

# Re: When caveman Uhg invented fire

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Ick... google is being weird... sorry in advance if this is a double post.

sevagK wrote:

Dragontamer wrote:

your point, but it forces you to see Business owners and other leaders in the world as ultimate evil.

There is no such thing as 'evil,' either by choice or necessity, they have been drawn into a damaging system. The business owner is in competition with limited resources with other 'owners' and they will do anything to increase their ownership, even if it means destroying someone else's means of living. In short, they (we) are like all the other animals and plant life on this planet.

You don't need to destroy other people's means of living to be a business owner.

Be a farmer for example. Make enough food for yourself, and sell some so you can pay your taxes, phone bills, and whatever other luxury items you need.

Your entire point falls on this: that there is no "choice" in life.

And that is too sad and pessimistic a choice for me to see.

There really is no choice. We are trapped by genetics which has forced us to create a particular system... one designed on greed. Those who are more evolved see this, but they are unable to do anything about it because they are already trapped with no way out... well a couple ways out but I'll get to those.

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And we are also trapped to live with gravity. That doesn't stop us from jumping to the moon.

If you don't like being someone's "slave" for a living, then become a business owner.

Become a "little master," yes. I already did that. But even then, "little masters" are slaves to all the bigger "masters," but since they own more things than even smaller "masters" they are to a sence, content with the degradity of humanity.

But even the smallest "ownership" makes one a slave. They become a slave to their possessions and must protect them. Their ownership of anything is based on the thread of illusion: their ownership must be legally recognized by society. When that illusion collapses, they get their heads chopped off by a revolt of slaves (and "little masters").

Slaves don't got a choice in their life.

Any "slave" can become the master. That by very definition, makes them not a slave, but equal to their master.

Bill Gates started somewhere, McDonalds started somewhere. And if you think that there is only one way to make money, you are sooooo dead wrong. Most people are so intent on making inventions (aka, new computer programs) that they see that as the only way of making money.

Yes, and they all are trapped in the system as they have been raised by false values. Their motivation for invention is not for the advancement of humanity, but for the advancement of their ownership.

I take it that you've never heard of the Red Cross?

Quite the contrary for them. It is illegal for the Red Cross to advance their ownership. Seem to do quite well as an organization though.

Case in point: you can always say no. You never have to accept a job today,

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Right, what's the alternative? Follow Jesus into poverty. Give away everything you own and go to the gutter. Some fates are worse than being "little masters."

But even this is not always choice. If you think so you are wrong. Many have families to support. They \*have\* to work at whatever shitty job they have found to provide food, shelter, health care, etc. There is no escaping the system for most.

It was their choice to make a family. They live with their choices. Of course we live with our choices... else we wouldn't be living. With exception of maybe rape victims, you have a choice whether you want a family or not, but that is a crime issue.

Anyway, if you really want to go into poverty and live as a bum the rest of your life, it is your choice. Whats so wrong with being a bum? Stray away from alcohol and drugs, and wander around and be friendly to people, can't be too bad. Jack London did it for a good period of his life.

Anyway, alternatives:

1. Become a business owner
- 1.5 Make a public-works company, build roads, hospitals, etc. etc. Rent-a-cop for neighborhoods, etc. etc.
2. Create non-profit organization.
3. Create a new society, a commune if you will, like the Amish but "better"
4. Be a bum. Aka: Explore the world PS: hide from the police.
5. Be a farmer.
6. Become a religious leader.
7. Join the army
8. Be one of those "survivors". Find a deserted island, and make it your home. Some people do this for years at a time for the hell of it. The forests work well also.
9. Join a non-profit organization
10. Work for the government. Be a teacher, firefighter, policeman, etc. etc.

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you don't have to join a union, you can vote for someone else if you don't like anyone.

Anyone you vote for is also trapped in the system. From whom do they get funding for their election campaigns? Follow the stink of money and you will find "big masters" looking to increase their ownership.

And those "masters" worked their butts off to get in that position. It isn't as if they were born with it, unless their parents worked their butts off too.

Frankly speaking: this "hobbyist" you talk about is simply a lazy bum who "wants" to change the world, but can't see the world as anything else. He is scared to work. Either that, or blinded by his pessimistic views of the world.

No my friend. The hobbyist is often a working "master" of some level, and works on his hobby on his spare time. He recognizes his humanity and wants to change the world, but realizes there is no way so he contributes to make it better in whatever small way he can. Sounds more like optimism to me.

I dunno, you seem to be complaining about simple truths. What else am I supposed to assume?

Of course, if the hobbyist always complains like this, what else to assume :-p

Case in point: don't like presidential candidates? Do you know how \*long\* you can change the outcome of presidential elections? The 2008 election cycle starts in 2005, maybe earlier as candidates start rallying people for the primary elections. Right now is probably too late to change the 2008 elections, but you still have influence over it. You can still choose from about a dozen people to support in the upcoming primary elections.

It doesn't matter which figurehead you vote to office, they are all

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trapped and can do nothing else. Countries work the same as those on the personal level. They must all work to increase the possessions of their country or risk being trampled and taken over by their competitors who are doing the same.

So find someone who isn't a figurehead, give him control of the country and then have him change it.

It isn't that you can't change an election, it is that people think they can't change the election by 2008 cause they don't want to work for it. Of course you can't change the polls by November 2008, your only choice there is the Democrat or the Republican.

Those are choices? Democrat or Republican. Two sides of the same coin.

Who is outside of the coin? There is nobody. The coin rules us.

It is called primary elections. Some 12 possible candidates out there right now, at least, for both parties.

If you don't wanna do anything till come November, thats your fault, not the "system"

But right *\*now\**, now is the time when the elections get decided.

Another case: Businesses and their products. Don't like Microsoft's products?  
Then make your own! Don't like what Microsoft does with your money?  
Don't buy? Use a Mac! Use Linux. Build your own OS. Use BSD, or BeOS.

Don't like Intel? Use any other chip, MIPS, or those PowerPC chips.

Don't like any of them? Don't use a computer. Quite simple, isn't it?

Or maybe, you can build your own architecture.

You know very well one can't build their own for everything they need or want. It doesn't matter which company I choose, it's all in the same system. It's the *\*system\** that I don't like.

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Do you have plans for a better system? Then make one.

You only rely on computers because you rely on them. Amish folk seem to work well without them, why can't you?

Amish/Mennonites are trapped in the same system, though to a lesser extent. But forget about joining them, these are closed societies who don't value advancement. Their general philosophy is a good one, just eliminate the religion, discard their disdain for technology and expand influence beyond crops and homes to all things and you got an almost perfect society.

Then get your friends, and convince them to join you.

Whats his name convinced some 50 people to commit suicide with him.

And I bet it is a lot easier to convince 50 people to come to a better society than it is to convince the same 50 people to commit suicide with you.

The Amish had to start somewhere. It isn't as if they just appeared out of the blue one day.

And no, you don't have to do it with a hair cutter. Ski-shop owner keeps getting his computers wet and they keep dieing. Make a specilized computer that works underwater for him that does the above. Etc. Etc.

Maybe I could. What would I have to do? Purchase parts manufactured by others, assemble them and then what? Give it away for free? Nope, I would have to charge the Ski-shop owner so I can increase my master status.

Now, after I have done so, the guy that was selling all the computers to the Ski-shop owner will lose out because the shop owner doesn't have to buy as many computers any more. My invention increased my 'ownership' at the cost of someone elses.

"Master Status"???

Then charge him less. Goodness. Don't make a profit if you don't want to.

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As for the other guy: he'll live. Hershey went bankrupt like, 12 times before making his chocolate company. And that was back when there were true "master vs slave" relationships, lack of minimum wages, no social security, a crap stock market, no insurance on your banks, no medicare, etc. etc.

Basically:

My respect goes to the business owners, who worked their butts off changing the world while your "hobbyists" were too busy complaining.

--Dragontamer

Chances are those business owners are also hobbyists. I too have a business in which I viciously compete with others, I'm a "little master" trapped somewhere in the system providing for myself and my family. Yet I recognize the system for what it is. I know I've driven at least 2 other families into poverty because I did a better job. My competitors would like nothing better than to see my family in poverty and work year round to do so (perhaps without consciously realizing this).

These are the values we have been raised on. Helping humanity for us is a secondary thing, the primary purpose is to increase our own ownership.

Those business men you mention would have done nothing if there was no monetary gain in it for them.

Such as Hershey, who got rid of bulldozers and hired 40 men in their place during the great depression?

Or Carnegie who gave away some \$350,695,653 before he died? (and then the last few dozen million when he died)

There are enough resources and technology on this planet right now to provide everyone with food, shelter, health and education, while still allowing them plenty of spare time from work to do other things they like (spend time with family, hobbies, work on inventions, etc). But such will never be a reality in the system we are trapped in. The ultimate goal of the current system is to have one master who owns everything, so society has found a certain 'equilibrium' in the middle... at the cost of our humanity.

Again, I dislike your "master vs slave" analogy. You assume "slaves"

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have no choice.

And if slaves do have a choice, they aren't slaves by a long shot :-p

Anyway, I point again to the alternatives at the top of my post, most of this is covered there.

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