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## *Symbiotic economics: Social Darwinism*

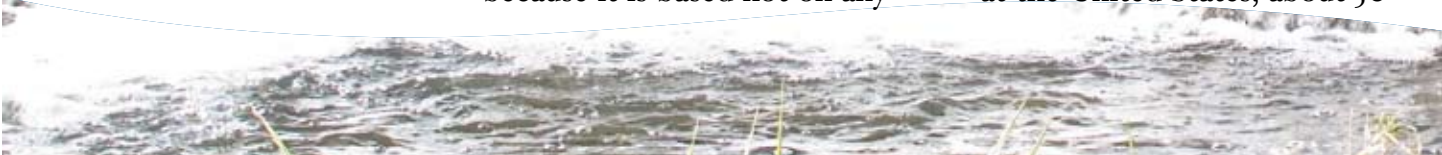
Last week we looked at the fact, monetary capital, like natural rain, does not fall evenly over the earth. Just as in the real world, the arid American west needs irrigation enterprise capital for business ventures. This is true much in the same way that irrigation water is necessary for agricultural production.

The same details hold true in most of the rural areas of the globe. In fact, this liquidity discrepancy is even more pronounced in the developing world. There is excess capital and goods in urban areas, but once you get beyond the wealthy cities, poverty is rampant.

So what is being done about it by the leaders and politicians? Nothing, they have their share of the wealth and if it trickles down to those less fortunate, that's OK, if not those people really don't amount to much anyway. That belief is called Social Darwinism. It will eventually bring about the demise of western culture, because it is based not on any

truth, just anti God wishful thinking of these perpetrators of self. These selves being rich and therefore more highly evolved than those who are not monetary and stuff wealthy.

If we look at rural America in a little detail, financial liquidity basically arrives from four areas. In the rest of the rural world, these concepts are still basically true. One is real estate speculation of commons values. The second is transfer payments of urban immigrants, a lot of those being retirees and those who have imported their own wealth or incomes from times spend in urban occupations. The third is seasonal tourism, most centered around the summer, but also to a limited degree in hunting seasons and winter recreation. The fourth is government transfer payments. Contrary to rural wisdom, these payments exceed, on a per capita basis, those expenditures in urban areas. If you look nationally at the United States, about 50



percent of the land is owned by governments. In some counties in the west this figure exceeds 80 percent. However, little financial liquidity reaches the people unless they are somehow involved in doling out these funds, according to some programs envisioned by leaders, again part of the social darwinian class.

Sadly, in the American west, local people, no matter their roots or training, understand little of the deeper reality of this humanly created liquidity desert picture. Outside and inside the region, government or institutional darwinists believe it is their superior position that gives them the right to rule over creation and other people by managing "progress." Libertarian types also foster the illusion, that by self determination and their skills alone, they can tame the wilderness, and it's people into their likeness. Neither divergent class sees the problem in terms of access to capital, but rather a conflict of ideas. Their particular beliefs being superior to others.

One thing that is emerging in the west is that the concept of marketplace, not necessarily markets, provide wiser use of all assets, including capital liquidity than does government control. Almost all people further realize, these marketplaces, if based only on capital profits and stuff, do not provide sufficient constraints to maintain the quality of life that is one of the overriding aspects of development in the first place.

When you address this concept in a western reality basis, eventually you have to deal with Wallace Stegner's vision of "Beyond the Hundredth Meridian: John Wesley Powell and the Second Opening of the West." This 1953 classic paints a utopian vision really of how the west developed, or could have developed, within or beyond Powell's vision. It is all based upon the reality of the West's aridity.

My view of the second opening of the West, as well as the first, and including "the Next West" is that none of it really happened. For a period the west was exploited. That period lasted from approximately the end of the American Civil War until about a hundred years later. Then the west was abandoned. The colonial imperialists barons extracted what they could profitably exploit, and then moved to other areas of the world.

Interestingly, most westerners still believe that they are the backbone of this great nation, when in reality they are looked at as country bumpkins, too poorly educated, and definitely less evolved than their true right and left coast brothers and sisters. These coastal "Bobo's," Bourgeois Bohemians to use a term created by David Brooks, swimming in excess capital and goods, and planning on keeping and controlling it all for themselves and others of their Darwinian religion, do not realize that the west and most of the world operates in a different reality, than which they take for granted.

Sadly, the Republican Party, as it has evolved under the Bush Administration, has lost complete touch with the red state political base, that truly kept Al Gore from becoming President, and in a back handed sort of way, last week gave Gore the Nobel Peace Prize. That political base, furthermore, sees nothing in any of the current Republican candidates that reflect their values, and even less in those who call themselves Democrats.

The fact that the US Congress polls at near the lowest approval rating in history, doesn't seem to make any difference. In reality you have one faction of Left Wing Social Darwinists trying to out maneuver Right Wing Social Darwinists, making Washington D.C. as confused as ancient Biblical Babel and no one seems intelligent enough to get the picture.

Which reminds me, for all his faults old Chuckie Darwin had a fascination with earthworms and their ability to make good soil. The plain text of that book is available on the internet through Project Gutenberg. What the world needs today is some leadership with the world changing abilities of a community of earthworms, not those who think they have all the answers, if just the less socially evolved would allow them to construct the proper evolving community.

In a pure secular sense the problem with Social Darwinism is that it is in conflict with the Bible, itself, and nature that it says it draws its evidence. Even if it was true, people don't evolve in any literal sense in a lifetime. You may have developed some skill, received some education, made some money, developed some wisdom, but for all intents and purposes you are now embracing old age and treachery when not so long ago you were full of

youth and enthusiasm. You have learned that even in sports, maturity and craftiness may not win all the games, but surely are the standards of a champion. We all want to be champions, it is part of human nature to develop some higher purpose. The difference is really only in the mechanisms we employ or utilize to achieve that goal.

The truth of Social Darwinism rests solely in the application of Lenin's Law which states, "If you repeat a lie often enough it becomes truth."

The difference between Social Darwinism's worldview and the Biblical worldview, sadly in many cases not the Christian worldview, is that the Bible says that mankind was created in God's image. Social Darwinism rests on the presupposition of literal naturalism everything has a totally natural origin and destiny.

Therefore, a good Social Darwinist, sees little wrong with exploiting people as machines or less evolved, and when they appear no longer useful because of growing knowledge, just throw them out and get younger employees more full of enthusiasm and lacking much skill, simply because they cost less. If that won't work in the marketplace sense, just move to a free trade zone somewhere else in the world, and exploit other people as your evolutionary superior worldview dictates.

World markets demand that goods be made competitively in a global economy. What was true in the non developed American west, is now becoming true in the rest of America and the world. If you care about anything, especially deeply, whether that is God, the environment, other people, and even global warming and Al Gore, you are not part of that machine evolutionary syndrome.

For the most part, the vast majority of the American people, still believe in other people as unique personalities, and all those personalities have an obligation to make the world a better place for having been here. At the deepest level Americans, and most peoples around the world, resent being treated like atheistic machines of industry or the state, serfs to do the will of others, and to use their meager resources to support the machine syndrome.

The prime reason today we don't see any development in the American West is that urban liberal environmentalists like left wing socialists in earlier articles and right wing libertarians that part of Bush's rural conservative Christian base won't let those greedy global capitalists, exploit the land and the people without just compensation. Hence, industry and manufacturing has been outsourced by Social Darwinists to areas where the atheistic governments share the same religious values of mammon, greed, and cheap exploitation of land and people.

I think most non machine integrated people can learn and understand why the right wing libertarians value the land. It gives them space by which they can do there thing. Furthermore, these libertarian types will never agree on enough details to strip mine a West Virginia mountain for coal, so the potential of total environmental harm is greatly reduced.

The left wing socialist environmentalists however, are a much more difficult species. The big governmental programs they understand, because that is what is required to make urbane urbanism function. Their connection with the environment however, is mostly through books and education. Some of it genuinely based on the concepts of ecology and ecosystems, much of it spun in a religious zeal of a revivalist's camp meeting, without the camp.

A true urban environmentalist will buy his or her outdoor gear at REI, while the libertarian will buy their gear at Cabelas. For the most part both will spend similar thousands of dollars for their nature based adventures, just to tame nature into a comfortable image. The biggest difference is that as a percentage of income the urban environmentalist will spend much less on gear, and more on the cause.

So both the urban environmentalist and a rural libertarian share a similar religion and religious practices. They just have a very different systematic theology for their religious dogma. It is in the writings of environmentalists you will begin to catch the term trustee of creation. The libertarian outdoors man may not be able to articulate that concern, because his religion is based upon apprehended natural law rather than true human

jurisprudence, but both base their legal arguments on the same reality, nature or creation and law.

Symbiosis: the interaction between two different organisms living in close physical association, typically to the advantage of both. A mutually beneficial relationship between different people or groups : a perfect mother and daughter symbiosis.

So now we begin to get an understanding of Symbiotic Economics. Urban environmentalists and rural libertarians sharing a mutually beneficial human enterprise, based in the love of creation or nature. This symbiosis is based upon both natural law available to all men everywhere, and responsibilities of legal trustees to pass that heritage to future generations. By looking at the complexity of natural diversity and competition, human enterprise models can be developed which understand enterprise liquidity that must obey the same rules as the natural hydrologic cycle. Where that hydrology does not now exist, because of the misallocation of enterprise liquidity rights, irrigation enterprise liquidity can be provided, without emptying the saline oceans of existing liquidity entropy.

Whew!

The United States and its consumers are still a principle driving force in the world economy. There is also contingents of libertarians, entrepreneurs, and environmentalists itching to change the world into their vision of a better place. At the present time they may be driven by the ethic of Social Darwinism. As we have determined however, Social Darwinism really isn't even good evolution, and definitely not good science. Social Darwinism is really a way to achieve your ends at the expense of others. In situational ethics, that is really taking evil and redefining it not only as good, but right. Simply an application of Lenin's Law of truth making.

Symbiosis however, is a readily understood term of descriptive operational science. Ask a young earth Creation Scientist the definition of symbiosis, and they will respond essentially as above. The same is true with a uniformitarian evolutionist, and the results will be equally consistent. Add the term economics and both will respond in unison, "It has to do with

money!" When you bring up the fact that Symbiotic Economics should function the way the natural hydrologic cycle does, they all get excited. Religious differences in origins dogma instantly look more remote than the opportunity to fix something that is obviously broken, that being the western culture as it continues to exploit everything in search of its one god, Mammon.

The real problem however, is the thought recently expressed by a Christian regarding a Biblical six day literal interpretation of the creation account: "I never thought that is really all that important in the truth of the Bible revelation of Jesus Christ."

The reality of the situation is that post modern citizens of the world, really are not citizens of the world at all, because citizens are concerned about the world they live in, what effects that world positively and negatively, in the present and the future, and take action. Most people act like Social Darwinism is true is because that is the way they have been treated all their lives. Other people the Social Darwinists think for them, and by extension, they think, according to Lenin's Law, that they get a free pass into a heavenly afterlife where all good people go. They are good people, not because they reasoned that out on their own, somebody told them that over and over again. Sorry to say today most of that anathema is taught in American Protestant Evangelical Christianity.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus of Nazareth, son of God, son of man, walked this earth teaching the eminence of the Kingdom of God. At first he was ignored and then crucified by the religious establishment. His resurrection gave evidence that he died for the sins of humanity and that his sacrifice had been accepted legally as payment for all of humanity's guilt. Therefore, humanity was justified before God by his sinless life, legally imputed to them. That was the Good News that changed the known world in a hundred years.

If you look at church history, about every 500 years something happened within the church to change the direction. The last time that happened was the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. The world is poised for a new reformation or some other "re" word that fits your situation. Left behind in the Reformation was the Roman Catholic church

in the west. Could that new reformation leave behind evangelicalism as it is practiced in America and exported around the world?

With his Nobel Prize, Al Gore has been recognized by the world as a prophet of impending doom, attributable to global warming by mankind's excessive burning of fossil fuels. Personally, I believe his apocalypse contains a lot of poor science, even in the evolutionary sense. The main problem I have with his Inconvenient Truth however, is it isn't inconvenient enough. For a short time and space, the Social Darwinists will praise his name, give him attaboys, and do absolutely nothing, but figure out how to get more, by giving less.

"He who dies with the most toys, wins!" Sadly that is how most people live their lives. More to the point, "You have to stand for something, or you will fall for any thing."

Symbiotic Economics stands for something and it is not more personal toys for everyone. Next week we shall begin to look at liquidity opportunities that exist outside the venue of post modern global economics.