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The Occult Technology of Power

The most secret knowledge, a science which outdates history, is the science of control over people, governments and civilizations. The foundation of this ultimate discipline is the control of wealth. Through the control of wealth comes the control of public information and the necessities of life. Through the control of news media comes thought control. Through the control of basic necessities comes direct physical control of people. -Anonymous Transcriber

My Son,

In this thin volume you will find the transcripts of your initiation into the secrets of my empire. Read them again, not for the arcane knowledge which is now second nature to you, but in order to re-experience the shock and awe you felt twenty years ago when at age thirty the fabulous scope of my power was revealed to you by my trusted, and now, mostly departed advisors. Remember the surprise to the point of disbelief, with which you beheld the invisibly delicate, but invincible chains of deceit, confusion, and coercion with which we finance capitalists enslave this chaotic world, Remember the feats of will and strategy that have been required to retain our position. Then, inspect your retinue carefully. Your heir must be equal to and eager for the task, much as you were. Choose him carefully. As I lie here waiting for the end, I can afford to relish the thought of our empire lasting forever as I never dared while in charge.

Rational power calculations, so easily disrupted by the thrills of power, are now entirely in your hands.

INTRODUCTION TO YOUR INITIATION

My son, the time has arrived to make formal what you have confidently awaited for some years. Of all your brothers, sisters, and cousins, as well as the offspring of my close allies, I have chosen you to be heir to my empire. All the trust funds, foundations, and accounts through which my empire is controlled shall pass into your hands upon my retirement. All my alliances, understandings, and enmities with my handful of peers around the globe shall gradually become yours. Over the next twenty years we shall collaborate closer and closer, you and I, until, we finally act as one.

For ten years you have toured my empire in a succession of managerial assignments and are now familiar with the outward operations of my crucial banking, foundation, governmental, and think-tank organizations. Until now, my advisors and I have deflected your questions as to how and if my diverse operations and holdings, which seem autonomous and even contradictory, are integrated into an organic whole to serve the dynasty's interests. The fact that you asked these questions, rejecting my carefully nurtured public image as an idle, coupon-clipping philanthropist, was a major factor in the high esteem in which I hold you. Most of your competitors found puppet leadership in any one of my organizations so awesome and gratifying that they immediately eliminated themselves from the contest for the top position which you

have won. Such men of limited vision are necessary for my success. They bend unconsciously to the subtle pressures to which I expose them. They can be led in any direction I choose by simple-minded rationalizations aimed at their vanity without being privy to my motives which would be short-lived secrets in their undisciplined and envious minds.

Most important in your selection as my successor, however, was your psychological nature which has been faithfully reported to me over the years by my associates many of whom have advanced psychological training. A man in my position must have total mastery over his emotions. All actions affecting the power of the dynasty must be taken on the basis of coldly reasoned power calculations if the dynasty is to survive and prosper at the

expense of its subjects
and rivals. All power is impossible to those whose pursuit is ruled by
sentimentality, love, envy,
power- lust, revenge, prejudice, hatred, justice, alcohol, drugs, or sexual
desire. Sustained power
is impossible to those who repress all their irrational longings into their
subconscious only to
have them return in compulsive, out-of-control behavior that inevitably leads to
their ruin.
Although often clothed in the rationalizations of power calculation, compulsive
behavior is, at
root, the emotionalism of a frightened child, desperately projecting his inner
agony into a reality
he is afraid to understand, much less master. Although you now must begin to
pursue it
consciously, you have already displayed the alienation from your emotional nature
that is so
essential to achieving real worldly power. You must recognize your emotional
nature as a
primitive survival mechanism that was appropriate for the jungle and perhaps
useful to common
men, but useless for the tasks that confront us finance capitalists. Attachment to
what you do,
just because you do it, is the primary psychological characteristic of ordinary
mortals. Such
cognitive dissonance spells disaster for us. Our emotional mechanism makes our
lives worth
living, but is no guide to the occult arts of intrigue. So, continue to gratify
your senses and
emotions fully at your leisure. As long as the empire prospers you will have the
resources to
indulge in systematic gratification which will leave your irrational urges sated
and, therefore
powerless. You will never be in the unenviable position of the middle class
strivers who must,
from lack of resources, repress their emotional natures if they are to attain any
power whatever
during their lives. Typically, they end up taking their pleasure from the
victories and cruelties of
their struggle. Thus, their end ceases to be power and they eventually defeat
themselves with
reckless behavior in pursuit of dominant thrills.

I have brought you into seclusion with my most trusted advisors in order to
inaugurate a new
phase of your instruction. Your formal training in the "official" political-
economic world is now
complete. This weekend will mark the beginning of your training in the occult
technology of
power that lurks behind outer appearances. As your tutors will explain, "occult"
or secret
knowledge is the basis of all power in human society, so I use the word "occult"
advisedly, in its
pristine usage. As I am sure you are aware by now, productivity in itself does not
secure power
and therefore does not secure the gratifications of life. After all, slaves can be
productive. None
of my organizations in which you served so well are concerned with advancing the

techniques of satisfying human needs and desires. Rather, all are dedicated to the surreptitious centralization of productive, but especially coercive, efforts in my hands or in creating the intellectual climate in which such veiled control would be tolerated in the future. I destroy or paralyze productive efforts that cannot be ensnared in my web.

After a break Professor A . will take the floor in order to put finance capitalism into full biological perspective. His short talk will be followed by similar abbreviated summaries by his six associates, all of whom you know well. The rest of the weekend will be devoted to forthright fielding of your questions.

PROFESSOR A. ON THE ROLE OF FRAUD IN NATURE

Organisms typically base their success primarily on deception and rely on actual force or mutually advantageous trade (symbiosis) as little as possible. This should be nearly self-evident but is generally overlooked due to the moral codes we elitists foist on our subjects.

Let me give a few examples in case the moral culture has to some extent impaired your powers of objective observation. Camouflage is universal among predators and victims alike. Blossoms imitate fragrances and colors which are sexually attractive to certain insects in order to effect pollination. Dogs bark ferociously and feign attack on enemies of whom they are, in fact terrified. The Venus Fly Trap plant lures flies to their deaths. Men proclaim their altruism to others and even themselves while they selfishly scramble for personal advantage. If you doubt that fraud is normal in nature you should read Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Robert Ardrey's "The Social Contract" for a wealth of fascinating examples. (Of course Ardrey fails to grasp the full application to contemporary human society of his brilliant insights into man's animal nature.) Human mental prowess and communicative powers have merely provided superb elaboration on nature's old theme of fraud, and added its own distinctive feature: self-delusion. Primitive animal hierarchies are based on bluff and bluster, and each member is well aware of and accepts, at least temporarily, its position in the hierarchy. The same wild enthusiasm and fascination for dominance and submission rages in human hearts. However, fraud is taken one step further. Not only is fraudulent bluff and bluster used to achieve dominance but fraudulent altruism and

collective institutions are used to conceal dominance once achieved.

Human hierarchies, in contrast to the animal variety, are best sustained when the members are deluded regarding the oppressive nature, or better, even the very existence of the hierarchy!

Visible rulers are highly vulnerable. Thus we see visible rulers claiming to be representatives of

God, the common good, the material forces of history, the general will (either through vote or

intuition), tradition, or other intellectual "spooks" that serve to lessen the envy of the ruled for

the rulers. Encouraging such self-delusions among the masses of the ruled is universal for visible

governments. However, such spooks are little protection for the leaders of such systems against

their sophisticated elite rivals and no protection against men like your father.

The Roman Empire

was unquestioned by the mass of its subjects for centuries, but the Emperors lived in constant

fear of coup and assassination. By embracing deception wholeheartedly at every level, finance

capitalism, or rule through money, has fashioned the ultimate system yet devised for the secure

exercise of power. Men like your father, the hidden masters of finance capitalism, govern those

who govern, produce, and think through invisible financial tentacles, the operations of which will

be elucidated later by my colleagues. Dominance in all aspects of society is surreptitiously

accomplished while the great majority of the ruled, and even most of the visible leaders, believe

themselves to be fairly autonomous, if harried, members of a pluralistic society.

Nearly everyone

believes major decisions to be the vector sum of autonomous pressures exerted by business,

labor, government, consumers, social classes, and other special interests. In fact, the vectors of

societal power are carefully balanced by us so that any net movement is in a direction chosen by

us. The only fly in the ointment is the occasional, but extremely messy, interferences by

competing financial dynasties. This disconcerting problem will not be a major topic for this

weekend.

I now yield to Professor Q. who will elucidate the central secrets of your father's immense money power.

PROFESSOR Q. ON OCCULT KNOWLEDGE AS THE KEY TO POWER

Throughout history, secure ruling elites arise through secret, or occult, knowledge which they carefully guard and withhold from outsiders. The power of such elites or cults

diminishes as their occult knowledge is transformed into "scientific" knowledge and vanishes as soon as it becomes "common sense." Before analyzing the secrets of the finance capitalist money cult, let us glance for historical perspective at occult astronomy, the oldest source of stable rule known to man of which astrology is but the pathetic remnant.

As soon as men abandoned the life of wandering, tribal hunters to till the soil they needed to predict the seasons. Such knowledge was required in order to know when to plant, when to expect floods in fertile valleys, when to expect rainy seasons, and so on. Months of back-breaking work were wasted by the unavailability of the calendar, a convenience we take for granted. The men who first studied and grasped the regularities of sun, moon, and stars that presage the seasons had a valuable commodity to sell and they milked it to the fullest at the expense of their credulous fellowmen. The occult priesthood of early astronomers and mathematicians such as the designers of Stonehenge, convinced their subjects that they alone had contact with the gods, and thus, they alone could assure the return of planting seasons and weather favorable to bountiful harvests. The staging (predicting) of solar and lunar eclipses was particularly effective in awing the community. The general success resulting from following the priesthood's tilling, planting, nurturing, and harvesting time tables insured the priesthood's power.

Today's Christmas- holiday season continues the tradition set by ancient priesthood, who conducted rituals on the winter solstice to reverse the retreat of the sun from the sky. Their invariable success was followed by wild celebrations. Popular knowledge of seasonal regularities was discouraged by every manner of mysticism and outlandish ritual imaginable. Failures in prediction were blamed on sins of the peoples and used to justify intensified oppression. For centuries, people who had literally no idea of the number of days between seasons and couldn't count anyway cheerfully gave up a portion of their harvests, as well as their most beautiful daughters, to their "faithful servants" in the priesthood. The power of our finance capitalist money cult rests on a similar secret knowledge, primarily in the field of economics. Our power is weakened by real advances in economic science. (Fortunately, the public at large and most revolutionaries remain totally ignorant of economics.) However, we established money lords have been able to prolong and even reverse our decline by systematically

corrupting economic science with fallacious and spurious doctrines. Through our power in the universities, publishing, and mass media we have been able to reward the sincere, professorial cranks whose spurious doctrines happen to rationalize in terms of "common good" the government supported

institutions, laws, and economic measures upon which our money powers depend. Keynesianism is the highest form of phony economics yet developed to our benefit. The highly centralized, mixed economy resulting from the policies advocated by Lord Keynes for promoting "prosperity" has all the characteristics required to make our rule invulnerable to our twin nemeses: real private competition in the economic arena and real democratic process in the political arena. Laissez faire or free-market classical economics was our original attempt to corrupt economic science. Its beautiful internal consistency blinded economists for many years to the fact that it had virtually nothing to do with current reality. However, we are so powerful today that it is no longer possible to conceal our imposing institutions with the appearances of free competition.

Keynesianism rationalizes this omnipotent state which we require, while retaining the privileges of private property on which our power ultimately rests. Although the interim reforms advocated by Marx in his Communist Manifesto such as central banking, income tax, and other centralizing measures can be corrupted to coincide exactly with our requirements, we no longer allow Marxist movements major power in developed countries. Our coercive institutions are already in place. Any real steps toward communism would mean our downfall. Of course, phony Marxism is an excellent ideological veil in which to cloak our puppet dictators in underdeveloped areas. Secondly, the power of the lords of money rests on an occult knowledge in the area of politics and history. We have quite successfully corrupted these sciences. Although many people are familiar with our secrets through such books as "1984" by the disillusioned George Orwell, few take them seriously and usually dismiss such ideas as paranoia. Since real politics is motivated by individual self-interest, history is viewed most accurately as a struggle for power and wealth. We do our best to obscure this self-evident truth by popularizing the theory that history is made by the impersonal struggles between ideas, political systems, ideologies, races, and classes. Through systematic infiltration of all major intellectual, political, and

ideological organizations, using the lure of financial support and instant publicity, we have been able to set the limits of public debate within the ideological requirements of our money power. The so-called Left-Right political spectrum is our creation. In fact, it accurately reflects our careful, artificial polarization of the population on phony issues that prevents the issue of our power from arising in their minds. The Left supports civil liberties and opposes economic or entrepreneurial liberty. The Right supports economic liberty and opposes civil liberty. Of course, neither can exist fully (which is our goal) without the other. We control the Right-Left conflict such that both forms of liberty are suppressed to the degree we require. Our own liberty rests not on legal or moral "rights," but on our control of the government bureaucracy and courts which apply the complex, subjective regulations we dupe the public into supporting for our benefit.

Innumerable meaningless conflicts to divert the attention of the public from our operations find fertile ground in the bitter hatreds of the Right-Left imbroglio. Right and Left are irreconcilable on racial policy, treatment of criminals, law enforcement, pornography, foreign policy, women's liberation, and censorship to name just a few issues. Although censorship in the name of "fairness" has been useful in broadcasting and may yet be required in journalism, we generally do not take sides in these issues. Instead we attempt to prolong the conflicts by supporting both sides as required. War, of course, is the ultimate diversionary conflict and the health of our system. War provides the perfect cover of emergency and crisis behind which we consolidate our power. Since nuclear war presents dangers even to us, more and more we have resorted to

economic crisis, energy shortages, ecological hysteria, and managed political drama to fill the gap. Meaningless, brush fire wars, though, remain useful. We promote phony free-enterprise on the Right and phony democratic socialism on the Left. Thus, we obtain a "free-enterprise" whose "competition" is carefully regulated by the bureaucracy we control and whose nationalized enterprises are controlled directly through our government. In this way, we maintain a society in which the basis of our power, legal titles to property and money, remain secure, but in which the peril of free, unregulated competition is avoided and popular sovereignty is nullified. The democratic process is a sitting duck for our money power. Invariably we determine the

candidates of the major parties and then proceed to pick the winners. Any attempts at campaign reforms simply put the rules of the game more firmly under our government's control.

Totalitarianism of the fascist or communist varieties is no danger to us as long as bastions of private property remain to serve as our bases of operation. Totalitarian governments of both Right and Left, because of the vulnerability of their highly visible leaders to party rivals, can be manipulated easily from abroad. Primarily, totalitarian dictatorships efficiently prevent new money lords that could challenge our power from arising in whole continents, civilizations, and races. Perhaps a few words on ideology proper are in order before I conclude.

The only valid ideology, of course, is rational egoism, that is, the maximization of the individual's gratification by whatever means prove practical. This requires power over nature, especially, when possible, power over other humans who are the most versatile and valuable tools of all. Fortunately, we do not have a society of egoists. Money lords would be impossible in such a society as the mental spooks and rationalizations by which we characteristically manipulate and deceive would be a laughingstock. Under such circumstances a policy of live-and-let-live or true "laissez-faire" anarchy might be the only alternative. Certainly a hierarchical order would be difficult to maintain by force alone. However, in the current era, while minds are yet in the thrall of altruistic, collectivistic, and divine moralistic spooks, the egoist's rational course is to utilize such spooks to control others.

The next speaker, Professor M., will detail the key in situation of our power: Central Banking.

PROFESSOR M. ON THE ECONOMICS OF CENTRAL BANKING

As you have a doctorate degree in economics from a great university, I will touch as lightly as my verbosity allows on facts accepted by economic "science" and proceed to occult aspects of Central Banking. Since the division of labor is the key to all human achievement and satisfaction, a system of exchange is crucial. Barter is hopelessly complicated. A command economy, in which each does and receives what he is told, is also hopelessly cumbersome and fails to take advantage of individual initiative, ability, and concrete knowledge. A medium of exchange, money, is the obvious solution. (Even our highly centralized economies on the socialist model now enthusiastically embrace money as an indispensable simplifying tool in their

economic planning.) When left to themselves, people of a given geographical area settled upon a durable luxury commodity, usually gold or silver, to use as money. Because money is a store of value as well as a medium of exchange, people saved part of their gold income rather than spending it all. This gold was often stored in the vaults of a local goldsmith, the precursor of the modern banker, for safekeeping. The depositor received a receipt that entitled him to an equal

quantity and quality of gold on demand from the goldsmith. At some point the goldsmith realized that there was no reason he could not loan out some of the gold for interest as long as he kept gold on hand sufficient to meet the fairly predictable withdrawal rate. After all, he simply promised to pay on demand, not hold the gold as such. Better yet he could simply issue more receipts for gold than he had gold and the receipts, renamed notes, could circulate freely among the populace as money. However, he soon found that there was a definite limit set on this process by reality. Not all the extra notes issued circulated forever among the public. The rate of note redemption began to increase rapidly as the receipts passed into the hands of people unfamiliar with his reputation and especially when competitive goldsmiths, always eager for more gold reserves, came into possession of his notes. To prevent a disastrous run on his gold reserves, note issuance had to be kept within bounds. But the spending power of over-issuance was a grave temptation. Especially relished was the power over governments, industry, and merchants that the miraculous loan power of the goldsmith could obtain. Many succumbed to temptation, overextended themselves, and brought ruin to their depositors while others slowly became wealthy bankers by pursuing conservative loan policies. At this point, according to economic "science," Central Banks are instituted to protect the public from periodic financial catastrophe at the hands of unscrupulous fractional reserve bankers. Nothing could be further from the truth. Central Banks are established to remove the limitation on over issuance that reality places on competitive banking systems.

As early as ancient Babylon and India, Central Banking, the art of monopolizing the issuance of money, had been developed into a perfect method for looting the general public. Even today many bankers copy the traditions of the earlier exploitive priesthood and design their banks to resemble temples! Defenses of Central Banking are simply part of the deception

that lies at the heart of all power elites. Let us look at the way a new Central Bank is created where none has existed previously.

We bankers approach the Prince or ruling assembly (both of whom always want more money to fight wars or to curry favor with the people and, typically, are ignorant of economics) with a compelling proposal: "Grant our bank a national Charter to regulate private banking and to issue legal tender notes, that is, force our notes to be accepted as payment for all debts, public and private. In exchange we will provide the government all the notes it prudently requires at interest rates easily payable with existing taxes. The increased government purchasing power thus created will simultaneously assure the power and prestige of the currently precarious nation and stimulate the sluggish, credit-starved economy to new heights of prosperity. Most important the violent banking panics and credit collapses caused by unscrupulous private bankers will be replaced by our even handed, beneficent and scientific management of money and banking. Our public-spirited expertise will be at the disposal of the state, while we remain independent enough of momentary political pressures to assure sound management."

For a while this system seems to work remarkably well with full employment for everyone. The government and public does not notice that we issuers of the new notes are using the notes we create out of thin air to surreptitiously build economic empires at the expense of established interests. Because of the legal tender laws, few of the new notes issued by the Central Bank are returned for redemption in gold. In fact, private banks and even a few foreign banks may begin to use the Central Bank's notes as reserves for further issuance of credit. Soon enough, though,

prices begin to rise as the added notes increase demand relative to the quantity of goods and services. As the value of their savings decline more and more, foreigners in particular begin to question the value of the Central Bank's notes and start to demand redemption in gold. We, of course, do not take responsibility for the rampant inflation when it comes. We blame inflation on evil speculators who drive up prices for personal gain, as well as the greed of organized labor and business who are promptly made subject to wage and price controls. Even the consumer can be made to feel guilty for agreeing to pay the high prices! Mistaking symptoms for causes the

government accepts the banker's analysis of the problem and continues to give the Bank free reign in monetary policy. By slowing the rate of note issuance periodically the ultimate crisis stage is postponed until many decades after the original Central Bank Charter was granted. Before the rapidly dwindling gold reserves on which faith in our Bank depends is exhausted we abruptly contract our loan volume to private industry and government as well. With the contraction of the money supply a great deflationary crash begins in earnest with all its attendant unemployment, bankruptcies, and civil strife. We do not take responsibility for the depression. We blame it on evil hoarders who are refusing to spend their money and the prophets of doom who are spoiling business confidence. The government accepts this analysis and leaves monetary policy in our hands. If things go well we bankers channel the fury and unrest into puppet movements and pressure groups that carry our agents into full control of the government. Once in charge we devalue our outstanding bank notes in terms of gold and make them inconvertible for all but possibly foreign Central Banks and begin plans to restore a "prosperity" that will be totally ours. When lucky, we are able to confiscate the gold of private citizens as punishment for hoarding during the climax of the depression .

Once the old order is subdued during the chaos of the crash and desperation of the depression, the field is open for our full