

# Modern Society is a Sickness

## The Five-Headed Horseman of the Apocalypse

Human community is natural and healthy. Community is, in fact, at the root of the natural human condition. Nothing heals, protects and reveals the illuminating light of the shared spiritual source Self like the connection (love) of community. Modern human *society*, on the other hand, is unnatural, and sickens. A great multitude have commented upon and analyzed why this is so, including myself in my own literary multitude, and everyone feels it to varying degrees, with most simply suppressing the sense with ‘realist’ thoughts like ‘that’s simply the reality of things, so why invest time and energy into the naïve fight against reality?’ Yet, not only is modern human society *not* the only reality, it’s not even the natural reality; *far from it*, in fact. I recently spent a month in the redwoods in a natural condition, and returning to society and being assaulted by its assorted unnaturalities and injustices and connected pressures, my certainty of the plague of modern human society is more concrete than ever. I say that I go into nature to heal from the plague, return to society to sicken, and when I can’t take the sickness anymore, I flee into the freeing, healing forest once more, until such time where I’m compelled to return, based upon various expectations and trained needs.

So, what is it about modern human society that sickens? Why are more and more becoming attuned to this fact, and seeking salvation? Why are some of the most popular films and books based upon the few that not only sensed the societal sickness, but who had the courage to flee from it, and dared to live a life in denial of all the mental, economic and political intrusions upon natural, healthy human life (*Into the Wild* and *Captain*

*Fantastic* are two of my favorite films, and *Walden* is even more powerfully applicable to modern society than it was to Thoreau's society – my first book, *Infinite of One*, largely overlaps with *Walden*, even as I'd yet to read it by then)? My answer is that modern humanity is ruled by five overlapping paradigms handed-down over the generations from one conquering army and its inheriting aristocracy to the next, all based upon 'divide and conquer:' a population divided in its identities, in its various individualisms and political, genealogical, ideological and religious tribes, governed by the lie of absolute separation, is easy to control and exploit, because it's already engaged in intertribal warfare and hasn't the awareness or the strength to see or break its chains, whereas a united humanity, such as a humanity that knows (as I do) that it's an evolving embodiment of Spirit, is *impossible* to oppress. Alas, we're more divided than ever, and that's *purposefully conditioned*. For it's through divide and conquer systems and their constant indoctrination of the population that most human thought, belief and activity is ruled. And it's by having a mind in chains that we're secretly enslaved, with the most unaware calling it 'freedom.' These five ways of understanding reality and our place in it are against the natural human condition, and unnatural cause always breeds unnatural effect. Thus the societal sickness.

The first source of sickness is **Christianity**. Religiosity in general is problematic, as they all teach narrowing mistruths and false divides that don't exist, and most have, like Christianity, had the messages of the rebel, freeing prophets taken over and corrupted by the various empires which, in most historical cases, the prophets *fought against*. Alas, more than any other religion, it's Christianity that pulls the wool over the third eye in America. Americans are, in my

estimation and from my perspective, the most spiritually unintelligent, misinformed people on the planet. Why this is so is too extensive of a subject for this commentary, but if you read my other work you'll come to understand why. Generally, the first unnatural division adulterating and sickening the human condition is the idea that we're divided from God and Nature, which Christianity preaches. Nature is sin. This is actually *antithetical* to the natural human condition and our true nature: we're all manifestations of God. We're not only inseparable from God, but *indistinct*. We're forms of the One. And we're inseparable from everyone and everything else as a consequence, including the rest of humanity and all of life. Nature is inherently divine, and so is humanity and all of life.

*Christ knew this*, and the 'pagans' that preceded him knew it as well, but after his death his lessons were captured by the Eastern Roman Empire and turned into modern Christianity at the Council of Nicaea, where any part of his teaching that impeded upon the power of Empire to control and exploit the weakness of the people was edited out of the official text, i.e. the Bible. Christianity teaches the worst form of egotism (the opposite of spiritual truth), *idolatry*, which asserts that only one person was ever of God and could divine God's will. This is the height of egotism, the belief in the separate self and its supremacy over other forms of the Self, which, again, is actually the *opposite* of spirituality. In truth God speaks to *everyone* through their hearts, where their own prophet resides; it's all a matter of the mind's ability to decipher the truths of the heart. But there's no way that divide and conquer imperialism would allow this truth to be widely disseminated and known, because it's *inherently empowering and freeing*, hence the divisions clearly drawn in Bible between God and man and between man and Nature and between man and

himself, through a fickle, wrathful ‘God’ that thinks tribally, absurdly asserting that only some are ‘the chosen people,’ which, again, is antithetical to the spiritual truth that *all are divine*. What’s more divisive than everyone warring over the right to call themselves ‘the chosen people?’, and what’s more opposed to and dishonoring of true spiritual revelation than claiming that any tribe is more of the One in the infinite than any other? America inherited this sword of imperialism, and our blinded, divided people, taught that they were born into sin and must be saved, sold an evil as though the evil is innate to them, have been obstructed from finding spiritual truth ever since. So long as Christianity stands for spirituality in America, it will continue to be at the root of societal sickness.

The second source of sickness is **Realism**. Many trace the root of realism to Thucydides’ *The History of the Peloponnesian War*, when the conquering Athenians said to the conquered: “Right, as the world goes, is only in question between equals in power, while the strong do what they can and the weak suffer what they must.” The idea is generally that humans are inherently evil (confirmed by the Bible), and that all human action is an extension of this evil, sinful nature, and that to act or believe otherwise is naively ‘unrealistic.’ So realism has become the catch-all excuse, backed by false divine authority per Christianity, that we do evil to one another by our natures, and that’s simply the nature and reality of things. *This is a lie*. It’s no more than a justification used by evil-doers to tell themselves they’re just being realistic when they commit evil deeds; mostly the types of evils that we’ve all learned, through our social conditioning, to ignore, because, you know, ‘that’s just the nature and reality of things.’ In fact, it’s reasonable to assert that all modern business is based upon this ‘realist’ justification, as when an

employee is paid only what will compel him or her to work, entirely without ownership in his or her work, and regardless of his or her needs or the resultant quality of life impact. Or a lease that also denies ownership (equity) to all of its residents because they can't afford a mortgage, and exploits this fact by forcing them to flush most of their aforementioned compelled wages down the drain just to have the right to live somewhere.

It's inevitable that such accepted injustices cause evil in countless ways through the oppressed being forced to make the rich richer just to survive. Worse, we're taught to revere the greatest such evil-doers as 'successful businessmen.' And everyone thereby adversely affected *feels* this evil, even as the ability to understand and the courage to justly respond varies dramatically, with progressives denounced as 'unrealistic.' So we can see how the groundwork for the sickness is being laid. The truth is that we're not inherently evil but inherently *corruptible* through the vulnerabilities of the human body and mind. The Spirit, or Self, or God, speaking through the heart, the gateway of energy into human biological matter, is *incorruptible*, and, thus, incapable of impelling evil action. The goal of any truly moral, spiritual being is to understand and fortify their weak points (this is an extensive discussion of human ego, psyche and physiological habits and weakening dependencies) so as not to allow corruptibility to *become* evil, whilst simultaneously pursuing those spiritual rewards which increase by the giving, rather than encouraging and exploiting the weaknesses that perpetuate evil in our thought and action.

The third source of sickness is **Materialism**. Essentially, materialism stands in contrast with idealism by asserting that everything is random and accidental in derivation and devoid of meaning; that the world is entirely *mechanistic*, and that the forces and phenomena that govern not just the natural

realm but the human mind itself, consciousness, have no source and no meaning other than what we imagine them to. Belief in materialism is, thus, the third division; the third cut in the natural human condition and spiritual identity that is, in the metaphysical reality buried beneath the scientific perceptions that reinforce materialism and realism, actually entirely inseparable. When you take this prevailing modern stance, you're investing in evil, because no one is connected to anyone else, there is no God, no Source, no meaning, only accidents evolving through a cold, careless universe. *This is utter nonsense.* Our ancestors and the pagans and countless philosophers and mystics like myself *know* it's nonsense, just like everyone knows in their hearts, the mind playing the interpreter of truths that come into the heart, the source of truth. And that truth includes the fact that 'idealism,' which we're conditioned to dismiss as 'unrealistic,' actually has it right: Consciousness *is* the source of reality. It *is* God. It's the pure, irreducible conscious energy at the very heart of existence around which all being is compelled to exist and evolve to fit its natural environment, mutualistically assisting the continuity of all of its manifested forms, i.e. lifeforms. Science is learning this, too, and it's inevitable, from my perspective, that one of the greatest ironies of the modern human belief system is that what most scientists believe that they're disproving, the existence of the unitive, non-dual Source, or God, is what they're ever closer to actually *proving*, even as they'll continue to struggle with what to call this fact.

The fourth source of sickness is **Capitalism**. I'm not *entirely* against capitalism, for I believe that people have the right to use their own space and be self-motivated in endeavor, rather than any type of 'command economy' forcing people to do otherwise. However, the use of a thing, such as land, is not

true *ownership*. Legally we call it ownership, but in truth you can't 'own' what you belong to, and what you can only ever rightfully *use*. Per *Fight Club*, by believing we own things we become owned by them, and are indoctrinated in the greed and classism of envisioning our 'worth' through the occluded lens of possession and illusive ownership, which, in turn, is exceedingly corruptive of the human mind and inflating of the misleading, insecure, forever self-defensive ego that leads us away from spiritual truth, all of which ripples out into an endless causality of evil effect that makes the capitalist society one big pestilential swamp. But when you've been mired in that swamp your entire life you tend not to see it, and adapt to it as 'the one reality.' Alas, a critique of capitalism is too extensive of an undertaking for this space, but, again, see the work of myself and countless others, and consider the general critique that one of the greatest resultant evils of being ruled by capitalism is that, when you simply understand its causal arc and inevitabilities, it consolidates *everything* of value in the hands of ever fewer by rewarding the parasitic exploitation of every form of human weakness and every lack of consideration for and protection of the planet, all of which are backed by the ills of Christianity, realism and materialism.

For me, the evils of capitalism come down to *equity exclusion*. My personal motto is 'equity or exploitation.' If a person lives in a dwelling, or works for a business, or otherwise lives or does absolutely anything without having an ownership stake in that life and those endeavors, *without a share of ownership commensurate with meritocracy* (i.e. not automatically and unjustly equal, but based upon contributed value), then evil is being committed. The unjustly unprotected people and places of the planet are thus leached off of, with the inevitable result being that those that invest in this economic 'reality' are ever

more corrupted and pulled towards their egos and away from all spiritual truth and justice, whilst those people and places on the wrong side of the entirely unsustainable equation can only remain weak and divided from other competing workers and dwellers, all living stressed-out, unnatural lives in cutthroat competition with everyone else that they wrongly believe that they're absolutely separated from; with their holy brothers and sisters with whom, beneath the surface, they actually *share the same spiritual identity*, and with whom it's actually far more natural, and loving, revealing and healing, to form mutualistic relationships with. One need look no further than the balance sheet of any capitalistic business to see that the extraction of everything in the assets column and the oppression of everyone and everything in the liabilities column is innate to growing the equity column, and so long as you're *excluded* from the equity column you're on the wrong side of the balance sheet, and are being parasitically fed off of. And *consumerism*, which is really an extension of capitalism more than a separate force, is the encouraged idea that you're never complete until you purchase and possess a completion that, in reality, can never be had this way, because *you were born complete, and that can't be taken away from you*. For all of these reasons and countless more, capitalism is as unsustainable to human life as it is to life's hosting planet.

The fifth and final source of sickness is **Conservatism**. What 'conservatism' really means is 'conserving everything that allows the wealthy and powerful to continue exploiting the poor and powerless.' It's simply greed, and it's rooted in the previous four sources of sickness, all rolled into one nasty poisonous ball sitting in the belly of humanity, the planet and life as a whole, metastasizing and slowly suffocating us. Yes, all sorts of parades and spectacles and propaganda are

constantly elicited to trick the uncritical mind into believing conservatism has something to do with all of these glorious, honorable things, like a democracy that doesn't actually exist (we're a plutocratic republic headed towards oligarchy) and forms of patriotism and freedom that are really about nationalistic supremacy and fascism and the illusion of a one-way form of freedom (Americans are clueless about their own supposedly guiding principles). So conservatism wraps all the sickness up in a big shiny bow, hypnotizes you with parades and waving flags manipulating your sense of ethos and honor (honor is actually what's being *killed* by conservatism), then sells it to you so you can buy your own sickening enslavement.

The truth: Without people like me, and without books like this, and without the ability to inspire people like you towards these truths, humanity shall inevitably continue to be divided and conquered, shall not know God, shall be denied its natural divinity and interconnection, and shall slink towards oblivion. With every act and thought that backs the previous sickening beliefs does humanity call forth the Five-Headed Horseman of the Apocalypse. And the more that you sense the sickness, the more that you're being called to help forge the freeing shield.

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