg>

	<p>The Munuscrypt Carmina Burana depicts some bawdy material developed by many studious young clergy men who mocked and made fun of the Church.</p> <p>They were called Goliards https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goliards but it also depicts a “Wheel of Fortune” and 4 stages of life on that Wheel - <i>I will reign, I reign, I have reigned, I have lost my kingdom</i> https://www.medievalists.net/2019/09/o-fortuna-the-story-of-the-one-the-great-poems-and-songs-of-the-middle-ages/ .</p>
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The young clergy who contributed to this idea did not inherit the wealth of the family land and businesses because they were not the “first born” son and hence their bitterness towards inheritance and “reigning” over things. Instead they were sent off to schools in Paris and other places like **Graz/Gratz/Gradec** - City[1000 to 2023] (47.07071, 15.4395) in Austria. There were not enough jobs in the Church for all these educated young men so they were educated, but unwanted in their chosen career. They had to earn a living somehow and this seemed to inspire entertainment and humor. They developed their poetry and songs and bawdy games - satire, comedy, laughter, real life, mocking and making fun of things - which was a very different message to that of the Troubadours and other poets who were telling great “heroic” tales and Epic battles. It is difficult to discern exactly what was going on around this time and there are varying views of whether the Goliards were in some ways “rebels” or being encouraged by the Church to explore the normal

human condition as well as the “grand God” narratives. The **Wheel Of Fortune** is explained in Poetry <https://www.poetryintranslation.com/PITBR/Latin/CarminaBurana.php>

The weather patterns are also described in a cycle of 4 - the “seasons” which is also a standard cyclic frame - Summer, Autumn, Winter, Spring “Hope **Springs** Eternal”. The seasons of Man.

Fortuna is a Roman Goddess - a daughter of Jupiter - chance and luck - which was adopted by many Roman cities - many ports and sailing cities recognized the “fortune” of sailing and fishing the sea. Places like **Anzio/Antium/Antivm/Porto Neroniano/Nettuno** - Historic_City[-1000 to 2023] (near Rome) 41.45365, 12.6374

“Luck is Blind” and people could appreciate their Good Fortune and the nature of Fortune itself. They could **feel fortunate** about many things and **be grateful for their good fortune** - which was not “wealth” or money but human comforts - children, food, relationships, battle, life itself. I wasn’t magic or miracles but it was unknown.

Carmina Burana (Rank:30) :Author(Many) :Year[1230] :Keyword(Group Humanism Poetry, Tales, Criticism, Religion) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carmina_Burana
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https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Carmina_Burana_manuscript

Manuscripts were becoming more common and contained ideas and illustrations - initially of historic battles as “history” and then more Church narratives but then with **pure unconstrained ideas** themselves. We see this in the ideas and “visions” of Hildegard and her Nuns.

Hildegard of Bingen/Sibyl of the Rhine/Hildegard - Lifespan[1098 to 1179] Born_Loc(Bermersheim vor der Höhe, Germany) Rank(80) Keyword(Religion, Composer, Music, Lyric, Philosophy, Mysticism, Visions, Medicine) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hildegard_of_Bingen
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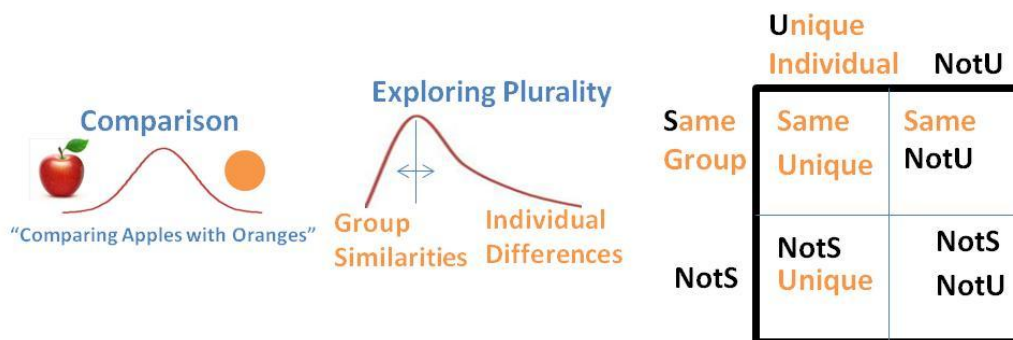
There seemed to be some shifting frames during this period of history - the focus changed away from certainty of frames to exploration and thinking. It is difficult for me to create a world taxonomy of humanity, nor would I seek to do so at any detailed level (dogma). Even at general levels things can be left out by accident or design. So it is left up to the historian to explore as much as they can and they generalize and abstract as they see things while providing sufficient detail and layers of abstraction to support their general analysis, values and values based interpretations as best they can.

See **Why Not A Humanist Manifesto** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Why-Not-A-Humanist-Manifesto.pdf>

History as an Idea

The expression “*You are comparing Apples with oranges*” is an expression used as a criticism of people for suggesting things are too similar or the “**same thing**” when in reality there are a large number of **differences** they are ignoring or simply cannot see and therefore the two things compared are really far more different than they are the same. This is the idea of “difference” (recursive, initial self reference same/different) between a grouped terms “Like” or “The same” and “difference” - “individual” “unique”. This is the **exploration of the idea of plurality** as we discuss things and communicate our shared schemas.

The **art of an analyst or historian** is to identify not only the things which are similar - or grouped in to “patterns” but also identify the differences - the “individual” - the ones that did not fit the grouped ideas.



We will see

1. Unique individuals who represent the group. (Spengler page23 *In short, is all history founded upon **general biographic archetypes**?*)
2. Grouped ideas with no identified individual (Spengler *great men and great events — may be accepted and pointed to as **symbols***)
3. Unique Individuals not identified with groups (Ditto)
4. Things not connected to either Groups or Individuals (all other frames)

An Aside: The point I make about the 4 Box model of comparing two things was an idea explored in Chinese writing as well. <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/school-names/>

The School of Names -475BC to -200BC. <https://ctext.org/gongsunlongzi/bai-ma-lun> **White Horse Discourse**

		(Shape) Horse	NotH
(Colour) White	White Horse	White NotH	
NotW	NotW Horse	NotW NotH	

Can it be that a white horse is not a horse?
It can.
How So?

"Horse" is how the shape is named; "white" is how the color is named. That which names color does not name shape. Thus I say: "a white horse is not a horse".

Having a white horse cannot be said to be having no horses. Is not that which cannot be said to be having no horses a horse? Having a white horse is having a horse; how can a white one not be a horse?

Requesting a horse, a brown or a black horse may arrive; requesting a white horse, a brown or a black horse will not arrive. By making a white horse the **same** as a horse, what is requested [in these two cases] is the **same**. If what is requested is the **same**, then a white horse is **no different** to a horse; if what is requested is **no different**, then how is it that in one case brown and black horses are acceptable, and in the other they are not? Acceptable and unacceptable are clearly in **opposition** to each other. Thus brown and black horses are also one in that one can reply that there is a horse, yet one cannot reply that there is a white horse. It is clear indeed that a white horse is not a horse.

These ideas are more easily explored using my Plurality Model for **declared things**, Gaussian **comparison** model of things "**opposite**" each other and the **4 box model to help frame**. I cannot trace the original source of this idea but it seems to be a notion constantly taught and passed down from at least -2000 and maybe thousands of years before that.

There is a problem of arguing from the *particular to the particular* (Spengler page 23) and "generalizing" - so we need to be aware of the dangers of **pre-conceived group ideas** - our abstractions - **our biases**. So when to see a Hammer we might think "tool" but we might need to think of it as a new group frame like "symbol" or "power" or "Icon" or "Magic" or whatever the history of the time shows us. E.g. **Nation** and **Country** are recent concepts which we might tend to force onto history like "First Nations" for historic people when "tribal family illiterate nomadic cannibals" is more historically accurate.

You **ought to be able to explain** why and how things can be described as "the same" and also how they can be described as "different". But we should not be too dogmatic or certain - something in the middle then?" or as **Solon** would say "**Nothing to excess**"
https://penelope.uchicago.edu/Thayer/E/Roman/Texts/Herodotus/1A*.html always leaving to room to question and explore.

History is about **remembering things**, **being able to remember** things described and understood.

- History of family - oral narratives, individuals, sayings
- History of tribe - war, conflicts, tribal binary thinking
- History of events (Climate, Weather, volcanoes, wars, famine, disease, floods)
- Trade with others - interaction with other tribes - language, communication, cooperation, trust, justice - history of transactions of things

- Travel, exploration invention discovery - history of ideas
- History

Remembering things through generations **is a big advantage for humans** when dealing with the challenges of the world. Language is not instinctive - language needs to be taught and learned.

- What is Family?
- What is Tribe?
- What are Events?
- What is Group Telos - Communication, Cooperation, Trust, Justice, Sustainability
- What is the History of Ideas?
- What is History?

Every generation of Humans **has to constantly make sense of these things** and pass the history on to those coming after - by keeping the history - allow things to be remembered and explored and discussed. The **Warning Signs**.

The **history of history writing** is a large topic not explored here - there is a long history of people writing about the history of their times - not merely as autobiographies - but as authentic records https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_historians. There was an awareness of the idea of History. History writing was commissioned and supported as a job https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Secret_History_of_the_Mongols to the extent that record keepers and chroniclers travelled with warring parties so the stories could be retold. We might call these people "reporters" now - "filing the report" but it was based on the idea of an awareness of history. Making sense of all the reports is a historical challenge. The **idea of Truth** was important and respected in reporting. But in our times now we are in the time of constant reporting of propaganda, lies and hagiographies - anything reported by mainstream media, the ABC, women and blacks devoted to binary tribalism, tribal zealots and other binary extremists.

Idealized ideas Idolized in Idiotology

A Frame or Form - is a simple abstraction. That's its purpose - to be simple - be able to be remembered and manipulated with other things in our schemas. It is an **idea** - a simple concept rather than a detailed schematic and detailed plan.

As simple as possible and as complex as necessary - sufficiently - in proportion. (Me now)

Common Human Frames are the Good/Bad binary frame. Good is the opposite of Bad in **comparison** of two certain things declared. Many people **only operate at this level of simplicity** and do no further work on their knowledge of things. These people tend to be called binaries, binary extremists, Marxists, Communists, Feminists, Women (on average - quotas, targets, victim narratives), Virtue Signalers (Heroes and passive aggressives), Tyrants and Tantrum throwing narcissists. They have their certain simple frame - which they love as much as themselves. They are simpletons and have no real understanding of anything other than binary simple frames like Good and Bad. It is their smug habit.

History shows some recognition of the problem of general frames needing to be adapted over time - so while you might have a General Abstract Frame of Good/Bad - it is the detail, circumstances, time and other things which might need to change and adapt although the **general abstract frame retains its general purpose**. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mutatis_mutandis **Mutatis mutandis** or **Without Loss of General Application** - making **changes as necessary at the right levels of abstraction**. In this way people understand that **Generalities** and **Stereotypes** are simply that and have some effectiveness and utility **at the general level** - but circumstances may require sometimes exploration and other levels of abstraction without discarding the general principles. Law, Economics, Science and other human endeavors recognize this idea. The *"Devil is in the Detail"* or the **difficulty is navigating different levels of abstraction of frames** (a **binary certain kind of hierarchy in itself**). Lawyers will tend to binary certain detailed dogma - not only because of the problems with navigating abstraction layers but also because of their **self-pride** in their grasp of their detailed Frames (sunk cost bias) combined with a **lack of understanding of continuums** and the **plurality model** - so they tend to prefer binary certain dogma. See Draco and Solon. Also, too, the amount of Money they can make from controlling the dogma.

See My **Meta Frames** <https://humanistman.com/home/frames/meta-frames/> 8 **Language and Symbols** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/06-Humanism-Meta-Frames-Language.pdf> , 9 **Equality and Diversity** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/07-Humanism-Meta-Frame-Equality-and-Diversity.pdf> 10 **Proportion** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/08-Humanism-Meta-Frames-Proportion.pdf>

There is a **strong human focus on Framing things**. It is built in to the human body. When someone **sees something fit their deeply held Frame** (their strong beliefs) they **Feel Overwhelmingly Satisfied** (Smug Satisfaction) and "Good" - this is the driver for **confirmation bias**. The opposite of that effect is "surprise" - an **unexpected strong reaction** with one of your confirmation biases is tricked - like missing a step on stairs <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/dopamine> . I suspect that it is a survivability feature - in a world where **95% or more is chaos and unknown** and **anxiety is such a strong driver** in many humans (women for example - on average) - the **relief of having your beliefs and schemas confirmed** means that you do not have to descend into chaos and rapidly burn large amounts of energy re-arranging your schemas and investigating the **"newly discovered chaos"** around you.

Some people want to **confirm their Simple frames so much** and get their hit of dopamine (smug, sneer) that they will **attack anyone who threatens their fame** and delude themselves that reality does not exist.

People say things like:

- *I told you it was going to happen that way.*
- *I was right - My frames and Beliefs are Correct*
- *Things were always going to be like that*
- *What Elephant in the Room?*

- *You might hate women and blacks Jon but we on the Labour party have nothing but ,respect , Fully legislated bias and lots of your money for Blacks and Women and selected tribes (paraphrasing Andrew Leigh to me)*

Gamblers **are driven** to **search for this confirmation bias** and dopamine hit - and says things like:

- *I knew I was going to lose - I am a Loser*
- *I knew I was going to eventually win - I'm a winner*

It is a **common human problem** that those who are **most anxious** and have the **least developed Frames** tend to do the most searching for confirmation bias of the little schemas and frames they have - even if it is a self-depreciation certain frame like "I am Hopeless" "no-one Likes me" "I am an entitled Black/Woman" "the world is going to End" 'Nihilism'. Drugs and Gambling dominate. Stepping out of these frames and expanding your schemas is a better **development method** than legalizing Drugs and treating dopamine addictions with "drugs" or "abstinence" - or "**doubling down**" on your tightly held simple frames.

Many **fill themselves with Virtue and Smug Goodness** when their **Frames are confirmed**.

'And others are there who are like eight-day clocks when wound up; they tick, and want people to call ticking--virtue' - Author(Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche) Year[1891] Source_Document(Thus Spake Zarathustra) Keyword(Humanism Choice Individual) <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1998/1998-0.txt>

The Rule of Sin - Sin Forgiveness Law and Justice

What is Sin or Forgiveness?

Law and justice have to do with Tribes and States - maintaining the peace, trade of civil society.

What is sin exactly? False Idols? Blasphemy, Heresy? Questioning Dogma? Upsetting **imaginary People?** Questioning the MOB/TRIBE?

Indulge me for my sins. Here's some indulgence money for your church. As long as your one certain God absolves me than I can do anything I feel like. Forgive us all - because we all sinners. I am just as bad as everyone else - no matter how many crimes I commit - because your God forgives me. I am better because I donate to the Church and am forgiven every day for my wicked and blasphemous thinking. The sanctimonious criminals spend a lot of time in churches.

Reconciliation, Truth, Reparations, Justice, Hush money, Bribe money, etc or courts of nations and societies laws? Mistakes happen and I don't forgive mistakes because it makes no sense. Pre-meditated crimes are just that - legally determined as best we can. If justice is done does that mean forgiveness is required just letting go, not obsessing, not demonizing for ever, serving your time, etc - so not forgiveness as such because reality is what it is - but letting go , moving on, but remembering, changing focus from victim mentality. The Human condition?

How can I go from the *original sin* of being born to *crimes against humanity*. Will some Greens/Labour psychopath with a messiah complex tell me?

Financial partnerships with Church and criminals (proceeds of crime) has a long history.

The Importance of The Private Individual in Society

Identity politics. The role of the private Individual in Society. Overcoming Totalitarianism, Authoritarianism and the destruction of the individual. See **Creeping Tyrannical Totalitarianism – The Destruction of the Individual** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Creeping-Tyrannical-Totalitarianism-The-Destruction-of-the-Individual.pdf>

My life, in general - is no-one else's business - I choose who to interact with and I don't expect the State to know, observe, record, (cameras, identity, film, DNA, Blood Samples, Mobile Phone Crimes, Vaccine Mandate Crimes, Thinking, Correctspeak, etc) and judge every aspect of my life and place Frankenstein with "gain of function" experiments on my DNA. You are playing with Fire and things you do not understand. Nor do I expect Private companies, Shops, Clubs, Advertisers, to steal my personal information , keep it , use it, give it government to create massive databases of certain dogma for their insane idiotological causes. That is called Totalitarianism, Authoritarianism, Tyranny and deluded psychopathy.

I am not a binary category in your deluded dogmatic schema - ***I am a Human*** (See the Elephant Man) and I refuse to be framed in a **highly detailed way** by your excessive legalistic (grafters - legal scum, Pharisees, scribes) dogmatic certainty.

For the purposes of **general interaction in society** - I have a name I am called, I am now an Adult, I now live at an address, I use one kind of public toilet based on my gender. You don't need my email, Phone numbers, blood sample, Date of Birth (except to accept that I am an adult and not a child), pictures of my face or anything else. See **Gender** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Gender.pdf> and emphasized in **Gender Schemas** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Gender-Schemas.pdf>

I Appreciate and enjoy the benefits in living in society but not to the extent of the destruction of the individual. I cooperate with reasonable decisions, well debated and explained within my group.

I don't expect businesses and politicians staffers to create a permanent database of my existence and send me emails, messages and robo phone calls whenever they feel like - lying and calling it "customer service" or "helping me". I will truthfully fill in the Census each 5 years as long as you protect my privacy. If you **make the name public** then people WILL LIE ON THE CENSUS so as to affect "History" you idiots!

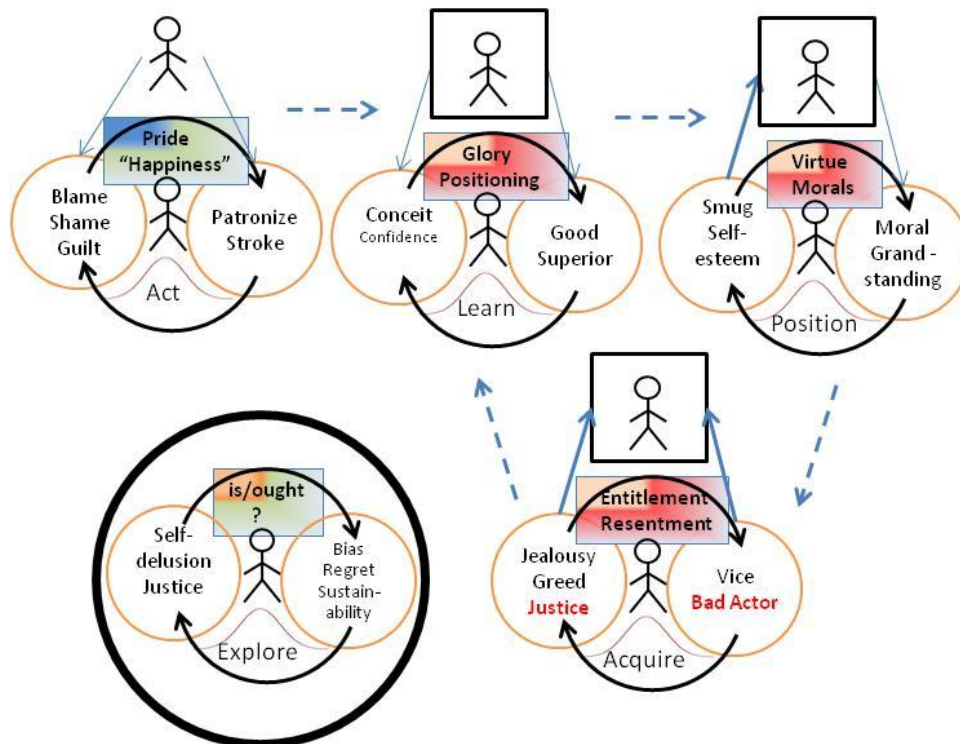
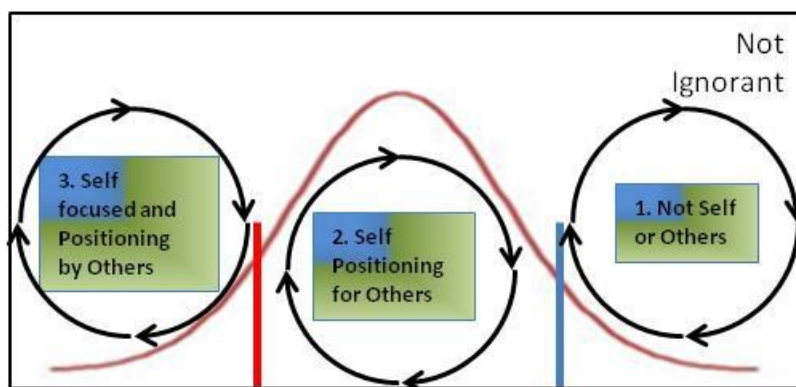
You can keep records on how much money I earn and I will pay tax to the state. I do not expect my taxes to be used to employ vast numbers of Pharisees and Scribes to record all my data and judge me on a daily basis - I do not need anyone to tell me how diverse, equal, and inclusive **I need to be (or I need to do)** or which latest god mumbo jumbo appeals to the latest fuckwit (yes, their wits are really fucked) tyrant.

Being and Becoming

Oswald Spengler emphasizes the frame of **being** and **becoming**.

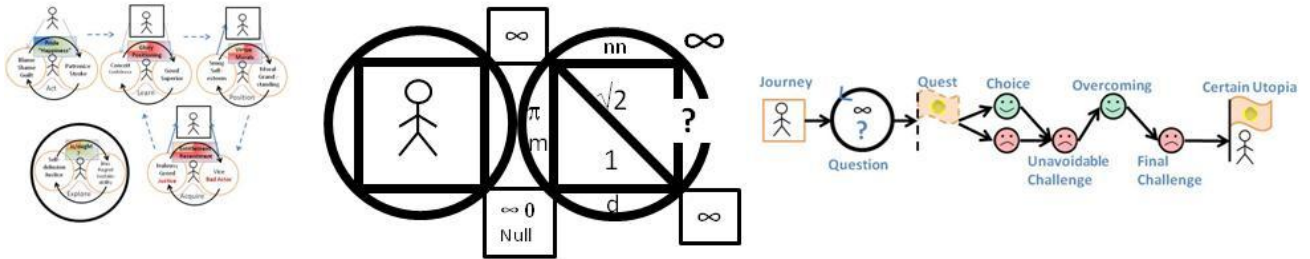
I think he is onto a key difference in cultures here. The Indian Culture - Vedas, Buddhism, Toasim - tend to see things in circles and “states of being” - where utopia itself is a state of being - whereas others (Binary zealots, Feminists, Socialists) tend to see things in a linear cause and effect model with defined start and end points. This difference in emphasis will affect how people see the world and how they tend to frame things - their biases. Some push their infinities towards an **infinite utopian NOW** while others push their infinities towards an infinite **hypothetical utopian FUTURE**

I have done several flow diagrams of a circular nature - see **Stepping Over The Bodies With Binary Certainty** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Stepping-Over-The-Bodies-With-Binary-Certainty.pdf>



- So a kind of guru state of “enlightened” existing in harmony with many other states of being.

- Versus the idea of “achieving a Thing” through a defined plan of action “doing certain Good things”.



But if you are stuck in a state of habitual “being” then you may miss noticing things you need to take action on. When to **Notice** - When to **Pay Attention**. See **Time Reaction Pattern Habit Plan** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Time-Reaction-Pattern-Habit-Plan.pdf>. Spengler makes many observations about time - including the idea of different cultures having different views on time. Being/Becoming - organic, culture as organisms (page 104). tempo, duration (p108) Time and destiny (page 119). Chapter IV. The Problem of World-history The Destiny-idea and The Causality-principle. But we can see the idea of different cultural approaches to “Being” explored in **Chapter X. Soul-image and Life-feeling, Buddhism, Stoicism, and Socialism** (page 339).

How someone sees oneself (Spengler’s Soul-Image) - if insufficient is called **insecurity** and in excess it is **narcissism**. Binary Zealots, Feminists, Communists, Socialists, Virtue-Signalers (weak minded men playing hero to victim women/blacks) tend to regard themselves as “Certain Heroes” having **certain** plans and taking **certain** action to save the world.

It seems to me you can “be” in **both states and extremes at the same time** - **extreme “smug Being”** and **extreme certain plan of action** to “achieve a thing” - the pig-ignorantly , smug, determined Zealot - hell bent on changing the world while simultaneously occupying a deluded self-contained narcissistic state of mind. We see this in Chinese, Russian (Slaves to the 5 year plan) and other typical tyrants - communists, socialists, binary zealots, feminists, women (on average - quotas, victim narratives) and weak minded men. While many others throughout history had plans and executed them at great human cost, one notable historical figure took that idea and combined it with the **One God** and **Special Personal Association with the one God of certainly everything** to a new draconian violent destructive level. The **Divine right of Kings** and the Special magical insight into God of Certainty and Power and Control and developed through **greater communication within the Roman Empire** from Personal Cults and Sects, Pythagoras, Magic, Resurrections, Healings, rumours, gossip, Excessively Detailed Draconian Laws, Special Elites - Kings, Senators, etc to **elevation through stages of divinity and association with various gods** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_imperial_cult, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apotheosis> to outright **Single Divine Certainty with an Army attached**.

Constantine “The Great” Constantine the Great/Flavius Valerius Constantinus/Constantine I - Lifespan[227 to 337] Born_Loc(Niš, Serbia) Rank(60) Keyword(Politics, King, Religion, Conversion, War) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Constantine_the_Great <https://ehistory.osu.edu/biographies/flavius-valerius-constantinus-constantine-great> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Persecution_of_pagans_in_the_late_Roman_Empire

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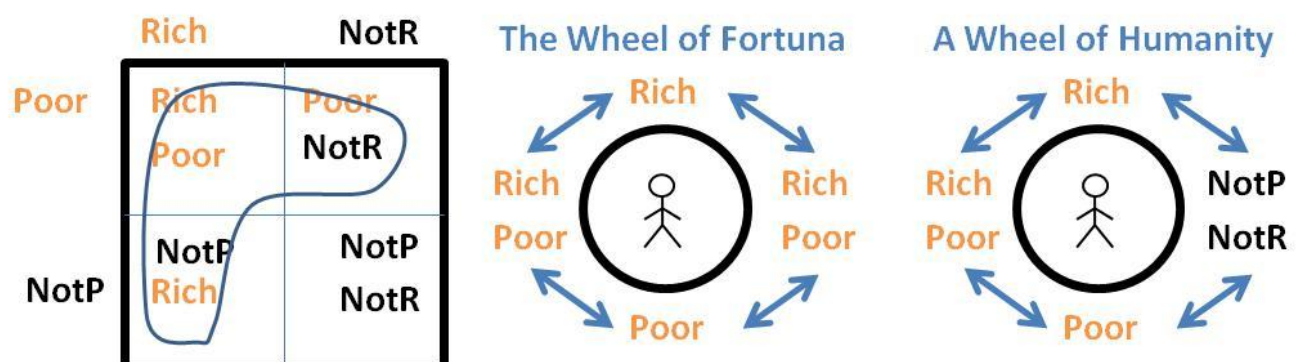
It could be argued that it was the circumstances of the time “The Crisis of the third Century”, famines, disarray, power shifts, etc that encouraged someone to come up with a “Good idea” and the “Good idea” was The Divine Right of Kings, One God of certainty with swords attached asserting power for “the greater good’ of Roman Civilization.

This elevation and **parade of Kings and Queens** through **Gods of Certainty and Power**, Statues of kings alongside statues of Gods, Temples to Men as well as temples to gods, as a sign of **divine elevation above the people they rule**, was described about Phillip of Macedon and others <https://www.jstor.org/stable/24667799> and continues throughout history. Many **Power transfer ceremonies** include the new King being anointed and accepted by all the **Magical Gods of Certainty** (Religions, Zealots, Feminists, Communists, Socialists, Gaia, binary extremists mobs, Blacks, Women (on average - hysterical tribal mobs, victim narratives, quotas), etc and their **designated representatives**.

Some temples and statues are more about love and **enjoyable memories of ideas** which individual men have created rather than a power statement and elevation to God status - although looking at the celebrities and narcissists around to day - there is no shortage of deluded psychopaths willing to erect statues to themselves.

A cautious hypothesis instead of certain plans and certain beliefs perhaps? Something in the middle then? A bit of questioning and exploration?

But we see people stuck in the certainty of their paths and, like the wheel of fortune - you can trace the path in two directions, they go from Being Rich to Being Rich in some things and Poor in other things at the same time and then to Poor and wonder what to do next to climb their way back to Rich. Or they start at being Poor and wonder how to become both Rich in some things and Poor in some things at the same time and then ultimately to being Rich. Their **certainty is fully bounded in three boxes**.



I liken this idea of the circle to the idea of **direction** - it depends which way around the circle you are going - in which direction - if you are going from poor to rich you might think that a good idea but if you are going from rich to poor you might think that a bad idea. And if you are in a mixed rich/poor state you do not know where you are heading. As an example - I am overweight. - I am too fat to be

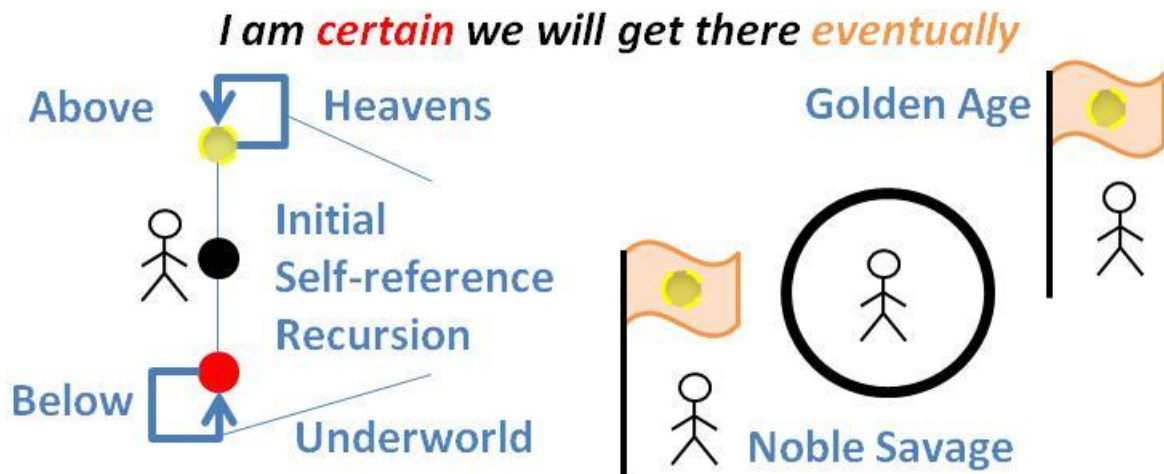
as healthy as I should be. When I Weigh myself the weight Appears If it's the weight which appeared 15 years ago when I wasn't fat but I was getting fatter I would say OH NO! Look How much I weigh and unhealthy I am. But 15 years later as I start losing weight and I approach the same weight I say "Oh Great, see How much I weigh - I am losing weight and getting healthier - the weight is the same but the ideas about it are different.

As Aside: Too many people - especially Women (on average - groupthink victims, *I expect men to like me being fat - mandated or they are misogynists, ""trolls", "shamers" and criminals*) are vastly overweight for health or to fit in a train or airline seat. Yet they claim to be victims and they want to receive Australia Day Awards for the "healthy" fatness. The word **Health** has been redefined to mean **Fat Unhealthy Woman** (on average) and they **are the victim** of - not of being fat and what they fail to do about it - their personal choice -but about **you suggesting anything else closer to reality or facts** - Like FAT WOMEN DIE (one average) earlier than healthy weighted women. You become labled and violently abused as a Fat Women hater or **Fat Shamer**. (Part of the mob's incoherence and tribal warfare - **passive aggressive** tribalists rushing to take offence at everything). Many men then marry Fat Women as a sign of virtue and "healthy" choices, in the same way that Phillip Adams (Melbourne virtue signaler) marries "black" women so he can use them and demean and parade them in public as virtue signals about his tribal/binary goodness.

Your marriage choices or Fatness has nothing to do with me - **it is none of my business - it is your private matter** - yet the idea that I have to take the knee and applaud your virtue with the rest of the virtue signaling mob and give you taxpayers funds and awards as a sign of "diversity" and "inclusion" "*Blessed are the fat people - aren't they the special victim/heroes*" - makes as much sense as bowing and scraping to blacks, women, hamster fuckers or any self-declared entitled victim dim-wit and tribal extremist. You cannot force me to have sex with women I find too fat nor demonize me for not wanting to fuck Fat women - yet somehow celebrate the inclusion of people who declare themselves to be cats or pretend to be dogs as their sexual choice (Isn't about time we had a thief, dog fetishist, gay and obscurely overtly constantly sexualized human as a high court Judge - says Joe Biden)

See **Creeping Tyrannical Totalitarianism – The Destruction of the Individual**

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What is Invention?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Four_Great_Inventions Paper, Printing, Gunpowder and Magnetic Compass.

I would not be so certain - although individuals throughout history have invented things - a number of things contribute to those inventions and the **intermingling of ideas** allows things to change and develop over time. I Question what is a "Great Invention"? (for what reason or purpose?) A **wheel** was thought of by someone - maybe many people in different places in different times. For one "race", "culture" or "individual" to claim smug or proud ownership of ideas - which are due to environment, interaction, effort, acceptance, usage and many other things - seems a bit self-possessed and narcissistic to me.

Yet there are some individuals - and groups - who adopt approaches and techniques which **help them explore** ideas and "inventions" and maybe we can learn from the variety of techniques and ideas that help these people grapple with "things" in the world.

Did Socrates "invent" thinking? I know, it is was the Blacks! (or DNA? gene 134567Xwes+++)

Ideas Emerging in 1300 to 1500

One large idea emerged as World wide trade increased - especially in Amalfi, Pisa, Genoa, Venice, Black Sea ports and the **Hanseatic League** - was cooperation in trade and defense - independent city states - *Polis* - but cooperating in defense and maintaining trade. A kind of idea of **spreading of relatively equal power** - a separation of powers rather than **binary world domination**. This is a similar idea to the **Delian League** (Athens -478BC) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Delian_League and times of the **Peloponnesian War** (-430BC to -431BC) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peloponnesian_War which I have not studied in detail. Which starts as a defensive and protective measure but power goes to the Tyrants heads - **Power Corrupts** and **Dogma invades** with Scribes, Pharisees, political advisors and other legal scum grafters. Aristophanes **Peace** Play [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_\(play\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peace_(play)) of the time - an early explorative human based **War and Peace** motif - was popular at this time as Greeks tried to make sense of things.

But in the 1200s - 1500's the Mongols and later the Khans had stifled the world trade and hoarded their gold but then the "wealth" had to be re-distributed some how rather than being shifted from cave to cave every time someone killed their brother or attacked a city. See my map **Humanistman - People 1000 to 1400** and <https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=12eISBVB-ZfywosgWX7UkATWmd8Gh68U&ll=24.939000073483705%2C0&z=2> the travels of

William of Rubruk/Willem van Ruysbroeck/Guillaume de Rubrouck/Willielmus de Rubruquis Rubrouck - Lifespan[1210 to 1270] Born_Loc(Rubrouck, Flanders) Rank(70) Keyword(Religion, Explorer, Travel, Mongols, China) <https://factsanddetails.com/china/cat2/4sub8/entry-5486.html>
<https://iranicaonline.org/articles/william-of-rubruck>
<https://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/texts/rubruck.html>

Coins had been used for thousands of years. Trade grew, administration grew, more records and contracts - trust and patterns of trade developed. Wealth had some "use" and was spread throughout the community rather than hoarded in one place. Centuries later this was called the idea of the "Commonwealth" (Common man, Common wealth). This is considered an **Idea of The West**. Banks were established in Italy - places like Genoa, Florence, Venice became wealthy cities.

Florence was situated on the major trade roads and maritime trade centers - between 3 major centers of wealth and power - Venice, Rome and Genoa and largely protected from the wars which were raging on the barbarian and invasions fronts.

Habsburgs in Austria, London - especially Wool and Clothes - developed guilds and **more cooperation** and daily interaction others from different places with different ideas. Cities were very cosmopolitan and wealthy - artisans were **employed** rather than slaves - there were jobs in the cities - not only churches and universities. More highly paid jobs were available - illustrated manuscripts, portraits, art, sculpture - not only for the religious wealth but for general purposes. Work was commissioned not only by Kings and Religious leaders but by many others as well who could afford to pay.

Cities throughout Europe became larger and more wealthy. I have not noticed the same rate of growth of cities in places like India, Asia generally, Africa. In general - the trading ports on the coast around the world grew in wealth and size and through Eastern Europe in particular - more church towns and Trade Towns continued their push northwards and eastwards. People were invited to establish Forts and Towns in Europe - not only displaced people and tribes but strong fighting groups trained in combat who had gained wealth from religious pilgrimage and travel protection jobs - Knights Hospitaller. Exposed Areas and Settlements on the Barbarian Frontiers in Places like **Baku/Baki/Bukuh/Bakuya** - Historic_Settlement[-10000 to 2023] 40.40926, 49.86709 and in the Caspian Sea and **Poduri/Cucuteni-Trypillia culture** - Ancient_Settlement[-5500 to -2750] 46.4698, 26.55179 continued to be constantly destroyed and raided by barbarians.

A **layered onion of Barbarians** with some centers of more civilized and advanced communities protected by **layers of Barbarian Hordes in various degrees** and safer city states in various Physical locations protected from the natural landscape of rivers, mountains valley and being away from the main traffic choke points on the Planet. The Wild West in layers. While your enemy is fighting their enemy they are not fighting you. Very much like Tribal Australia and USA where some outlying communities and tribal dominated cities are completely barbarian and dysfunctional and selected

inner city areas regard themselves as “safe” and “civilized”. Barbarians always invade and seek to destroy and kill anything that gets in their way. **Sitting around all day taking drugs, having sex, torturing and demonizing each other, killing each other and eating each other because there is no other idea.** This dates back thousands of years and also documented by Greeks and Romans when they notice the tribes.

Nordic countries were becoming more populated although Russia had few cities and was a vassal state of the Golden Horde. Mesopotamia, Egypt, Levant, North Africa, Pakistan, India had been overrun by the Khans and Religious Zealots soon to become the **Ottoman Empire (tyrannical psychopathic** “World Domination Ideation” and “unified Administration”, “Final Solution” systems similar to Marxism, Communism, Fascism, “Equality”, “Diversity”, “Inclusion”, “Truth”, etc and other binary extremist models - **murderous “khan-like” violence and corruption, Autocracy and greed**) with centuries of warfare and territorial expansion into Europe and ongoing piracy by the North African Babarys. While Spain was defending itself from African Religious Zealots, Portugal joined the shipping business and started exploring the Atlantic seas - largely due to the complete shutdown and control of trade by Ottoman and affiliated Muslim dominated Khanates. As the Religious Zealotry spread, people fled into Europe while some Jewish Groups - who were being persecuted in Europe were invited to join the Ottoman Empire. Meanwhile the Ottomans were importing and stealing slaves with the help of the Berber tribes and North Africans who were dealing with African Tribes of the Sub-Sahara - African traders around Ethiopia, the Swahili coast, Zanzibar. Ottomans were also raiding unprotected parts of Europe for slaves

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slavery_in_the_Ottoman_Empire - particularly to create Harems of enslaved women and girls and Eunuchs as functionaries, guards, warriors, galley slaves and administrators - a kind of **pious enslavement** idea which dominates many religious types. If you are **slave to me** and I am a **slave to God Almighty** (The certain cause) then what could be better than that?

The idea of Murder, Death and Destruction of anyone who disagrees with you is a key feature of the Religious Zealots, those who believe that one man is God or is the real God or the One who knows God (and other similar cults which attract so many of the ignorant and weak-minded) - fundamental belief in a Book or Words of a Man. Yet The Buddhist - also follows beliefs of a Man - who did not claim to be God, who did not claim to be the Son of God or know all about God - yet they don't follow the invasions, murder and rape tyrannical psychopathy adopted by the certain God religions (all while shouting *I will deliver perfect peace with My sword of certainty - and destroy your cities (Mecca, Arabia and the Levant, Africa, etc and take all your money while I am it).* **Certain Paradise** awaits the devout and righteous murderous psychopath

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_ten_to_whom_Paradise_was_promised

The **Delusions of Eternal paradise** is enough motivation for most fuckwits, Barbarians, religious Zealots, Greens/Labour, Communists, Socialists, Feminists, Women (on average passive aggressive, victim narratives), binary extremists and weak-minded men to lie, cheat, steal, kill, burn, murder, - all the corruptions you can imagine to destroy anyone or anything which gets in their way of “Paradise”.

The ideas of “Tributes” had been around since the Greeks - as each city was conquered it had to pay money to the conqueror as a tribute. Money and Wealth. Movement of traders in earlier times

through Mesopotamia was the same and Piracy is essentially the same idea - give me all your money and wealth or I will kill you. Highway robbery and Piracy as a profession has been around thousands of years. Notably the Chinese explorer and Buddhist **Xuanzang/Chen Hui/Chen Yi/Hiuen Tsang** - Lifespan[602 to 664] Born_Loc(Chenliu/Kaifeng municipality, Henan) Rank(80) Keyword(Explorer, Religion, Monk, Translator, Chinese) - was able to talk his way out of being killed in India by displaying strong self-assurance and piety - anyway, he seemed to have done enough to convince murderous pirates to change their mind - without resorting to violence or threats - **his ability to negotiate peace** was something he probably did everyday on his travels.

The Big idea of Open trading cities - where people could freely travel and trade - and pay **reduced tribute and tax** - tax concessions - **was a new idea**. Someone had worked out that if you charged only a little money to enter your **safe port** that this encouraged more **freely conducted trade** and you were more likely to earn more money from more frequent trade and be better protected by those who used and valued your port - than you would from piracy and constant death and war. It is the ideas of **communication, cooperation** and **Autonomy** (of cities rather than empires) being developed and valued - not only for a single battle effort - but for ongoing periods of time in a more sustainable way. **This is an idea of the West**. Cities became centers of domestic and international trade and developed relationships with the surrounding rural communities and relationships with communities close to other cities. E.g. shear the sheep in many communities (E.g. Briton) - "Soften the wool" (fullers) - ship the wool of to another city (e.g. Bristol or Flanders) where the surrounding community spinners and weavers make the cloth and then ship the cloth off to another city (e.g. London) where artisans make the clothes. This then opened up competition between ports - not only for the taxes but also the services, accommodation, food and other services the cities could provide for traders and their crews for payment. This provided a basis of not only competition but and way for traders to calculate their costs and risks for embarking on a journey. Some degree of certainty and reliability.

The Trade Routes established to China by the Polo brothers and then Marco Polo - that helped build the Venetian trade - was being controlled and dominated by the Khans - the **Golden Horde** across the Asian Routes (Khan descendants and related tyrants) who were pushing further towards the Black Sea and the **Timurid Empire** - Culture[1370 to 1467] Tamerlane, Another tyrannical Khan with World Domination delusions, controlling Persia to India, the southern Asian Trade Routes and was pushing through Turkey.

Ruy Gonzalez de Clavijo - Lifespan[1360 to 1406] Born_Loc(Clavijo, Spain) Rank(30)

Keyword(Religion, Explorer, Travel, Mongols, China)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ruy_Gonz%C3%A1lez_de_Clavijo

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Ruy-Gonzalez-de-Clavijo>

<https://depts.washington.edu/silkroad/texts/clavijo/cltxt1.html>

<https://iif.wellcomecollection.org/pdf/b31354932>

<https://archive.org/details/b31354932/page/352/mode/2up> was sent by his King **Henry III of**

Castille https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_III_of_Castile to talk to Tamerlane eventually located in **Samarkand** about helping get rid of the Ottomans (Religious Zealous Tyrants) who also had World Domination fantasies. This Journey and his observations are recorded in his book. Ruy was an impressive man and held his composure under very trying circumstances and gives a good historical

account of the people and places of the time. I have marked his journey on my map **Humanistman - People 1000 to 1400** on my website <https://humanistman.com/> also available on google maps.

The Khans and Ottomans were controlling most of the world between Europe and China and India and hoarding caves of gold and fighting each other for the “wealth”. Every time a relative died everyone rushed to take the gold and kill all the rivals. Like greedy relatives at the reading of a will but with large armies and mass slaughter of “others” by “Entitled Victims” and “Deserving Elites” in the same narcissistic psychopathic deluded way we see in Greens/Labour/Feminist/Black/Tribal mobs and reminiscent of the mass slaughters, bribes and corruption that took place each Time a New Emperor took power in Rome.

The Khan family and Turk Tribes continued their slaughters for 100s of years across the northern Asian silk roads.

Meanwhile, various parts of Europe were trying to communicate and cooperate with each other politically - marriages and alliances - and in trade - with trade Power houses and Trades cities also becoming part of the discussion - while the Christian related religions were fracturing under the constant blatant corruption and internal debates about various in discussions about magic, saints, relics and divinity.

This trade cooperation and business idea also meant that in many cases - rival ships - who may be at war with each other - shared the ports peacefully for the benefit of money and profit rather than fight each other all the time. Some ports were more open than others and some were fully controlled by one Trade group only but this concept also applied in land based cities as well where some free movement was allowed.

As noted in the **Open Book - Ceremonial Entries, Municipal Liberties and the Negotiation of Power in Valois France, 1328-1589** Murphy, Neil (2016)

https://library.oapen.org/viewer/web/viewer.html?file=/bitstream/handle/20.500.12657/38041/9789004313712_webready_content_text.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y one idea which seemed to develop was to allow kings with their armies to pass through and stay in your city - without conquering it or killing everyone in the city or exacting regular “tribute” from the city - by form of black mail - by promising to not kill everyone in it. This idea of **promising not to kill someone WITHOUT expecting to be paid for your promise** - seems to be a recent idea and an **idea of the west**. It meant that people had to hold in their head the idea of **not** constant anxiety, fear, war, attack and defence and develop another idea in their head of toleration and general non-interference. In exchange for this was a level of **ceremonial respect** in a **mutual way** - between the sanctity of the people and the powerful ruler and army. Peace was more profitable because the economy provides the wealth and taxes rather than the constant threats of war and plunder. (**Obviously**, it is not **as simple** as that.)

Ceremonies were used to replace flags of certain conquest.

General observations

- Location (Space definition - Spengler - safe spaces - trade routes - isolation - climate)
- Wealth - Banks - Money

- Patronage of the Arts by wealthy Bankers, Traders and Merchants - Venice Genoa Florence, London, Netherlands - documents - translations - creative arts Manuscripts, paintings <http://www.worldsbestpaintings.net/artistsandpaintings/years/all/> , Books, Decorations
- Dogma - Religion
- Trade routes - dominance - golden horde - free movement - safe passage Hanseatic league - Guilds in London - Piracy - Tributes - hostages - Ransoms
- Pilgrimage routes - safe passage - knights hospitaliar (locations and groups)
- Slave trade
- Ottoman empire
- Individuals - kings, knights

Several locations on the planet are natural **pressure points for constant human contact** - which can increase knowledge and trade but also result in more death and conflict;

- Afar_Triangle/Danakil_Depression - Ancient_Paleontology[-3300000 to -100000] - Awash river valley
- Northern Egypt
- Evropos/Rey/Ray/Rhages/Arsacia/Rhagae/Rhay/Tehran - Historic_Settlement[-2000 to 2023]
- Levant
- Khyber Pass , The Kabul valley (all the other key passes through mountains in Central Asia) - Lipulekh Pass, Shipki La Pass, Karakoram Pass, Khunjerab Pass, Wakhjir Pass, Iron Gates, Bedel Pass, Muzart_Pass, Yanmen/Yanmenguan/Xixingguan Pass/Wildgoose Gate (China) - West Asia - Darial Gorge/Gate of the Alans/Iberian Gates/Caucasian Gates/Porta Caucasia/Fortes Sarmatica/Portae Caspiae/Caspian Gates (Caucasus mountains) , Caspian Gates (Near Tehran), The river valley Between Southeastern Taurus Mountains and Mesopotamia (road from Tarsus to Gaziantep/Ayntap/Hamtab (used by Hittites and many others before them),
- Black Sea, Caucasian mountains, Caspian Sea
- Baku/Baki/Bukuh/Bakuya - Historic_Settlement[-10000 to 2023]
- French South Coast - Nice and Marseilles are old constant settlement areas
- Istanbul/Byzantion/Byzantium/Nova Roma/Constantinopolis/Constantinople/Escomboli - Historic_Settlement[-1000 to 2023]
- Chang'an/Xi'an/Sian/Xiade/Xian/Singanfu - Historic_City[-10000 to 2022]
- Maritime Areas
 - Large Rivers
 - Greek islands
 - Corinth Man Made Channel
 - Bosphorus Strait (Turkey)
 - Pillars of Hercules (Mediterranean)
 - Persian Gulf
 - Red Sea
 - Malacca Strait (Malaysia)
 - West Coast of India
 - North Sea

- (later Seuz and Panama canals)

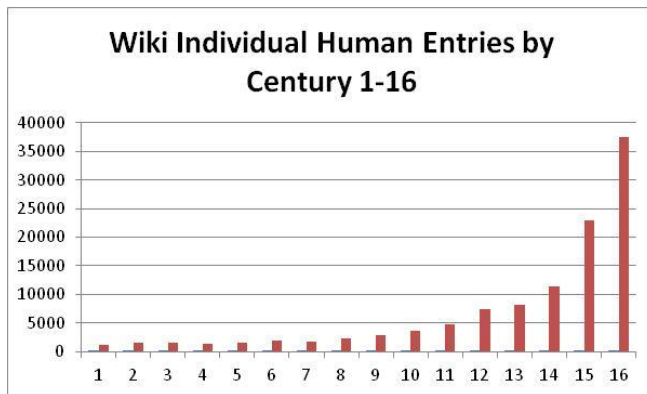
But there are **safe havens** as well more protected from the regular movement of people - off the beaten track - islands, Oasis, hidden valleys, Coa Valley, Pyrenees, Fergana Valley, Jammu and Kashmir, Elam-Khuzestan province, Cornwall, Wales, Ireland, etc. Portugal was sufficiently protected by a Spanish Layer protecting it from the Muslim barbarians allowing the push for trade to China via sea routes not controlled by the barbarians.

Things to notice about 1400s

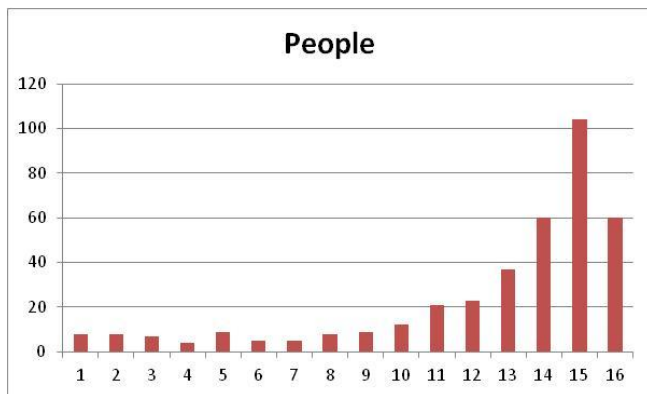
- A continuing crisis of humanity - War, regular Plagues, Corruption and Decay - armies were wiped out by disease on the way to war and coming back from war.
- Layers of barbarian tribes of various ruthlessness fighting each other as barriers to the more settled areas - **buffer zones of barbarity**. Germany and Poland becomes more settled, France, UK and Spain remain widely settled and dominated by internal fights rather than only fighting the Barbarian/Muslim hordes
- Administrative Efficiency, Ruthless Mentality, Bloodlust Joy, Tribal and harsh Landscape toughness, Religious Certainty, Moral Superiority, Graft, Bribes and Corruption, Instant Death, Greed and World Domination fantasies, Destruction of the Individual, Control of all trade and money - Ottomans/Tribes/Religious Zealots/Khans
- Huge growth of the Slave trade from Europe, Black sea areas and Africa to feed the Ottomans and others - white slaves were valued more than the blacks.
- Small locations of wealth, creativity and relative safety from war. A growing culture of critical thinking, art, humour and the individual versus the state.
- Greater shared knowledge of ideas and history
- Growth in Alchemy, Chemistry, Science, Astronomy, Printing, Business, Trade, Maritime technology - Maps, Instruments, Globes, Stars - a Sun centered universe upsets the Earth centered universe - upsetting the entrenched dogma and the learned experts by explaining reality and truth instead of divine mystics.
- Marriage and inheritance ideas have been around as long as humans have existed in families and tribes. In the 1400s the Church, State, Kings and Queens and Families the people and individuals were all being thrown around in a plurality where individuals (Kings, Queens, Church Leaders, etc), groups (Traders Guilds, Cities, Family groups (Habsburgs, Medici), Banks, Jews, tribes, etc) and collections of individuals (un affiliated groups - less connected other than by location, time and space) were all impacted by decisions of marriage, divorce, religion, group, individual choice, assets, expenditure, laws, inheritance, castles, assets, etc. Marriages and Divorces between Powerful individuals and the approval and alliances with various church groups - had huge ramifications for the population at large. **Cities were more stable** than marriages and alliances and worth not destroying everytime power changed hands. E.g. When the Ottomans destroyed in İznik 1331 - it never recovered its former glory <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C4%B0znik>

There are too many individual Humans for me to observe. A Database of Wiki humans **A cross-verified database of notable people, 3500BC-2018AD** Laouenan, M., Bhargava, P., Eyméoud, JB. et al. *A cross-verified database of notable people, 3500BC-2018AD. Sci Data 9, 290 (2022).*

<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-022-01369-4> shows a rapid growth of historically documented individuals from 1400 onwards - my graph of years from the first century to 16th



I need to do more work on the people in the 1400s and 1500s. I have selected about 60 people out of 12000 documented people from the 1400s on my database. I may have briefly looked at about 500 from around that period. All I have been taking note of (I have read some people but excluded them from **my database**) so far is



Yet I have a list of people who seem to stand out to me and I need to fully explore more in the context of the centenary (but not in this paper - it is too much)

- **Johannes Gutenberg** - Lifespan[1400 to 1468] Born_Loc(Mainz, Electorate of Mainz, Holy Roman Empire) Rank(40) Keyword(Communication, Inventor, Printer, Publisher, Goldsmith)
- Nicholas of Cusa/Nicholas - Lifespan[1401 to 1464] Born_Loc(Kues, Electorate of Trier, Holy Roman Empire) Rank(30) Keyword(Religion, Philosophy, Math, Astronomy, Humanism)
- Bessarion/Basil Bessarion - Lifespan[1403 to 1472] Born_Loc(Trebizond, Empire of Trebizond, Trabzon, Turkey) Rank(40) Keyword(Librarian, Historian, Greek, Translator, Educator, Humanism)
- Leon Battista Alberti - Lifespan[1404 to 1472] Born_Loc(Genoa, Republic of Genoa) Rank(50) Keyword(Humanism, Poet, Architect, Artist, Inventor, Maths, Philosophy)
- Lorenzo Valla/Laurentius Vallensis - Lifespan[1407 to 1457] Born_Loc(Rome, Papal States) Rank(40) Keyword(Religion, Historian, Critic, Latin, Rhetoric, Educator, Humanism)
- **William Caxton** - Lifespan[1422 to 1491] Born_Loc(unknown Kent, UK) Rank(40) Keyword(Printer, Publisher, Merchant, Diplomat, Writer, Translator)

- Cristoforo Landino - Lifespan[1424 to 1498] Born_Loc(Florence, Italy) Rank(30)
Keyword(Humanism, Law, Philosophy, Poetry, Italian Language, Renaissance)
- **Vlad the Impaler/Vlad Dracula** Dracula - Lifespan[1428 to 1476] Born_Loc(Sighișoara)
Rank(80) Keyword(Politics, King)
- Marsilio Ficino/Marsilius Ficinus/Marsilio Ficino - Lifespan[1433 to 1499] Born_Loc(Figline
Val d'Arno, Italy) Rank(30) Keyword(Humanism, Religion, Philosophy, Translator, Greek,
Latin, Astrology)
- Rodolphus Agricola - Lifespan[1444 to 1485] Born_Loc(Baflo, Netherlands) Rank(30)
Keyword(Educator, Humanism, Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Deaf)
- **Bartolomeu Dias** - Lifespan[1450 to 1500] Born_Loc(Algarve, Lisbon, Kingdom of Portugal)
Rank(60) Keyword(Explorer, Sailor, Mariner, Portuguese)
- John Cabot/Giovanni Caboto/John Cabot - Lifespan[1450 to 1500] Born_Loc(Gaeta, Kingdom
of Naples or Castiglione Chiavarese, Republic of Genoa) Rank(40) Keyword(Explorer, Sailor,
Mariner)
- Amerigo Vespucci - Lifespan[1451 to 1512] Born_Loc(Florence, Republic of Florence)
Rank(40) Keyword(Trader, Sailor, Explorer)
- **Leonardo da Vinci**/Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci/Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci Leonardo da
Vinci - Lifespan[1452 to 1519] Born_Loc(Anchiano?, Vinci, Republic of Florence) Rank(1)
Keyword(Philosophy, Art, Painting, Sculpture, Engineer, Science)
- Johann Reuchlin - Lifespan[1455 to 1522] Born_Loc(Pforzheim, Margraviate of Baden, Holy
Roman Empire) Rank(50) Keyword(Educator, Greek, Hebrew, Philosophy, Humanism)
- Sebastian Brant - Lifespan[1458 to 1521] Born_Loc(Strasbourg, Germany) Rank(30)
Keyword(Philosophy, Publishing, Satire, Humanism)
- Giovanni Pico della Mirandola/Johannes Picus de Mirandula/Giovanni Pico della Mirandola -
Lifespan[1463 to 1594] Born_Loc(Mirandola, Italy) Rank(20) Keyword(Humanism,
Philosophy, Translator, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Arabic)
- Konrad Peutinger - Lifespan[1465 to 1547] Born_Loc(Augsburg, Germany) Rank(50)
Keyword(Humanism, Librarian, Diplomacy)
- **Erasmus**/Desiderius Erasmus Roterodamus Erasmus - Lifespan[1466 to 1536] Rank(40)
Keyword(Humanism)
- Sanuto the Younger /Marin/Marino Sanudo/Sanuto - Lifespan[1466 to 1536]
Born_Loc(Venice Italy) Rank(50) Keyword(Librarian, Research, Diarist, Historian)
- Guillaume Bude/Guilielmus Budaeus - Lifespan[1467 to 1540] Born_Loc(Paris France)
Rank(10) Keyword(Humanism, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, Education, Diplomat, Librarian,
Philosophy)
- **Niccolò Machiavelli** - Lifespan[1469 to 1527] Rank(30) Keyword(Philosophy, Politics)
- Polydore Vergil of Urbino/Polydorus Vergilius/Polydore Virgil - Lifespan[1470 to 1555]
Born_Loc(Urbino) Rank(40) Keyword(History, England)
- **Nicolaus Copernicus**/Nicolaus Copernicus//Coppernic/Coppernik - Lifespan[1473 to 1543]
Rank(1) Keyword(Science Astronomy)
- **Juan Ponce de Leon** - Lifespan[1474 to 1521] Born_Loc(Sanervás de Campos, Valladolid,
Spain) Rank(60) Keyword(Explorer, Sailor, Mariner, Spain)
- **Michelangelo**/Michelangelo di Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni Michelangelo - Lifespan[1475 to
1564] Born_Loc(Caprese, Republic of Florence) Rank(1) Keyword(Artist)

- **Thomas More** - Lifespan[1478 to 1535] Rank(50) Keyword(Philosophy, Law)
- **Ferdinand Magellan** - Lifespan[1480 to 1521] Born_Loc(Sabrosa, Kingdom of Portugal) Rank(50) Keyword(Explorer, Sailor, Mariner, Portugese)
- **Martin Luther** - Lifespan[1483 to 1546] Rank(50) Keyword(Religion, Philosophy)
- **François Rabelais** - Lifespan[1494 to 1553] Rank(20) Keyword(Humanism)

I will need to spend more time integrating and exploring the 1400s in context before I can write much more.

I cannot integrate or synthesize Copernicus, Luther, Gutenberg, Michelangelo, Vlad the Impaler, Leonardo da Vinci, (and the others I have not put on my database), etc in some simple way - even in a history frame of 100 years. And then try to connect that through the times before and after in a simple way. Right there in time is an explosion of humanity - many great and interesting individuals documented - many lessons and stories - on many levels with many influences which may mirror around the time Minoans/Greeks/Romans/Santorini but maybe Kashmir, Soan valley, Fergana, Elam, Mesopotamia, Turks and maybe China. There are things connected across many places and times and I still explore the patterns and **tenuous individual threads**.

Oswald Spengler - The Decline of the West

Oswald Frames things firstly and then explores history. His Frames are Form and Actuality - Frame and Reality. Culture, Ideas, Epochs, Philosophy, Soul, Symbolism, etc. (Spengler - Page 420 The "collapse of symbolism") - *The **Faustian** and the **Apollonian** images of the soul are in blunt opposition. Once more all the old contrasts crop up. In the Apollonian we have, so to call it, **the soul-body**, in the Faustian the **soul-space**, as the **imagination-unit**. The body possesses **parts**, while the space is the scene of **processes**. Classical man conceives of his inner world plastically. (without imaginative experiences?) (page 305) The hall-mark of the **Magian** soul-image is a **strict dualism of two mysterious substances Spirit and Soul**. Between these two there is neither the Classical (**static**) nor the Western (**functional**) relation, but an altogether differently constituted relation which we are obliged to call merely "Magian" for want of a more helpful term, though we may illustrate it by contrasting the physics of Democritus and the physics of Galileo with Alchemy and the Philosopher's Stone.*

Being and Becoming - Destiny - (Spengler page 444 ..(like entropy) ..**gently-sloping route of decline** is clearly visible .. The **tyranny of the Reason** — of which we are not conscious, for we are ourselves its apex — is in every Culture an epoch between man and old-man, and no more. Its most distinct expression is the **cult of exact sciences**, of dialectic, of demonstration, of causality. Of old the Ionic, and in our case the Baroque were its rising limb, and now the question is what form will the down-curve assume? In physics as in chemistry, in biology as in mathematics, the great masters are dead, and we are now experiencing the decrescendo of **brilliant gleaners** who arrange, collect and finish-off like the Alexandrian scholars of the Roman age.... Page 446 And here, as our study draws to its conclusion, we must mention the truly Faustian theory of "**aggregates**," one of the weightiest in all this form-world of our science... In sharpest antithesis to the older mathematic, it deals, **not with singular quantities** but with the **aggregates constituted by all quantities** [or objects] having this or that specified morphological similarity) **(On Average)**

His **aggregates** idea is part of the plurality model - i.e. the failure in humans to see “singular quantities” - individual differences and groups differences and abstraction differences, etc and concentrate on dogmatic certainty (aggregates, averages, groups, etc)

On page 11 I take issue with Oswald Spengler’s view of the history of History - I agree many histories were forged and imputed but there is evidence of record keeping - with Greeks and Romans from at least -300 b.c. onwards - maybe influenced by the growth of writing with the Greeks? Alexander kept records and **knew he was involved in History.**

*But the astounding thing is not that history of this sort was produced, but that there was practically none of any other sort; and the opposition between the **Classical** and the **modern outlook** is sufficiently illustrated by saying that Roman history before 250 b.c. as known in Caesar's time, was **substantially a forgery**, and that the little that we know has been established by ourselves and was entirely unknown to the later Romans. In what sense the Classical world understood the word "history" we can see from the fact that the Alexandrine romance literature exercised the strongest influence upon serious political and religious history, even as regards its matter. **It never entered the Classical head to draw any distinction of principle between history as a story and history as documents.***

He may be making a specific point about Roman history but generalizing it to a “Classical/Modern” comparison. **I disagree** and the **clue may be** that these record keepers were **taken for granted** - and therefore seemed invisible in history - in such a way that all **contracts**, day to day matters, Decrees, King’s pronouncements, **Trade records**, Family Trees, Tributes, Sacrifices, Temple Donations, Tax records, Ransom Payments, Slave Records, ships logs - days, weather, people, number and weights of goods, etc belonged to the “scribes” - who have been around for a very long time. After all who wants to go “carving messages in stone” for the rest of eternity? Records and record keeping in stored documents was known to most cultures - at least the “Classical” cultures - why else did **written language** develop? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_writing

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Histories_of_Alexander_the_Great *Alexander's headquarters included a historical archives unit. Of lowest rank were clerks whose task it was to collect information about the day's operations and events, probably in the form of written notes. This information was reported to an officer in charge of keeping the ephemerides, “**Day Journal**,” a record of the army's doings similar to a ship's log. For most of Alexander's expedition, the officer was Diodotus of Erythrae, who remained of such low rank that he is only mentioned once anywhere. His commanding officer, Eumenes, was a Hetairios, a trusted companion of Alexander. Once the Day Journal was completed for the day, it was **made available to the army's official historian**, Callisthenes, a grand-nephew of Aristotle. He and Alexander were both peripatetics.[9]*

***Callisthenes** was not the only officer to take an interest in the Day Journal. **Cleitarchus** was writing a history, and so was **Ptolemy**. The two were together in Alexandria, Egypt, after the Partition of Babylon. The next generation of historians, such as Timagenes and Arrian, were to make extensive use of the Day Journal, as well as of the histories of Callisthenes and Ptolemy.*

Nevertheless I take Spengler’s point on Indian and Oriental cultures and different record keeping by culture.

Page 147 **Destiny and Causality** - *And just as the Greeks and the Romans neither knew nor (with their fundamental abhorrence of the Chaldean astronomy) would admit as actual any cosmos but that of the foreground; just as at bottom their deities are house-gods, city-gods, field-gods but never star-gods, so also what they depicted was only foregrounds. Never in Corinth or Athens or Sicyon do we find a landscape with mountain horizon and driving clouds and distant towns; every vase-painting has the same constituents, figures of Euclidean separateness and artistic self-sufficiency...But the Classical oracle, always consulted for the individual case, is the genuine symbol of the meaningless incident and the moment; it accepts the point-formed and the discontinuous as the elements of the world's course, and oracle-utterances were therefore entirely in place in that which was written and experienced as history at Athens.*

Book Page 148 (document page 168)) *This French revolution might have been represented by some other event of different form and occurring elsewhere, say in England or Germany. But its "idea,"— which (as we shall see later) was the transition from Culture to Civilization, the victory of the inorganic megalopolis over the organic countryside which was henceforward to become spiritually "the provinces," —was necessary, and the moment of its occurrence was also necessary.*

Book Page 151 (document page 171)) *Anyone who has absorbed these ideas will have no difficulty in understanding how the causality principle is bound to have a fatal effect upon the capacity for genuinely experiencing History when, at last, it attains its rigid form in that "late" condition of a Culture to which it is proper and in which it is able to tyrannize over the world-picture. Kant, very wisely, established causality as a necessary form of knowledge, and it cannot be too often emphasized that this was meant to refer exclusively to the understanding of man's environment by the way of reason. But while the word "necessary" was accepted readily enough, it has been overlooked that this limitation of the principle to a single domain of knowledge is just what forbids its application to the contemplation and experiencing of living history. Man-knowing and Nature-knowing are in essence entirely incapable of being compared, but nevertheless the whole Nineteenth Century was at great pains to abolish the frontier between Nature and History in favour of the former. The more historically men tried to think, the more they forgot that in this domain they ought not to think. In forcing the rigid scheme of a spatial and anti-temporal relation of cause and effect upon something alive, they disfigured the visible face of becoming with the construction-lines of a physical nature-picture, and, habituated to their own late, megalopolitan and causally-thinking milieu^ they were unconscious of the fundamental absurdity of a science that sought to understand an organic becoming by methodically misunderstanding it as the machinery of the thing become. Day is not the cause of night, nor youth of age, nor blossom of fruit.*

Everything that we grasp intellectually has a cause everything that we live organically with inward certitude has a past.

Book Page 159 (document page 179)) *Herein, then, I see the last great task of Western philosophy, the only one which still remains in store for the aged wisdom of the Faustian Culture, the preordained issue, it seems, of our centuries of spiritual evolution. No Culture is at liberty to choose the path and conduct of its thought, but here for the first time a Culture can foresee the way that destiny has chosen for it. Before my eyes there seems to emerge, as a vision, a hitherto unimagined mode of superlative historical research that is truly Western, necessarily alien to the Classical and to every other soul but ours — a comprehensive Physiognomic of all existence, a morphology of becoming for*

all humanity that drives onward to the highest and last ideas; a duty of penetrating the worldfeeling not only of our proper soul but of all souls whatsoever that have contained grand possibilities and have expressed them in the field of actuality as grand Cultures. This philosophic view — to which we and we alone are entitled in virtue of our analytical mathematic, our contrapuntal music and our perspective painting — in that its scope far transcends the scheme of the systematist, presupposes the eye of an artist, and of an artist who can feel the whole sensible and apprehensible environment dissolve into a deep infinity of mysterious relationships. So Dante felt, and so Goethe felt. To bring up, out of the web of world-happening, a millennium of organic culture-history as an entity and person, and to grasp the conditions of its inmost spirituality — such is the aim. Just as one penetrates the lineaments of a Rembrandt portrait or a Cassar-bust, so the new art will contemplate and understand the grand, fateful lines in the visage of a Culture as a superlative human individuality.

*Book Page 233 (document page 253)) The period of the great protest was the 7th Century in Greece and (therefore) the 15th in West Europe. In both cases we have in reality an outbreak of deep-seated discordances in the Culture, which physiognomically dominates a whole epoch of its history and especially of its artistic world —in other words, **a stand that the soul attempts to make against the Destiny that at last it comprehends**. The inwardly recalcitrant forces— Faust's second Soul that would separate itself from the other — are striving to deflect the sense of the Culture, to repudiate, to get rid of or to evade its inexorable necessity; it stands anxious in presence of the call to accomplish its historical fate in Ionic and Baroque. This anxiety fastened itself in Greece to the Dionysuscult with its musical, dematerializing, body-squandering orgasm, and in the Renaissance to the tradition of the Antique and its cult of the bodily-plastic tradition. In each case, the alien expression-means was brought in consciously and deliberately, in order that the force of a directly-opposite form-language should provide the suppressed feelings with a weight and a pathos of their own, and so enable them to stand against the stream — in Greece the stream which flowed from Homer and the Geometrical to Phidias, in the West that which flowed from the Gothic cathedrals, through Rembrandt, to Beethoven.*

It follows from the very character of a counter-movement that it is far easier for it to define what it is opposing than what it is aiming at.

*Book Page 255 (document page 275)) Our tragedies, consequently, are tragedies of the past and of the future — the latter category, in which men yet to be are shown as carriers of a Destiny, is represented in a certain sense by "Faust," "Peer Gynt" and the "Gotterdammerung." But tragedies of the present we have not, **apart from the trivial social drama of the 19th Century**. If Shakespeare wanted on occasion to express anything of importance in the present, he at least removed the scene of it to some foreign land — Italy for preference — in which he had never been, and German poets likewise take England or France — always for the sake of getting rid of that nearness of time and place which the Attic drama emphasized even in the case of a mythological subject.*

Book Page 286 (document page 266)) The opposition of Apollinian and Faustian ideals of Humanity may now be stated concisely. Act and Portrait are to one another as body and space, instant and history, foreground and background, Euclidean and analytical number, proportion and relation. The Statue is rooted in the ground. Music (and the Western portrait is music, soul woven of colour-tones) invades and pervades space without limit. The fresco-painting is tied to the wall, trained on it, but the

oil-painting, the "picture" on canvas or board or other table, is free from limitations of place. The Apollinian form-language reveals only the become, the Faustian shows above all a becoming.

Being and Becoming - instead of a static portrait we see display of active people and various degrees of focus and abstraction. The whole, is presented in movement, focus and an engagement of the observer with abstract representations of those observed in time and place in history. We **are invited to participate in the idea**. The distance and infinity is represented in the windows and the halls - the **vagueness of many things is balanced with the movement and focus of a room full of people engaged in a moment** of becoming. **Adolph Friedrich Erdmann von Menzel (1815 to 1905)**
The Meeting of Frederick II and Joseph II in Neisse in 1769, 1857 (aged 42) Public



Book Page 278 (document page 298)) **Leonardo discovered the circulation of the blood.** It was no Renaissance spirit that brought him to that — on the contrary, the whole course of his thought took him right outside the conceptions of his age. Neither Michelangelo nor Raphael could have done it, for their painter's anatomy looks only at the form and position, not the function, of the parts. In mathematical language, it is stereometry as against analysis.

Book Page 285 (document page 305)) With the exit of fresco and oil-painting, the great masters of absolute plastic and absolute music file on to the stage, man after man. Polycletus is followed by Phidias, Pasonius, Alcamenes, Scopas, Praxiteles, Lysippus. Behind Bach and Handel come Gluck, Stamitz, the younger Bachs, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven — in their hands an armoury of wonderful and now long-forgotten instruments, **a whole magician's world created by the discovering and**

inventing spirit of the West in the hope of getting more and more tones and timbres for the service and enhancement of musical expression — in their winds an abundance of grand, solemn, ornate, dainty, ironic, laughing and sobbing forms of perfectly regular structure, forms that no one now understands. In those days, in 15th-Century Germany especially, there was actually and effectively a culture of Music that suffused all Life. Its type was Hoffmann's Kapellmeister Kreisler. To-day it is hardly even a memory.

Book Page 292 (document page 312)) In Corot and Tiepolo, Mozart and Cimarosa, there **is still a real mastery of the mother-tongue**. After them, **the process of mutilation begins, but no one is conscious of it because no one now can speak it fluently. Once upon a time**. Freedom and Necessity were identical; **but now what is understood by freedom is in fact indiscipline**. In the time of Rembrandt or Bach the "failures" that we know only too well were quite unthinkable. The Destiny of the form lay in the race or the school, not in the private tendencies of the individual. Under the spell of a great tradition full achievement is possible even to a minor artist, because the living art brings **him in touch with his task and the task with him**. To-day, these artists can no longer perform what they intend, for **intellectual operations are a poor substitute for the trained instinct that has died out**. All of them have experienced this. Marees was unable to complete any of his great schemes. Leibl could not bring himself to let his late pictures go, and worked over them again and again to such an extent that they became cold and hard. Cezanne and Renoir left work of the best quality unfinished because, strive as they would, they could do no more. Manet was exhausted after he had painted thirty pictures, and his "Shooting of the Emperor Maximilian," in spite of the immense care that is visible in every item of the picture and the studies for it, hardly achieved as much as Goya managed without effort in its prototype the "shootings of the 3rd of May." Bach, Haydn, Mozart and a thousand obscure musicians of the 18th Century could rapidly turn out the most finished work as a matter of routine, but **Wagner knew full well that he could only reach the heights by concentrating all his energy upon "getting the last ounce" out of the best moments of his artistic endowment**.

.. All that Nietzsche says of Wagner is applicable, also, to Manet. Ostensibly a return to the elemental, to Nature, as against contemplation-painting (Inhaltsmalerei) and abstract music, their art really signifies a concession to the **barbarism of the Megalopolis**, the beginning of dissolution **sensibly manifested in a mixture of brutality and refinement**. As a step, it is necessarily the last step, an artificial art **has no further organic future, it is the mark of the end**. And the bitter conclusion is that it is all irretrievably over with the arts of form of the West. The crisis of the 19th Century was the death-struggle. Like the Apollinian, the Egyptian and every other, the Faustian art dies of senility, having actualized its inward possibilities and **fulfilled its mission within the course of its Culture**.

.. We go through all the exhibitions, the concerts, the theatres, and find only industrious cobblers and noisy fools, who delight to produce something for the market, something that will 'catch on' with a public for whom art and music and drama have long ceased to be spiritual necessities. At what a level of inward and outward dignity stand to-day that which is called art and those who are called artists! In the shareholders' meeting of any limited company, or in the technical staff of any first-rate engineering works there is more intelligence, taste, character and capacity than in the whole music and painting of present-day Europe. There have always been, for one great artist, a hundred superfluities who practiced art, but so long as a great tradition (and therefore great art) endured even these achieved something worthy. We can forgive this hundred for existing, for in the ensemble of the tradition they were the footing for the individual great man. But to-day we have only these

superfluities, and ten thousand of them, working art "for a living" (as if that were a justification!). One thing is quite certain, that to-day every single art-school could be shut down without art being affected in the slightest. We can learn all we wish to know about the art-clamour which a megalopolis sets up in order to forget that its art is dead from the Alexandria of the year 100. There, as here in our world-cities, we find a pursuit of illusions of artistic progress, of personal peculiarity, of *' the new style," of "unsuspected possibilities," theoretical babble, pretentious fashionable artists, weight-lifters with cardboard dumb-bells — the "Literary Man " in the Poet's place, the unabashed farce of Expressionism which the art-trade has organized as a "phase of art-history," thinking and feeling and forming as industrial art. Alexandria, too, had problem-dramatists and box-office artists whom it preferred to Sophocles, and painters who invented new tendencies and successfully bluffed their public. What do we possess to-day as " art"? A faked music, filled with artificial noisiness of massed instruments; a raked painting, full of idiotic, exotic and showcard effects, that every ten years or so concocts out of the form-wealth of millennia some new "style" which is in fact no style at all since everyone does as he pleases; a **lying plastic** that steals from Assyria, Egypt and Mexico indifferently. **Yet this and only this, the taste of the "man of the world," can be accepted as the expression and sign of the age; everything else, everything that "sticks to" old ideals, is for provincial consumption.**

.. Every modern age holds change to be development, and puts revivals and fusions of old styles in the place of real becoming.

See **Creeping Tyrannical Totalitarianism – The Destruction of the Individual**

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For 1500 years (Amasis I to Cleopatra) Egypticism piled portrait on portrait in the same way. Instead of the steady development that the great age had pursued through the Old and Middle Kingdoms, we find fashions that change according to the taste of this or that dynasty. Amongst the discoveries at Turfan are relics of Indian dramas, contemporary with the birth of Christ, which are similar in all respects to the Kalidasa of a later century. Chinese painting as we know it shows not an evolution but an up-and-down of fashions for more than a thousand years on end; and this unsteadiness must have set in as early as the Han period. The final result is that **endless industrious repetition of a stock of fixed forms** which we see to-day in Indian, Chinese, and Arabian-Persian art. Pictures and fabrics, verses and vessels, furniture, dramas and musical compositions — all is patternwork.* We cease to be able to date anything within centuries, let alone decades, by the language of its ornamentation. **So it has been in the Last Act of all Cultures.**

Book Page 299 (document page 319)) **What is it — the Soul? If the mere reason could give an answer to that question, the science would be, ab initio, unnecessary**

Here, Oswald Spengler is in the initial self-reference, recursions space - the A-Priori, Bootstrapping. The "something" which is not easily defined yet somehow "exists". In my model I have put those into "the question" in plurality model - the open question mark that cuts through our certain

schemas. Some can leave this as an open question. Binaries - dive to **totalitarian, dogmatic god-like certainty** and "belief". My question mark is recursive, initial self-referencing and infinite.

*Will — this is no notion, but a name, a **prime-word like God**, a sign for something of which we have an **immediate inward certainty** but which we are for ever unable to describe. ... To attempt to get an "exact" science out of the ever-mysterious soul is futile. But the late-period City must needs have abstract thinking and it forces the "physicist of the inner world" to **elucidate a fictitious world by ever more fictions, notions by more notions**. He transmutes the non-extended into the extended, builds up a system as "cause" for something that is only manifested physiognomically, and **comes to believe that in this system** he has **the structure of "the" soul before his eyes**.*

*I maintain, then, that scientific psychology (and, it may be added, the psychology of the same kind that we all unconsciously practise when we try to "figure to ourselves" the stirrings of our own or others' souls) has, in its inability to discover or even to approach the essence of the soul, simply added one more to the symbols that collectively make up the Macrocosm of the culture-man. Like everything else that is no longer becoming but become, it has put a mechanism in place of an organism. We miss in its picture that which fills our feeling of life (and should surely be "soul" if anything is) the Destinyquality, the necessary directedness of existence, the possibility that life in its course actualizes. I do not believe that the word "Destiny" figures in any psychological system whatsoever — and we know that nothing in the world could be more remote from actual life-experience and knowledge of men than a system without such elements. Associations, apperceptions, affections, motives, thought, feeling, will — all are dead mechanisms, the mere topography of which constitutes the insignificant total of our "soul-science." One looked for Life and one found an ornamental pattern of notions. And the soul remained what it was, **something that could neither be thought nor represented, the secret, the ever-becoming, the pure experience**.*

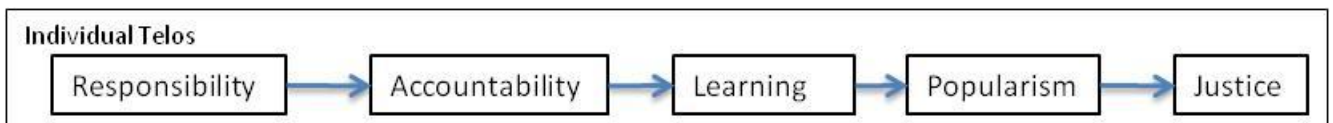
*Book Page 314 (document page 334)) **The question is now:** How far is the man of this Culture himself fulfilling what the **soul-image that he has created requires of him?** If we can, to-day, state the theme of Western physics quite generally to be efficient space, we have ipso facto defined also the kind of existence, the **content of existence as lived by contemporary man**.*

*... The significance of Aristotle's phrase **greek phrase**— quite untranslatable and habitually translated with a Western connotation — is that it refers to men who are **nothing when single** and lonely (what could be more preposterous than an Athenian Robinson Crusoe!) and only **count for anything when in a plurality, in agora or forum, where each reflects his neighbour and thus, only thus, acquires a genuine reality**. It is all implicit in the phrase *cufxaTa TroXecos*, used for the burghers of the city. And thus we see that the Portrait, the centre of Baroque art, is identical with the representation of a man to **the extent that he possesses character**, and that in the best age of Attic the representation of a man in respect of his attitude, as persona, necessarily leans to the form-ideal of the nude statue.*

*In any Culture, that element is "popular" which has come down unaltered from primitive states and imaginings, which a man understands from childhood without having to master by effort any really novel method or standpoint — and, generally, that which is immediately and frankly evident to the senses, as against that which is merely hinted at and has to be discovered — **by the few, and sometimes the very, very few**. There are popular ideas, works, men and landscapes. Every Culture has its own quite definite sort of esoteric or **popular character that is immanent in all its doings**, so*

far as these have symbolic importance. The commonplace **eliminates differences of spiritual breadth as well as depth between man and man**, while the **esoteric emphasizes and strengthens them**. Lastly, considered in relation to the **primary depth-experience of this and that kind of awakening man** — that is, in relation to the prime-symbol of his existence and the cast of his worldaround — the purely **"popular" and naive** associates itself with the symbol of the bodily, **while to the symbol of endless Space belongs a frankly un-popular relation between the creations and the men of the Culture**.

I agree with the general idea that **Popularity** as habitually assumed in a culture by awakening to the un-popular - the difference - usually in the plurality of the individual seems far more difficult to grasp.



Book Page 329 (document page 349) We have not only an art for artists, but also a mathematic for mathematicians, a politic for politicians (of which the profanum vulgus of newspaper-readers has not the smallest inkling,* whereas Classical politics never got beyond the horizon of the Agora), a religion for the **"religious genius"** and a poetry for philosophers. Indeed, we may take the craving for wide effect as a sufficient index by itself of the commencing and already **perceptible decline of Western science**. That the severe esoteric of the Baroque Age is felt now as a burden, is a symptom of sinking strength and of the dulling of that distance-sense which **confessed the limitation with humility**. The few sciences that have kept the old fineness, depth, and energy of conclusion and deduction and have **not been tainted with journalism** — and few indeed they are, for theoretical physics, mathematics, **Catholic dogma**, and perhaps **jurisprudence** exhaust the list — address themselves to a **very narrow and chosen band of experts**. And it is **this expert**, and his opposite the layman, that are totally lacking in the Classical life, **wherein everyone knows everything**. The great mass of Socialists would cease to be Socialists if they could understand the Socialism of the **nine or ten men who to-day grasp it with the full historical consequences that it involves knows everything**. For us, the **polarity of expert and layman has all the significance of a high symbol**, and when the tension of this distance is beginning to slacken, there the Faustian life is fading out.

Book Page 341 (document page 361)) In this matter of morale. **Western mankind, without exception**, is under the influence of an **immense optical illusion**. **Everyone demands something of the rest**. We say **"thou shalt"** in the conviction that so-and-so in fact will, can and must be changed or fashioned or arranged conformably to the order, and our belief both in the efficacy of, and in our title to give, **such orders is unshakable**. That, and nothing short of it, **is, for us, morale**. In the ethics of the West everything is direction, **claim to power, will to affect the distant**. Here Luther is completely at one with Nietzsche, Popes with Darwinians, Socialists with Jesuits; for one and all, the beginning of morale is a claim to **general and permanent validity**. It is a necessity of the Faustian soul that this should be so. He who thinks or teaches "otherwise" is sinful, a backslider, a foe, and **he is fought down without mercy**. You "shall," the State "shall," **society "shall"** — this form of morale is to us self-evident; it represents the only real meaning that we can attach to the word. But it was not so either in the Classical, or in India, or in China. Buddha, for instance, gives a pattern to take or to

leave, and Epicurus offers counsel. Both undeniably are forms of high morale, and neither contains the will-element.

David Hume's "ought" - we (all of "us") "ought to do this". This is the binary virtue signaling we see in binary extremists - Marxists, communists, religious zealots, fascists, feminists, women (on average - victims, quotas) and weak minded men (virtue signalers and children).

.. an important element both of Stoic and of Epicurean philosophy was the recognition of a category of things **neither preferred nor rejected**

This is the NOT,NOT - double negative - neti, neti of the Vedas.

To go back upon this basic form of his existence, let alone transform it, is entirely beyond the power of Faustian man. It is presupposed even in efforts to resist it. One fights against "advanced" ideas, but all the time he **looks on his fight itself as an advance**. Another **agitates for a "reversal," but what he intends is in fact a continuance of development**. 'Immoral is only a new kind of "moral" and sets up the same claim to primacy. The will-to-power is intolerant — all that is Faustian wills to reign alone. The Apollinian feeling, on the contrary, with its world of **coexistent individual things**, is **tolerant as a matter of course**. But, if toleration is in keeping with will-less Ataraxia, it is for the Western world with its oneness of infinite soul-space and the singleness of its fabric of tensions the sign either of self-deception or of fading-out. The Enlightenment of the 18th Century was tolerant towards — that is, **careless of** — differences between the various Christian creeds, but in respect of its own relation to the Church as a whole, it was anything but tolerant as soon **as the power to be otherwise came to it**.

Book Page 344 (document page 364)) It is **quite wrong to bind up Christianity with the moral imperative**. It was not Christianity that transformed Faustian man, but **Faustian man who transformed Christianity** — and he not only **made it a new religion** but also gave it a **new moral direction**. The "it" became "I," the **passion-charged centre of the world, the foundation of the great Sacrament of personal contrition**. Will-to-power even in ethics, the **passionate striving to set up a proper morale as a universal truth, and to enforce it upon humanity, to reinterpret or overcome or destroy everything otherwise constituted** — **nothing is more characteristically our own than this is**.

Book Page 348 (document page 368)) The text of a conviction is never a test of its reality for **man is rarely conscious of his own beliefs**. Catchwords and doctrines are always more or less popular and external as **compared with deep spiritual actualities**.

This is the narcissistic who is unaware of reality and **completely obsessed with their own schemas without self-awareness**. He is not aware that he has "beliefs". **He is too stupid to know how stupid he is**.

Socialism — in its highest and not its street-corner sense — is, like every other Faustian ideal, exclusive. It owes its popularity only to the fact that it is completely misunderstood even by its exponents, who present it as a sum of rights instead of as one of duties, an abolition instead of an intensification of the Kantian imperative, a slackening instead of a tautening of directional energy. The trivial and superficial tendency towards ideals of "welfare," "freedom," "humanity," the doctrine of the "greatest happiness of the greatest number," are mere negations of the Faustian ethic — a

very different matter from the tendency of Epicureanism towards the ideal of "happiness," for the condition of happiness was the actual sum and substance of the Classical ethic.

.. The **brain rules, because the soul abdicates**. Culture-men live unconsciously, Civilization-men consciously. The **Megalopolis** — **sceptical**, Rousseau's *Contrat Social* is paralleled by exactly equivalent productions of Aristotle's time. 'The first on the atheistical system of Sankhya, the second (through Socrates) on the Sophists, the third on English sensualism, practical, artificial — alone represents Civilization to-day. The soil-peasantry before its gates does not count. The "People" means the city-people, an inorganic mass, something fluctuating. The peasant is not democratic — this again being a notion belonging to mechanical and urban existence— and **he is therefore overlooked, despised, detested**.

Book Page 356 (document page 376)) Each Culture, further, has its **own mode of spiritual extinction** which is that which follows of necessity from its life as a whole. And hence Buddhism, Stoicism and Socialism are **morphologically equivalent** as **end-phenomena**.

Yes, I agree, the **linear end point** of the binary thinkers - "Utopia" "Nirvana" - but also too the "unbelievers" of this linear certainty can also be called 'spiritually extinct' or "unenlightened" or "still developing" or "heretics" - a term of abuse used by many "believers" to demonize others - and hence a drive to tribal violence. Buddhism expresses the idea as actions and behaviours - a **development model**, others express it as **faith and belief** and **adherence to dogma**.

Buddhism rejects all speculation about God and the cosmic problems; **only self and the conduct of actual life are important to it**. And it definitely did not recognize a soul. The standpoint of the Indian psychologist of early Buddhism was that of the Western psychologist and the Western "Socialist" of to-day, who reduce the inward man to a bundle of sensations and an aggregation of electrochemical energies.

The Questions of King Milinda translated by T. W. Rhys Davids <https://www.sacred-texts.com/bud/sbe35/sbe3504.htm> BOOK II. LAKKHANA PAÑHA. THE DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF ETHICAL QUALITIES.

CHAPTER 1.3. The king said: 'Reverend Sir, will you discuss with me again?' 'If your Majesty will discuss as a scholar (pandit), well; but if you will discuss as a king, no.' 'How is it then that scholars discuss?' '**When scholars talk a matter over one with another** then is there a winding up 1, an unravelling; one or other is convicted of error 2, and he then acknowledges his mistake; [29] distinctions are drawn, and contra-distinctions 3; and yet thereby **they are not angered**. Thus do scholars, O king, discuss.' 'And how do kings discuss?' 'When a king, your Majesty, discusses a matter, and he advances a point, if any one differ from him on that point, he is apt to fine him, saying: "Inflict such and such a punishment upon that fellow!" Thus, your Majesty, do kings discuss 4.' '**Very well. It is as a scholar, not as a king, that I will discuss. Let your reverence talk unrestrainedly, as you would with a brother, or a novice, or a lay disciple, or even with a servant. Be not afraid!**'

.. <https://www.sacred-texts.com/bud/sbe35/sbe3512.htm> 5. 'There are eight kinds of people, Nâgasena, who when talking a matter over, spoil the discussion. And who are the eight? He who walks in lust, he who walks in ill-will, he who walks in delusion, he who walks in pride, the greedy man, the sluggard, the man of one idea, and the fool.'

Book Page 357 (document page 377)) What we have before us is three forms of Nihilism, using the word in Nietzsche's sense. In each case, the ideals of yesterday, the religious and artistic and political forms that have grown up through the centuries, are undone; yet even in this last act, this self-repudiation, each several Culture employs the prime-symbol of its whole existence. The Faustian nihilist — Ibsen or Nietzsche, Marx or Wagner — shatters the ideals. The Apollinian — Epicurus or Antisthenes or Zeno — watches them crumble before his eyes. And the Indian withdraws from their presence into himself. Stoicism is directed to individual self-management, to statuesque and purely present being, without regard to future or past or neighbour. Socialism is the dynamic treatment of the same theme; it is defensive like Stoicism, but what it defends is not the pose **but the working-out of the life**; and more, it is **offensive-defensive**, for with a **powerful thrust into distance it spreads itself into all future and over all mankind, which shall be brought under one single regimen.**

The Passive Aggressive self-righteous binary certain zealot.

Book Page 359 (document page 379)) It is this extinction of living inner religiousness, which gradually tells upon even the most insignificant element in a man's being, that becomes phenomenal in the historical world-picture at the turn from the Culture to the Civilization, the Climacteric of the Culture, as I have already called it, the time of change in which a mankind loses its spiritual fruitfulness for ever, and building takes the place of begetting. Unfruitfulness — understanding the word in all its direct seriousness — marks **the brain-man of the megalopolis**, as the **sign of fulfilled destiny**, and it is one of the most impressive facts of historical symbolism that the change manifests itself not only in the **extinction of great art, of great courtesy, of great formal thought, of the great style in all things**, but also quite **carnally in the childlessness and ' ' race-suicide ' ' of the civilized and rootless strata**, a phenomenon not peculiar to ourselves but already observed and deplored — and of course not remedied — in Imperial Rome and Imperial China.

As to the living representatives of these new and purely intellectual creations, the **men of the "New Order"** upon whom **every decline-time founds such hopes**, we cannot be in any doubt. They are the fluid megalopolitan Populace, the rootless city-mass (oi ttoXXoi, as Athens called it) that has replaced the People, the Culture-folk that was sprung from the soil and peasantlike even when it lived in towns. They are the market-place loungers of Alexandria and Rome, the newspaper-readers of our own corresponding time; the "educated" man who then and **now makes a cult of intellectual mediocrity and a church of advertisement**; ^ the man of the theatres and places of amusement, of sport and "best-sellers." It is this late-appearing mass and not "mankind" that is the object of Stoic and Socialist propaganda, and one could match it with equivalent phenomena in the Egyptian New Empire, Buddhist India and Confucian China. Correspondingly, there is a characteristic form of public effect, **the Diatribe**.^ First observed as a Hellenistic phenomenon, it is an efficient form in all Civilizations. Dialectical, practical and plebeian through and through, **it re-places the old meaningful and far-ranging Creation of the great man by the unrestrained Agitation of the small and shrewd, ideas by aims, symbols by programs.** The expansion-element common to all Civilizations, the imperialistic substitution of outer space for inner spiritual space, characterizes this also. Quantity replaces quality, spreading replaces deepening. We must not confuse this hurried and shallow activity with the Faustian will-to-power. All it means is that **creative inner life is at an end and intellectual existence can only be kept up materially, by outward effect in the space of the City.**

.. The Stoic takes the world as he finds it, but the Socialist wants to organize and recast it in form and substance, to fill it with his own spirit. The Stoic adapts himself, the Socialist commands. He would have the whole world bear the form of his view, thus transferring the idea of the "Critique of Pure Reason" into the ethical field. This is the ultimate meaning of the Categorical Imperative, which he brings to bear in political, social and economic matters alike — act as though the maxims that you practise **were to become by your will the law for all**. And this **tyrannical tendency is not absent from even the shallowest phenomena of the time**.

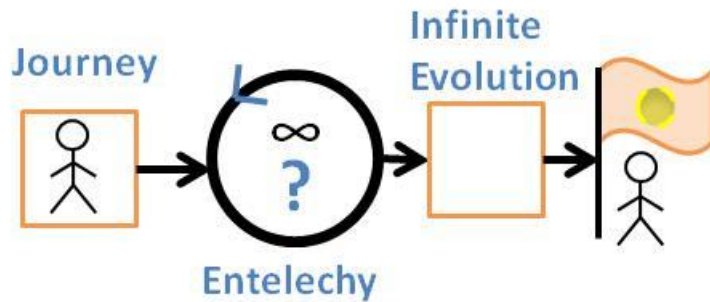
I agree - I observe the same thing in small time tyrants in every public service, court, politics, media, universities - all little tyrants willing to invade and impose their will, beliefs and **MANDATES** on as many people they can.

Book Page 364 (document page 384)) It **needed an aim** for its Columbus-longing; it **had to give its inherent activity at least the illusion of a meaning** and an object. And so the keener critic will find a trace of Hjalmar Ekdal in all modernity, even its highest phenomena. Ibsen called it the lie of life. There is something of this lie in the entire intellect of the Western Civilization, so far as this applies itself to the future of religion, of art or of philosophy, to a social-ethical aim, a Third Kingdom. For deep down beneath it all is the gloomy feeling, not to be repressed, that all this **hectic zeal is the effort of a soul that may not and cannot rest to deceive itself**. This is the tragic situation — the inversion of the Hamlet motive — that produced Nietzsche's strained conception of a "return," which nobody really believed but he himself clutched fast lest the feeling of a mission should slip out of him. This Life's lie is the foundation of Bayreuth — which would be something whereas Pergamum was something — and a thread of it runs through the entire fabric of Socialism, political, economic and ethical, which forces itself to ignore the annihilating seriousness of its own final implications, so as to keep alive the illusion of the historical necessity of its own existence.

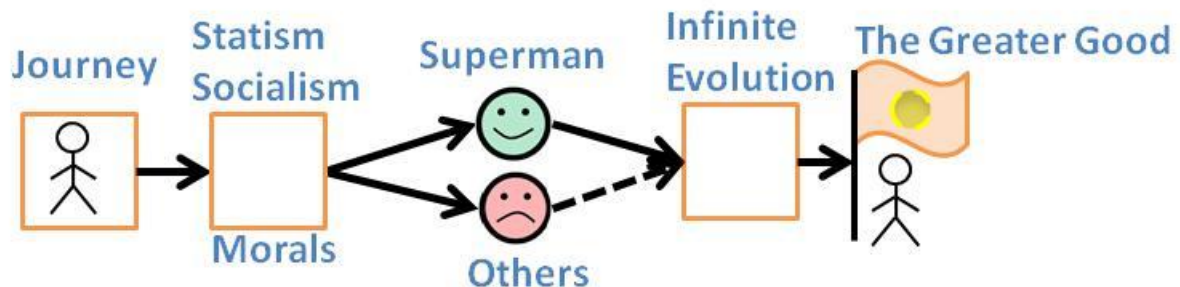
Book Page 368 (document page 388)) Consequently, the distinctive philosophy of the 19th Century is **only Ethics and social critique** in the productive sense — **nothing more**. And consequently, again, its most important representatives (apart from actual practitioners) are the dramatists. They are the real philosophers of Faustian activism, and compared with them not one of the lecture-room philosophers and systematic counts at all. All that these **unimportant pedants** have done for us is, so to write and rewrite the history of philosophy (and what history! — collections of dates and "results") that **no one to-day knows what the history of philosophy is or what it might be**.

<https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Entelechy> Entelechy - potential instead of final purpose (infinite evolution)

There is evolution, too, in the evolution-idea itself, which is Faustian through and through, which displays (in sharpest contrast to Aristotle's timeless entelechy-idea) all our **passionate urgency towards infinite future**, our will and sense of aim which is so immanent in, so specific to, the Faustian spirit as to be the **a priori form** rather than the **discovered principle** of our Nature-picture.



Shaw pursues the question — for there is no object in talking about it if nothing is going to be done about it — asks how it is to be achieved, and from that comes to demand **the transformation of mankind into a stud-farm**. But this is merely the conclusion implicit in the Zarathustra, which Nietzsche was not bold enough, or was too fastidious, to draw. If we do talk of systematic breeding — a completely materialistic and utilitarian notion — we must be prepared to answer the questions, who shall breed what, where and how? But Nietzsche, too romantic to face the very prosaic social consequences and to expose poetic ideas to the test of facts, omits to say that his whole doctrine, as a derivative of Darwinism, presupposes Socialism and, moreover, socialistic compulsion as the means; that any systematic breeding of a class of higher men requires as condition precedent a strictly socialistic ordering of society; and that this "Dionysiac" idea, as it involves a common action and is not simply the private affair of detached thinkers, is democratic, turn it how you may. **It is the climax of the ethical force of "Thou shalt"; to impose upon the world the form of his will, Faustian man sacrifices even himself.**



Oswald Spengler’s writings on Nature, Time, Destiny and lived-experience are insightful. The challenge of measuring something we are in and living while abstracting and observing at the same time - all in a frame of **being** and **becoming** - is difficult. This age over time. Nature in motion. Things change in some way. This is like the Subjective Objective problem raised by others. It also helps frame history as points in time or the gradual changes we observe. **Force of Nature** is compared with **Will to Power** for individuals - they are all intertwined. Oswald uses the word **“Pure”** I **struggle to comprehend his meaning or purpose** - yet it could mean the **binary certain zealot’s** set schema of things.

Hermiticism

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermes> Hermes is considered the herald of the gods. He is also considered the protector of human heralds, travellers, thieves,[4] merchants, and orators.[5][6] He is able to move quickly and freely between the worlds of the mortal and the divine, aided by his winged

sandals. Hermes plays the role of the psychopomp or "soul guide"—a **conductor of souls into the afterlife**.

Wisdom of Solomon - Document[-100] Rank(60) Author(Many) Keyword(Group Humanism Drama, Learning, Philosophy) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Wisdom
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wisdom_literature <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Septuagint>

Hermetica by Hermes Trismegistus - Document[100] Rank(60) Author(Egyptians) Keyword(Group Humanism Drama, Learning, Philosophy) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hermes_Trismegistus
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How everyone **"ought"** to be? Give me some money and I will guide your **soul** for you - God of certainly everything tells me how.

Pythagoras - Lifespan[-570 to -495] Born_Loc(Samos) Rank(1) Keyword(Math, Prophet, Travel, Education, Philosophy) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pythagoras>
<https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/pythagoras/> <https://www.ancient.eu/Pythagoras/>

Immortal Souls - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metempsychosis> from immortal Souls in **Orpheus**
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orpheus>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionysus> **Orpheus descending** into the **underworld**.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dionysian_Mysteries Wine, Religion and Insight

Pythagoras https://www.tertullian.org/fathers/porphyry_life_of_pythagoras_02_text.htm "We ought, to the best of our ability avoid, and even with fire and sword extirpate from the body, sickness; from the soul, ignorance; from the belly, luxury; from a city, sedition; from a family, discord; and from all things excess.".." While at the Olympic games, he was discoursing with his friends about auguries, omens, and **divine signs**, and how men of **true piety do receive messages from the Gods**. Flying over his head was an eagle, who stopped, and came down to Pythagoras. After stroking her awhile, he released her. Meeting with some fishermen who were drawing in their nets heavily laden with fishes from the deep, he predicted the exact number of fish they had caught. The fishermen said that if his estimate was accurate they would do whatever he commanded. They counted them accurately, and found the number correct. He then bade them return the fish alive into the sea; and, what is more wonderful, not one of them died, although they had been out of the water a considerable time. He paid them and left."

Oracle, demi-god, virtue-signaler? Delusions of Grandeur, power-mad, Messiah complex?

I think he sees himself as fully divine and a kind of **god on earth**

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miaphysitism> Miaphysitism is the Christological doctrine that holds Jesus, the "Incarnate Word, is fully divine and fully human, in one 'nature' (physis)." [1] It is a position held by the Oriental Orthodox Churches and differs from the Chalcedonian position that Jesus is one "person" (Greek: ὑπόστασις) in two "natures" (Greek: φύσεις), a divine nature and a human nature (Dyophysitism).

Verified **predictions of earthquakes** are handed down, also that he immediately chased a pestilence, suppressed violent winds and hail, calmed storms both on rivers and on seas, for the comfort and

safe passage of his friends. As their poems attest, the like was often performed by Empedocles, Epimenides and Abaris, who had learned the art of doing these things from him. Empedocles, indeed, was surnamed Alexanemos, as the chaser of winds; Epimenides, Cathartes, the lustrator. Abaris was called Aethrobates, the walker in air; for he was carried in the air on an arrow of the Hyperborean Apollo, over rivers, seas and inaccessible places. It is believed that this was the method employed by Pythagoras when on the same day he discoursed with his friends at Metapontum and Tauromenium.

30. He soothed the passions of the soul and body by rhythms, songs and incantations. These he adapted and applied to his friends. **He himself could hear the harmony of the Universe**, and understood the universal music of the spheres, and of the stars which move in concert with them, and which we cannot hear because of the limitations of our weak nature. This is testified to by these characteristic verses of Empedocles:

*"Amongst these was one in things sublimest skilled,
His mind with all the wealth of learning filled,
Whatever sages did invent, he sought;
And whilst his thoughts were on this work intent,
All things existent, easily he viewed,
Through ten or twenty ages making search."*

41. Such things taught he, though advising above all things to speak the truth, for this alone deifies men. For as he had learned from the Magi, who call God Oremasdes, God's body is light, and his soul is truth. He taught much else, which he claimed to have learned from Aristoclea at Delphi. Certain things he declared mystically, symbolically, most of which were collected by Aristotle, as when he called the sea a tear of Saturn; the two bear (constellations) the hand of Rhea; the Pleiades, the lyre of the Muses; the Planets, the dogs of Persephone; and he called the sound caused by striking on brass the voice of a genius enclosed in the brass.

42. He had also another kind of symbol, such as, pass not over a balance; that is, Shun avarice. Poke not the fire with a sword, that is, we ought not to excite a man full of fire and anger with sharp language. Pluck not a crown, meant not to violate the laws, which are the crowns of cities. Eat not the heart, signified not to afflict ourselves with sorrows. Do not sit upon a [pack]-measure, meant, do not live ignobly. On starting a journey, do not turn back, meant, that this life should not be regretted, when near the bourne of death. **Do not walk in the public way, meant, to avoid the opinions of the multitude, adopting those of the learned and the few.** Receive not swallows into your house, meant, not to admit under the same roof garrulous and intemperate men. **Help a man to take up a burden, but not to lay it down, meant, to encourage no one to be indolent, but to apply oneself to labor and virtue.** Do not carry the images of the Gods in rings, signified that one should not at once to the vulgar reveal one's opinions about the Gods, or discourse about them. Offer libations to the Gods, just to the ears of the cup, meant, that we ought to worship and celebrate the Gods with music, for that penetrates through the ears. Do not eat those things that are unlawful, sexual or increase, beginning nor end, nor the first basis of all things.

50. Number two, or **Duad**, signifies the two-fold reason of diversity and inequality, of everything that is divisible, or mutable, existing at one time in one way, and at another time in another way. After all these methods were not confined to the Pythagoreans, being used by other philosophers to denote unitive powers, which **contain all things in the universe**, among which are **certain reasons** of

equality, dissimilitude and diversity. These reasons are what they meant by the terms *Monad* and *Duad*, or by the words **uniform, biform, or diversiform**.

51. The same reasons apply to their use of other numbers, which were ranked according to certain powers. Things that had a **beginning, middle and end**, they denoted by the number Three, saying that anything that has a middle is **triform**, which was applied to **every perfect thing**. They said that if anything was **perfect** it would make use of this principle and be adorned, according to it; and as they had no other name for it, they invented the form *Triad*; and whenever they tried to bring us to the knowledge of what is perfect they led us to that by the form of this *Triad*. So also with the other numbers, which were ranked according to the same reasons.

Smug, self absorbed, predictions, magic tricks, tyrant, preacher, Binary Certain extremist.

56. But *Dicaearchus* and other more accurate historians relate that *Pythagoras* himself was present when this conspiracy bore fruit, for *Pherecydes* had died before he left *Samos*. Of his friends, forty who were gathered together in a house were attacked and slain; while others were gradually slain as they came to the city. As his friends were taken, *Pythagoras* himself first escaped to the *Caulonian* haven, and thence visited the *Locrians*. Hearing of his coming, the **Locrians sent some old men to their frontiers to intercept him**. They said, "**Pythagoras, you are wise and of great worth; but as our laws retain nothing reprehensible, we will preserve them intact. Go to some other place, and we will furnish you with any needed necessities of travel.**" *Pythagoras* turned back, and sailed to *Tarentum*, where, receiving the same treatment as at *Crotona*, he went to *Metapontum*. Everywhere arose great mobs against him, of which even now the inhabitants make mention, calling them the *Pythagorean riots*, as his followers were called *Pythagoreans*.

Pythagoras was smug self-absorbed prophet - his secret society was "special" and could predict things and receive signs from God about the universe. He deliberately sought to trick and fool people about his own personal skills for power, control and narcissism. He was one of the first "Messiah" type "saviors" preaching certainty and "salvation" from earthquakes and life itself. He gained some knowledge from travel to *Babylon* and *Egypt* and then sought to exert his knowledge as power over others.

Yet there were other seers and **magicians in Greece** before him

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melampus> and his son

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amphiareion_of_Oropos where a temple was built in honour of **Amphiarus** - where you could worship and find solutions to your problems of **choice of action** by donating and sleeping overnight and having **dreams**.

Pythagoras popularity was enough for his name to be known through history so he must have also been well known in his area at his time. So the **Messiah complex** continued with many others claiming special **personal** powers, secrets, signs from Gods, predictions of events, likely outcomes of battles, magic (numbers, science, tricks), salvation, etc. Then - as is now, there would have been Messiahs at every street corner preaching their certainty and special knowledge of the God of certainty and salvation.

Journal of the Plague Year - Daniel Defoe

We have some notable historical records of Plague years -

- **Plague of Athens** (-430 to -420) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plague_of_Athens
- **Antonine Plague** (160 to 190) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antonine_Plague
- **Plague of Justinian** (540 to 550) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plague_of_Justinian
- **Black death** (1340 to 1350) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Death
- **Decameron** (1343) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Decameron

Plagues may have been more common than we know and part of the consequences of ships, trade, overpopulation, crowding (see London), and travel. How humans reacted may have helped bolster the **God of Fortune and Retribution argument** - ignorance, uncertainty and fear - and persuaded people to join up to Gods and Prophets of certainty of people who miraculously did not die of the plague.

A Journal of the Plague Year - Document[1722] Rank(30) Author(**Daniel Defoe**) Age(62)
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<https://standardebooks.org/ebooks/daniel-defoe/a-journal-of-the-plague-year>

*Then he proceeded to tell me of the mischievous consequences which attended the presumption of the **Turks and Mahometans** in Asia and in other places where he had been (for my brother, being a merchant, was a few years before, as I have already observed, returned from abroad, coming last from Lisbon), and how, **presuming upon their professed predestinating notions**, and of **every man's end being predetermined and unalterably beforehand decreed**, they would go unconcerned into infected places and converse with infected persons, by which means they died at the rate of ten or fifteen thousand a week, whereas the Europeans or Christian merchants, who kept themselves retired and reserved, generally escaped the contagion. .. I read on to the seventh verse exclusive, and after that included the tenth, as follows: 'I will say of the Lord, **He is my refuge and my fortress: my God, in Him will I trust**. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the **noisome pestilence**. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: **His truth shall be thy shield and buckler**. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. **Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling,**' &C.*

*I scarce need tell the reader that from that moment I resolved that I would stay in the town, and casting myself entirely upon the goodness and **protection of the Almighty**, would not seek any other shelter whatever; and that, as my times were in His hands, He was as able to keep me in a time of the infection as in a time of health; and if He did not think fit to deliver me, still I was in His hands, and it was meet **He should do with me as should seem good to Him**.*

Idiot.

Theodicy - Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz - A review

He is considered one of the greatest polymaths known in history. Widely read and an inquiring and talented mind. My question of “*where did these bastards come from?*” as I observe the politicians, feminists, judges, media (ABC, Guardian), binary zealots, tribalists, weak minded men, etc all around the world is similar to his investigation of “Evil”. This is a major work written later in life. I will take it on and try to make sense of things. He searched for “Universals” maybe this is similar to my exploration of “Plurality”. Do I want a certainty of Plurality? Is it a certainty of Universals?

<https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/17147/pg17147-images.html>

*“What was Leibniz thinking of when the new principle flashed upon him? What was he not thinking of? He had a many-sided mind.” ..” Leibniz was a scholarly and sympathetic thinker. He had **more sense of history than his contemporaries**, and he was instinctively eclectic. He **believed he could learn something from each of his great predecessors**. We see him reaching back to cull a notion from Plato or from Aristotle; he even found something of use in the scholastics.” ..” We can now see why 'substantial forms' were the bêtes noires of the seventeenth-century philosophers. It was because they turned nature into an unmanageable jungle, in which trees, bushes, and parasites of a thousand kinds **wildly interlaced**. There was nothing for it, if science was to proceed, but to clear the ground and replant with spruce in rows: to **postulate a single uniform nature**, of which there should be **a single science**.” ..” The unity of consciousness is the representation of a plurality—the plurality of the members, and through them the plurality of the world. Here, surely, was the very principle the **new philosophy needed for the reconciliation of substantial unity with mechanical plurality of parts**. For it is directly evident to us that consciousness focuses the **plurality of environing things in a unity of representation**. This is no philosophical theory, it is a simple fact. Our body, then, as a physical system is a mechanical plurality; as focused in consciousness it is a unity of 'idea'.” ...” Our common-sense pluralistic thinking escapes from the need of the pre-established harmony by **distinguishing what we are from what we do**. Let the world be made up of a plurality of agents in a **'loose' order, with room to manoeuvre and to adjust themselves to one another**. Then, by good luck or good management, through friction and disaster, by **trial and error, by accident or invention**, they may work out for themselves a **harmony of action**. There is no need for divine preordaining here.”*

The Pre-Arranged Harmony idea was being compared to Cartesian, Binary, finite. He was **exploring infinity** and recursion - as I call them **initial self-reference** and **recursion**.

*What Descartes had really done was to **pretend that the soul was related to the pineal gland** as it is in fact related to its whole body; and then that it was related to the bodily members as in fact it is related to outer environment. The members became an inner environment, known only in so far as they affected the pineal gland; just as the outer environment in its turn was to be known only in so far as it affected the members.*

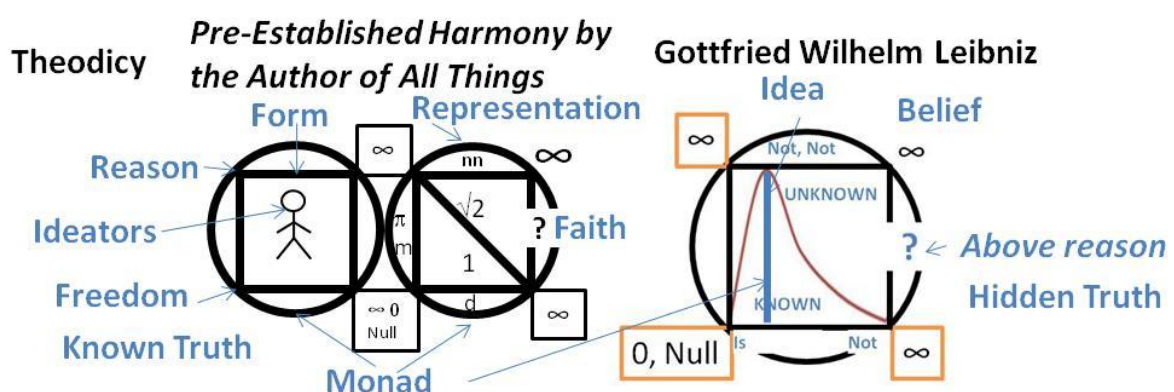
*This doctrine of a double environment was wholly artificial. It was forced on Descartes by the requirements of mechanistical science: if the members were simply a **plurality of things**, they must really be parts of environment; the body which the soul indwelt must be a body; presumably, then, the pineal gland. An untenable compromise, surely, between admitting and denying the reality of the soul's incarnation.*

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Here the idea of plurality is caught up with the idea of definite THINGS or describable parts. In my model I have many infinities and the Not, Not recursion so the **definite THING** (Liebnitz's **Monads**) is not so definite - or at least has some unanswered question attached.

Why should not we take this seriously? Why not allow that there is two-way traffic—by one relation the mind represents the members, by another the members represent the mind? But then again, how can we take it seriously? For representation, in the required sense, is a mental act; brute matter can represent nothing, only mind can represent. And the members are brute matter. But are they? How do we know that? By brute matter we understand extended lumps of stuff, interacting with one another mechanically, as do, for example, two cogs in a piece of clockwork. But this is a large-scale view. The cogs are themselves composed of interrelated parts and those parts of others, and so on **ad infinitum**. Who knows what the ultimate constituents really are? **The 'modern' philosophers, certainly, have proposed no hypothesis about them which even looks like making sense.**

So far the argument seems to draw whatever cogency it has from the simplicity and naturalness of the notion of representation. The **nature of idea, it is assumed, is to represent plurality in a unified view**. If idea did not represent, it would not be idea. And since there is idea (for our minds at least exist and are made up of idea) there is representation. It belongs to idea to represent, and since the whole world has now been interpreted as a system of mutually representing ideations, or ideators, it might seem that all their mutual relations are perfectly natural, a harmony of agreement which could not be other than it is. But if so, why does Leibniz keep saying that the **harmony is pre-established**, by special and infinitely **elaborate divine decrees**?



The pagans, who inhabited the earth before Christianity was founded, had **only one kind of outward form**: they had ceremonies in their worship, but they had **no articles of faith** and **had never dreamed of drawing up formularies for their dogmatic theology**. They knew not whether their gods were real persons or symbols of the forces of Nature, as the sun, the planets, the elements. Their mysteries consisted not in difficult dogmas but in certain secret observances, whence the profane, namely

those who were not initiated, were excluded. **These observances were very often ridiculous and absurd**, and it was necessary to conceal them in order to guard them against contempt. The pagans had their superstitions: they boasted of miracles, everything with them was full of oracles, auguries, portents, divinations; the priests invented signs of the anger or of the goodness of the gods, whose interpreters they claimed to be. This tended to sway minds through fear and hope concerning human events; but the great future of another life was scarce envisaged; one did not trouble to impart to men **true notions of God** and of the soul.

Of all ancient peoples, it appears that the **Hebrews alone** had **public dogmas for their religion**. **Abraham and Moses established the belief in one God, source of all good, author of all things**. The Hebrews speak of him in a manner worthy of the Supreme Substance; and one wonders at seeing the **inhabitants of one small region of the earth more enlightened than the rest of the human race**.

I disagree with his assessment of history. I also disagree with his differentiation between Christianity and other religions. He also seems to be unaware of the irony of describing “secret observances” as “ridiculous and absurd” for “pagans” and not realizing that he could be describing any religion or “faith”. I may not need to read all of his book.

“and after all, it is quite untrue that an actual infinity is impossible.”

30. Thus what we have just said of human reason, which is extolled and decried by turns, and often without rule or measure, may show our **lack of exactitude and how much we are accessory to our own errors**. Nothing would be so easy to **terminate as these disputes on the rights of faith and of reason** if men would make use [92] of the commonest rules of logic and reason with even a modicum of attention. Instead of that, they become involved in **oblique and ambiguous phrases**, which give them a fine field for declamation, to make the most of their wit and their learning. It would seem, indeed, that they have no wish to see the naked truth, peradventure because they fear that it may be more disagreeable than error: for they know not the **beauty of the Author of all things**, who is the source of truth.

31. This negligence is a general defect of humanity, and one not to be laid to the charge of any particular person. **Abundamus dulcibus vitiis**, as Quintilian said of the style of Seneca, and we take pleasure in going astray. **Exactitude incommodes us** and rules we regard as puerilities. Thus it is that common logic (although it is more or less sufficient for the examination of arguments that tend towards certainty) is relegated to schoolboys; and there is **not even a thought for a kind of logic which should determine the balance between probabilities, and would be so necessary in deliberations of importance**. So true is it that our mistakes for the most part come from **scorn or lack of the art of thinking: for nothing is more imperfect than our logic when we pass beyond necessary arguments**. The most excellent philosophers of our time, such as the authors of *The Art of Thinking*, of *The Search for Truth* and of *the Essay concerning Human Understanding*, have been very far from indicating to us the true means fitted to assist the faculty whose business it is to make us weigh the probabilities of the true and the false: not to mention the **art of discovery**, in which success is still more difficult of attainment, and whereof we have nothing beyond very imperfect samples in mathematics.

I suspect **Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz** - “Author of all Things”, “Pre Established Harmony” - is described as a Monad but is actually a Duality of Reason (Right Brain) and Intellect (the left Brain) and Faith

combined into one model he sees both sides of Form and Representation joined simultaneously. I think he believes that this ability to hold two things together is a major insight.

Intuition **and** Reason together, **Gad Saad's** talking with **Hugo Mercier** on *intellectual humility, nomological networks of cumulative evidence - open to argument*, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57u7mWmEAHU> A Book - **Homicide** <https://www.amazon.com.au/Homicide-Foundations-Behavior-Martin-Daly/dp/020201178X> helped **open up** Gad Saad's ideas. Hugo also points to a Quote from Martin Luther <https://www.wholereason.com/2010/09/reason-is-the-devils-whore.html> *But since the **devil's bride, Reason**, that pretty whore, comes in and **thinks she's wise**, and what she says, what she thinks, is from the Holy Spirit, who can help us, then? Not judges, not doctors, no king or emperor, because [reason] is the Devil's greatest whore. [Martin Luther's Last Sermon in Wittenberg ... Second Sunday in Epiphany, 17 January 1546. Dr. Martin Luthers Werke: Kritische Gesamtausgabe. (Weimar: Herman Boehlaus Nachfolger, 1914), Band 51:126, Line 7ff]*

But Luther argues for the **superiority** of **Faith** over **Reason** - where I think Leibniz balances both as "pre-established harmony" accepted as certain by the "author of all things". This debate has continued for centuries as science became more able to predict things and help humanity compared to "faith". Some Historians demonize Aristotle for being too Reasonable and lacking Faith and others deify those who exhibit strong faith without reason as martyrs for their faith.

Faith in the unknown, an **ability to take things in an open way** "Intellectual humility" and **try to reason things together** - a **Right brain** view (Ian McGilchrist) providing a balance to the **Left Brain** dominating with it's Frames and "Rationality" and "Certainty".

What we see in the smug binaries and other tyrannical, narcissistic psychopaths is their "**faith**" is in **themselves** - not in having the *intellectual humility* to realize that there is something other to "reason" with - their *intuition* (right Brain) has been habitually ignored for the certainty of their left brain schemas and dogma. **The delusion** is that they are putting the "faith" externally into "God" ("Trust in God") - this is an outright lie - when in fact their **faith is entirely self-contained in their internal forms**, frames and schemas completely separated from any **representation of the real universe**. They argue "Popularity" (others think like I do - the Mob, Group, Binary Us/them) as the "reason" for their "faith" and that it is "reality". Then they claim real life events as confirmation of the delusions - insisting on the **sunk-cost** and **confirmation biases** of the **fat,dumb and lazy**.

"Look the crops are good this year - I must have pleased the gods"

So when the deluded say "You cannot shift my Faith in God" (Greens/Labour/Binary/Zealots/Causists *I will not be lectured by this man*) - it is a deliberate lie and delusions. The reality is their internal frame (Fat, Dumb and Lazy) is being protected from facing the "truth" or any hint of reality. Leibniz is exploring this debate in some detail - about certainty and many other related things but I also notice that he provides full quotes of what other people have written and then writes his detailed responses below - so the dialogue is represented - very similar to my general technique of exposing the dialogue and discussion.

Enigma of Reason by Hugo Mercier and Dan Sperber

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Hugo's and Dan's Theory has **Reason** overcoming the **Confirmation Bias** which I think dominates Left Brain Binary thinking and **Justify your Confirmed Beliefs by using Reason - where reason is an ACTIVE EXPLORATION (taking energy) , making "inferences"**, of many things in front of you, many things in your brain and many things you do not know and do not understand. I use the question "Why do you think that is a Good Idea?"

The **Binaries** will tend to **Justify their confirmed beliefs** - rather that **argue the nuances** and differences and a more explorative and **intellectually HUMBLE** way.

68. *It is true nevertheless that M. Bayle finds some authorities who are more favourable to him, M. Descartes being one of the chief. This great man says positively (Part I of his Principles, art. 41) 'that we shall have not the slightest trouble in ridding ourselves of the difficulty' (which one may have in harmonizing the freedom of our will with the order of the eternal providence of God) 'if we observe that our thought is finite, and that the Knowledge and the Omnipotence of God, whereby he has not only known from all eternity all that which is or which can be, but also has willed it, is infinite. We have therefore quite enough intelligence to recognize clearly and distinctly that this knowledge and this power are in God; but we have not enough so to comprehend their scope that we can know how they leave the actions of men entirely free and undetermined. Yet the Power and the Knowledge of God must not prevent us from believing that we have a free will; for we should be wrong to doubt of that whereof we are inwardly conscious, and which we know by experience to be within us, simply because we do not comprehend some other thing which we know to be incomprehensible in its nature.'*

69. *This passage from M. Descartes, followed by his adherents (who rarely think of doubting what he asserts), has always appeared strange to me. Not content with saying that, as for him, [112] he sees no way of reconciling the two dogmas, he puts the whole human race, and even all rational creatures, in the same case. Yet could he have been unaware that there is no possibility of an insuperable objection against truth? For such an objection could only be a necessary linking together of other truths whose result would be contrary to the truth that one maintains; and consequently there would be contradiction between the truths, which would be an utter absurdity. Moreover, albeit our mind is finite and cannot comprehend the infinite, of the infinite nevertheless it has proofs whose strength or weakness it comprehends; why then should it not have the same comprehension in regard to the objections? And since the power and the wisdom of God are infinite and comprehend everything, there is no pretext for doubting their scope. Further, M. Descartes **demands a freedom** which is not needed, by his insistence that the actions of the will of man are altogether **undetermined**, a thing which never happens. Finally, M. Bayle himself maintains that this experience or this inward sense of our independence, upon which M. Descartes founds the **proof of our freedom**, does not prove it: for from the fact that we are not conscious of the causes whereon we depend, it does not follow, according to M. Bayle, that we are independent. But that is something we will speak of in its proper place.*

But here I think Leibniz is making a point about Descartes I don't understand - Descartes seems to be trying to place **infinity** somewhere and ends up placing it certainly in recursion - Which Leibniz then demands a certain proof and instead puts his in infinity in another word "**undetermined**" - which he may be trying to associate with probability, choice and chaos. The **free will and choice** argument is central to the fatalistic, nihilism idea of a **predetermined** universe.

70. *It seems that M. Descartes confesses also, in a passage of his Principles, that it is **impossible to find an answer to the difficulties on the division of matter to infinity**, which he nevertheless recognizes as actual. Arriaga and other Schoolmen make well-nigh the same confession: but if they took the trouble to give to the objections the form these ought to have, they would see that there are faults in the reasoning, and sometimes false assumptions which cause confusion. Here is an example. A man of parts one day brought up to me an objection in the following form: Let the straight line BA be cut in two equal parts at the point C, and the part CA at the point D, and the part DA at the point E, and so on to infinity; all the halves, BC, CD, DE, etc., together make the whole BA; therefore there must be a last half, since the straight line BA finishes at A. But this last half is absurd: for since it is a line, it will be possible again to cut it in two. Therefore division to infinity cannot be admitted. But I pointed out to him that one is not justified in the inference that there must be a last half, although there be a last point A, for this last point belongs to all [113] the halves of its side. And my friend acknowledged it himself when he endeavoured to **prove this deduction** by a formal argument; on the contrary, just because the division goes on to infinity, there is no last half. And although the straight line AB be finite, it does not follow that the process of dividing it has any final end. The same confusion arises with the series of numbers going on to infinity. One imagines a final end, a number that is infinite, or infinitely small; but that is all simple fiction. Every number is finite and specific; every line is so likewise, and the infinite or infinitely small signify only magnitudes that one may take as great or as small as one wishes, to show that an error is smaller than that which has been specified, that is to say, that there is no error; or else by the infinitely small is meant the state of a magnitude at its vanishing point or its beginning, conceived after the pattern of magnitudes already actualized.*

Impossible - is taken to mean **certain known** I think - is he making a point about the embedded unknown and therefore the general notion of declaring something as "impossible" is **too certain** and not aware of the "mysteries"?

72. *'It is evident that **reason can never attain to that which is above it.** ..(M Bayle)*

248 *Wait until you know more of the world and consider therein especially the parts which present a complete whole (as do organic bodies); and **you will find there a contrivance and a beauty transcending all imagination.** Let us thence draw conclusions as to the wisdom and the goodness of the **author of things**, even in things that we know not. We find in the universe some things which are not pleasing to us; but let us be aware that it is not made for us alone. It is nevertheless made for us if we are wise: it will serve us if we use it for our service; we shall be happy in it if we wish to be.*

Evil, Guilt and Damnation and infinity explored

I find that it is principally the [298] use of terms like 'necessary' or 'contingent', 'possible' or 'impossible', which sometimes gives a handle and causes much ado

301. The spontaneity of our actions can therefore **no longer be questioned**; and Aristotle has defined it well, saying that an [310] action is spontaneous when its source is in him who acts. 'Spontaneum est, cujus principium est in agente.' Thus it is that our actions and our wills depend entirely upon us. It is true that we are not directly the masters of our will, although we be its cause; for we do not choose volitions, as we choose our actions by our volitions. Yet we have a certain power also over our will, because we can contribute indirectly towards willing another time that which we would fain will now, as I have here already shown: that, however, is no velleity, properly speaking. There also we have a mastery, individual and even perceptible, over our actions and our wills, resulting from a combination of spontaneity with intelligence.

I cannot finish this analysis without looking at Bayle's work in context. I must leave this and revisit once I read Bayle and understand why Leibniz was so interested in his work. I also have to realize that Greek "Flux", Zeno, Heisenberg (uncertainty), Kurt Godel (incompleteness), Chaos Theory and many other things need to be pulled into the Frame because I am dealing with a man who investigated infinity mathematically as well as was widely read and helped establish the concept of public libraries and he was also willing to engage philosophy and he considered the mind of Bayle to be worth engaging with in public discourse. Hence if need to see what I can find <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/bayle/> **Fair Use public interest partial extract copyright** "Pierre Bayle (1647–1706), the "Philosopher of Rotterdam", was a historian, literary critic, journalist, encyclopedist, French Protestant refugee, professor, and above all, philosopher. Although he is usually grouped today among the "minor figures" in the history of philosophy, Bayle was considered by the leading philosophers of his day as an equal, as one of the **most erudite authors of his or any century**. Upon Bayle's death, G.W. Leibniz wrote: "he has departed from us, and such a loss is no small one, a writer whose learning and acumen few have equalled"

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"But it is an **established custom** to **flatter any emperor with unbridled cheering and meaningless enthusiasm**."

"It is but seven months since Nero's death, and already **Icelus alone has embezzled more than all the depredations of Polyclitus and Vatinius and Aegialus63 put together**. Why, Vinius would have been less greedy and lawless had he been emperor himself."

“Vitellius subsequently discovered more than 120 petitions demanding rewards for distinguished services rendered on that day. He gave orders to search out all the petitioners and **put them to death**. This was from no respect for Galba: he **merely followed the traditional custom** by which **princes secure their present safety and posthumous vengeance.**”

71.. Meanwhile, contrary to all expectation, Otho was no prey to idle luxury. He **postponed his pleasures and disguised his extravagance**, suiting all his behaviour to the dignity of his position. But people knew they had not seen the last of his vices, and his **virtuous hypocrisy only increased their alarm.**

“During Galba's reign he had been protected by the influence of Titus Vinius, on the plea that he had saved his daughter. Saved her he had, not from any feelings of pity (he had killed too many for that), but to secure a refuge for the future. For all such rascals, **distrusting the present and fearing a change of fortune, always prepare for themselves a shelter against public indignation** by **obtaining the favour of private persons**. So they rely to escape punishment not on their innocence but on a **system of mutual insurance.**”

“The **crowd's loud shouts of applause** were in the best style of flattery, **excessive and insincere**. Men vied with each other in their **enthusiasm and prayers for his success**, much as though they were sending off the dictator Caesar or the emperor Augustus. **Their motive was neither fear nor affection, but a sheer passion for servility**. One can see the same in households of slaves, where **each obeys his own interest and the common welfare counts for nothing**. On his departure Otho entrusted the peace of the city and the interests of the empire to his brother Salvius Titianus.

..” As for the officers; nearly all of them were **extravagant, bankrupt**, and guilty of some crime: they **had not a good enough conscience** to put up with any emperor who was not as vicious as themselves and under an obligation for their services.

38 The old ingrained human passion for power matured and burst into prominence with the growth of the empire. With straiter resources equality was easily preserved. But when once we had brought the world to our feet and **exterminated every rival state or king**, we were left free to **covet power without fear of interruption**. It was then that strife first broke out between patricians and plebeians: at one time arose seditious tribunes,²⁹⁵ at another tyrannous consuls: 296 147 in the **Forum at Rome were sown the first seeds of civil war**. Before long, Marius, rising from the lowest ranks of the people, and Sulla, the most cruel of all the nobles, crushed our liberty by force of arms and substituted a despotism. Then came Pompey, whose aims, though less patent, were no better than theirs. From that time onwards the one end sought was **supreme power in the state**. Even at Pharsalia and Philippi the citizen armies did not lay down their arms. How then can we suppose that the troops of Otho and Vitellius would have willingly stopped the war? The same anger of heaven, the same human passions, the same criminal motives drove them into discord. True these wars were each settled by a single battle, but that was due to the generals' cowardice. However, my reflections on the ancient and the modern character have carried me too far: I must now resume the thread of our narrative.”

Their centre broken, the Othonians fled in disorder, making for Bedriacum. The distance was immense; ³¹⁰ the **road encumbered with heaps of dead**. This made the **slaughter all the greater, for in civil war captives cannot be turned to profit.**

*The **conduct of officers is always determined by the behaviour of their generals**; it depends on that whether they adopt the simple life or **indulge their taste for riotous living**; 379 this again determines whether the troops are smart or disorderly. In Vitellius' army disorder and drunkenness were universal: it was **more like a midnight orgy 380 than a properly disciplined camp**.*

*Thus the provinces rang from end to end with the preparations for ships, soldiers and arms. But the 191 heaviest burden was the raising of money. 'Funds,' said Mucianus, 'are the sinews of war,' 413 and in his investigations **he cared for neither justice nor equity**, but solely for the **amount of the sum**. Informers abounded, and pounced on every rich man as their prey. This **intolerable oppression, excused by the necessities of war, was allowed to continue even in peace**. It was not so much that Vespasian at the beginning of his reign had made up his mind to maintain unjust decisions, but fortune spoilt him; he had learnt in a bad school and made a bold use of his lessons.*

*This mob 195 was further encumbered by senators and knights, who came from Rome to meet him, some from fear, some from servility; and gradually all the others followed, so as not to be left behind by themselves. There flocked in, too, a **crowd of low-bred buffoons, actors and chariot-drivers**, who had gained Vitellius' acquaintance by various dishonest services. **He delighted in such discreditable connexions**. To furnish supplies for this host not only were the colonies and country towns laid under contribution, but the farmers as well. The crops were just ripe and the **fields were ravaged like an enemy's country**.*

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