

Divide and Conquer

The Dark Heart of the Conservative Playbook

Divide and conquer is the dark heart of the playbook of the conquerors. And, through eons of adapting to pushback from moral, progressive people, including via a United States History whose fledging aristocracy inherited the tactics of aristocratic, imperial Europe, divide and conquer has found its most developed form in conservative America. The primary, intertwining threads in this divisive fabric pulled over the faces of the American public, blinding all but the discerning few so we'll walk together as an obedient herd, are those of religion, residence, business, economics, finance, politics and medicine.

Religion divides people into possessing 'souls' that will be either shot into permanent ecstasy or dropped into everlasting damnation at death, or forced into the 'samsara' of forever fighting the cycle of death and rebirth in order to egotistically ascend (ego is actually the opposite of spiritual truth; the primary obstruction of true enlightenment). Such are two prevalent religious examples of mind-controlling, fear-based manipulation of gullibility and the peer-pressuring factor. Such lies conceal the truth that there's actually *one* soul, what I call Spirit, the One, the Self comprised of all selves, at the essential, indivisible core of all of life and existence. Training people to believe otherwise, religion divides its followers from God and one another in their minds, making them small, independent and easy to control (but only in their imprisoning *mentalties*, for such division is metaphysically impossible).

Residentially we're prevented from pooling our resources to purchase land and develop collective communities, what the conservatives want you to relate to 'communes' and 'cults,' so that our individualism can be exploited by the lenders through mortgages and, worse, through leases. Leases actually represent one of the greatest injustices of modern capitalist society: our money produces zero equity (ownership) and is instead pissed down the drain to enrich the parasitic ownership class. Did you know that developers have so effectively taken control of most municipal planning departments that tiny home communities are illegal in most U.S. counties? Why? Because tiny homes represent an invaluable path for the people to overcome the parasitism of mortgages and leases by providing a lower-cost means to become a residential property owner. Not to mention that the ability of the premiere property owners to enforce this exploitation is based upon having stolen the land from the aboriginals (whom we should be emulating, not extinguishing), then increasing its value via slavery.

After falsely dividing the people from God and residence, the next step in conquering and controlling their minds and their actions is dividing them from their work through the businesses constituting the economy. The equity holders (the excluding ownership class) being set at odds with the employees, the customers and the planet is the foundation of capitalism, and is fundamental to divide and conquer. The strategy: place dividing lines between these identities, and make sure most of the benefits flow in one direction: to the equity holders, and away from (at the cost of) everyone and everything else in the capitalist equation. For, in its dark, corrosive heart, there's no escaping the FACT that capitalism (absent balancing, socialistic protections such as those alluded to herein) is little more

than the advantaged taking advantage of the disadvantage of as many other people, places and things as possible. Just think about what a 'successful business' actually is, sans propaganda. It's one person, or one select, excluding group of people, getting rich OFF OF its workers, its customers and the planet.

All human activities can be seen relative to their position on the scale going from symbiosis to parasitism. Look closely enough, and you'll find that most business is mostly parasitic, for the simple reason that a profit doesn't come from nowhere; it isn't materialized out of thin air. Everything is causality. Nothing comes from nothing. And a profit comes from everywhere BUT from those profiting. Profit is simply moving economic and financial value from one place to another through exploitation and extraction; it's simply the effect caused by exploiting the disadvantages of a workforce that can't afford or isn't allowed equity, consumers who can't produce the product or self-provide the service, and a planet whose life (and divinity) is ignored by the overruling materialist and realist paradigm and can't defend itself from being reduced to being considered a set of 'resources' for unsustainable extraction. That said, not all businesses are created equal in terms of the cost of this extraction to the people and the planet. Potentially mitigating effects include asking and answering critical total cost questions like: how valuable is the product or service to the total quality of life of the people and planet (many products and services, like fast food and most pharmaceutical products, have *negative* values?); how much over the financial cost of producing and offering the product or service is being charged to its customers to consume it?; how much and with what degree of sustainability are the raw materials harvested from, and are the business processes polluted into, nature?; how many employees are there, and to what degree do the employees share in the fruits (the equity and net dividends) of the business?

But so long as the answers to these questions produce answers of massive overall costs from the perspective of Quality of Life Economics (see papers and books elsewhere on infiniteofone.com), business can never be moral, and economic activity can only unsustainably lead to growing disparities in all things of value, to all unnecessary suffering, and to the destabilization of the planet. Until business and economics distribute their profits to all participants relative to their contribution (meritocratically), and until Mother Nature is valued as more than a set of dead resources to be plundered, and the protection of Her lifeforce supersedes the capitalist right of extraction, the effects of business are, by morally-and-spiritually-informed reason and logic, mostly evil in effect. And these are but the financial, material and ecological costs; this is BEFORE even considering the psychological and spiritual costs of denying community, commonality, collaboration, sharing, solidarity and the like that go along with such material and economic costs; the added costs of denying our nature as communal, spiritual beings. And these total costs of capitalistic business to humanity, planet and all of life lead into economics.

Economically we're divided by classes, property and possession; by fences erected between us precluding community. And it can't be overemphasized that *community* is the foremost threat to the conquerors. Why? Simply because unity is strength, and the strong can't be exploited. This is the *only real reason* that conservative interests condition us to conflate communism and socialism, and to equate socialism with the historical tyrants whom have flown its flag and tarnished its reputation as an ideology. A 'semi-socialistic' economic system that permits the personal ownership of property, a virtue of capitalism, and balances it with the socialistic virtues of collective investment, is the *only* moral path.

Financially we're divided into haves and have-nots, the entire financial system set up so that we'll not only readily exploit one-another's disadvantages, but actually *invest* relative to the success of this exploitation, continually further dividing and weakening the global population as a whole. The success of 'publicly traded companies' is, ironically, contingent upon the relative ability of those companies to take advantage of the disadvantages of the public in producing increasing disparities in all things of value, thereby further weakening and dividing that public. It is this inevitably growing disparity in wealth between the people, or 'the classes,' which is the source of most avoidable human suffering.

Politically we're perfectly divided into two perpetually warring primary parties. Largely due to the purposefully-promoted primary system, no other 'in between parties' are allowed to make ground and pull us closer together. In inconvenient truth, democracy is a myth (see *Cultural Cornerstones, Recarved*). You cannot have an authentic democracy without certain prerequisites, including removing money from politics, dissolving the primary and electoral college systems, permitting *anyone* to effectively become a candidate regardless of wealth or class, and making the *constant* lobbying (i.e. purchasing) of public offices illegal. So it is that the people tragically suffer the mass, indoctrinated delusion that we're a 'democracy,' when we're really a plutocratic republic, with the wealthy and powerful pre-selecting and grooming the 'representatives of the people.' Ideologically, all labels and classifications based upon our political identifications are exaggerated, deepening the social divide.

Medicinally we're conditioned to call true healing medicine, and the medicinal practices based upon *thousands of years* of indigenous cultural practices across the planetary history of the human race, from the apothecary of Hippocrates (whose oath every modern doctor ironically violates in this process) to the treasure trove of the shamans of the forests, the 'alternative medicine,' while calling the masking, poisonous, dependency-producing pharmaceuticals that enslave us to exorbitant doctors and Big Pharma the 'mainstream medicine.' So it is that we pay ungodly amounts of the little wherewithal we yet retain after the aforementioned exploitations to further enrich the few at the expense of the many (both in terms of the monetary cost and, more importantly, the physiological and psychological costs), when the truest healing medicine can be harvested *for free* through a partnership with, and a knowledge and exploration of, Mother Nature. And such activities in nature offer, ironically, the greatest possible reliefs of anxiety and depression, and the truest common, communal roots of humanity.

And thus do we arrive at my primary point: the purpose of all of these capitalist conservative cornerstones is strategically simple: ***to prevent the people from coming together in order to prevent us from finding the collective strength to resist the exploitation of the excluding ownership class of society.*** Why? Simply because their parasitic piranha feeding frenzy of our disadvantage is what unsustainably amasses their wealth, insatiably accrued at the expense of our symbiosis and all of our opportunities to own and control more for ourselves; blocking everything that strengthens community and promises to vastly improve the overall quality of human life in ushering us along our highest evolutionary path (while also protecting the rebelling planet). Only through *communitarianism*, and by relatively coming together to create *true* democratic and equity ownership stakes in our work, in our communities, in our homes, in our financial and economic systems, in a *truly* democratic society, in our holistic health practices, and in coming to the collective realization of the oneness (non-duality) at the base of being (the shared soul of Spirit) can humankind shuck off the yoke by which we're forced to push the parasitic plow. For the promised land towards which we're evolving will be *collectively cultivated*.