

My View of Reality (short version – reading time: 4 min.)

There has been a slow-motion coup d'etat in the world by the greediest 1%. It's totalitarianism by an anonymous corporate culture which purports to respect democracy but has taken control of the political process so as to render the citizenry powerless. This plutocracy can commit virtually any crime without punishment. Banks like Goldman-Sachs are criminal organizations whose scams have stolen billions of dollars.(1) Fossil fuel companies are the essential cause of climate change which is causing famine now and will kill 6 billion people by the end of the century. The predictions are constantly being moved forward as new data is gathered.(2) Since 1980, the 1% has driven their tax rates drastically down. Large profitable US corporations pay no income tax while receiving direct transfer payments from the government at public expense.(3) They have relocated manufacturing to places like Bangladesh and China (where they can use prison labor). The American working class has been abandoned and disenfranchised. And there is perpetual imperial war, to steal more.(4)(5) So there has been a drastic reduction in tax revenue to the US Treasury, and a huge increase in borrowing, with much of the borrowed funds handed over in bailouts to companies bankrupted by criminals, enabling them to do their crimes all over again. This drives up the national debt. This 1% cares about nothing except getting more for themselves (no matter how much they have) and less for everybody else (no matter what it does to others). Other people and the environment are just commodities to be used until they are depleted or destroyed. (6)

That is the real world - a gangster state. You will never hear about it in the media, because they own that too.(7) It's a sea of lies. Infrastructure waste is blamed as the cause of the deficit crisis, hence the sequester. The elite, with no check left on their greed and criminality, are gorging on money, while they are slashing basic services: budgets for schools, firefighters, and other public utilities.(8) The anemic economy? It's like the weather: it has it's ups and downs, but it'll get better. It's not due to criminals, it's your fault. Global warming? It may be happening, but it would be “premature” to do anything that might “put people out of work”. The wars? They're not occupation, they're “liberation”. The public buys this because almost a third of the country is illiterate or semi-literate. Those who are literate don't read much. They look at images on devices. The 1% has hijacked the education system by making it dependent on corporate grants. They don't want people who think critically, just “systems managers” who are trained enough to operate the machinery and do the paperwork, and passive enough to accept the increasingly poorer working conditions, the end of overtime, and the vanishing pension that disappears the moment you go to collect it. We've moved from a print-based society to an image-based society - a decline in literacy and a rise in spectacle. (9)

2. The cause of all this insanity is lack of felt connection to the eternal, ever-present One Life (God, Spirit, Divine Consciousness, Being) beyond the myriad forms of life that are subject to life and death. The inability to feel this connectedness gives rise to the illusion of separation, from your true nature and from the world around you. You then perceive yourself, consciously or unconsciously, as an isolated fragment. Fear arises, and conflicts within and without become the norm. The greatest obstacle to feeling the connectedness is the belief that you are your mind. That is a delusion. The instrument has taken you over. This unconscious identification with the mind creates a false self (the “ego”). It is preoccupied with the past, which gives it an identity, and the future, to ensure its continued survival. The present is reduced to a means to an end, an end which always lies in the mind-projected future. The ego sees itself as constantly under threat of annihilation. If you identify with a mental position, then if you are wrong, your mind-based sense of self is seriously threatened with annihilation. So you as the ego cannot afford to be wrong. To be wrong is to die. Wars have been fought over this, and countless relationships have broken down. Fear is the constant companion of someone identified with their mind. Only the intensity of it varies, from anxiety and dread at one end of the scale to unease and a vague sense of threat at the other.(10)

3. With connection with Spirit, you are one with all that is. There are many paths to the mountaintop, many spiritual practices. But the majority of the public does not desire or respond to spiritual practices. Their identification with their mind is too strong.

4. So you're not going to get through to the 1% or the public and stop their horrors. You're not going to change their constitution, nor will a movement. It seems to be built-in to them that they can't get out of their insanity, so vast suffering is taking place and will get worse.⁽¹¹⁾ When they've lost everything, then they'll encounter Spirit. What will they experience then? Without a connection with Spirit, most people, and you, and your progeny, have a horrible future.

5. There's another reason to seek connection. You have a consciousness that is essentially you and at the same time inconceivably greater than you. It continues after death. Suffering is good in that it develops a fuller appreciation of the good, which develops further understanding of how bad the bad is, etc., back and forth, developing your consciousness. So it oscillates, but there has to be an ultimate: a good that goes on forever and can't be better, and a bad that goes on forever and can't be worse. There's no reason to think the best and worst cases can't be experienced undeservedly. Undeserved suffering happens to innocents, so there's no reason to think you can't experience the worst case (bad, forever, undeserved) after you die. So that's why it's important to get a connection with God or Being or Divine Consciousness. That's the only way to find out who goes where and why, and what will happen to you.

6. You might have a chance at influencing your destiny and that of those few you care about. You might, in what little free time you have, find a few moments, here and there, of joy - if you can find something that gives you joy. And in those rare moments of joy you may experience a connection with Spirit. Joy is of the Spirit. That which gives you joy is a portal to Spirit. If you connect with Spirit, you may get some knowledge of what you will experience when you die, or what the purpose of your existence is, or how you should live while you're here. If you've never experienced Spirit, then the concept is a fantasy or delusion to you. But just because you've never experienced something doesn't mean it doesn't exist, or that nobody else has experienced it, unless you're so conceited that you think nobody else could do something if you can't.

7. I've spent 34 years trying to connect with Spirit with methods that haven't worked. I believe what would work is the joy of intimacy with the right person. I have spent a great deal of time studying how to be good at it, but it wouldn't come from me anyway. I would just be an enabler. Here are 3 quotes from Margo Anand:

“The belief that you are dependent on a partner who is responsible for your sexual fulfillment is a widespread myth. It is based on the assumption that the source of your pleasure is not within you, but a result of what is done to you and how your lover does it. High Sex teaches you that *you* are responsible for your own sexual pleasure and that this realization is the first step in learning the art of ecstasy. A person who has developed the ability to be orgasmic alone is naturally attractive to others, and more likely to find a mature partner for the further exploration of High Sex.”

“You are the principle source of your own pleasure. The poverty or richness of your sexual experience is ultimately up to you. No one can give you sexual ecstasy; it comes from within.”

“If you are looking for a partner, please do not adopt the attitude that you need to find Mr. Right or Ms. Wonderful in order to achieve the cosmic orgasm. These ideal partners tend to be a figment of the imagination. If you remain practical, reaching out, expressing warmth and enthusiasm to those whom you know and trust, you should be able to find a supportive friend with whom to share this adventure.”

I am offering something better than wealth, power, fame, good looks, or anything else the world can offer. I'm offering a possible portal to Spirit.