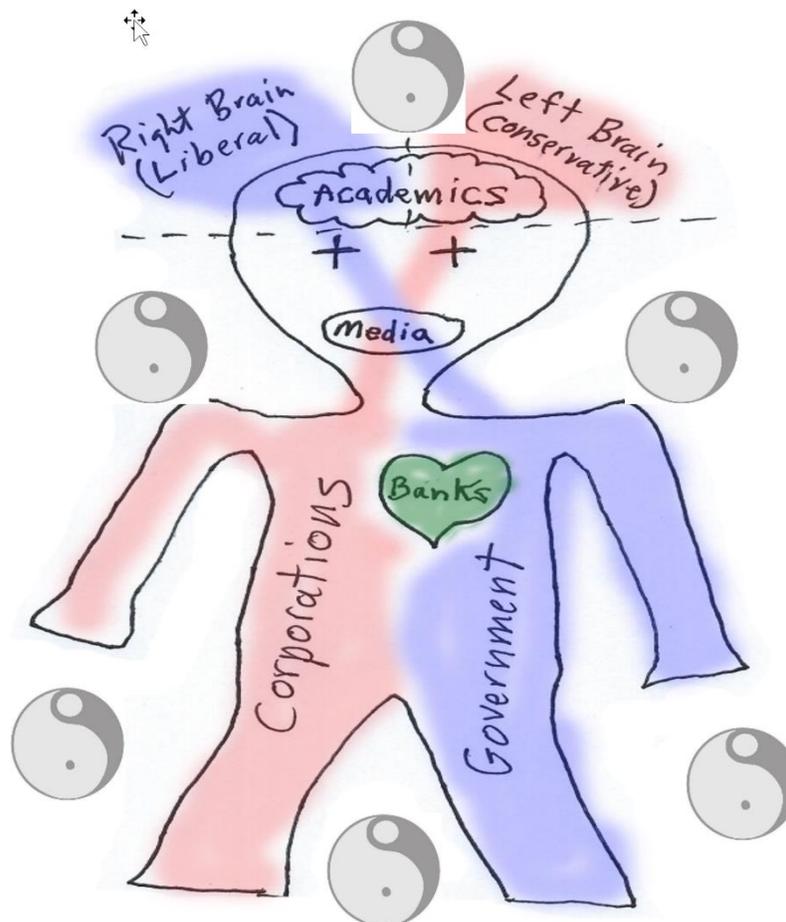


## 8. Fourth Example: Our Culture as Parasite – The Academiamilitacorporabanktocracy

Again, any rational examination starts with observations followed by identifying patterns in the data. When we do this, it is my assertion that a fourth example is suggested: Our (Western) culture as a parasite, with humans as the host. Imagine this metaphor: Each of us is a cell, and together we comprise a single, giant, living human. We are all cells connected to each other and dependent on each other to a large extent for survival.

*"We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow man"* - Herman Melville.



We also have boundaries (membranes), the integrity of which is also critical for our health and survival. Through these boundaries, we are in constant, dynamic exchange of material and information with each other, which is how we are fed, educated, socialized, and conditioned. The health of this collective metaphorical human depends on the health of the cells and vice versa. Now imagine that this human is infected by a parasite that is interested only in its own strength and fitness, even if it means sucking the life and liberty out of its host organism (us).

The parasite in this rather limited metaphor is what I call the Academiamilitacorporabanktocracy (Academics-Media-Military-Corporations-Banks-

Government), or Adamtocracy for short, and the weakness in our collective immune system is pride and pride's effect of augmenting our already exaggerated notions of separateness, thus our willingness to virtual fight-or-flight. Like organized religion, this parasite uses memes, which we transmit to each other throughout our entire collective body.

*"People don't have ideas. Ideas have people."* - Carl Jung

The most successful memes have been those that feed pride and promise short-term pleasure, but that direct our behavior to promote the Adamtocracy's agenda in opposition to the health and fitness of the cells. Some cells have died already and most are getting sicker; but in the interests of feeding the Adamtocracy, the overall number of the cells continues to increase. This parasite gets stronger as the host fights *itself*, most notably the left side of the body versus the right side. Infused with Yang's dominance over Yin, it thrives in a pool of imbalance.

Below are the Adamtocracy's features (with location in parentheses). Each of these deserves an entire shelf full of books, arguments, essays. These are only very brief summaries of some observations, each with famous cherry-picked quotes:

**Academics (Brain):** These are the cells of education, which when healthy, thrive on masculine rationality, feminine intuition, wisdom, the widest reasonable diversity of ideas, and an intense drive for truth. Today, these cells are infected with conformity to a training model that defines success in life as getting a degree and maximizing production and consumption capacities. I can be an all "A" student without ever coming up with an idea on my own – all I have to do is correctly reproduce the class notes and book material. Diversity of ideas is given lip-service while a commitment to ideological indoctrination dominates most schools.

Higher level institutions and the research they conduct is paid for and controlled by corporations and government. Ego, agenda, and greed have corrupted scientific pursuit and reporting of results by universities.

*But we know that the system of peer review is biased, unjust, unaccountable, incomplete, easily fixed, often insulting, usually ignorant, occasionally foolish, and frequently wrong.* - Richard Horton, Chief Editor of *The Lancet*



The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all; it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed a standard citizenry, to put down dissent and originality.

~ H.L. Mencken

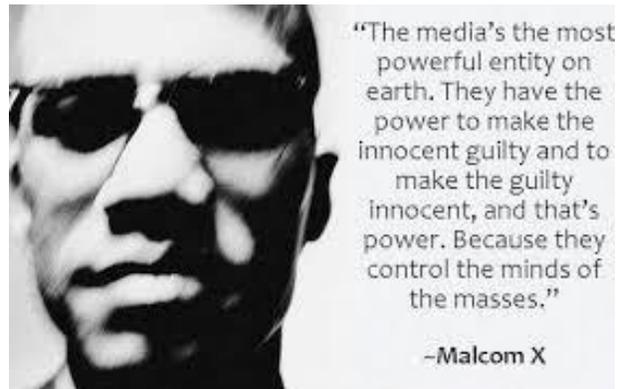
For those who earn a salary in an academic field, this tends to be very hard to see, let alone admit.



*The environment in the public school system, as I have observed it, for young men, is horrible. It's an all female environment. The men who teach in it have all collapsed in the face of the social welfare ideology. The environment is absolutely imprisoning for young men. Their natural energy is being constrained in the classroom for the efficiency of this mechanism.*

- Camille Paglia, Lesbian Feminist Activist

**Media (Mouth).** The original objective of a free press was to protect and promote political speech, not to control it. Like education, the intention was to simply provide information on a wide array of different views so that citizens could make good decisions about matters that affected their lives. Now, the dissemination of information is based exclusively on profitability - how much attention it gets - and it is therefore controlled by the advertisers and media owners. As long as we continue to pay attention to what fits their agendas; there will be no safeguards in place to prevent bias and manipulation. Even outright lies. Some of our most popular media spokespeople have been caught red-handed - Dan Rather, Brian Williams, Katie Couric, Mitch Albom, just to name a few – and it is astonishing how few citizens seem to notice or care. Nobody has to tell these reporters to lie. They do it anyway because they believe that their cause is more important – that the ends justify the means. Meanwhile, emotionally provocative headlines that rile us up - that most effectively incite virtual fight-or-flight responses - are the best sellers, keeping us in conflict with each other over shallow, irrelevant, entertaining sensationalism; distracting us from what is controlling our real behavior. The media feeds us the candy we crave, and we just keep clicking, getting fatter and weaker with conformity, entertainment, soma, sleep, suicide.



If I am a journalist, or otherwise working in the mainstream media, I am inclined to disagree.

**Military (Muscle):** Our proclivity to fight each other, and to not understand in depth the reasons for the *rule of law* being a founding principle in the first place have facilitated the misuse of muscle - a few using the power of the state and/or international corporations in opposition to the interests of the many. The military



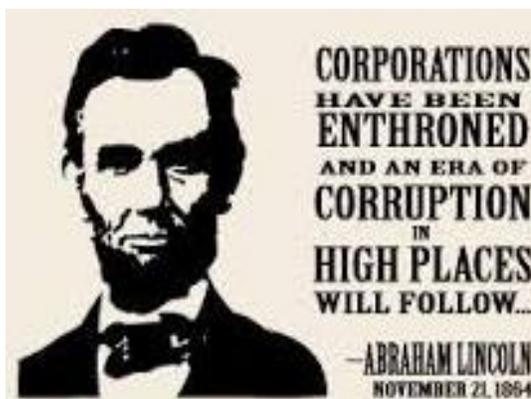
This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience... We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications... In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

(Dwight D. Eisenhower)

industry (and even the entire economy) usually benefits when a nation goes to war and wins, but of course this is not helpful to the people who were killed. Once again, the parasite benefits, as real human life is sacrificed. This action is not new. To make matters worse the USA is increasingly imperialistic, using its military might to assassinate the leaders of sovereign nations that never attacked the US, throwing these nations into violent chaos, allegedly for the protection of economic interests of US-based corporations, or for imposing so-called Democracy on people who did not request it, or for establishing a heretofore unexplained utopian global unity, or for so-called humanitarian reasons. Hundreds of thousands of innocent people are murdered, ostensibly to protect them against human rights violations of their leaders. It’s for

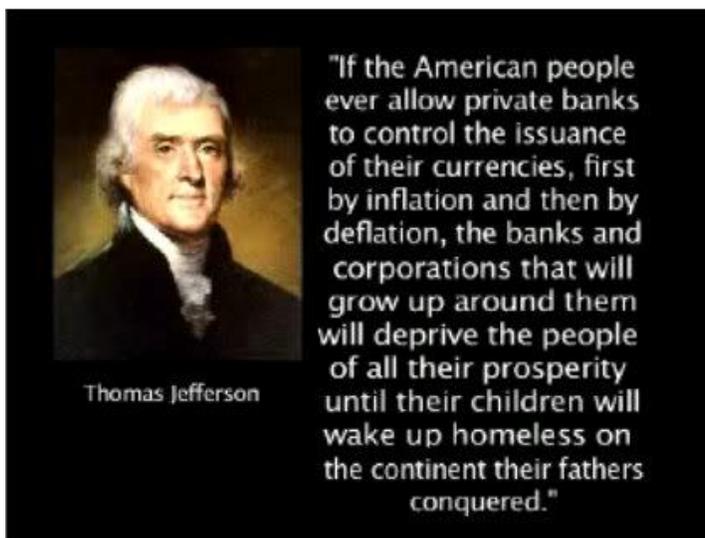
“their own good”. The memes are propagated, and real lives are taken for the violent promotion of abstract ideologies. The American taxpayer does not examine in depth whether the leaders of the military industrial complex are justified, as long as war does not come to American soil, which it never does, at least for now. To their credit, even those in the military often see its misuse and abuse.

**Corporations (Right Side Body):** Usually defended by Republicans, who view Gov’t as the abusing power, when in fact the corporations lobby (bribe) the lawmakers to ensure that they remain triplets, partners with the Government and banks at the top of the power hierarchy. The government has the biggest guns, the corporations control the government, and the corporations are greedy by design. Big business defenders (like Milton Freidman) say we can hold the corporations accountable – just sell your stock – but how many shareholders actually do this based on virtue? None!



Especially if part of a mutual fund. Practically nobody sells their stock if they think it’s increasing in value, regardless of the corruption or damage done by a corporation. Also, can we really say that human beings benefit when a business multiplies its profits by replacing workers with computers and robots? A future of leisure in which technology does all our work for us may seem attractive; but so far, we can observe that the lives of the unemployed tend to be characterized by despair, disempowerment, and depression. It may not be wise to hand over yet more power to businesses. A corporation conducts operations without conscience, accountability, or morality. This is not to say that corporations are inherently evil, only that we men have allowed our pride to increase beyond our conscious control and to combine in these collectives called corporations.

**Banks (Heart):** Banks pump the money, the blood, through the system. But it’s not even real money today, it’s virtual. Back when money was invented, we exchanged metal coins, then paper money backed by metal, then paper not even backed by metal, and now we are phasing out the paper, toward pure virtual electronic money backed by nothing tangible. Then the banks, which are corporations, control the “Federal Reserve” to simply make money out of thin air whenever the banks can justify it, and the people get taxed. The majority us do not notice or care, or we say it’s necessary for the benefit of the “economy”, which is another abstraction, nonsense. Yet it’s a notion usually propagated in subtle ways, but sometimes asserted aggressively through memes such as “It’s the economy stupid” or “What’s good for the economy is good for all of us.” All the while, most citizens



remain unaware of the potentially disastrous outcomes of monetary policy that has resulted in approximately \$20 Trillion of debt and \$100 Trillion of unfunded liabilities, numbers that are growing exponentially, despite already being too high to fully comprehend let alone manage.

**Tocracy (Left Side of Body):** the government for, by, and of, the *virtual* people, not the *real* people. It is often defended by Democrats, who see it as a legitimate power that can solve the problems created by the large corporations and ignorant citizens. Today's liberal in effect has the state serving the same omnipotent paternal function as the theocracies of the middle ages. But it's worse, because it's a virtual maternal caretaker as well. The government voice, in effect, says "pay taxes, give us your resources, and we'll take care of the needy and poor so that you don't have to". This sentiment, sold through the media as compassion (or some other virtuous-sounding meme) and backed by military/police muscle, keeps the Adamtocracy well-nourished while the taxed cells over-spend (as does the government) and struggle to pay student loans, auto loans, credit cards, bills, mortgages, etc. Virtue can be found only in the individual. We cannot legislate or outsource morality and conscience to the state. Every effort to do so inevitably results in a tyrannical and murderous concentration of power, as evidenced by over a hundred million dead bodies at the feet of 20<sup>th</sup> Century National Socialists and Communists.

The memes that divide us and keep us depending on the State, and looking to the State for solutions, will always benefit the parasite. In the meantime, the right-handed corporations are stronger than the left-handed political plutocracy in every way, lobbying and bribing on behalf of the monied interests behind the scenes, to make all the laws. The will of the people is an ancient illusion, and more so if the will is not even conscious in the first place. Of course, if we have a government job, we want to believe we're doing good work, not participating in a charade, so this is harder to admit.

The most common mistake is to perceive the large corporations and government as two separate agents, one being better than the other, when in fact they are just two aspects of the same thing.



“They have the same point of view. The two parties are two factions of the business party. Most of the population doesn't even bother voting because it looks meaningless. They're marginalized and properly distracted. At least that's the goal.”

– Noam Chomsky, *Media Control: The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda*

The word “corporatocracy” has been coined and widely used by critics of this extremely corrupt political/economic arrangement that is supported by the banks, the mainstream media, and academics – while we citizens are encouraged to fight each other as self-identified Republicans or Democrats.

The infected condition of academics, media, military, corporations, banks, and government are different aspects of the same power structure, of our culture, the Adamtocracy. The mistaken perception that these are six separate agents comes from our propensity to see separateness where none exist except superficially in name, and then to amplify this perception with virtual fight or flight. We label each other as belonging to one group or another, as advocates for the

wrong side, and then as an enemy to be opposed; when in reality we are still connected like cells in a body.

*We are all one thing, lieutenant. That's what I've come to realize. Like cells in a body. 'Cept we can't see the body. The way fish can't see the ocean. And so we envy each other. Hurt each other. Hate each other. How silly is that? A heart cell hating a lung cell.*

*-from the movie Adaptation*

### **Not a “conspiracy”.**

None of this need be conscious, nor a conspiracy, nor in dictatorial fashion like the theocracies of the Middle Ages, which imposed rule top-down *vertically* by elite individuals in the power hierarchy. An “intelligent designer” is not necessary. We no longer need kings, priests, bankers, the so-called top 1%, the Rothschilds, Bilderbergs, etc. to do the dirty work; because we do it for them, and certain envied



individuals get richer as a side-effect, which obscures the fundamental cause all the more. Instead, we keep each other in check. We fight *horizontally* over virtual concerns. We also police ourselves horizontally, employing virulent seductive memes in the form of peer pressure, status, “keeping up with the Joneses”, political correctness, admiration, respect, vanity.....all products of pride, ultimately. Nearly all of this control occurs beneath consciousness. Just like with Darwinian evolution, as long as it works, the memes are propagated, and the corresponding behaviors are modified and repeated. No top-down “intelligent designer” is necessary. Every time a meme replicates and is able to effectively modify the behaviors of the host in ways that benefit the parasite, the overall process of memes-as-information-packets-that-change-behavior is reinforced, regardless of who or what is authoring the meme, and regardless of whether it is for a so called “good” or “bad” purpose with respect to the host. Like the genosphere, the memosphere is morally neutral, so it is up to the host to attempt to make conscious moral choices if morality is indeed important to the host. This further stresses the need for a foundational set of values, morals, and virtues on which we can agree; so that we can engage consciously in right behaviors that cultivate a good conscience, and that in turn reinforce good behavior. But, more importantly, it also means that we must have awareness of sensory data and not allow our nervous systems to be commandeered by non-sense. In other words, we must employ *free will* in our vigilance about directing our attention toward what is actually coming through our senses. This is not easy, and not rewarded, in today's virtual environment.

It may be that we are puppets - puppets controlled by the strings of society. But at least we are puppets with perception, with awareness. And perhaps our awareness is the first step to our liberation.  
- Stanley Milgram

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The Adamtocracy is a greedy, gluttonous, faceless, virtual parasite that thrives on social pressure that enables increasing force and taxation, whenever we transmit the memes that keep the people obsessed with so-called education (the corrupt version that promotes

conformity instead of enlightenment), media diversions, sports, entertainment, production, and consumption. No morality is involved, and behaviors tend to become standardized, scripted, and predictable.

These observations are not new. Ancient thinkers, enlightenment philosophers, theologians, right up to modern times as well, have shared them. They have been elucidated commonly and recently in a genre of science fiction that extrapolates into the future the consequences of this trend toward centralized control, scripted obedience, and sameness and away from conscious living, individuality, and creativity – for example, *Brave New World*, *1984*, *the Matrix*, *The Machine Stops*, *Fahrenheit 451*, even children’s books like *The Giver* and *A Wrinkle in Time*.

It is my contention that the rigorously-collected empirical evidence, the pattern of observations, reveals that by “those who would manipulate and control” our society Aldous Huxley was referring to a phenomenon that has become the Adamtocracy and its agents (we who conform, who are not “on the spot”); and that we’ve already relinquished to it a great deal of control of our lives.

*“Only the vigilant can maintain their liberties, and only those who are constantly and intelligently on the spot can hope to govern themselves effectively by democratic procedures. A society, most of whose members spend a great part of their time, not on the spot, not here and now and in the calculable future, but somewhere else, in the irrelevant world of sport and soap opera, of mythology and metaphysical fantasy, will find it hard to resist the encroachments of those who would manipulate and control it.” -Aldous Huxley, Brave New World Revisited p268*

In the book *A Wrinkle in Time*, the massive controlling agent was called “IT”. “IT” is nearly perfectly analogous to what I am saying is the “Adamtocracy”. I urge you to read the short children’s book and think about this phenomenon.

My grave concern is that we American men are not only forfeiting control of our lives; but we are doing so as soldiers for a parasite that will continue to suck the life out of us, as long as the members of this society “spend a great part of their time, not on the spot, not here and now in the calculable future, but somewhere else, in the irrelevant world of sport and soap opera...”

If we do not heed the warnings of our ancestors, if we continue to be bloated with pride and complacent about preserving our rights to life and liberty, we are jeopardizing our survival. We might very well be suicide bombers on behalf of “IT”, the Adamtocracy.

**Note (Repeated):** As stated previously, the scope of this work is observations, patterns of observations, and a comparison of these patterns to values. My main thesis is that the pattern of observations reveals that the lack of masculinity is allowing harm to life and liberty. The postulation that there is a parasitic power (The Adamtocracy) that benefits from this harm is secondary, intended only a plausible means of explaining how this can happen.

**Word Usage Note:** Previously (Chapter 5) I described how our world is becoming more and more “virtual”; but a better word is “proxy”. When I say *proxy* living, or *proxy* fight-or-flight, I am contending that it is increasingly both virtual *and for the benefit of, and on behalf of*, the Adamtocracy. From now on, my use of the word “proxy” is in reference to this.