Professor Richard Dawkins, Oxford, England.

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Dear Prof. Dawkins,

I have followed the dialogue you have created with religious leaders and noted the regrettable nature of the accusations that arise.

My purpose in writing is to further this discussion that you have started and to provide a *nice guy* solution to the seeming prisoner's dilemma of science and religion; as well as, 'finance' and liberty. The truth of the current state of affairs may be explained beautifully using the language from your books.

The word 'meme' is shorthand for ideas that move from one mind to another and the deceptively simple 'prisoner's dilemma' models complex problems in the masterpieces, the Selfish Gene and Nice Guys Finish First. Religion has had a huge impact on history, giving us the meme of the Rule of Law and the Caesar-like powers of certain 'men of God'. To comprehend how this all came to be, one need recognise the question is not 'what has God got to do with it?', but how the memes of Christianity and Caesar meet to create these god-like powers of certain men.

We can explain how these powers relate to voluntary contract, the Rule of Law, 'sovereignty', the 'dispensing power of the Crown' and 'democracy'. We can then trace the rise of new flavours of religion, how this lead to 'revolution', a grab for gold, financial war, actual war, tyranny, persecution and the how methods of "historical and literary justice" are in use to restore peace and that this is the maintenance of civilization itself.

Reporter: "What do you think of western civilization?" Mahatma Gandhi: "I think it would be a good idea."

The essential ingredients of any system of religion are faith and belief which substitute for actual knowledge at the edges of epistemology and ontology. This can translate into 'full faith', for example, in certain ways of life one normally does not associate with ancient religion.

The expert manipulation of such symbols of faith to create the desired effect of the sovereign is the domain of the 'Lords Spiritual'. In the ancient scheme of things, you, Prof. Richard Dawkins, could be said to be one of the 'Lords Spiritual' of our age.

In every age familiar forms are destroyed and replaced with new forms that have arisen. The wise must consciously choose to preserve the good facets and replace the bad ones.

In religion, the reflection of this three fold aspect of nature, namely to create, preserve and destroy, are embodied as deities. If this threefold nature is reduced to a duality you have the beneficence of creation embodied as the 'Virgin Mary' and the terror of destruction as the 'Terrifying Judge at the End of Time'.

The Lord Archbishop of Canterbury resigned recently whilst suggesting that his successor "have the skin of a rhinoceros and the constitution of an ox". There are attacks on the 'old' forms of faith as Charles Moore reports in the Telegraph² regarding the Queen's Chapel of Savoy, the home of the Royal Victorian Order.

¹ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-17399403

² http://www.telegraph.co.uk/comment/columnists/charlesmoore/9639886/A-small-royal-saga-and-a-blow-to-spirituality.html

The 'dispensation' of Justice is now separated into a distinct 'Supreme Court'. The First Minister of Scotland, the Right Honourable Alex Salmond, plans to conduct a referendum on 'independence' for 'Scotland'.

It is the time to ask ourselves what are the historical forces that 'power' these 'radical' changes in the memes of British governance and what it means to be 'English'.

If England is ever 'conquered', it shall not be by force of arms, but by ecclesiastical memes, for England is defended by the Mind of the English people, not just the expression of this Power which is the Royal Navy.

How this might be possible requires one to contemplate the nature of the ecclesiastical memes manifest in our 'parliament', 'courts', 'banks' and 'churches'.

The study of the epistemology and ontology of *ecclesiastical memes* must begin with the examination of what is meant by these terms and then go further to study what is the English language and how meaning is conveyed from one mind to another by images, words and symbols, written or spoken.

Epistemology, the the study of how knowing knows, can be classified into three schools – the school of thought that believes only in matter, the school that believes there is matter and there is spirit and the school that believes there is only spirit or, in modern language, the memes that dance in our Mind.

The first school of thought, that of a belief in an external 'atomic' matter, has made enormous progress. We have come a long way from the canard that you cannot 'believe' in atoms because you cannot see them, to the tactile and visceral reality of arranging atoms one at a time, as Don Eigler of IBM has demonstrated. We are able to describe with great precision how probability distributions which embody randomness can describe phenomena and quantify the uncertainty and relativity of the phenomenal world.

The second school of thought, that of a belief that the world is made of matter and of spirit may appear to have largely lost its impetus, but in fact more people today, for whom the binding force of religion and ritual have lost their hold, will describe themselves as 'spiritual but not religious'. A majority of men and women fall into this second school, most of them without a reasoned explanation for their beliefs.

The third school of thought, that of a reasoned belief that the external world can only be known as a mental sense perception is an advanced belief system. This idea that Mind is an *a-priori* requirement is usually dismissed instantly without much thought. Materialists comfort themselves by formulating this as the 'brain-in-a-vat' thought experiment yet find that they have 'no way out' to 'directly' observe the 'matter' that they base their theories on. The most advanced descriptions of phenomena have failed to remove the observer from the observation at the limits of scientific theoretical frameworks that accurately describe it.

These three schools have been with us since ancient times. With the master key provided by the third school of *mentalism*, it becomes possible to unlock the mysteries usually cloaked in religious clothing.

To state mentalism in positive terms, one could say Mind is THAT in which awareness arises, when awareness recognises itself, it becomes I-AM, the simplex that is the unity of self-identity, the atom that cannot be split, which when it reflects upon itself and seeks knowledge, all that is not I-AM arises as the conscious sense phenomena of the bifurcating 'tree of knowledge' that is the universe in which it lives. "I am THAT I am".

There are only five elements of conscious experience, experience of solids (earth), air (gases), energy (fire), water (liquids) and ether (space-time).

With these concepts you can see the genius that went into the formulation of the parable of Genesis that has preserved this knowledge through ages dark and dreary – that Adam is Reason and Eve is Feeling, they are in the Garden of Eden or World-Mind (God). When Feeling is tempted to 'Know', Reason follows it; the resulting I-AM-this arises concomitantly with I-AM-not-this, the universe of other ideas, with the separation seen as being 'cast out' into a 'material' universe.

The ancients expressed their Knowing as Seeing. The meme that is the 'Garden of Eden', at once provokes an image of some lovely garden one might have seen. A garden is an organised collection of Nature. Translated into one English word, the parable could be reduced to the rather dull and boring word, 'ontology'.

Investigating the nature of Reality that one finds oneself in, forks into two paths - investigating the nature of the self/Mind or introspection and the examination of the universe/not-self in which the self lives.

By proposing a deeper World-Mind below our subconscious that unfolds the lawful manifestation of phenomena for us, we can state a positive map of an inner reality for the mentally/spiritually curious to explore.

The English speaking people of the late Victorian times were incredibly curious, both in the 'scientific' sphere as well as the 'spiritual' sphere as the mental arms-race took the people of Europe on to world conquest. One of the hidden legacies of all men and women is the distilled wisdom essence of the world left to us by Paul Brunton (1898 - 1981), or 'PB' as he is known to his readers.

"It is strange how illuminated mystics have been unable to agree with each other on the question of mentalism and its truth. Among the moderns, Rudolf Steiner vehemently opposes it, whereas Ramana Maharshi strongly upholds it. Among the ancients, Patanjali deliberately attacked it, whereas Gaudapada specially advocated it. And if we leave the mystics for a moment and turn to the scientists, the same puzzling contradiction will be found: Thomas Henry Huxley and Sir Arthur Eddington bravely endorsed mentalism, whereas Einstein openly ridiculed it. How, when these great minds cannot settle the problem of mentalism once and for all, can the lesser ones of the mass of humanity hope to solve it?"

- Notebooks of Paul Brunton, Volume 13, Relativity, Philosophy & Mind

One may go on poetically, to say that the observed universe which includes one's evolved body, is the solution at the current time t to Schroedinger's equation for the Universe for you, the observer, moving at a relativistic speed away from the distant galaxies we can view from the Hubble telescope that are near the dawn of time.

The subtlety of *mentalism* is that it allows the ancient madness of Europe that has alternated a Roman Republic with a Christian Crusade to be healed - by love that comes from comprehension.

Ontology organizes knowledge into a coherent world view. The principle of number is a powerful tool which can illuminate the structure of knowledge itself. In Roman and Greek times, counting numbers started at one. The number zero came to England via Arabic speaking Moors of Spain from India where the study of the Mind as nirvana, the 'null point' and its realisation as *jnana* or insight has been practiced since ancient times. It is the presence of the number zero that has shaped the metric system and allowed the construction of the Turing machine, the computer, which is so familiar to us today.

Reality is best described using mathematics and number, yet both constitute a language that can be translated to and from visual metaphors, natural spoken language or its symbolic representation as the printed word. The ancient Greeks saw four levels or dimensions in number, number as monadic or counting, number as psychical or rational, giving us the insight into ratios and harmonies, for example, the 'spiritual uplifting' experienced by our minds in listening to music, number as essential or structural determinants in the Intellectual-Principle that order our ideation and number as divine or authentic, the reason-principles that give us insight into the nature of Reality.

The number Zero is the symbol of no-thing, of the void, of empty space-time in which the first spin vector arises to 'create' the appearance of space-time itself. Zero is symbolic of the 'magic' of the big-bang, of the centre of a black hole where space-time is collapsing into itself, of the void from which elementary particles 'spontaneously' appear and disappear according to the laws of quantum mechanics and relativity.

The number One is the symbol of unity, of pure identity or reason-principle that lets us identify the 'appleness' of all apples. To view the world through the number one is to see unities. We can say nothing about any thing until we first notice that it is a single thing, a unity. This essential unity 'of all

³ http://www.wisdomsgoldenrod.org/notebooks/para/26624

apples', for example, is never used up in its instances, no matter how many, so the oneness may be said to be infinite. In the first counting number the infinite set of counting numbers is presaged. To the Greeks, One was the Good, the Intellectual-Principle, That which gave birth to all countable things.

The number Two is the symbol of duality, of I and not-I. Two is symbolic of Power and Substance, the self-distinguishing nature that differentiates one apple from another, the separation that Powers the green-beard syndrome.

The ancient Romans did not know the number zero. This concept was only available as the terrifying negation that is one minus one. It is this terror of losing the allegiance and tribute of one's subjects and thus the 'identity' of the Kingdom or 'One true Church', that has driven the history of Europe. Yet it is this very principle that has been alert to tyranny in seed form, for it is the root of the legal principle that if the liberty and rights of The Sovereign are not secure, no one's liberty, rights or property are secure.

Having touched on epistemology and ontology we can now go on to examine ecclesiastical affairs, that much misunderstood intersection of Roman civil law, Christianity, government, private property, cabbages, popes and kings and how evolution of these ecclesiastic memes and games of prisoner's dilemma has unfolded the history of Europe.

War attempts to enforce unity, end diversity and is the mechanism of the rise, decline and fall of the Kingdoms and Republics of Europe and by extension, USSR, USA and the rest of the world.

"Victory attained by violence is tantamount to a defeat, for it is momentary." - Gandhi.

It is hard not to come to this **battle of memes** without bringing along our preconceptions, our what-ought-to-be ideation. David Hume (1711 - 1776), a Scottish philosopher, historian, economist and essayist, examined the normative *is-ought*⁴ problem. In a *Treatise of Human Nature*, he wrote:

"In every system of morality, which I have hitherto met with, I have always remarked, that the author proceeds for some time in the ordinary ways of reasoning, and establishes the being of a God, or makes observations concerning human affairs; when all of a sudden I am surprised to find, that instead of the usual copulations of propositions, is, and is not, I meet with no proposition that is not connected with an ought, or an ought not. This change is imperceptible; but is however, of the last consequence. For as this ought, or ought not, expresses some new relation or affirmation, 'tis necessary that it should be observed and explained; and at the same time that a reason should be given; for what seems altogether inconceivable, how this new relation can be a deduction from others, which are entirely different from it. But as authors do not commonly use this precaution, I shall presume to recommend it to the readers; and am persuaded, that this small attention would subvert all the vulgar systems of morality, and let us see, that the distinction of vice and virtue is not founded merely on the relations of objects, nor is perceived by reason."

David Hume also wrote, in *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, regarding the objects of human reason:

"All the objects of human reason or enquiry may naturally be divided into two kinds, to wit, **Relations of Ideas**, and **Matters of fact**. Of the first kind are the sciences of Geometry, Algebra, and Arithmetic ... [which are] discoverable by the mere operation of thought ... Matters of fact, which are the second object of human reason, are not ascertained in the same manner; nor is our evidence of their truth, however great, of a like nature with the foregoing."

This statement, referred to as *Hume's fork*, and the severing of the *is* from the *ought-to-be*, is referred to as *Hume's Guillotine*. Hume famously remarked in *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*:

"If we take in our hand any volume; of divinity or school metaphysics, for instance; let us ask, Does it contain any abstract reasoning concerning quantity or number? No. Does it contain any experimental reasoning concerning matter of fact and existence? No. Commit it then to the flames: for it can contain nothing but sophistry and illusion."

A parable, a passionate belief in some 'ism', where faith and belief in how things **ought-to-be** or **ought-to-be perceived** is the prerequisite to enter the *ecclesiastical* **jurisdiction**. Scientific research is not

⁴ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Is%E2%80%93ought_problem

exempt, all the magic ingredients are present in an university or industrial research environment.

Jurisdiction, literally 'oath spoken', is the power that binds a man or woman to a certain contract, course of action or allegiance. Man is a fourfold of feeling, thinking, willing and being. The condition of the mass of humanity is that they are led by feeling or emotion. The Master of Ecclesiastic Affairs can obtain the desired course of action from the people or their 'leaders', no matter if 'majority rules', the 'aristocracy rules' or 'the great leader rules' is the game being played.

Ratiocination, literally the ability to do ratios, is the basis of reason. Reason rises above mere logic, it requires the ability to discriminate between truth and falsehood, including using leaps of intuition. At its highest pitch, reason matures into insight into a particular realm or problem.

As man begins to specialise in his economic activities, thus contract or 'cooperate' in the daily game of life, disputes arise, requiring 'justice' to be done. This requires the conception of private property and a process by which, in the case of dispute, the matter is finally 'settled' between the disputants.

In the case of tangible goods that are consumed, the free marketplace where there are many buyers (consumers) and sellers (producers) is the natural mechanism to determine the 'fair' price. Market action 'automatically', via the price discovery mechanism, determines the rough ratio between the availability of goods when direct barter is employed. Repeated iteration of this process ends with the discovery by price action that gold, a material useless for any other purpose, is neutral, natural money. This exchange of good substance for good substance is itself the mechanism of final settlement of a contract and thus disputes.

It is interesting to note that for the bulk of the automotive era (1946 to today) the ratio of the two most widely traded commodities, gold and crude oil have a 'price' of about 2 grams of gold per barrel of crude – the 'price' of crude oil in natural money that is gold, has not gone up **or down**. The natural 'neural network' of interacting marketplace participants have discovered this as fact without consciously thinking about it. **We are not running out of gold or oil.**

When 'justice' has to be done regarding breach of contract or fiduciary duty, a 'Court' may become involved. The vulgar define justice as a constant and perpetual will of giving every one his due. Property is not the quality of the object, but it is the relation of the object with a rational mind. Rights, obligations and property do not admit of gradation, they are all or nothing. Justice and injustice are not susceptible of degree, therefore they are not naturally virtuous or vicious. Mind is most often determined by present motives, not by general rules. The preceding summarises the view of David Hume and is invaluable in examining the nature of Law.

Liberty is the touchstone of Common Law. Liberty is the state of owning oneself, one's property, being able to freely exert one's powers, of locomotion, of speech, of contract, to discriminate right from wrong, etc. This ability to speak, to voluntary contract, to trade substance for substance, to travel with one's goods is ancient and the basis for cooperation and specialisation. The Magna Carta of 1215 is a declaration of liberty, the Bill of Rights 1688 redeclares this ancient liberty and makes it the fiduciary duty of the English Sovereign.

Voluntary contract has its counterpart voluntary taxation and by extension, even the contract to be governed becomes voluntary. In its most ancient form, voluntary taxation is the contribution of the 'faithful' to the temple or church where the priest uses this revenue for the good of the people.

"Let every National know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend or oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and success of liberty", said U.S. President John F. Kennedy at his inaugural address in 1961. This is inscribed in a memorial to JFK in Runnymede, England, where Magna Carta was signed, on land donated to the people of America by the people of Great Britain.

Sovereignty is the power to state the law, to defend one's liberty and to enforce it. Men and women who begin to self-identify themselves with a group identity, begin to nurture the **seed meme of 'nationality' or religion**. A religion, nation, or Common Wealth, is that the individuals in the group yield their liberty to a 'civil authority' or church that creates the trust necessary for cooperation on a national or global scale. This sovereignty or Common Wealth, is of three types, as Thomas Hobbes wrote in Leviathan or The Matter, Forme and Power of a Common Wealth Ecclesiasticall and Civil, published in

1651.

There are three types of Common Wealth (monarchy, aristocracy and democracy):

"The difference of Commonwealths consisted in the difference of the sovereign, or the person representative of all and every one of the multitude. And because the sovereignty is either in one man, or in an assembly of more than one; and into that assembly either every man hath right to enter, or not every one, but certain men distinguished from the rest; it is manifest there can be but three kinds of Commonwealth. For the representative must needs be one man, or more; and if more, then it is the assembly of all, or but of a part. When the representative is one man, then is the Commonwealth a monarchy; when an assembly of all that will come together, then it is a democracy⁵, or popular Commonwealth; when an assembly of a part only, then it is called an aristocracy."

And only three:

"Other kind of Commonwealth there can be none: for either one, or more, or all, must have the sovereign power (which I have shown to be indivisible) entire. There be other names of government in the histories and books of policy; as tyranny and oligarchy; but they are not the names of other forms of government, but of the same forms misliked. For they that are discontented under monarchy call it tyranny; and they that are displeased with aristocracy call it oligarchy: so also, they which find themselves grieved under a democracy call it anarchy, which signifies want of government; and yet I think no man believes that want of government is any new kind of government: nor by the same reason ought they to believe that the government is of one kind when they like it, and another when they mislike it or are oppressed by the governors."

And monarchy is the best, says Hobbes, on practical grounds:

"The difference between these three kinds of Commonwealth consisteth not in the difference of power, but in the difference of convenience or aptitude to produce the peace and security of the people; for which end they were instituted. And to compare monarchy with the other two, we may observe: first, that whosoever beareth the person of the people, or is one of that assembly that bears it, beareth also his own natural person. And though he be careful in his politic person to procure the common interest, yet he is more, or no less, careful to procure the private good of himself, his family, kindred and friends; and for the most part, if the public interest chance to cross the private, he prefers the private; for the passions of men are commonly more potent than their reason. From whence it follows that where the public and private interest are most closely united, there is the public most advanced. Now in monarchy the private interest is the same with the public. The riches, power, and honour of a monarch arise only from the riches, strength, and reputation of his subjects. For no king can be rich, nor glorious, nor secure, whose subjects are either poor, or contemptible, or too weak through want, or dissension, to maintain a war against their enemies; whereas in a democracy, or aristocracy, the public prosperity confers not so much to the private fortune of one that is corrupt, or ambitious, as doth many times a perfidious advice, a treacherous action, or a civil war."

A 'court' is a stage upon which the sovereign conducts his show so as to satisfy the rest of the world that his decision is a good one. The definition of a court is that it is the person and suite of the sovereign. The witnesses or followers of the sovereign are the 'suite' of the sovereign.

In Roman times, the Emperor was attended by notable persons in offices of State, amongst them, the *Pontifex Maximus*, literally 'great bridge builder', building metaphorical bridges to heaven or the afterlife, between people of power and the poor and between 'nations'.

In the days where cattle was money, cattle would be offered to the Gods to obtain divine favours or to bless an endeavour. The priest as the receiver of this money had a high status in society as he was able to redistribute this wealth, feed the army, and so on. This mechanism for the conversion of property from those who had enough to make an offering, to those in need or to fund the wars of the Emperor made this one of the most important offices of State – the man in charge of voluntary taxation

⁵ Which is another word for a republic despite the so-called differences that are touted.

and the immediate redistribution of perishable excess.

The priest was also familiar with the desires and 'sins' of the people, 'interceding with God' as necessary. This office of State was thus the intelligence service combined with the role of a high adviser – the equivalent of a Secretary of State.

When Christianity first arose, the bidding to "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's", began what amounts to a tax protest. Besides, the new religion was cutting into the 'voluntary' tax revenue, pitting the new ecclesiastic order against civil authority and the *Pontifex Maximus*.

The early Christians were bitterly persecuted as a result of non-conformance. In ancient times, non conformance would endanger the population as it took ten men working the fields to feed eleven. The non-conformance would weaken the population and allow a more ruthless, uniform 'patriotic' group to dominate. Non-conformists were seen as a minus one, one who was lost to the group. In the *mathematics of memes*, one minus one was seen to be a nullity and non-conformists were forced into submission. Force generates resistance, resistance drives more attention to the meme of the plight of the resisters, especially those engaged in passive aggression and soon the resisters may outnumber those who persecute them.

The north of Africa, across the Mediterranean from Rome, is where tribute came in the form of wheat and goods to feed the people of Rome – where, historians say, lived a million people – an astonishing number in those days. As the teachings of Jesus percolated, cooperation induced by a threat of force ceased. People kept 'their stuff as their stuff'. Rome fell to ruin.

The Edict of Milan in AD 313 announced the adoption of Christianity by the then Roman Emperor as the official State religion. Ecclesiastical means, revenue that is *voluntary*, not obtained as a result of fear of brute force, gained the upper hand. The Bishop of Rome had conquered Caesar's Rome and with that came all the legal rights to the powers of Caesar.

Now the man who Crowned the Kings of Europe was not just a religious figurehead mumbling magical incantations, he also held the secret to the King's treasury. In the Court, the Pope, not the King, was now the Big Boss with final jurisdiction and the Bishop his representative in distant lands. The ecclesiastical court of the Bishop, rendered justice, granted indulgences (imposed fines for 'sins'), gathered intelligence during confessionals, thus implementing locally the administrative practices of Rome. One could say that the King was the Trustee and Guardian of The Law, the Law that places Mercy above retribution.

This is the power of *conquest by ecclesiastical memes* and the explanation for the god-like powers of the Bishop of Rome. The modern 'free' world owes its freedom to these concepts.

Roman Catholicism came to England and Bede (672/673 – 26 May 735), an English monk at the Northumbrian monastery of Saint Peter at Monkwearmouth, compiled the *Historia ecclesiastica gentis Anglorum* (*The Ecclesiastical History of the English People*). This work inspired Alfred the Great, King of Wessex from 871 to 899, to the *Rule of God's Law* and gave us this meme of the *Rule of Law* and the English as God's chosen people. In **1899** he was posthumously made Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo VIII.

One's liberty must include the right to transfer one's property per one's wishes, including leaving the property to one's children, per one's 'will' or custom. The Catholic King needed permission to marry from the Pope. This ensured that the Pope could deny the King a divorce, ensuring the continued role of the Pope as King maker, in the event that the first marriage was barren, providing the Pope with a mechanism to replace a tyrant.

The marriage contract is an ecclesiastical contract regarding our genes. A two party contract is now a three party contract with the Church (or Nation State, another church). King Henry VIII, denied his divorce, seized his liberties in the 'Act of Supremacy' 1534. This made the King of England the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. King Henry VIII proved to be a tyrant.

In the subsequent evolution of English Common Law, the King's Court had to to be demonstrably better than the Ecclesiastical Court of the Catholic Bishop. England developed a system of Royal Justice, the neutral Court of Record of the Sovereign, based on the ancient principles of Anglo-Saxon Common

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⁶ Luke 23:34 - Father forgive them for they know not what they do.

Law and the Magna Carta. The magistrates of the King's judiciary are the King's representatives and responsible for guarding the King's Coronation Oath.

The most important feature of a Court of Record is that the tribunal, the deciding power, is independent of the magistrate or 'judge' designated to run the Court. The meme of Justice developed 'rational' 'due process', to curb the tyranny of the unlimited jurisdiction of the King.

The English Civil War 1642 – 1651 established the precedent that the King could not govern without the consent of Parliament. It also demonstrated the failure of a 'republic' to conserve property rights and wealth. In 1688 the *Glorious Revolution* saw the Dutch stadtholder, William of Orange, together with his wife Mary, ascend the English throne. The Bill of Rights 1688 which Parliament declared to their new King and Queen, declared ecclesiastical courts, popularly known as star chamber courts, illegal and pernicious.

This 'rational' approach to justice led to the success of British colonies, most notably in India. Sir William Jones (1746 - 1794), a philologist, an English judge in India, and one of the most learned judges that ever lived, learned in Asiatic as well as European law, said:

"It is pleasing to remark the similarity, or, rather, the identity, of those conclusions which pure, unbiased reason, in all ages and nations, seldom fails to draw, in such juridical inquiries as are not fettered and manacled by positive institutions."

The general principles of such a Court of Record are then, that the Court proceeds according to the Common Law, which is to say, it must base its decisions on substantive issues raised by the touchstone of liberty, not statutes or codes; that it has the power to fine or imprison for contempt; that it 'enrols' or keeps a permanent record of the Process, the Pleadings, the Verdict and the Judgement; that the Court generally has a Seal; and that the tribunal is independent of the magistrate (judge).

There is, however, another subtle factor at work. I am writing to you in the Latin alphabet, in what is English. A sequence of symbols on paper. There is an effect this has, a message of its own, which was recognised by Marshall McLuhan.

"Left hemisphere industrialism has blinded the Chinese to the effects of our alphabet: pattern recognition is in the right hemisphere."

In a letter to Ezra Pound, he stated another facet of the problem:

"The American mind is not even close to being amenable to the ideogram principle as yet. The reason is simply this. America is 100% 18th Century. The 18th century had chucked out the principle of metaphor and analogy — the basic fact that as A is to B so is C to D. AB:CD. It can see AB relations. But relations in four terms are still verboten. This amounts to deep occultation of nearly all human thought for the U.S.A.

"I am trying to devise a way of stating this difficulty as it exists. Until stated and publicly recognized for what it is, poetry and the arts can't exist in America. Mere exposure to the arts does nothing for a mentality which is incorrigibly dialectical. The vital tensions and nutritive action of ideogram remain inaccessible to this state of mind."

Before we can analyse what Marshall McLuhan is talking about, kindly examine the art on the reverse of a ONE dollar bill. There is the Pyramid with the eye above it on the left and an Eagle clutching arrows on the right. In between are the letters O N E. This is a message there in ideograms, big and bold. Before we can comprehend what the message is, we need to look at the memes of financial war.

Parliamentarians of today, such as the Rt. Hon. Nicholas Clegg, Deputy Prime Minister responsible for constitutional reform, who believe that it is 'high time' to take the 'obvious' steps to create an elected 'upper house', have to explain to the people who he claims to represent, why is it that Parliament has failed to preserve the liberty of the people.

To be at liberty is to be free to take one's property (or labour/ideation that creates property), travel and trade it for other property without the interference of any one else.

The *meme of financial war* illuminates the Hidden Hand beneath the apparently random, fractal-like motion of the financial markets and the development of today's *Lex Mercatoria*, the Law of the

Merchant.

Financial war is as old as history, playing a part in the transformation of ancient Egypt and Rome to the hyper inflation of the Nazi Reichmark and arming of Germany for World War I & II. Any civilization that does not have gold in circulation is relegated to the dust of history since *finality of settlement* is absent. Control of gold and use of alternate legal tender by force results in tyranny and the destruction of that civilization.

Today, Religion and Government share a requirement – faith and belief on the part of the lay people, for both are constructed by *Relations of Ideas* with faith based connection to *Matters of Fact*. Robert Walpole, 1st Earl of Oxford, is generally regarded as the first Prime Minister of Great Britain. The constitution of England, prior to his day, knew no 'ministers', only Lords Spiritual and Temporal. How then, did this office of 'Prime Minister' and the 'Cabinet' develop?

In 1601, Queen Elizabeth I ordered that the silver coins circulating in Ireland be withdrawn and replaced by baser alloys – a carefully planned tort on the ability of rebels to purchase foreign arms. Whilst this measure caused undoubted hardship upon the merchant community, it also thwarted the ability of Irish rebels to buy foreign arms for a rebellion. In a court case that ensued, brought by the merchants, it was ruled that by the ancient Common Law, the Sovereign has the right to declare what shall be the money for the protection of Her Majesty's people.

During the American Civil War (1861–1865), the same principle was used by President Abraham Lincoln to justify the issuance of the dollar 'greenback', or, money out of thin air to pay for a war. The principle was used by Hitler to rearm Germany. Lenin declared that gold was only fit for plating urinals. Whenever gold is not the legal tender in circulation one can conclude that one is either ruled by a tyrant, or, are in danger of being subject to the rule of a tyrant, or, there is great danger of military invasion, or, one's country is vanquished by a foreign power.

One can be assured that, when gold is not money, there is a financial war ongoing with unseen forces thrusting at each other through the market place, together with gold plated arguments as to why it is good for you – which, scarily, it might well be, given the stark choices faced by The Sovereign.

In 1711, the South Sea Company was founded and granted a monopoly to trade with what is now Latin America. Ostensibly, it was also a public-private partnership to consolidate and reduce the cost of national debt. The company's stock price rose greatly as it expanded its operations dealing in government debt. Politicians were bribed to support Acts of Parliament necessary for the scheme. In 1720 its stock price collapsed, leaving many ruined. The expectation of vast wealth from trade with South America was used to encourage the public to purchase shares, despite the limited likelihood this would ever happen.

The South Sea Bubble and the War of the Spanish Succession (1701 – 1714) and the Treaty of Utrecht (1713) are also the background for a very important event. In 1714, the highest Great Office of State, the Lord High Treasurer went into commission. In 1811 the office of Lord High Admiral went into commission. If you look into the ecclesiastic significance of the word commission, it means a committee of the Church that is assigned some function.

When a committee is in charge, *one man* is not in charge, many are. When many are in charge, the function is 'not owned', except in a 'collective capacity'. The current mode of the English government is that it is a 'collective cabinet'.

By the time of Charles Darwin, the 'scientific fact' of the 'survival of the fittest' created a mechanised race towards barbarism. Just because a certain behaviour is exhibited by the lower orders of life, it does not make it the standard for mankind. "The suicide of civilized Europe", is a summary of the century past. Europe began to worship force for the sake of force, Caesar rather than Christ.

If we need an image to symbolise this barbaric upheaval, there is none better than Caesar uttering 'Et tu, Brutus' as he was murdered.

"I know of no one who has done more for humanity than Jesus. In fact, there is nothing wrong with Christianity ... The trouble is with you Christians. You do not begin to live up to your own teachings." - Gandhi

I have enclosed a 'mind-map' entitled 'Garden of Eden'. It is a diagram that has the structure of a

tree – a tree of knowledge that maps out the ontology that this letter describes.

The Garden of Eden is an ideogram regarding knowledge. To obtain the unity of knowledge that is the sum total of all ideas about Reality one has, one has two choices – introspection and observation. Introspection results in Relations of Ideas that can be then applied to the observation to get a better idea about what-is-so.

Relations of Ideas, which may be a self-proving set of theorems such as Euclidean Geometry, once accepted as 'scientific fact', turn out to be a utopia as space-time is curved.

This re-turning of observation and introspection is the basis of a better comprehension of what-is-so 'glorious', the world in manifestation.

The three schools of philosophy that can arise as a result of a belief in certain Relations of Ideas are on the bottom right.

The image that describes a 'materialist' is Caesar, 'the fittest brain-in-a-vat'. The image that describes someone who believes that we are cast away on this lump of dirt floating in space and that there is a benevolent God out there, can be symbolised as a belief in 'supernatural aliens'.

The school of thought that believes that there is only Spirit, or, in more modern language, only Mind (with a capital M), is the only school fit for a rational, thinking man. In *Black holes and time warps, Einstein's outrageous legacy*, Kip S Thorne describes phenomena that are similar to experience of the deepest mystical contemplation. The essence of this school of thought is that the experience of space-time, our bodies and so on, emerges moment-by-moment out of Mind. If you think about it, space-time is itself an idea, if all ideas are withdrawn from objective manifestation and you are still conscious, you will not be conscious of any second thing, you shall instead experience an intense awareness of 'I AM', a veritable void, an intense sense of unity with all things⁷.

This is the secret to understanding of certain religious utterances. Clinging to even a single idea of what-is-so, makes you a 'rich man', who, therefore cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven, the 'I AM'.

This is not some world denying escapism. The Mind behind one's mind is the Him of the bible. 'In Him we live and move and have our being', is the truth that is symbolised by 'holy communion'. The symbolic language is showing us that all manifestation is the 'body of Christ', 'Christ' itself meaning God/Awakened-Mind/Consciousness/Spirit. The sun shining in the sky is the glorious revelation of Mind-made-manifest.

This is how, using parables, the transmission of these memes down generations who may forget or not understand is achieved. The problem of transmitting vital knowledge for hundreds of years cannot be underestimated. Chanting, the technology of transmission of knowledge by hearing, is the other method not as widely used in the west. The 'Diamond Sutra' of the Buddhists, 'emptiness is form, form is emptiness', is such a chant.

This knowledge is 'vital', because it opens the doors to Reality, all scientific progress being carried in its embrace. This knowledge is vital, because it lends urgent 'rational' backing to the 'Do unto thy neighbour as thou whilst have done unto thyself'. This knowledge is vital, because it demonstrates that limitless ideas and forms without number, arise as a myriad of unities in the greater unity of this World-Idea.

We can go further with this 'tree' of knowledge, show the fourfold nature of our identities, we are creatures capable of thinking, willing, feeling and being. We can see that the five elements of conscious experience remain unchanged since ancient times; identifying the unique little bits we call chemical elements not diminishing but only enhancing this ancient insight.

Looking into instances of English Anglicans converting to Catholicism reveals the importance of language and communication. *Apologia pro Vita Sua*⁸, a correspondence between Cardinal Newman, an English Anglican who converted to Roman Catholicism and Mr. Charles Kingsley, published in 1864 is useful as a test of reading comprehension – I have found that many people cannot even point out the objection of Cardinal Newman. The correspondence is a clue to the "real satisfaction to those principles of historical and literary justice".

⁷ http://www.wisdomsgoldenrod.org/notebooks/23/8

⁸ http://www.newmanreader.org/works/apologia/index.html

Media pundits cannot possibly fathom what the Roman Question of 1870 has to do with today's 'financial crisis'. The link is clear, boldly printed on every dollar bill and painted on the history of the century past. Those who set themselves up to worship Caesar, got what they bargained for - the better choice is on the other half of the note.

The pseudo-rational worship of force has this doctrine of 'Mutually Assured Destruction', which spells M A D, the resulting Deep Underground Military Bases, which spells D U M B, describes the dumb policy of spending their great-grand-children's money on MAD purposes. Those that worshipped Caesar and Mammon are now entrapped by their own fear and greed. Those waiting for 'bank trade' programs to 'pay out' are waiting like Alice in Wonderland. Jam yesterday and jam tomorrow, but never jam today. Those that are ready to rush off and bomb some place based on hearsay, 'I heard a cry: wolf!', are facing court martial regarding their errors of judgement.

True Sovereignty is not the result of the application of force. It is a mastery of man's station in Nature. The people of the world must recognise and appreciate our history, dismantle the MAD/DUMB fear based ideologies, void all 'debt' and humbly request that the efficient, peaceful, ancient constitution be restored.

What is the core of this ancient constitution? – the answer is a Temple or Church where freedom rather than conformance/coercion is enshrined. When natural disaster strikes where is the first succour available? It is in the local church or temple, from 'public' spirited individuals who voluntarily give to sustain life during the emergency. A powerful and distant Caesar is not suited for the task for he only has weapons of destruction. Such a Church or Temple is the most efficient means of redistribution of excess produce. It has been so since ancient times.

What is the core of this 'civil' constitution of Christian Europe⁹? – It is that the King is trustee of the peace, that justice is well organised as access to a Court of Record (Magna Carta), that the liberties of the people are in their hands as God's money, that there is freedom of conscience, allegiance and religion, that all Statutes of the King are in Parliament, agreed on, that the King is responsible to protect the liberty of the people, that it is the duty of Parliament to say no to taxes¹⁰, with the men and women on the land free to travel and trade. With today's technology it is possible to build a civilization where not just consent but funds are directly voted by the people to projects that produce wealth.

Some day, relatively soon in historical time, the minions of Caesar that enforce myriads of regulations shall have to work to produce wealth.

Gold as a signalling mechanism

Marshall McLuhan observed that each new medium that man invents has a message. The simple electric light has a message [from God, we might add in religious language] – in obedience to which we are now 'office wonks' rather than 'Church Monks'. The 'age of the electricities' or $Dwapara\ Yuga^{11}$ is upon us.

In this age of the electricities we are quite familiar with flight, sub-atomic particles, fission, fusion, genes, photosynthesis, lasers and solitons. Almost every insight granted to mankind has been used in violence upon our fellow men.

Gold, which we know as a 'noble metal', pretty much useless for any industrial purpose as there are other substances that are better at conducting electricity or in strength or reflectivity or 'to eat', maintains a ratio to crude oil ... about 2 grams of gold per barrel. Gold is Nature's or God's money. The difference between currency and money seems lost in this 'scientific' age.

Being divisible and verifiable, gold has served mankind for its known history as a mechanism for 'settlement' of trade – at the grocer, on galleons that traversed the continents, as the deliverable 'backing' of good substance for contracts to deliver gold.

The big change that came with the invention of the printing press was circulating currency notes 'backed' by gold. By 1914, most contracts for bulk goods were settled using 'Bills of Exchange', a system

⁹ The wrong question, debated *ad-nausem*, is 'Should Britain leave/join the EU?'.

¹⁰ Rather than perform their duty to protect the liberty of the people, certain members of the 'U.K.' Government these days have the temerity to propose that the use of cash by the common man is "immoral". We say, Sir, the Plebs know the truth, that you run a Mad House; we forgive you for thinking you are Caesar.

¹¹ Sri Yuketeswar Giri, in Kaivalya Darsanam, published in 1894, gave us this insight from ancient sages.

of contracts that efficiently moved goods from nature to the public where the good substance on the payment side was gold. At the onset of hostilities in 1914 this system was shut down by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. A fascinating account of how this funded German War Bonds for WWI is available on the public record¹².

Gold is a signalling mechanism and its message permeates the history of man. When the fog of war is penetrated, gold signals the 'tit for tat', the 'nice' mechanism that teaches the teachable Sovereigns about the Rule of Law. The slow motion game of prisoner's dilemma can be seen over the centuries. The significant events are, The Act of Supremacy of King Henry VIII in (1534 / Q.E. I: 1558), the Council of Trent (1545 - 1563), the 'mixed money' case of 1604, the grant of Charter of the Bank of England in 1694, the Declaration of Independence in the United States in 1776, the use of 'greenbacks' of Abraham Lincoln in 1861, the charter of the Federal Reserve in 1912, Vatican II in 1968, to the current phase of 'scientific' and 'politically correct' made up currency in circulation which has an entire cast of politicians walking around without knowing 'The Law', or, in religious language, 'fear of God'.

William Morris, who, dreaming of Utopia in the early part of this century when there was no money in circulation, published *News From Nowhere*¹³ in 1890, a 'Marxist classic', which I came across whilst reading *The Genius of the Common Law*¹⁴ (1911) by Sir Frederick Pollock. Morris predicted an abundance of produce available for free and a Parliament that had not just become irrelevant, had been abolished and now used as a manure shed. We seem to have almost reached this stage. Vegetables are now grown for free by the good hearted people of Todmorden¹⁵. The United States Congress, the 'mightiest Parliament', has 'laws' proposed that would make such food illegal in Senate Bill S510¹⁶. At a most basic level in western society, there is a loss of meaning regarding both 'law' and 'money'. This affects everything, even Bill Gates has announced, "I have no use for money, this is God's work". ¹⁷

Gold, God's money, has a message. According to former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, the message is simple but devastating ¹⁸:

"Europe... has lost a lot of money and therefore you must be poor now relative to the past," he reasons in an interview with BBC World Service's Business Daily.

"And in Asia we live within our means. So when we are poor, we live as poor people. I think that is a lesson that Europe can learn from Asia."

"You refuse to acknowledge you have lost money and therefore you are poor," he says.

"And you can't remedy that by printing money. Money is not something you just print. It must be backed by something, either good economy or gold."

"I think you should go back to doing what I call real business - producing goods, providing services, trading - not just moving figures in bank books, which is what you are doing."

"Currency is not a commodity", he says.

"You sell coffee. Coffee... can be ground and made into a cup of coffee. But currency, you cannot grind it and make it into anything. It is just figures in the books of the banks and you can trade with figures in the books of banks only."

"There must be something solid to trade, then you can legitimately make money."

"I think you have paid your workers far too much money for much less work," he says.

"So you cannot expect to live at this level of wealth when you are not producing anything that is marketable."

¹² http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/commons/1914/nov/27/government-war-obligations-bill#S5CV0068P0_19141127_HOC_171

¹³ http://www.marxists.org/archive/morris/works/1890/nowhere/nowhere.htm

¹⁴ http://archive.org/details/geniuscommonlaw02pollgoog

¹⁵ http://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-2072383/Eccentric-town-Todmorden-growing-ALL-veg.html

¹⁶ http://www.opencongress.org/bill/111-s510/text

¹⁷ http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/bill-gates/9812672/Bill-Gates-interview-I-have-no-use-for-money.-This-is-Gods-work.html

¹⁸ http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-16918000

His message is tough, he acknowledges, before adding with a laugh: "We used to get tough messages from you before, remember?"

The other message that gold has, is loud and clear on every one dollar bill. One wonders if the European Union and ECB bureaucrats recognise the message. The future shape of the 'European Union' is clear – the true substance shines despite the formal structure. The message is blazoned on the walls of the German constitutional court. EU functionaries may wish to note: the 'book of rules' they are thumping on the desk is not a Christian Bible. The question for them is, do they recognise the import of recently conferred tokens of friendship and respect?

Predicting the future based on this knowledge of the ontology of 'international law' is easy. The situation is similar to the era of the Fall of Caesar's Rome as a result of the arrival of Jesus Christ, the overturning of the money changer's tables in the temple, the spread of His message by the Apostles, the failure of tribute inspired by fear, followed by the Peace of the Church in AD 313.

The background of today's world has Caesar's minions threatening mankind's decency with regulation and theft of God's intellectual property whilst parading their 'equal rights' campaign regarding 'marriage'.

By the grace of God, we have been inspired to create a rational system for world trade that features *finality of settlement* and liberty without any distinction of people and nations.

The money changers have had nothing to do with this blessed event for they have been squabbling at the 'secret round table'. The historical ironies of this era could not be greater.

This letter is written under compulsion of conscience. As Christ said in Luke 19:40, "or the rocks would cry out".

I trust that this letter informs the ongoing debate you are having with the religious community.

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