

Spirit's Voice

"How did you expect it to turn out, Milton?" Karl's feeling the frustration of the enlightened professor forced to deal with a bright but intransigent student, whose mind is hobbled by the prejudice and bigotry cultivated in support of the greed of the class he serves. The tyro said, at least one time in his life, that he didn't think he's seen as evil. Maybe he doesn't really understand what evil is.

The measure of evil is the pain and suffering it causes. The quality of evil is irrelevant. We'll never be rid of it by differentiating the inherent characteristics of the infinite possible acts of evil. If we proscribe behaviors according to our feelings w.r.t. a particular act or the intention of the actor to do no harm, rather than the harm that's done, we'll never get at the root of the problem that threatens our common survival. "Do you remember when you said: 'The only relevant test of the validity of a hypothesis is comparison of prediction with experience.'?"

"They didn't do as I told them to do! The president used price controls. If he'd done as I counseled, my predictions would have been realized." Milton's voice, calm and confident as always, didn't break or betray a hint of the petulance intrinsic to his words and secret self, as he headed off the exposure of his lack of "scientific" credibility. The puerile, narrow-minded obtuseness was disguised by practiced eloquence and control that mocked serenity.

Karl understood the posture, the pretense and that which hid behind it – or, for that matter, those who've taken refuge behind the equally false faces of an imagined superior quality of their kind of people, accompanied by the mandatory patronization and condescension, which communicates their magnificence to the general public. No matter how badly their machinations for self enrichment, coordinated with class peers of course, turn out for the community that their greed afflicts, they deny all responsibility for the pain and suffering they cause and portray only confidence.

Never out of character, the fraud begins with the lies they tell themselves. Dramatists can only hope to approach the perfection of their performances. They don't even know when they've lost touch with reality or their plots are out of control. Karl wanted to shake him. He checked himself. It was not the individual that Milton pretended to be but the impersonal class that pulled the strings, which Karl wished to assault. Instead of physical violence, he spoke long and honestly. That, he hoped, would shock the newly arrived Milton, who was accustomed to deference from all and not at all used to hearing challenges to the lies he believed whole heartedly.

"Milton, none of your predictions for deregulated finance and free trade, privatization or cuts in social spending and taxes, the heart of your theory, have happened. I wish Nixon and others had followed your fantastic, delusional prescription to the letter. The collapse would probably have come sooner. You'd have been hard pressed to maintain denial. But it was just as inevitable that the politicians in America would have to soften the shock to the middle class and the rest of the thralls. They couldn't grab it all in one hand. Pinochet's methods couldn't be employed here, without decades of propaganda and population desensitization. To concentrate wealth with the elite investors you worked for, the impoverishment and downsizing had to be more gradual. What's certain is that the more completely and suddenly your puerile notions of laissez faire and brutal economic shock therapy are implemented the more quickly and devastatingly the wealth is concentrated. You should have known that the politicians and businessmen would adjust your theories to be sure they got what they wanted. But the failure

would have come sooner if they hadn't.

“Your ideas may be workable in some speculative ideal world. Unfortunately, such a place doesn't exist on the Planet Earth. Reality is better reflected in what happened in Argentina in February, 2009, when President de la Rúa announced the Chicago School inspired IMF and World Bank austerity program that would be the condition of loans to pay the interest on debt and save the investors at home and in the USA. After the “tin pot insurrection,” when the unified voice of the people cried “*¡Que se vayan todos!*,” the president was ousted. Three more went within two weeks and finally Argentina renounced the onerous debt and colonial bondage of the multinational [XNAT] global corporate empire.

“I've been around a lot longer than you. I watched you set the course to destruction and ruin in the early 1970s. Your advice to Pinochet resulted in 'privatization' of farmland. It was taken from peasants who could feed themselves and have a little to sell, to give to corporate investors, at fire-sale prices. It was the same for most of Chile's industry. Pinochet facilitated your economic “shock therapy” when he purged union organizers, intellectuals, journalists and anyone suspected of being to the left of Mussolini. The investors, domestic and foreign, cut jobs and wages, which increased poverty dramatically. The previous land owners have to work as farm laborers, who are not paid subsistence wages but are fined and imprisoned if they eat the fruit they grow.

“The investors planted crops for export to the US. Now we have South American plums in the winter and much of our in season fruit is exported. The quality of produce for domestic consumption has fallen, except for the rich, in both countries. But the worst result of your free trade miracle is that the prices are higher year round in America and probably everywhere else. So much so in Chile that the farm employees, who used to own the land before it was 'privatized,' can barely afford to eat. The only thing that works in the evil paradigm you've created is the increased profit of investors at the expense of everyone else. If that's what you intended as the success for your model, you're guilty of false advertising. Your neoliberal “free market” theory is the greatest bait and switch the world has ever known. Only the most foolish true believer could see the real outcome to be what your theory is generally believed to have predicted - unless he's a rich investor who's profited by the destruction of the real economy.

“The Chilean 'miracle' was cloned and introduced around the world to displace traditional economies. The results are not yet completely in but the food riots in Cairo, Burma and countries everywhere are not a positive indicator. The privatization in 1997 of the Bolivian water distribution system to Bechtel and the French water giant Suez, led to genuinely predictable results. The riots, defection of the military and resignation of the government followed on the corporate monster's plan to sell permits to gather rainwater. Evo Morales, the first indigenous president in the Americas, was soon elected. He took the water back from Bechtel. The people have proper access again. That's much better than South Africa where prepaid cards are required to draw water from the privatized metered spigots placed on previously free public sources in the Black shantytowns. Many are suffering disease and want because they must use contaminated water.

“A similar evil was visited on the Argentine poor by a French company who contracted to deliver water and sewer service but neglected the sewers because they weren't profitable enough. The poor had to use contaminated wells and cisterns because they couldn't afford clean water. The cost of treating the sick and dying finally convinced the Argentine government to kick out the investors. Those evils are your unregulated free market and privatization in action. And “tin pot insurrections” are the inevitable result. You, Milton, have been more than merely

influential in creating the dysfunctional paradigm that's unleashed the corporations to produce such market chaos of greed for profits at the expense of the communities "served." Anyone but a true believer would have predicted that such evil is how the cannibalistic investors' corporations would serve US.

"What has come of your miracle of corporate investment? Agribusinesses push people off the land that has supported them, in some places for many millennia. Then the agri-investors plant cash crops to export into the market. Grains and soybeans feed ethanol plants and livestock for and even in Europe, America and elsewhere. [note: I need a comprehensive list of the failings of the free market as with medicine, energy, manufacturing, transportation, communications and I'm sure there are many more examples that can be shown. I doubt any ultimate successes can be found. Maybe the list should all occur here but perhaps they should be distributed and/or elaborated upon, throughout the document?? Perhaps much of what I've already written in the first pages should be pared down here and redistributed? Maybe I need to make a real outline, drawing on this and the support documents I've made.] The market fails again for most people but, while neoliberal observers calculate their profits and say that they understand the tragedy, even shallow probes will disclose that they quickly shunt the horrible truth of it aside. You and the rest of the established experts don't seem to have the potential to perceive that the economy is not a game you play for fun and profit. It is the mechanism of the survival of the Human Race. But as long as the problem can be kept at bay, . . .

"There is an implicit nationalistic belief that a strong enough military can deal with oppressed people. If bourgeois shelves are full, conservative/libertarians won't notice the downside of suffering in Latin America or anywhere: not even at home in America. The inevitable ultra negative feedback will be acknowledged briefly as a possibility, but your amused and knowing countenance will express mere indulgence of the messenger's prudent concern. Your incomprehension will be indicated by the mask of patronization and smug confidence in the power to dominate, behind which you hide from the truth. The mind conditioning deals with it all before it really enters your head. It never penetrates to a thoughtful place in your mind, if in fact there has ever been such."

The middle class conservatives don't really want to know who must suffer for them to have what they want. One minute they're convinced that they merit theirs and the next they admit it takes strong military and police to keep the lazy beggars from taking back the produce of their labor, which was extorted by low wages under threat of starvation, by investors, landlords and the thugs they hire to "maintain order." The neoliberals want to believe that everyone gets what they deserve, because they willfully/unconsciously delude themselves that they deserve what they have. Yet deep down they know that the [virtual] slaves who serve them must be repressed with strong police and military forces.

"The process [doublethink] has to be conscious, or it would not be carried out with sufficient precision, but it also has to be unconscious, or it would bring with it a feeling of falsity and hence of guilt.... To tell deliberate lies while genuinely believing in them, to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just so long as it is needed, to deny the existence of objective reality and all the while to take account of the reality which one denies - all this is indispensably necessary.": George Orwell in the book 1984

Eric Blaire called it "doublethink." I describe the chronic episodes of mindless stupidity as caused by "deeply conditioned responses of the mind" or "fault tolerant programming." In the

best cases it's merely "group think" or virulent group and/or individual denial.

Karl wasn't quite finished. "Privatization must always result in another mouth at the trough. The appetite for corporate profit is insatiable. Even a high schooler who understands a zero sum equation can know that the investor's gain must be the community's loss. But you say in any good business deal both parties benefit. We, the community lose. by your dealings on high. When you don't think we're listening, and few of US ever do, you refer to US as "losers," if you notice US at all. Profit investment contributes to the economy the excess cost of products sold. That is the profit they've created, without doing real work to make real, useful goods. Armed with those immutable facts and reality, it is more than merely plausible to suggest that the profit of the peers of the neo-aristocracy, at the expense of the community, is the object of privatization and the rest of your neoliberal scam to begin with. What's certain is that the profits of investors are the most unnecessary part of the cost of any product. Consider the cost of defense.

"Recently representatives and president quibbled about pay and health care for the military and veterans because they're too expensive. But they continue to throw hundreds of billions at Military Industrial Complex contractors and private mercenary soldier corporations, which are described euphemistically, like Brown Shirts and SS before them, as security forces. It's called privatization and you're cited as the authority to legitimize what is in reality a taxpayer's gift to the parasites of the elite economic class. The conservatives and libertarians say they want to do good but they never act in good faith.

"In the case of the libertarians, they are so foolish that they couldn't act sincerely if they wanted to. You propose, like Smith before you, that the invisible hand of individual self interest will guide the magic market then deny the reality it produces as if it could have produced something healthy and useful to the community. Your denial is born of your inability to accept the fact that you've always been wrong. It is your greed that motivates your denial. Meanwhile the war continues and the children of America die because the investors won't let it end while there's still a dollar to be made off it.

"The investors operate to loot economies in all their endeavors whether they or you know it.. That's what they've always done – even when they fancied themselves lords and ladies operating under the authority of divine right. The con has evolved. The privatized security corporations in Iraq, Afghanistan and on the Mexican border, for example, charge the community 5-10 times what they pay their mercenary soldiers. That's the profit margin of the investors and executive exaction. They pay a few ex Green Berets or Seals \$200 - \$500 per day, but charge government so much more that employee compensation disappears in the shadow of the profit of and overhead. The most onerous of the latter are CEO bonuses. The parasites make even more on the exploitation of foreign mercenaries like Pinochet's ex militia, who are paid as little as \$50 per day. They're not just privatizing the military at five to ten times what it would cost US to do it for ourselves; they're outsourcing it. But your followers are still preaching the dogma of cost savings through privatization. Believe me, profit is the most unnecessary part of the cost of any product.

"Perhaps the greatest achievement of the neoliberal religion has been to delude a large segment of the population, who believe that your economic model works for them, though it functions well only for the rich. It's very interesting that people conflate individual interest and rights with corporate interest and rights. Even when the corporations act in opposition to most individuals', therefore our common interest and rights, we have regard and sympathy for the

paper people. The truth is that they always act for themselves and against US. They threaten our survival with the greed of CEOs and rich investors. Two percent of the population play the dissonant tune to which the rest of US must dance on broken legs. Ninety percent of US are unable to keep up. How is it we not only tolerate but praise such a dysfunctional system? Do people also fuse taxes and regulation on corporations and rich investors with threats to their personal liberty?

“To conflate corporate and individual self interest is delusional and self destructive. The self interest of corporations is not in the interest of the people. But legislatures, executives and courts uphold the rights of corporations [investors] and even hold them above the rights of the majority of Americans. The corporations also insulate their owners from liability due to the damage they do to individuals and the community. That get out of jail free card is one symptom of the social disease, incubated by the corporations and their owners, that afflicts Americans, our culture and the Human Race.

“Corporate self interest expressed as outsourcing and other pursuit of cheap [virtual slave] labor is destructive to the majority of Americans and therefore treasonous. Our survival is dependent of the proper use of the resources that have been entrusted to capitalist investors and the corporations they own. The paper people inventions of 19th century lawyers shield the rich investors from proper retribution. The assets of the traitors must be seized. The investors must be imprisoned and/or executed for the crime of excess ownership/possession of what should be and originally was common property, which has been privatized. Privatization itself is the base crime.

“As jobs move out and our communities are devastated, our economy morphs into something that can’t even supply our basic needs much less an excess to trade. It all becomes an imaginary money balloon of debt that threatens our survival, and they keep trying to fix it by pumping more and more hot air dollars into it which raises the prices so much higher and they tell US to take another income cut so the corporation can remain competitive and we keep running to the edge of the same cliff and the lemmings in chief suggest an other infusion of FED dollars and they say this is a free market and the best of all possible worlds just don’t pay attention to the wave of starvation passing over the Earth it’s not our fault. This is the best of all possible worlds for the 2%, who make more than \$200k annually, and the 8% who are the sellouts closest to the elites. To remain competitive, workers, not stockholders, must make concessions. All that the owners need to make is a profit, no matter what that means for the rest of US.

“Meanwhile deregulation is the most proximate cause of the “sub prime” crisis. My theory accurately predicted concentration of wealth as well the fall of professionals, tradesmen and the rest of the middle class, who’re now in the employ of the rich instead of operating their own small businesses. Now a few rich investors have all the money and they loan it back in increasingly unstable Wall Street pyramid scams. The daisy chain of debt is all that’s left of the economy after outsourcing. They propose to cure the fatal disease of circular debt with an infusion of cash. They are borrowing [printing] money in the taxpayers name, some of which is given to the taxpayers to use to consume but most to the over-leveraged financial institutions to increase the debt [investment in investment in the credit market] that’s the source of the problem.

They don’t want to know that their Ponzi of debt is collapsing. The debt kite consumption is falling but they try to keep up the wind with the same hot air loans. In their profound obtuseness, they’ve come to believe in the possibility of perpetual motion of [fiat increased] money supply without the necessity to produce real goods to give it value. They hide their greed

induced stupidity by saying they produce necessary liquidity in the market.” He wanted to say more but Karl bit his tongue. He was trying to curb his bad habit of saying too much too fast for his students to absorb. He also wanted to better hear the speciousness in the assertions of the defenders of neo aristocracy, so that he might better correct them.

Milton must think this little purgatory is hell. He always did have a propensity to exaggerate, especially his own accomplishments, but sufferings as well.

Such conversation/lectures have been going on forever. This round was just starting, Ever since Karl encountered Milton’s largely dissociated spirits reforming in the ionosphere, he'd seen the potential to bring about a spiral awakening process. The older man noted a convergence of neoliberal essences and it’s strange synchronicity w.r.t. to himself suggested some possibilities. Then the handle appeared to him. Both he and Milton had made predictions. Milton’s had come true to benefit less than a fifth, swiftly falling as of 2008 to a tenth of the population. His own dire prophecies applied to the rest of US. By the preponderance of evidence, Karl has been proven right. Now he's trying to shock Dr. Shock to push him to the threshold of enlightenment.

The younger economist, however, was far from ready to see reality, much less to concede philosophical or theoretical error. “Private property is sacred. The government and taxes are . . .”

Not daunted but somewhat disappointed that Milton had found refuge in mindless conditioned thoughts so quickly, Karl took a deep breath. He wanted to relax a little. His habit of shooting down all the shit in the first volley was not often productive. He needed to slow down and take it easy if he wanted to convince. With a somewhat wry smirk, he said to Milton, “Let’s move to another time.”

Tyro responded with a look.

“In the spiritual realm, we can move anywhere we want in time and space. There’s a pretty steep learning curve - you have to break down a lot of internalized false beliefs about reality - but you’ll figure it out how to do it eventually. For now let me guide you.”

Karl, for his own part, is guided by essential knowledge he has attained over the years. To truly dispel internalized false beliefs, one must dig down to the fundament of reality. When he'd reached the foundation, a whole new question occurred to him. The next few lines describe the basic reality of civilization that forms the essence of Karl’s vision and the question that it prompts.

Any economy more sophisticated than that of a hunter gatherer or subsistence farmer, is based on the commerce among producer/consumers. For the economy to be sustainable, the commerce must be reciprocal and balanced. That’s the zero sum reality that the Holy Trinity - the Laws of Nature, Nature’s God and Mathematics - dictate.

To maintain balance, you must produce to trade and must consume only [the equivalent of] what you have produced. All activity is supported by the production of real commodities. If it does not produce a real material product, a function’s cost in the form of the real goods it consumes must be minimized, in order to approach a sustainable balance.

If a community produces an excess of real goods, how may the profits of the trade that follows be distributed among the community members who produced the material by their labor?

A simple but crude answer to the question of distribution of the wealth, or excess

production, created by the community is made by a strong or clever member who claims it for his own. This undoubtedly met with formidable resistance on initial attempts to sell to rational people their relative impoverishment for the benefit of an individual or small clique. I'm sure it took time, a wealth of lies and considerable violence to convince an ancient community that they should work for a king, instead of cooperating with one another to work for themselves. The king or tyrant, whatever, had to subjugate the community before he could organize the work for his own benefit. Once done though, succeeding generations were born into servitude to the rich and believed thence forth it to be the natural way of things. Yet there are always those who see through the con and propaganda. It would never do for the rich to allow the degradation of army or police, or the fear of enemies and other threats to subside.

The faithless god – that “natural way of things” - is part of the internalized false belief system that Karl overthrew while still living. When he'd just returned to the environs of Earth, he'd observed a 1960s subject, whose experience was similar to his own. Milton, in his early fifties at the time, had just published his first great work of socio-economic propaganda. Karl thought a glimpse into the life of the working class that Milton looked down upon, would be a good place to start the Nobel Laureates reeducation. All his long life he'd known the underclasses only as fit to serve the production of wealth for the elites, to whom he'd sold his talents. It's always been understood by his kind that the work of the mass of Humanity must be had for the least possible compensation in order to maximize profit. “Let's look in on some relatively unspoiled working stock.”

When he was young in the 1950s, Mickey's family tried to improve him by making him over in their image. The tried and true way to recreate one's own mindlessness in one's offspring is to condition the child to obedience with harsh discipline. The process can't start too early.

A helicopter led to undying hatred though the child's congenital love of father took a long time to extinguish. Mickey can tell that best in his own words, though he was more than sixty years old when they came to him. “I remember a great evil my father did to me when I was four or five. I'd saved allowances to buy a mechanical helicopter that could fly. I was playing with it at the edge of the woods behind the neighbor's house across the street. It was getting dark and dad yelled for me to come home. I went to get the helicopter, It was the first night I had it. He screamed and bullied me. He said come home now and get it later. I begged him. He wouldn't allow it. 'Come home now! Leave it!'”

“The next morning I went to get it. It had rained in the night. The helicopter was rusted and ruined. I begged for another. He was unsympathetic and too cowardly to take responsibility for what he'd done. He berated me for crying. I wish he was alive so I could try to make him understand his evil.”

Mick sensed the hovering spirit's. He addressed them in his mind; that is often how he works through thoughts. “Perhaps you don't understand why such a small matter seems so significant to me.

“If it had been an anomaly it would have quickly been forgotten and had no lasting effect. But it was a detail of the family life whose consistent abuse shaped my being. It's difficult to encompass the environment that forms the stuff of one's conscious mind. Much if not all of what we relegate to the subconscious or super-conscious is that which we don't care to see.

“Mickey, you've got to be more thick skinned.” that meant: don't let it bother you. Such advice is what passed for kindness in his older sister's twisted Republican mind. It taught Mickey

not to bother to complain when his younger brother stole from him. His father had refused to allow eldest son to retaliate against Joe for any reason.

Little Joe was more suited by intelligence and temperament to follow in his father's footsteps. Unfortunately he'd been stricken by polio when he was six. So the flawed eight year old, already marked to be passed over, would have to do after all. Later, of course, it would be pointed out to Mickey that he'd "chosen" Dad's trade by succumbing to the constantly asserted pressure to maintain the desired attitude and direction.

Sadly the "well meaning?" effort estranged the young man from father and siblings by 1968. They never understood, as it's almost impossible for those dulled by corporate propaganda to understand when it occurs, that their project really was much more intelligent, or at least much more aware, than themselves. Even when they acknowledged as much, they believed themselves competent to guide that which they did not fully understand. That is of course typical of all authority and pretentious superiority in our culture. Even his loving and well intentioned mother felt he must be raised and shown the way rather than allowed up to find it for himself. Most people subscribe to conservative guidance throughout life, without a second thought. They are confounded when common wisdom is rejected in favor of individual investigation, even though, ironically, they pride themselves in their individuality. Mickey's self development took time.

The development that Mick's father had in mind didn't include college for the boy. Dad made fun of the educated and implied they were less than real. No one implied to Big Al that he was envious or jealous in any way. And the same standard of evaluation wasn't applied in the case of crippled Joe. He always said Mickey was really the lucky one who would have a real job that was worth something in the world. Well, while what lawyers and businessmen do is certainly worthless the fact remains that by the common standard of net worth they are valued much more than construction workers. Anyway, what's good enough for dad is good enough for number one son and he'd damn well better like it. "I make more money than the engineers who draw the planes that I build. You don't want that boy. Be a man!" Much of what the working man said was true, but yet he missed the point by as great a distance as any upper or middle class conservative or libertarian fool.

It was the hold of authority and fear of his father that daunted Mickey and impeded his progress. Most of the educated middle class that he came into contact with tried to patronize and made him feel small and stupid, responsible for his the low social standing and merit, which was reflected by what they assumed to be the income of his family. That was ironic. His father and later he were union construction workers. They had better incomes than most lower middle class clerks or school teachers and many professionals like accountants and engineers. His kind were in fact the bane of the embryonic neoliberal revolution that Milton nurtured, since Brown v Board, among the displaced sons of Jim Crow and the McCarthyites, often the same, of the Klan and the John Birch society. But reality be damned, full speed ahead. The sellouts and sycophants of lower upper strata had no more shortage of pretentiousness and hubris than the condescending class that Milton worked to preserve. They made Mickey feel deficient and responsible.

He struggled with guilt for years. Then he forgave himself. The man, no longer young, finally realized that there is no redemption. "There is no understanding or forgiveness, except that which I give myself. Even that is self indulgence and of no value. I won't worry about it. I'll live now and for tomorrow. I'll remember my mistakes and past sins only in the hope I'll not commit them again. There is no hope of redemption. I certainly don't need to be forgiven or redeemed by you, judge moron!" Of course it had taken some time to arrange that epiphany for

himself.

Many years before the awakening, Mickey's mom had suggested a military academy as a possible escape from the mindlessness, which she sensed oppressed him. "Mickey, look at this article." She was holding one of the magazines that are inserted in the Sunday paper.

It was September, 1963. In 1961 President Kennedy had inspired interest in science and engineering among high school students like Mickey with his call to put a man on the moon. The rollback in steel prices that same year was probably more momentous – it led to the pre-Nixon culmination of New Deal progress in the greatest and most broadly distributed prosperity that America has ever known – but Mick was hardly aware of that at the time. And it's arguable that the moon race was more productive in the long run. Coupled with Kennedy's desire to support education, the foundation was laid for the technological revolution. His original proposals were defeated by the Dixiecrats in the House, who feared federal aid to teachers and schools would lead to mandatory desegregation. But like much of his domestic agenda - for instance the National Higher Education Act of 1965 that gave birth to Pell Grants - it came to fruition after his death.

The article, written by the president, was a call for college students and high school seniors headed to college, to become military officers. It pointed out the fine engineering degrees to be earned at the Academies. It also spoke to the country's need for educated professionals in general. "Yeah, that's cool." Mick's mother didn't know that at that moment the boy had come to see the possibility of college as a reality for the first time. It had always been discouraged as an unaffordable, unnecessary and somewhat effete.

Karl had guided Milton to some of the characteristic experiences to be found among Mickey's 17 years. Milton was annoyed. "Why are you showing me this schmuck? He'll never amount to anything. He has no breeding." Milton must of forgotten his Jewish immigrant parents, the working class Hungarians from the Ukraine. Except for the use of the word breeding, he sounded a lot like Mick's father, who would have been careful never to have sounded so affected. Karl gave Milton a look.

"A question Milton, do you think the boy would be in a position to go to college, assuming that he had overcome the traditional discouragement bred or trained into his family generation after generation, if there were no publicly funded schools or universities? If the amount of money allocated per student is withdrawn from the public school to give to the parents who can afford private schools, will someone like Mickey, who's parents really can't afford private education, have any choice. Shut up! That's a rhetorical question your moron! What you're meant to see is that your theory about vouchers is nothing but a thin cover for the withdrawal of education from the lower classes that you think are only fit to be your slaves. The majority are lucky that bit of your neoliberal delusion hasn't been realized yet. But enough of the free trade/deregulation, privatization, cuts in social spending and tax breaks for the rich have been enacted to impoverish and deprive of access to health care a greater percentage of Americans than ever before, while the pyramid scams of banking, insurance, Wall Street and the rest of finance and investment have brought the economy to the brink of collapse, as wealth has been concentrated. Now we'll go back to the 'end times' to verify that, if you're as willing to face reality as you were to spout your delusional theories, which I doubt."

Karl hadn't given Milton a chance to get a word in. He knew from experience that one can't compromise or negotiate with conservative/libertarians. They won't deal in good faith. There is no sincerity or honesty in them. They will have it all and we'll not have what we need to live, if they are given even the benefit of a doubt about their evil character. If they get even a

large part of what they want, there won't be enough left for US to live on. They want it all. They'll tell any lie, stoop to any deceit or fraud, violent or wreck less act that they think they can twist the Just Us system into acquitting. They'll steal your soul if they think they won't get caught or we won't understand what they've done. They won't give anyone an even break and they think we're all suckers. If you get the slightest advantage over a conservative or libertarian, go for the kill. They will if they ever get on top. And if you think I'm wrong, have a look at what the investors in Exxon have and what they're getting and what the result is for the rest of US. And their raw material is a mineral that belongs, even by US law, to all of US. But there are thousands of corporations that are looting the commons. You don't need to be spoon fed their names. Just look around. Yeah, theirs JP Morgan-Chase, whose name speaks of the alliance of enemies of old. They're getting handouts from the FED of money printed in our name to loan to US at a profit. And they're just the tip of the iceberg. It'll be trillions to underwrite fraudulent bank pyramid scams of finance before it's over. But it can't be said all at once no matter how great the danger that most are distracted from. Back to the plod.

Could Mickey "choose" to go to college if Milton got his way? Let's look at what really happened due to the attempt of conservatives' implementations based upon Milton's theories. As you progress, we can parallel plot or extrapolate to judge the probability that vouchers will improve education. I predict that testing and money shifting will leave more children behind. Bush's plan has mandated testing in order to qualify for funding. The inner city schools are suffering as anyone with any sense would have predicted. That's anyone with a brain who isn't evil.

"While you were just beginning the crusade to implement you ideas in the late 1960's, America was enjoying the greatest and most wide spread prosperity it has ever known. And that's since FDR, Keynes and the New Deal had turned things around and the New Frontier and War on Poverty had boosted the economy. Why did you resent that so, Milton? Why have we regressed so much since your ideas have taken hold? Only the top two percent, the six million Americans that make more than 200k, have benefited. Everything works for them. They've got health care. They've got the best of schools and everything. When vouchers fund their private schools they're the only ones who will have educational opportunity because only they can afford it. That's the big problem. The ninety percent are falling back and the eight percent of sellouts for a few dollars more are barely holding on, if they still are. Those sheep are all that's left to shear. But many at all the lower levels are wannabees and that keeps them from seeing the hideous truth."

Milton said weakly, "Give vouchers a chance. They'll work! They'll work!"

"Everything works for people with enough money, Milton. Under your tutelage that a lot smaller percentage of the population than it was 35 or 40 years ago. Nothing you've promised has ever worked for most people! If you didn't know this would happen when you made your predictions, you should have!

"Let's go back up there to 2008, the leading edge of history. I want you to see the misery your delusional theories have wrought and it's great increase since the time of your death. It was big then in late '06. It's monstrous now. I'll force feed you reality if I have to shove it down your throat on the end of my dick!"

Milton, Dr. Shock himself, is stunned speechless. Never had anyone spoken to him that way. Never had he been without a glib spin with which to answer. Is it because it's starting to sink in? Is he starting to glimpse the horrible truth? Is he starting to see the absurdity of his ideas and the increase in pain and suffering of the majority that tracks the concentration of wealth with

the few? The closer to implementation of his theory that governments policies come, the worse it becomes for a growing super majority. That I'm sure is what is daunting him. The sheer weight of the truth oppresses him, though he really has seen but a shadow of it. But he'll spring back again. They always do.

In case anyone has "forgotten" George: "The process has to be conscious, or it would not be carried out with sufficient precision, but it also has to be unconscious, or it would bring with it a feeling of falsity and hence of guilt.... To tell deliberate lies while genuinely believing in them, to forget any fact that has become inconvenient, and then, when it becomes necessary again, to draw it back from oblivion for just so long as it is needed, to deny the existence of objective reality and all the while to take account of the reality which one denies - all this is indispensably necessary."