



# **Zeitgeist: Moving Forward**

The diagnosis versus the cure...

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## •Zeitgeist

The good!

- The critical approach to the existing system is great.
- The idealism and passion are wonderful!
- The deconstruction of the concept of human nature is excellent.
- The ridiculousness of GDP is well explained.
- The focus on the evils of child abuse is good.
- The analysis of statist fiat currency predations = good.
- The parasitism of the financial sector is exposed.



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- The less good...
- The conflation of violence with voluntarism: “Money is debt!”
- Government enforced fiat currency is debt, sure.
- But fiat currency is not money, anymore then rape is sex.
- “Everything should be built perfectly.” –There are always trade-offs.
- “Planned obsolescence” – this is driven by the consumer.
- The idea that innovation is resisted? Bookstores versus Kindle!  
Movie theaters versus the Internet! Etc etc.



## •The Experts

- How about someone, anyone from the free market?
- A dull parade of bookish academics spouting Marxist clichés.
- Since they're talking about wealth creation, why not have someone on the program who has actually created some wealth?
- Most entrepreneurs will tell you that the government makes their life more difficult, and that the barrier to hiring and growth is regulation and taxation.
- These academics with tenure and state-controlled licenses and likely zero experience in the free market.



## • **Resource-based Economy**

Marxism with robots!

- Central planning will never work.
- Resources are finite, desires are infinite.
- Without prices, efficient allocations are impossible.
- Money mirrors scarcity, requires rational and objective tradeoffs.
- The calculation problem is insurmountable.
- You can't overcome barter.
- Etc.



# •Marxism

Tell me how it's different...

- They just made a few jokes and pretended that it didn't exist.
- But let's look at the list of Venus Project criticisms:
  - Exploitation of laborers! Technology steals jobs!
  - Religion is bad! Money and usury are bad!
  - Human nature is defined through economics, and violence and dysfunction arises out of class conflict and income disparity.
- And their solutions are:
  - The elimination of the free market, money of any kind, prices, wages, jobs – but with robots as the new proletariat!



## • **However...**

As long as choice is present, I say they should go for it!

- If people want to beg some computerized HAL for their porridge, I say go for it!
- The Zeitgeist movement regularly praises science for its competing models.
- Let's have that in the world of the future!
- If they want to set up their doughnut cities, get rid of all money and text their supercomputer for new shoes, fantastic!
- According to all laws of rational economics, it will be a complete disaster, but who is to stand between a dreamer and his dreams?
- If they don't use money, no one should aggress against them.
- If I want to use money, I expect the same civility in return.



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