

RED PILL

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Recap: In 'The Red Pill' Part One (**Issue 2-Nonfiction**) Zen Wang discoursed on the choices we have in this life and the power of money. He expanded upon this to include the problems with education and the problems with pharmaceutical companies. He further addresses issues on health care, nationalism and the politics of power. An insightful and realistically forlorn look at the long picture. Part Two is the conclusion of his brilliant social diatribe.

Episode Seven: Politics and Democracy

Title sequence followed by JFK's speech: "A government by the people, for the people and of the people." Footages of the JFK assassination. Richard Nixon's Watergate. Vietnam and cold war.

SERAPH

You may have wondered whether democracy is still alive today. The answer is OF COURSE NOT! True Democracy was never born so how can it be alive? There were a few men whom tried to give the power to the people but in every case their legacies fizzled because the system is inherently corrupt.

Democracy is a tool to appease the masses. You inject a dairy cow with democracy, it will feel like it is the master of the farm, it will think it chose to eat and shit in a prison and

get its teats sucked out by machines. All the chemicals they pump into you are for your own good. That nasty dog who bites your legs and watches your every move is just there to protect you.

ORACLE

Democracy today is a lie because ultimately those in power do not want to share their power. Their plan is extremely simple: To stay in power and stay in control. In the West, every four years they put on this elaborate puppet show to make everyone feel like they are part of the democratic process.

SERAPH

Behind closed doors at the corporate boardrooms across the nation they decide whose term is it to be the figure head for their game show. They do this by doing loss and gain calculations, not by weighing public opinion. Because public opinions can be bought quite cheaply. By election day they magically narrow the choices from hundreds of millions of eligible citizens to just two candidates. When the bell rings, Peas or Carrots, your choice. Either one will benefit the multitude of corporations that are behind them.

ORACLE

When the show is over everyone is quite satisfied. The winning side got their figure head. The losing side comfort themselves by saying 'at least we tried'. Like little children they swallow up their peas and go back to their lives. Many defeated citizens fantasize about having carrots. If only we can have carrots life would be so much better.

SERAPH

The truth is, peas and carrots both came from the same frozen, rotten bag

of flavorless fake food they serve up every four years. You never had real choice. To make the matters worse you are not even informed enough to make the choice. The system saturates the airwaves, the internet, the mass media, the schools, the news-stands with trivial news so that the average person cares more about Justin Bieber's hairstyle than the US involvement in Somalia.

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So-called 'Western Democracies' are dictatorships run by a handful of powerful corporations. They come from highly profitable sectors such as energy, construction, weaponry, chemicals, food, prison, manufacturing, mining, etc. These corporations are mandated to focus on only one thing --- Annual Returns.

Here I have to clarify something. Up until now we have not said anyone, or anything is evil. We are not saying Western democracy is evil or the corporations are evil or the people that work within are evil. People are basically good but the System is inherently corrupt. Corporations are designed to have legal rights but no real accountabilitys. It is written into their bylaws to be selfish and greedy. They are only responsible for their share prices.

SERAPH

How many times have you seen a local strip mall being converted into a shopping mall? They fill that mall with name brand stores. You are happy until you realize these are the same stores as you see everywhere else. Soon your charming hometown becomes exactly like every other place on earth. Soon you start to dress like everyone else because you can only buy things from the same stores. You start to look like

everyone else because you can only get the same junk food. Your thoughts and behaviors also start to change because you watch the same TV and listen to the same news.

ORACLE

As an individual you are dying. Before you can realize the similarities between you and that factory produced chicken you are eating you have a murmuring thought. Hey wait a minute! I never wanted this! I never voted for this! Where was my choice? Where are my children's choices? Where is democracy?

SERAPH

This is where the shit hits the fan. Unless you start to do something about it this tragedy will continue until the entire earth is covered with homogenized, boring, mediocre consumerism that neither enriches nor nourishes your body, mind or soul. Your children and your children's children will be condemned to the same demeaning and undignified existence inside the System.

ORACLE

We feel bad for you, but we do not apologize for telling you the truth. Here are some of our suggestions on how to strive for true democracy and become masters of your own destinies.

1. Do not restrict your voting to once every four years. Vote everyday by making smart choices. Vote with your money and support institutions that are moral.

2. Be informed about the government's involvement in citizen's lives. Do not let them take away what little rights you have left through their strategy of fear.

3. Support truly local businesses and help your neighborhood succeed. Teach

your children to appreciate local charms instead of global brands.

4. Be extremely weary of the mass media and what they are trying to feed you. Their information is often tainted, partial, incomplete and outright wrong. Their mandate is to keep your minds occupied while the corporations steal your lives.

5. Join and support organizations that strive for more transparency to the government and the electoral process. Support electoral reforms. Though they may not be enough they are moving in the right direction.

SERAPH AND ORACLE

May you find Truth, Freedom and Purpose during your time on earth.

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Search Keywords: Capitalism a Love Story, The Corporation, Zeitgeist, Noam Chomsky, Fallacy of Democracy, Communism, McCarthy era, Cold War, Where to Invade Next, Michael Moore,

Episode Eight: The Food Industry

Title sequence smash to McDonald's commercial. Burgers Fries and Soft drinks. Seraph throwing down a half-eaten burger. Grease drips from his fingers.

SERAPH

You are what you eat. So, what in the world ARE you eating? Do you know? Where are they coming from? Who produces them? Why do food prices go up even if the costs go down? Who is getting rich on your hard-earned dollars?

ORACLE

Have you ever tasted a tomato? I mean a real tomato. Not that pesticides, herbicides, GMO, ethylene ripened red rubber ball they call tomato, but a real one that your grandmother grew in her own backyard.

Oracle eats a juicy organic tomato by biting into it with relish.

ORACLE

A real tomato tastes good because it has what the body needs: Vitamins, natural minerals, fiber, water and the sun, lots of sun.

SERAPH

Factory produced foods are engineered to look like the real thing, feel like the real thing but taste like a piece of wood. Since they don't allow you to taste test before you buy, you often end up with the best-looking fake foods. Over time you forget what real food tastes like, and you think you saved money.

ORACLE

In reality you cheated yourself on the enjoyment of real food and their nutritional value and health benefits. Tomorrow you buy supplements to fill those deficiencies. The day after, you

start to get addicted on medicines that only masks your pains.

SERAPH

(interrupts)

Catching! What you saved on groceries flows right back to the system ten-fold. We don't have to tell you what to do. You already know the right thing to do. You don't do it because you are full of excuses such as 'I don't have time to eat healthy. It's too expensive to buy organic. It's too much work to find good food. Blah blah blah.'

ORACLE

There is only one of you in this world. You are the most important person to you. Your healthy body should be one of your top priorities. So, make time and make the effort and put the money into the most important investment --- You. Sure, you can save a few hundred bucks to buy more bonds or blue-chip stocks, but if you die who is going to collect?

SERAPH

We don't want to bore you with horrific graphics on the modern food production system. It should be enough to know that 99% of traditional farmers are bought out by giant international corporations. To maximize their profit, they use the cheapest and fastest ways to bring fake foods to your table. They are full of harmful hormones and chemicals. They jack up the prices at any excuse and rarely reduce them. They re-invest their profits by acquiring more family farms.

ORACLE

It is also important to note the corporations do not care a stick about the well-being of farm animals. They treat millions of living beings like profit making resources. They could not find enough cruel people to do their dirty work, so they automated the process.

Now a chicken can go from an egg to a drumstick on your plate without ever touching a person's hand; or knowing its own mother; or seeing the sun; or been able to sleep; or smelling the grass; or finding a mate. A chicken's lifespan is a mere sixteen weeks.

SERAPH

You are what you eat. If you eat enough fake foods that were produced in industrial farms you eventually become one of them --- a mass fed, mass produced living being without a mind of your own. You will only be a source of profit for the system.

ORACLE

The good news is that food choices is one of the easiest things, that is in your control today. Here are some of our suggestions:

1. Buy local, buy organic, buy in season. Organic foods still have a lot of controversies surrounding them, but at least they try to be better. We need to reward their efforts.
2. Read labels and know what you are putting into your body. Educate on what chemicals may be responsible for certain health problems. Identify and eliminate foods that are harmful to long term health.
3. Plant your own vegetable garden. Take back control one small step at a time. Trade with neighbors. Visit local farms. Join an organic farm cooperative.
4. Pay attention to the modern food chain. Know what goes inside the animals will eventually go into you. So don't let garbage and toxins get to you.

5. Avoid fast food restaurants and 'convenience meals. They are extremely inconvenient when their side effects catch up to you.

6. Most importantly, love yourself and care for your body. The universe does not want you to suffer or die before your time from horrible diseases. You are destined to live a long, full, healthy and meaningful life. This cannot happen unless you start to put good things inside your body.

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Search Keywords: Food Inc, The Cove, Chemicals in your food, HGCS, Supersize Me, Cowspiracy, Food Choices, Foodmatters, Hungry for Change,

Episode Nine: Capitalism & Consumerism

Opening Quote: "If the only reason you are walking is to show off your new shoes then maybe you need better directions."

Title sequence transition to "Barbie" song. "I am a Barbie girl in a Barbie world. Life in plastic it's fantastic..."

Juxtaposed images of consumer goods transition into mountains of garbage. Clear-cut forest, polluted river and air.

SERAPH

What is the difference between humans and locus? Viewed from the outer space --- very little. Humans migrate from one area to another; consuming everything in their path; leaving behind mountains of trash. They then find a new area to invade.

ORACLE

Humans did not always behave this way. There was a time when they produced what they consumed without causing long term environmental disasters. Humans also got along much better with their neighbors because they didn't have to move so often.

SERAPH

Then came capitalism. This single idea transformed the human destiny and the face of the planet. Simply put, capitalism is a system that encourages groups of individuals to pool their resources together so they can offer products and services to the rest of the world at a price. Competition forces the groups to be efficient in converting their resources into products or services. Sounds like a great idea doesn't it?

ORACLE

I don't mean to sound like a broken record but once again a good idea is derailed. Remember those colonial pirates we talked about back in episode six? Re-enter those greedy pirates.

Somewhere in the 1900's people decided that continuous raping, pillaging and plundering are distasteful, so they outlawed colonialism and outright piracy for good.

SERAPH

The newly unemployed pirates then put their loot together and started international trading companies. Like so many criminals they can't help but to bend the rules here and there. They are also addicted to taking advantages of people.

ORACLE

The idea they cooked up between them is called "externalizing costs". In a nutshell they let other people pay for part of the cost of production but keep the profit for themselves. Here is a very simple demonstration.

SERAPH

To produce a T-shirt you need cotton, dye, machinery, electricity, manpower, gasoline. In a developed country the costs of these resources are high. So, the pirates go to a desperate country. In this poor country the cotton can be sprayed with highly toxic chemicals, the dye can be dumped straight into rivers, the machinery does not need to be safe, the electricity is produced by polluting coal, the workers are underpaid with no benefits, the gasoline does not come with carbon tax.

ORACLE

It is like hosting a big party at your neighbor's house and charge people at the door. You cook up a huge meal in their kitchen. Leave trash all over his back yard, oil stains on his driveway, mud on his carpet. Meanwhile most of the benefits of the party goes to you. Since you don't have to do the clean up your pocket becomes fuller and fuller.

This allows you to knock on more and more doors in the neighborhood.

SERAPH

Of course, over time you turn your street into a major dump. Your own house now looks like a mansion when compared to the ghetto and slums around you. Your family members are so proud and everyone else tries to be more like you. Eventually you die from all the filth and poison you introduced to the world in the name of profit. But that will be years from now. Now you are happy and satisfied. Human beings tend to have very short-term thinking and very narrow vision. Very much like a certain insect we know. Yes, you guessed it, a locus.

ORACLE

Back to the pirates. Their externalization of the cost works very well for them. After a few generations they become respectable members of big boys' clubs all over the world. They call themselves "Masters of Mankind". Money buys you Might and Might is Right. But soon they find themselves facing a new problem. They have too many products that no one wants.

SERAPH

So, they hire up people with low morals and high ambitions, men close to their own hearts, to convince the general public they need more things. Why get a toaster that can toast two slices of bread when you can get one that makes four? Why get a car that can fit your family when you can get a car that can fit your extended family? Why settle for a dishwasher that can do a regular load when you can get one that does super loads?

ORACLE

Where does the old toaster, old car, and old fridge go? Eventually they get

buried in your neighbors' yard. The neighbors have no time to clean up because they are busy making more products. Products you don't need, but products you want. You want them because of the powerful consumerism propaganda machines tell you so every time you tap into them.

SERAPH

This endless cycle of 'bigger, newer and more' stuff keeps you working harder and harder at your hamster wheel. It puts you deeper and deeper into debt and further and further away from true happiness. Soon you find yourself alone and surrounded by junk. The mailman is the only one who says hi anymore. And he delivers nothing but bills and more propaganda.

ORACLE

Let us face the truth. Capitalism is broken. Mindless consumerism is bankrupting our planet. This road only leads to one place: the destruction of humanity. If you do not want a lush green home for your children and their children, then this is not a problem for you. But if you have any higher aspirations about the future for humankind then you must act.

SERAPH

You must act because not acting is also a choice. Not acting during times like these will make you a conformist slave, a hypocrite and a coward.

For your convenience we compiled several actions you can do to combat materialism and consumerism.

1. Become a Minimalist. Keep only things that serve an essential purpose in your life. Donate and give away redundant things. Live sustainably. Buy experiences, not things.

2. Live within your means. Reuse, reduce and recycle before you look to add more stuff to your homes. Have multiple uses for one item.

3. Choose wisely when shopping. Support local ethical businesses. Buy with your heart. Know where the products came from. Connect with the people who made them. Hear their stories.

4. Demand change from your government. Make corporations responsible for all their production costs. Stop garbage transferring.

5. Avoid brainwashing. Limit your exposure to consumerism propaganda. Do not use shopping to fill your void.

6. Share more, lend out things and swap more. Buy second hand and donate. Benefit your local charities instead of multinational corporations.

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Search Keywords: The Minimalists, Plastic China, Garbage dumping, Denmark sustainability, India heavy metal recycling, India Ship recycling,

Episode Ten: Information Control

Title sequence transition to electronic sounds: phone, pager, fax, dialing tone, keystroke, trash bin, download complete, fire alarm. Mirage of the explosion of information age.

ORACLE

As a species, humans have arrived at the age of information. It has never been this easy to create, consume and to share information. In fact, we are doing exactly that, we are sharing digital information with you right now.

SERAPH

Technological advances brought humans to this era, but the System wants to control the new media. The government say they want free market competition, but they really want monopolies. Because monopolies are easier to control with legislations.

ORACLE

To gain control the government sets up a spy agency using your money. They tell you it is for your own safety and protection. They pass a few legislations through congress or senate. Then, Presto! They get the master key to everyone's house.

SERAPH

You may say 'it's not that easy to pass legislation.' Oh, but it is my young friend. Most of the people voting for the bill are dinosaurs who do not understand the internet. You put a so-called expert in front of them and they can be convinced of imminent attacks from the cyber space, or China stealing out national secrets, or Saudis hijacking our banking system...

ORACLE

'But the internet is a scary place.'
There is child porn, hate crime, scams, bullying, hackers etc. Of course, there are. The cyberspace is part of this

world. It is bound to have light and the dark places. Bad things happen in parks, streets and homes but do you want your government to install spy-cams everywhere and watch you go to sleep. Similarly, you do not need the System to spy on you and your neighbors in cyberspace.

SERAPH

The system wants ultimate control. To do this they want your secrets. Maybe you surfed on porn sites; maybe you downloaded pirated music or movies; maybe you cheated a little on your taxes; or exchanged flirtatious messages with a co-worker; or lied a bit to your insurance company. Most people are guilty to one thing or another.

ORACLE

Like the mafia, the system wants to have your secrets so it can blackmail you at will. You are already guilty, so you better stay in line. If you cause any form of trouble, they will arrest you and produce evidence from years of spying.

SERAPH

Sounds familiar? Yes, the church has used this strategy for centuries. You are born guilty, so you have to spend the rest of your lives pleasing the church authorities in order to be saved. Guilt is a very powerful controlling tool.

ORACLE

You are a free person. You did not come into existence to serve a government, to serve corporations, to serve the church or any other institutions and authorities. You are a child of humanity, and as a child you are entitled to all the knowledge and information that was created in this world.

SERAPH

The System wants to dictate who can view, who can leave a comment, who can blog, who can upload, who can download. And they want to monitor all your activities on the web. If you question them the answer is "We are protecting you."

ORACLE

Well it is NOT good enough. By controlling the flow of information, the system is creating a virtual reality for the citizens of the world. The system imposes its world view on the masses. It is Intellectual Dictatorship.

SERAPH

Case in point. One explosion happens in a major city that is linked to 'terrorism'. Another explosion happens in a nearby town as the result of corporate malpractice. Same number of people dies in both incidents. But the 'terrorist' act will get a hundred times the media coverage than the latter incident. Because the government and corporations have an agenda to expand the war on terror. There is profit to be made, when people are scared. Corporate crimes are small potatoes that get swept under the carpet.

ORACLE

Information is power. Power is control. The System wants it and will stop at nothing to obtain it.

Here are some of our suggestions on resisting the System's control on information.

- 1.Fight against all government bills and legislations to take away your rights to privacy and freedom of information exchange.

- 2.Support Net Neutrality and Freedom of Speech.

3. Consume and share stories that matter. boycott the mass media monopolies' propaganda. Bring substance to your circle of friends' interactions.

4. Identify and call out all attempts to control free flow of information. Ask for help from other organizations. Remember that you are not alone. There are millions of brothers and sisters around the world who fight for your rights.

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Search Keywords: Snowden, Oliver Stone, Net Neutrality, Jim Wu, Kim Dotcom, Lawrence Lessig, Peter Ludlow, Edward Snowden, Aaron Swartz, Bilderberg, JSOC, Homeland Security Bills, Patriot Act, Texas fertilizer plant explosion, Virginia water poison, The Untold history of USA

Episode Eleven: Modern Addictions

Title sequence transitions to Amy Winehouse's Rehab. Images of modern addictions. Skulls, Skinny druggies, needles intercut with images of glamour, beauty, wealth, industry.

ORACLE

We are going to talk about addictions. Not just your backyard variety but the bigger problem. Much bigger.

SERAPH

In a way all humans are addicted to one thing or another. Some addictions are harmless, and some are extremely detrimental. We are going to focus on the bad ones.

ORACLE

Addiction, when used against a population is the most powerful kind of control. Imagine a company making an addictive substance. They package it in colorful wrappers; blast the airwaves with commercials and then distribute the substance in all the schools and on every street corner. What's more, the company knows about the negative effects of the substance, so it buys up shares of drug companies that treat patients who suffers from prolonged use of this substance.

SERAPH

Sounds like a dark fantasy? No! The substance is called HGCS High Glucose Corn Syrup. It is cheap, it is bad, and it is in almost every packaged food item. It is one of the leading causes of diabetes worldwide. The makers of HGCS and the diabetes drugs companies are in bed with the government while tens of millions of young addicts walk around the earth looking for the next sugar high.

ORACLE

Think we are too pessimistic? Look at tobacco. A known carcinogen that costs

the health care system billions of dollars a year, but it is allowed to be sold on every street corner, because the government makes a handsome profit. Fast food, painkillers, sodium, pop... need we say more?

SERAPH

We don't want to bore you with more examples. But we do want to show you how this powerful controlling tool is used against citizens of earth. In the 1960's the system had a problem controlling the population. There were enough people rebelling against the System. They organized themselves and took to the streets. They incited many incidents to unite the common man and woman. They were striving for equality, brotherhood and freedom for all.

ORACLE

As always, the system fought back using a three-pronged approach: crackdowns, assassinations and subversions. They use violence to beat down on the demonstrating masses. They hire criminals to kill the leaders. But it is their less known subversive weapons that put an end to the rebellion.

SERAPH

The system intentionally loosens controls on hallucinogenic narcotics, so they became available in the underground. The "hippies" and revolutionaries quickly inhaled them up without much thought on their side effects. Very quickly their fury dissipated, and their drive evaporated. They became docile and passive. They preferred to live in a haze of imaginary utopia instead of reality. They sing songs around fires and write poems while beating on drums. The chemicals transformed their brains into mush. They no longer had the focus and drive to accomplish anything substantial. The rebellion fizzled and died.

ORACLE

Sometime in the 1980's the hippies woke up and all their dreams and aspirations remain unfulfilled. Their head hurts and they feel like failures and disappointments to the movement they once belonged to. They have been beaten down by a covert chemical warfare and they don't even know it.

SERAPH

Too far-fetched? Chemical warfare was conducted on North American Indians in the form of smallpox and alcohol. Opium was launched on China. Agent Orange was dropped on Vietnam. Mustard Gas, Nerve gas. Governments do not think twice about using chemicals against people standing in their way. If they want to use them against their own citizens all they have to do is to declare those people "enemies of the state and disturbers of peace"?

ORACLE

Those that control the flow of powerful narcotics control the population. The so-called war on drugs is a futile lip-service mandated by every new government. The modern debate on legalizing marijuana is simply an argument about who gets to tax them. The government does not want a drug-free population because happy, healthy, free-thinking citizens are harder to control.

SERAPH

Imagine this, a group of environmentalists take a break from a hard day of protesting by standing in a circle and smoking. What is wrong with this picture? Well for one thing they are inhaling toxic chemicals into their own lungs while they are against polluting the lungs of the earth. Is this not the definition of hypocrites? If you are a smoker, a drug user, an alcoholic you are supporting one of the most powerful, wealthy and evil controlling system

of humankind. If you are a non-discriminating consumer of addictive substances then you are supporting a giant structure that preys on addictions of men, women and children.

ORACLE

You are unique and precious. Do not let narcotics and other addictive substances take control of your body and mind. Step away and reassess. Preserve the spirit that is you. Get help. Clean up and serve as an example to your children.

SERAPH

When we are all free of dependencies, we will be strong. Time to wake up and rise up once again. This time armed with knowledge of the Truth.

Here are some of our recommendations:

- 1.If you currently use tobacco, alcohol or other substances, determine if you are an addict. Stay away from the substance for a reasonable period of time and assess its hold on you.
- 2.If you determine that you are an addict, get help immediately. Overcome the shame and talk to family and friends.
- 3.If you are around substance abusers who are unwilling to change you have to leave those people behind until they are ready to be helped.
- 4.If you determined that you are not an addict but a casual user then you must keep a close eye on your usage. Addiction is a sickness that will gradually take control your life if you allow it.
- 5.Talk to your children about addictions. Do not deceive them or beat around the bush. They will find out one way or another.

SERAPH AND ORACLE

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(End of Episode Eleven)

*Search Keywords: Human Experiment, Sugar High, History of Sugar,
Coca Cola Company, History of Cuba,*

Episode Twelve: The Environment

Title sequence followed by Adam Lambert's Ghost Town. Images of wasted, ruins of civilization. Mountains of trash and garbage. Clear-cut forest, open mines, poisoned waterways.

SERAPH

Protect the Environment! Save the Planet! Love Mother Earth! These are empty slogans. The environment does not need protection. The planet does not need saving. They are doing fine. It is citizens of earth that needs saving.

ORACLE

The truth is, Earth is a livable planet only for a limited time. Soon or later it will become a desert planet like Mars. All humans can do is to affect the 'soon or later' part.

SERAPH

Earth is a finite living space. Even pigs know not to shit where it eats so how can a species as intelligent as humans not know this? This is because we are disconnected. We are divided and the System is conquering us.

ORACLE

Imagine this scenario. One day you get a phone call. It's China calling.

"Nihao my friend, we just got a giant heap of plastic garbage and they came from you."

"Oh really, my fault. I will get that back and think of a better way to dispose of them. Better yet maybe I don't even need to make things out of plastics anymore. Better yet, maybe I don't need as many things in my life to be truly happy. Thanks, my friend for bringing this realization to me. Let us work together and make sure our home planet stays livable for a long, long time."

SERAPH

Sounds fantastic does it? 'It will never happen' That's exactly what the system wants you to think. Several Scandinavian countries have already achieved 100% energy self-reliance and 100% local garbage disposal.

ORACLE

The System wants to deny the fact that solar, wind, geothermal, wave and biomass are a feasible alternative to fossil fuel because they are making huge profits and do not want to change. The truth is the sun gives us enough energy in one day that can power us for a year. Geothermal energy is renewable, and it will power us for at least four thousand years. Then there's wind and waves.

SERAPH

We have renewable energy all around us. In many forms. They do not cost us an arm and a leg, they do not result in irreversible damages to our living space and they do not hasten the desertification of Earth to become Mars.

ORACLE

The System hides these abundant resources from you and just goes for the low hanging fruits -fossil fuel, virgin forests, clean ground water, international fishing grounds etc. Then they divide up the world and make people pay.

SERAPH

By the time the common man realizes what is going on they already got you by the balls. You are so dependent on the System you cannot risk breaking away.

ORACLE

That's exactly what the System wants you to think. 'You are attached to the

system by an umbilical cord like a fetus to the womb.' It is our mission to make you realize that you are not a fetus.

SERAPH

You are a standup adult, damn it! You do not need the system, but the system needs you, all of you, in order to fuel their greedy manifesto of infinite growth and absolute dominance. You all have a right to self-determination and pursuit of happiness and a meaningful life.

ORACLE

Let me show you what you ARE connected to.

You ARE connected to the universe; to the ancient life force; to the eternal divine spirit; to the creator; to each other; to every living being that came before you and will come after you. You are brothers and sisters not just to other human beings but to all other living and non-living beings, on earth and alien.

SERAPH

If you met someone on a plane and he tells you that he's from your hometown and his destination is the same as you, don't you feel immediately attached to him? Does he not feel like family? The truth is that we all came from the same stardust and we will all eventually return to the same stardust.

ORACLE

We are all connected in the most intimate way possible. We are temporarily in individual forms so we can harvest starlight and write our own stories. Do not let anyone or anything make you feel that you are alone and weak because you are with us. Together we are the universe and we are the strongest force in existence.

SERAPH

The deranged and mutated System wants to divide humankind and make us ignorant. It wants some of us to be totally addicted to materialism while all of us pay for the high price of a ruined environment. It wants to enslave all of citizens of earth in a dictatorship of power and control. The System is cancer to all humankind, and it will spread and consume the entire planet if we let it. The only way is to wake up and fight back.

ORACLE

We are extremely proud of you for taking the red pill. Now if you agree with us please spread the word so more brothers and sisters can detach from the System and wake up to join in the fight.

SERAPH

As usual, here are some of our suggestions:

1. Pay attention to what trash you put on the curb.
2. Look at toxic chemicals in your house.
3. Start a compost program.
4. Consume with a purpose. Everything you own should bring value to your life. Adopt minimalism as a lifestyle.
5. Use reusable drinking bottles, shopping bags, coffee cups etc.
6. Educate your children and show them excellent documentaries.
7. Spread the word and call people out when they're in the denial stage.

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Search Keywords: Gaia, Cosmos TV series,

Episode Thirteen: Religion

Opening Quote: "Sometimes the questions are complicated but the answer is simple." Dr. Seuss.

Title sequence transition to hymns and boy choir. Images of religious paintings. Oracle dresses like an angel while Seraph dresses like a demon.

ORACLE

We saved the best for last. Our final topic is religion. Religion makes us feel so good. Like a bowl of hot steamy chicken noodle soup on a cold wintery afternoon. You just can't wait to slurp it all up inside of your stomach. That warm blissful feeling of satisfaction stays with you for a long, long time.

SERAPH

But at the same time religion also seem so very unnecessary and harmful to humanity. Religious people committed unforgivable aggressions all over the world and all through history. Since there are some 42 000 different religions in the world chances are the 'bad' people are from other religions than your own. It is easy to conclude that all other religions are bad or wrong and the one true religion is the one you happen to be a part of.

ORACLE

This couldn't be further from the truth. We all know how silly it is when a child declares his favorite hat is the best and he will wear it forever and ever. But millions of adults blindly follow their favorite religion without questioning it.

SERAPH

People sit around debating about the afterlife while we still haven't figured out this life yet. A religion is like a glass of water you just scooped up from a lake. If you let it settle, you will discover it has both good and

bad in it. Near the top the water looks clean and clear while the bottom looks cloudy and questionable.

ORACLE

All religions have the two parts to them: the pros and cons. Pros of religion are: sense of community, sense of belongingness, brotherly love, spiritual attachment, emotional support, sense of purpose, enlightenment, humbleness, law and order, decency, generosity, connectedness, guidance... The list goes on and on. This is why people love religion so much.

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The cons of religion are: superstition, mythicism, bigotry, single-mindedness, brainwashing, lack of acceptance, intolerance, divisiveness, power abuse, racism, stereotyping, fact-denying, illogical behaviors, outdated rituals and traditions, xenophobia, self-righteousness, closed-mindedness, hatred, adverse to facts, denial of science... The list also goes on and on. This is why people hate religion so much.

ORACLE

Let us go back to that glass of water. Within this glass there is H₂O the stuff you need to stay alive, but at the bottom there is also microbes that can make you very sick. So, a single religion contains both what you need and what can harm you. This is true to all organized religions of the world.

A table full of glasses of water in different containers appears.

SERAPH

Not one glass is purely clean and not one glass is entirely dirty. Thirsty people everywhere simply reach for the glass closest to them and drink up. And they keep going back to the same glass for more. Most of them claim their

glass of water is the only clean one
while all other glasses are dirty.

Oracle at the stove boiling a pot of water. Steam rises up in front of her face.

ORACLE

The best way is to take what is good in all the glasses and to make it safe and good for everyone. Purify the 42,000 religions and extract from them what is valid and up-lifting. Leave behind residuals of superstition, mysticism and outdatedness. Say goodbye to traditions that does not make sense. Be a free thinker.

SERAPH

Sweden and India. Sweden is among one of the least religious nations on earth and India is the most religious. Sweden is not flooded with fires of vengeance and plagues of retribution. India is not blessed with unparalleled abundance and abnormal amount of joy and peace. God, if he or she exists, is not vengeful or petty or grudge-holding or attention-seeking or needy or whiny or shy. The all-powerful does not need your flowers, food, money, incense or even love. To be religious or not should be your own choice. Not something God or his followers force or pressure you to do at the risk of condemnation.

ORACLE

If you want to believe in something believe in this. We are all connected in the most intimate way possible. We come from the same place and will return to the same place. What can be more intimate than that? We are all born good. We cannot live in isolation and be happy. We enjoy love, sunshine and the sound of laughter of others. And we would absolutely love to be connected with everyone if given the chance.

ORACLE

All humans are made of stardust. One day we will all return to it. This fact makes us all family. Our lives are simply the time given to us to harvest star light. With the abundant star light of our sun we can shine out our own brilliances. Let us not waste this precious time on focusing on the small and petty stuff. Love is the energy that connect us all. The oneness of humanity is not a fable or a dream but a fact of nature and science.

SERAPH

As always, we must say goodbye. But we are here for you always. Here are some of our suggestions on how to treat religion.

1.If you are a religious person and your religion is unifying the citizens of the world under love then keep going. If you notice inconsistencies and sermons that divides citizens of earth, then it is time to quit. You must be allowed to question and challenge their teachings. Otherwise it is a single-minded dictatorship and it is not worth your time.

2.If you are a non-religious person do not look down on your brothers and sisters who are religious. They were near a certain glass and they were thirsty. Remember one day you will all dance in the same light, hand in hand. Allow them to come to you instead of attacking them and poking them at every opportunity.

3.Find spiritual solace. This is not the same as religion. It is allowing your body, mind and soul to receive guidance from the center of the universe. Keep looking for higher purpose and meaning in your life. Do not let the daily struggle keep you from doing

this. Do not be a busy sailor without a compass.

4. Keep your heart open for knowledge from the world. No Religious text, be it the Bible, Qu'ran, Torah or any others contain all the truth with in it. Piece together the mysteries of life by looking out and looking in. Learn from your brothers and sisters. Learn from nature. The truth is all around you. It beams down on you every second of everyday. Receive it and be thankful.

5. Demand your government to stop religious favoritism such as funding religious schools with public money. Allowing profiteering religious institutions to evade tax.

SERAPH AND ORACLE

May you find Truth, Freedom and Purpose during your time on earth.

(End of Episode Thirteen)

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Epilogue

QUOTE FROM THE CREATORS

"You may never have ALL the answers, but you should always be looking for the REST of the answers."

ORACLE

Humans are easily deceived creatures. A child raised in prison can be made to believe he lives in a heavenly society. The real world outside may seem scary and cruel. The human brain is highly fluid and malleable. Over time it can be made to believe almost anything to be the truth.

SERAPH

Do not believe us so easily. Do not trust us so simply. Do your own homework and research on the things we tell you. Ask critical questions then make up your own damn mind.

ORACLE

If you still trust us after your independent research, then come back to us and help us spreading the word. Help others to liberate their minds.

SERAPH

One thing you should not do is to go back to your old lives and old selves, hoping that you can just be happy and contend.

In the 1860's many blacks were freed during the American Civil War. Some of them fought in the war. Some of them died. Some of them suffered long and hard. Some of them endured unimaginable pain. Some of them even lived to their old age. But no one, not one person ever expressed regret for becoming a free man. Not even when they were faced with death at the hands of the confederate army. They truly lived and they truly fought for their freedom. The

sunrise on that day may very well be their last but it truly belonged to them. They were bathed in the sun's glory as an upright standing child of the universe, beautiful and free!

ORACLE

If you continue to be a slave one day your reckoning will come. You would have wasted your one and only chance to be a free citizen of Earth. You would have squandered away your divine right to be a soulful, loving, caring, conscientious, generous, righteous, spiritual and healthy human being.

Now I don't think there is anything more important than being a soulful, loving, caring, conscientious, generous, righteous, spiritual and healthy human being. Do you?

I didn't think so.

Oracle takes a candy out from her pocket, unwraps it and puts it in her mouth. She smiles like a kind mother. Seraph takes her arm and lead her away. The two of them walk up a snowy hill and disappear into the forest. Wind continues. Leaves begin to grow. Time laps photography of the seasons appears. When it is late autumn the scene stops. The viewpoint rises up and looks down on earth. It continues until the entire earth can be seen. Then a blind light...

Barbara Streisand sings "The Way We Were" over a slide show of natural beauty and human warmth finalizing on the cosmos and the infinite universe with its grand mysteries.

(End of Epilogue, End of Season One)

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