

THE BEGINNING OF THE END

Death in the air is sweeping across this great land. It has engulfed our way of thinking with a fury like a blazing hellstrum. What started out so innocently at the turn of the century as technical advances, ironically became the tools for modified behaviour control.

How do you control the way people think? You change the way people think by bombarding them with high definition digital information. You induce artificial sleep deprivation while people are awake at work using high def gear or at home engaging electronic games, television or internet. You make people too tired and sick to resist or care, thereby removing their humanistic character traits. You effectively create a new generation of beings that are somehow different than the last. Could this be the new master race? A society of well managed workers that are highly motivated by commercial greed and devoid of human compassion for their fellow beings? Are we heralding in the next master race for the new world order?

Fully one decade into the 21st century and the digitalization of man is now complete. The government has outlawed the use of any analog communication devices as the world is reeling from the effects of a global economic depression. The grip of fear and paranoia is at an all time high and the pharmaceutical companies have packaged their latest treatment to their newest disease called stress. The people of the United States have elected their first black president and the mood of the country is poised for change. Unfathomable concepts that could not have been conceived of only ten short years ago are now fodder for twenty-four hour news channel viewer polls. A little bit of change can be a good thing but we must be more mindful of what it is that we as a human race are changing into.

In the last century the world witnessed the collapse of the USSR, the fall of the Berlin wall, and the end of the cold war. In that era under certain circumstances governments would hide things from the public to stop the creation of a panic or hysteria in the masses. This seems like a sharp contrast to the protocols of the new millennium where governments will go out of their way to inflict an atmosphere of terror and uncertainty on an unsuspecting public. In the age of the cold war people on either side of the wall were fairly confident there were enough restrictions and safeguards in place to prevent a catastrophe such as a nuclear holocaust. We were content in thinking "they" or the powers that be could never let "that" happen. It was our own humanity that was truly the safeguard.

Our own humanism may be the thing that has stopped us on more than one occasion and pulled us back from the brink of disaster. My major problem with this blind trust factor in the computer age after the corruption involved in the demise of the banks, insurance companies and the oil companies manipulation of the markets is that I'm just not feeling the love. The devastating policy of going to war with Iraq under the guise of 9/11 and the monopolistic contract of all supplies for the war effort going to Haliburton who happens to be owned by one of the top minds of the war creation strategy. I can't tell any more if the governments are controlling the corporations or if the corporations are ruling the governments.

There was a time in the past when I felt safe knowing that there was some kind of governing body that would protect our planetary issues. By preventing a calamity of epic or biblical proportions based on the reasoning of wisdom, compassion and the human spirit. I am not as confident now in the digital era mostly because I am not as sure about what we are becoming as a race of soulless worker droids to ever ensure the safety of such a human pursuit as protecting our planet or ourselves. There is only one thing that I am relatively certain of and that is that there will be plenty more death in the air all along the way.

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