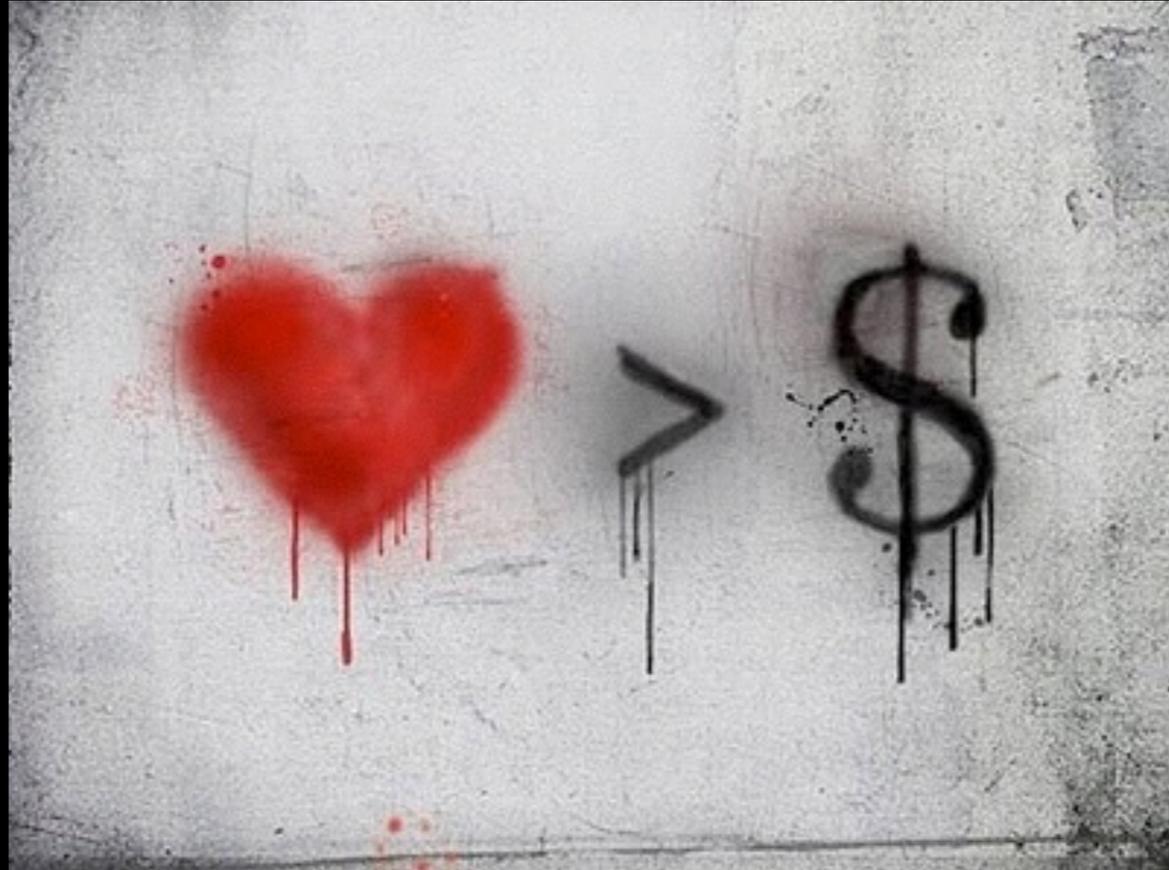
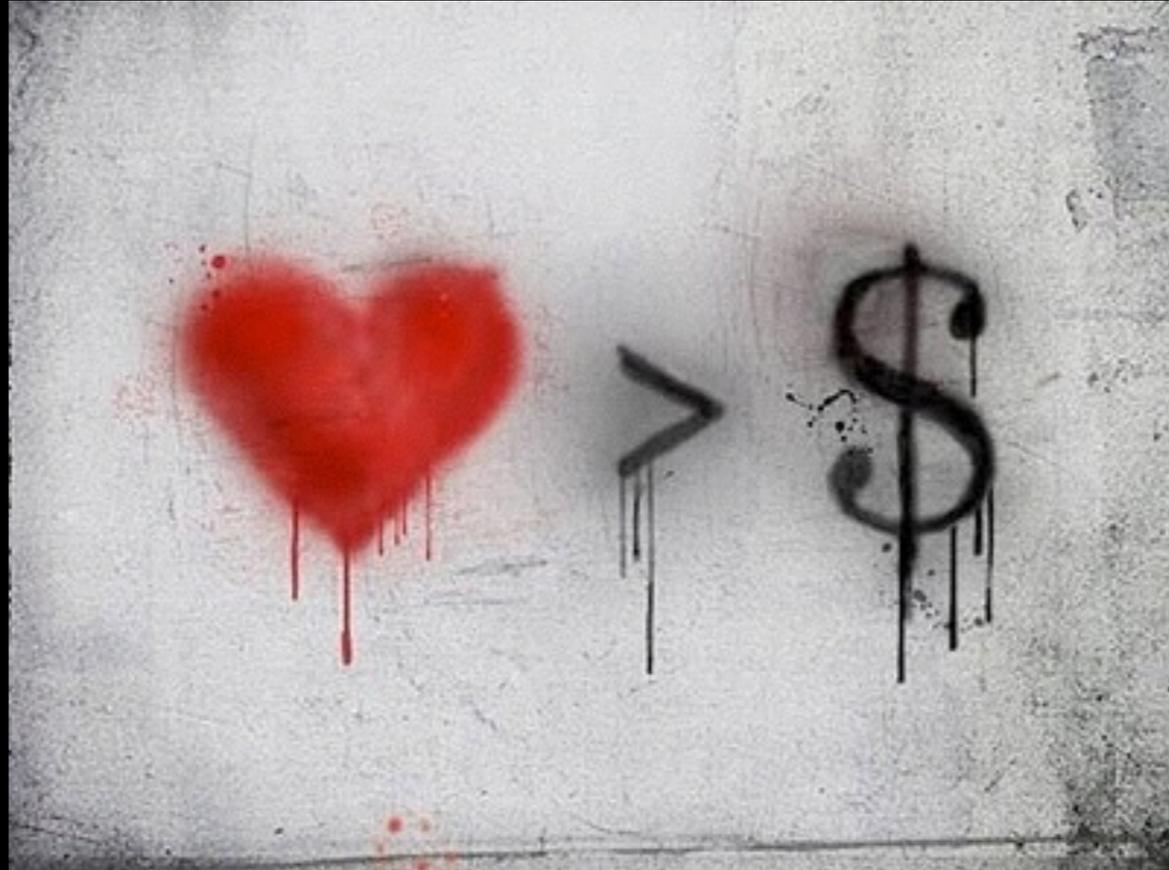


Money can't buy me love!



Money can't buy me love!

...or can it?



Creating Generations of Gratitude

A Caveat



Our situation is not a problem to be solved..



...but a mystery to be embraced.

GIVING to the Lord

GROWING as a Christian



GOING with the Gospel

SECOND YEAR

THE PONY EXPRESS



STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

stewardship

Consecration Sunday



November 20, 2011
at 10 am



REPLENISH



RENEW



REJOICE



transformed living





TIME



Talent



Treasure



**80% of Stewardship Resources
are a Waste of Time**



Why?

Because most of our stewardship education consist of providing information.





While information is great...

1. We are awash in a sea of information.
2. Narrative, habits, and experience eat information every time.



While information is great...

3. Having grown up in the “information age,” the emerging generation is particularly skeptical of more data. They want a sense that what they give has meaning and crave relationship with and to the organizations to which they give.







Q: If we know money doesn't make us happy..
...then why do we act like it does???

Money Doesn't Make Us Happy



“But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.”

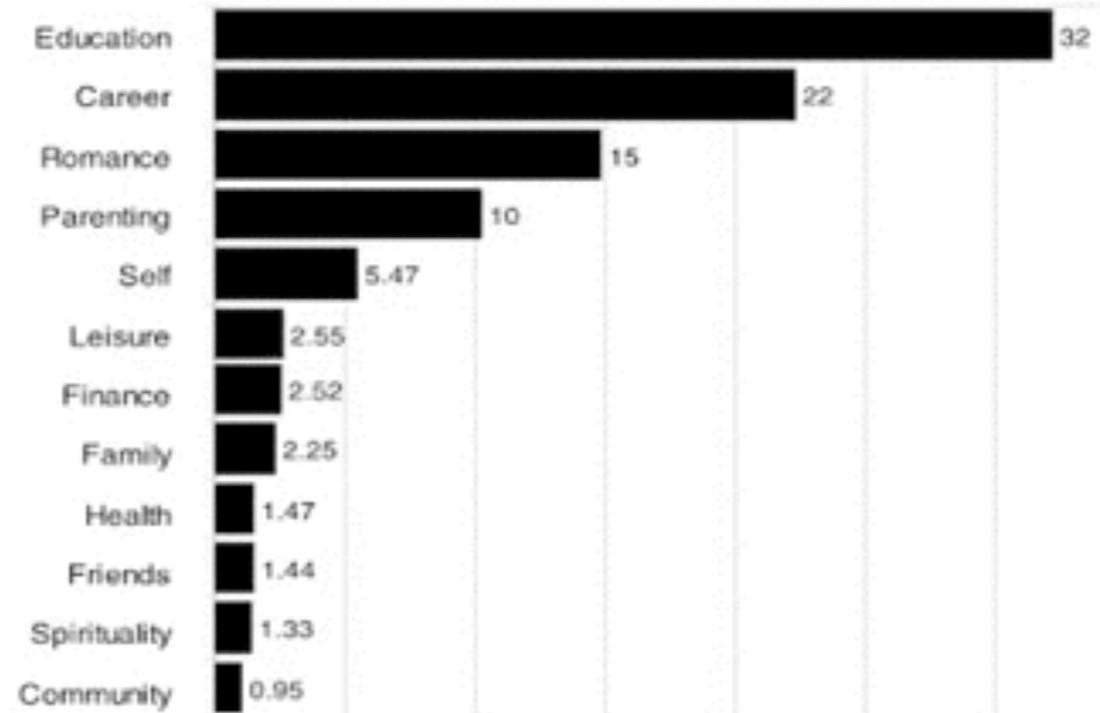


~1 Tim. 6:9-10

Money Doesn't Make Us Happy



What we regret

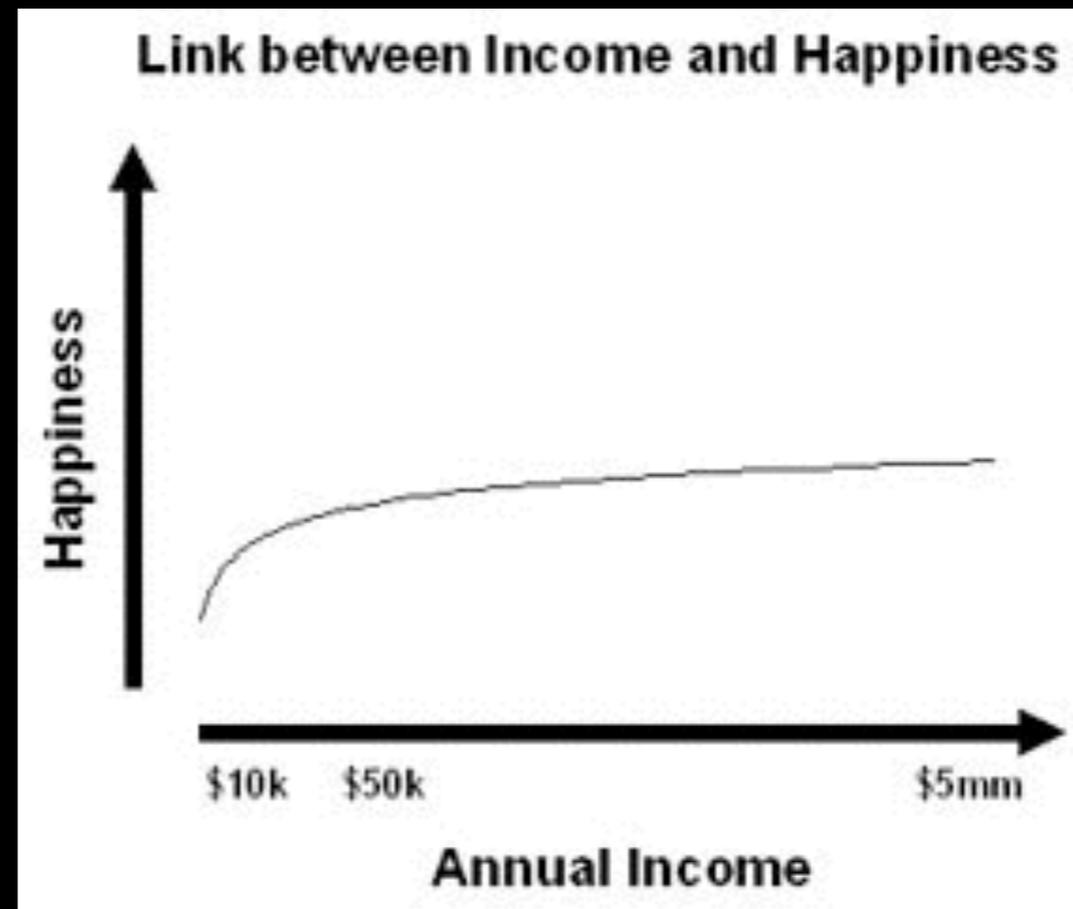


Only 2.52% name finances a source of regret.

Money Doesn't Make Us Happy



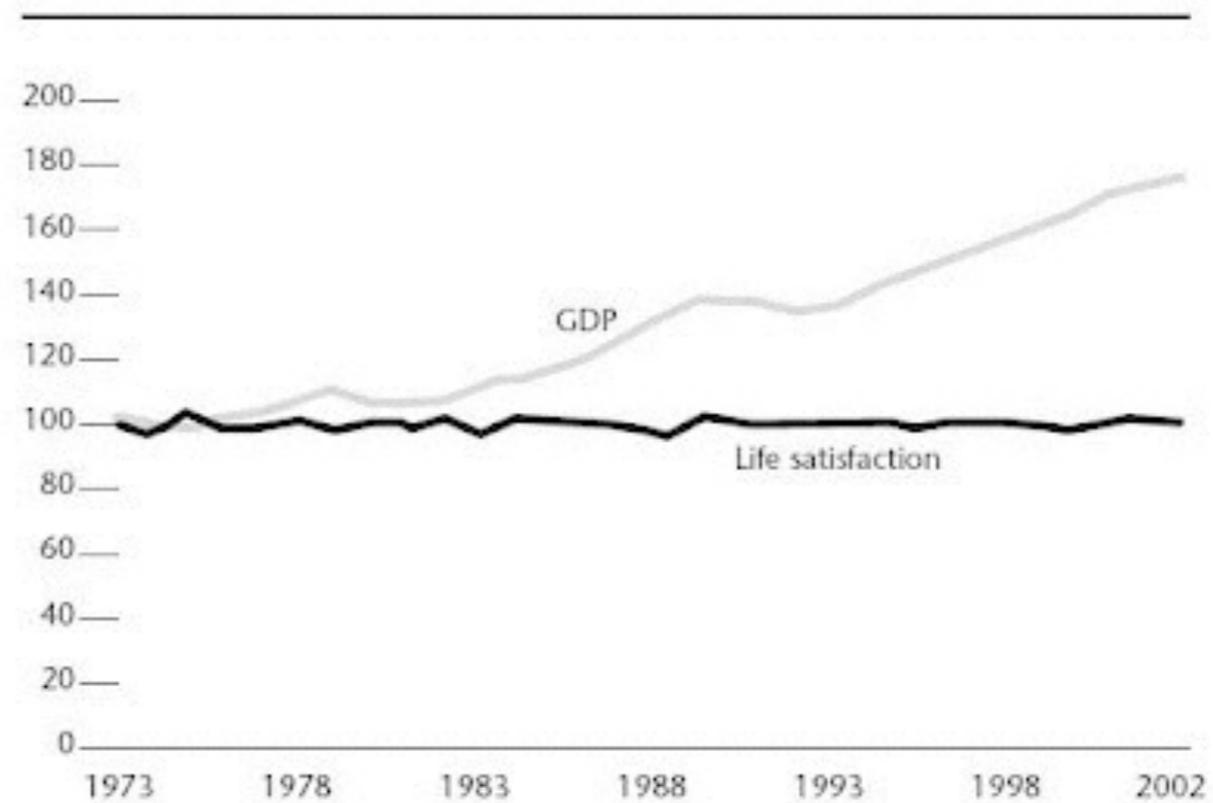
Research



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Figure 1 UK life satisfaction and GDP, 1973–2002
1973 = 100



Source: NEF (2004)

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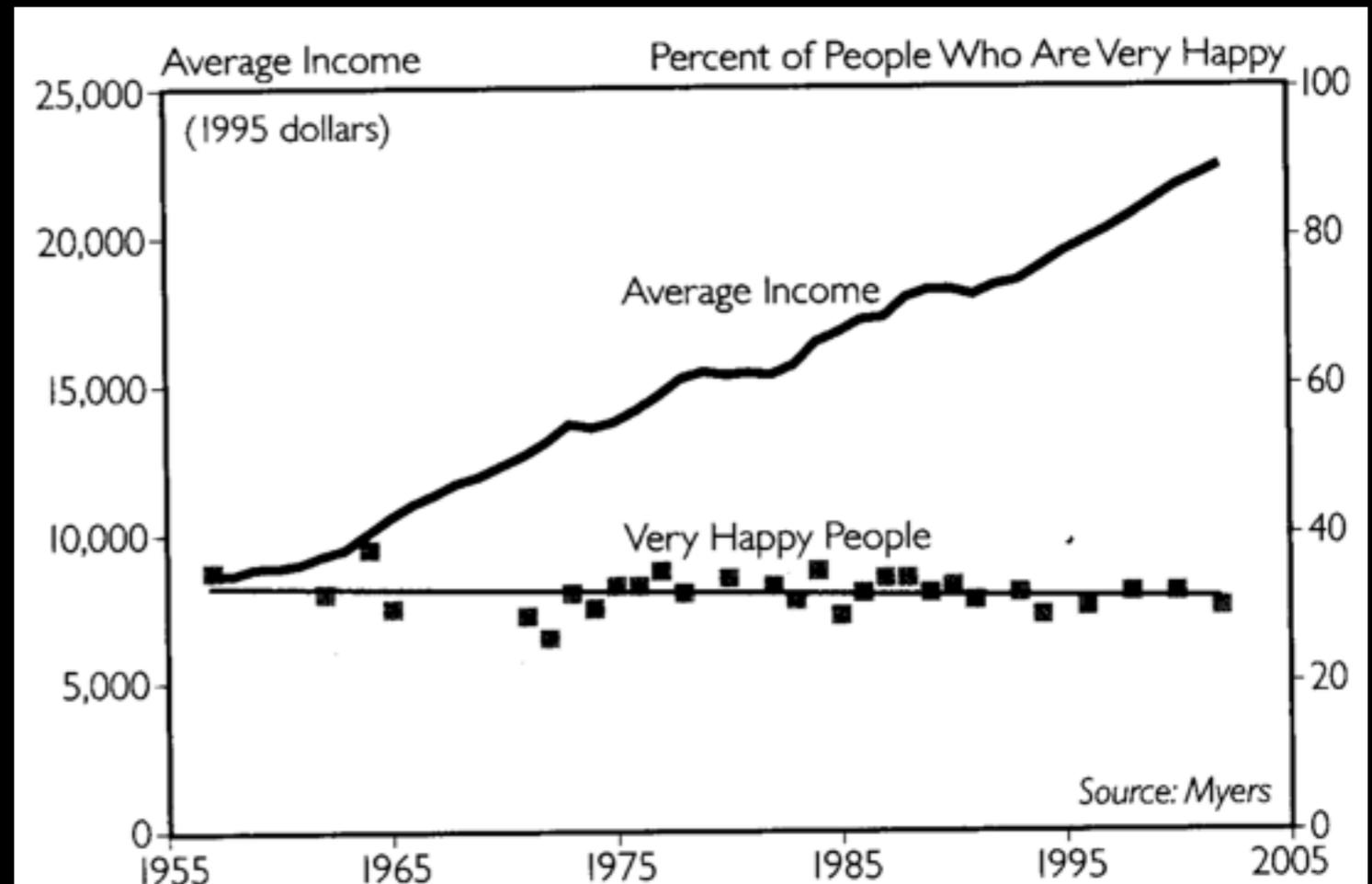


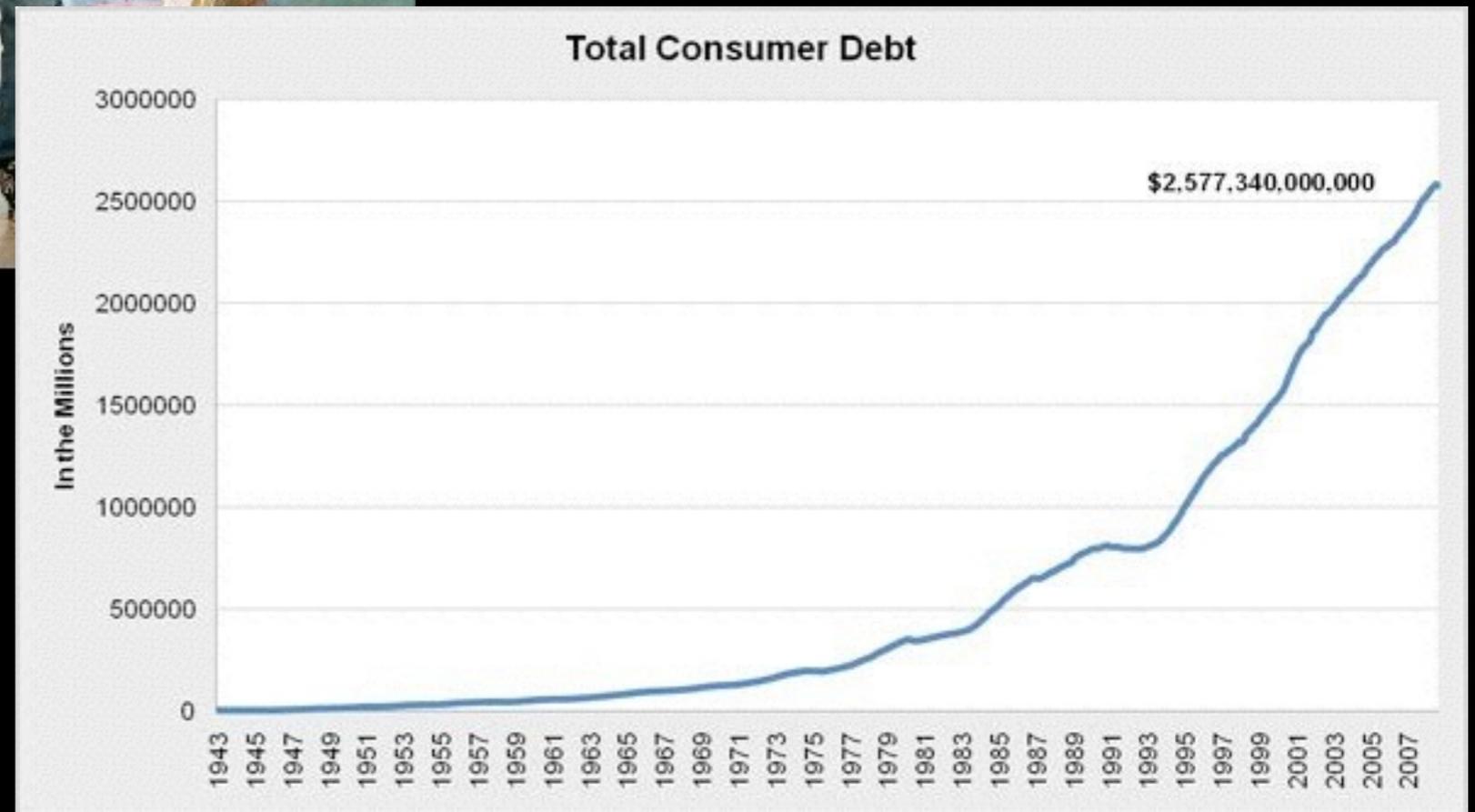
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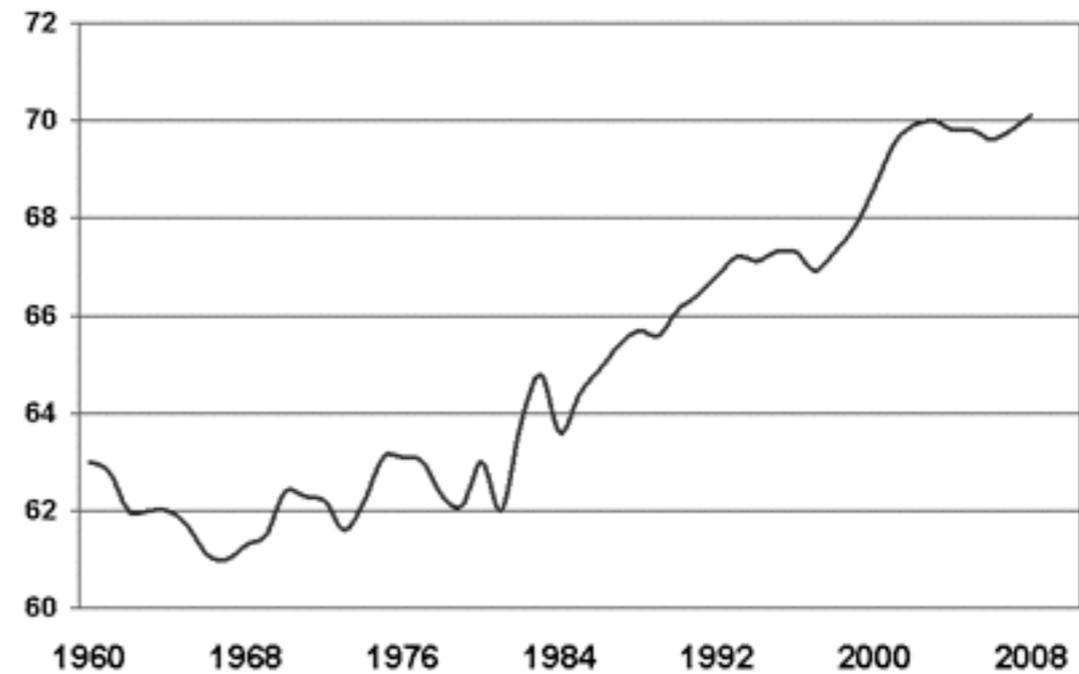
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Consumer Expenditures as Percent of GDP Have Increased Sharply In Past Thirty Years



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Q: If we know money doesn't make us happy..
...then why do we act like it does???

I. Money is tangible.

I. What money buys is tangible.



The emerging generation has grown up in the most materialistic culture the U.S. has ever known.

2. Story is Everything



"The Universe is made up of stories, not atoms."

~ Muriel Rukeyser

Stumbling on
HAPPINESS

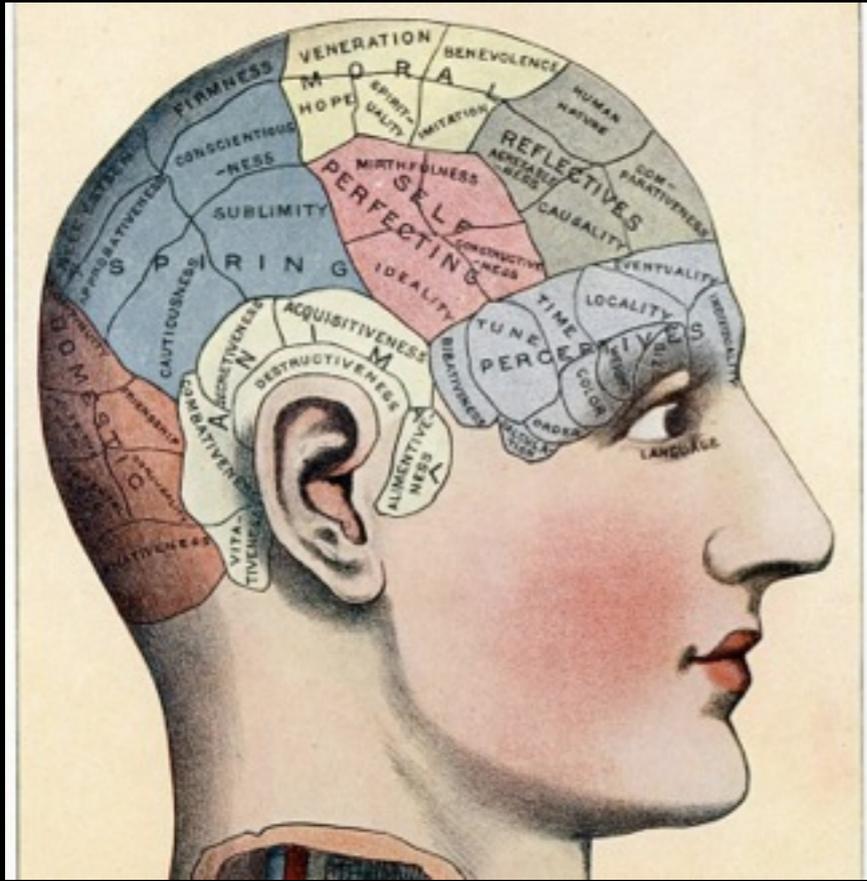
"THINK YOU KNOW WHAT MAKES YOU HAPPY?"

This absolutely fantastic book will shatter your most deeply held convictions about how the mind works." --STEVEN D. LEVITT, author of FREAKONOMICS



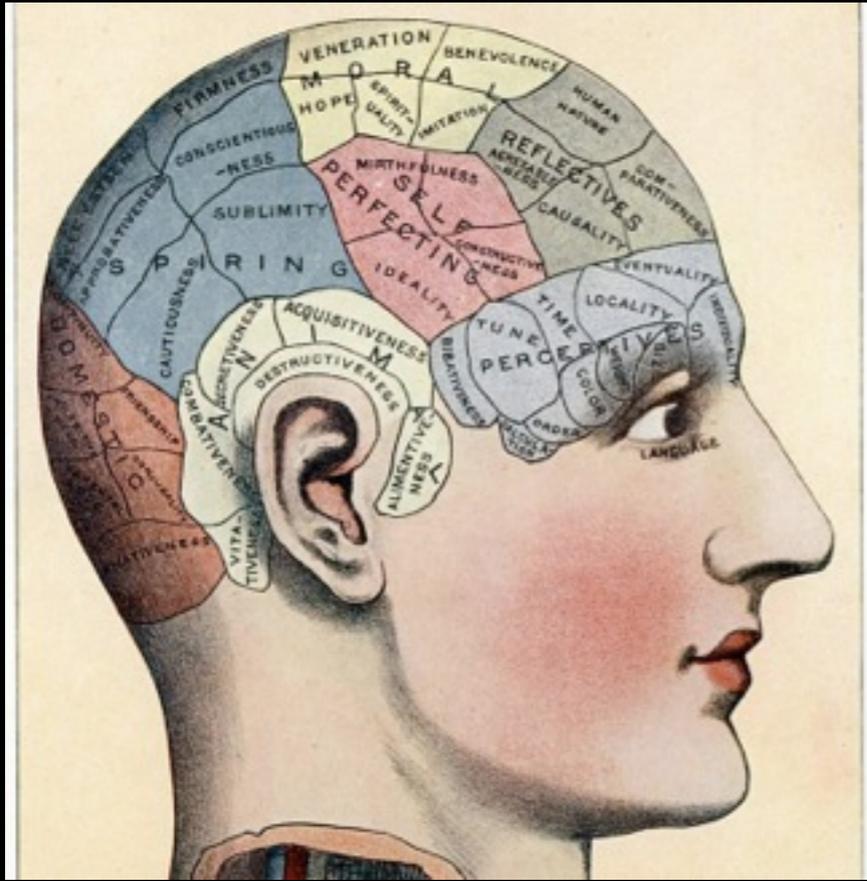
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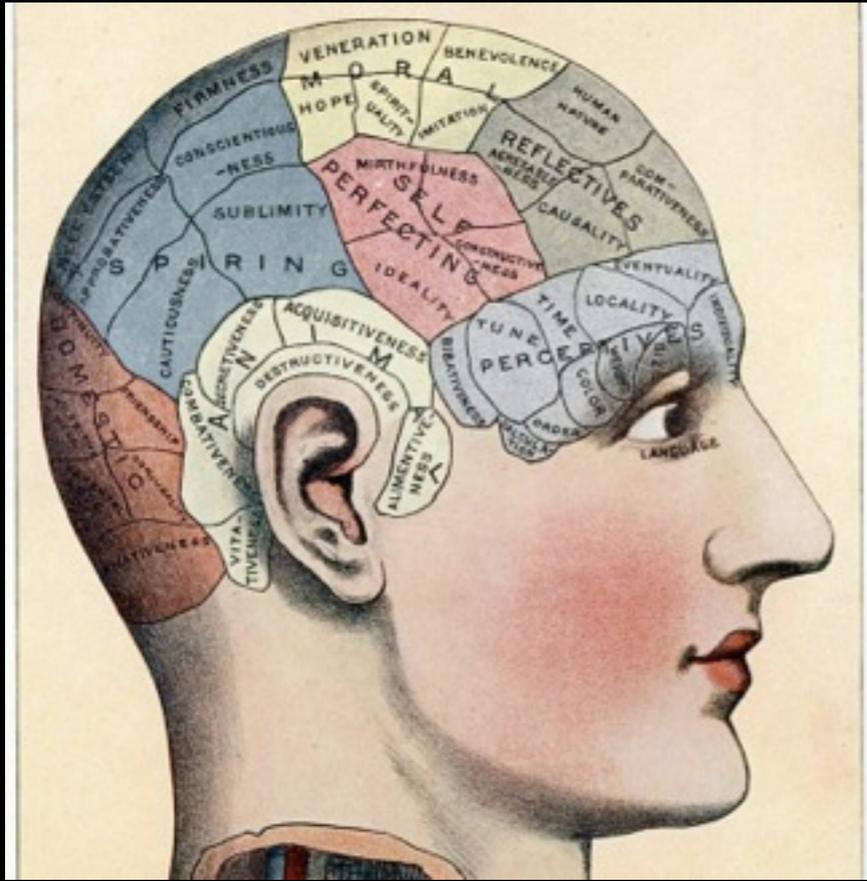
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2. Memory is a fabrication.
Memory is fragile.



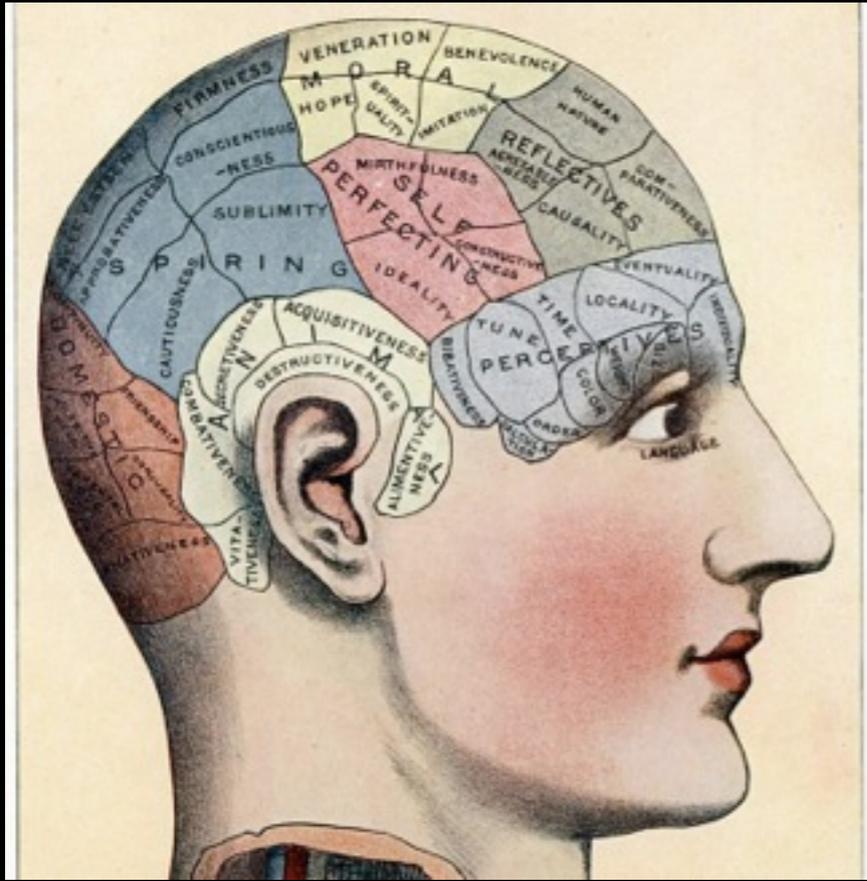
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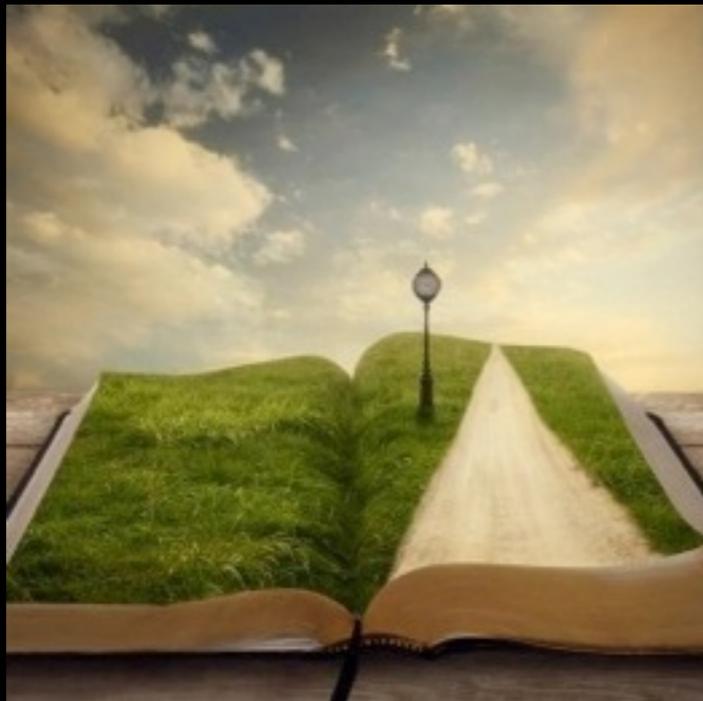
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Memory is influenced by intervening events.

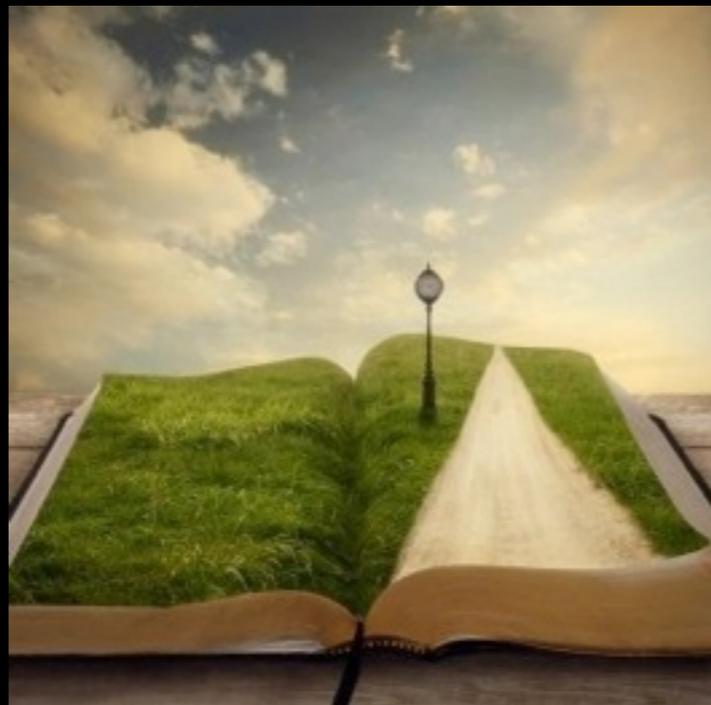


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Memory is influenced by story.

Master story



METANARRATIVE

Standard story

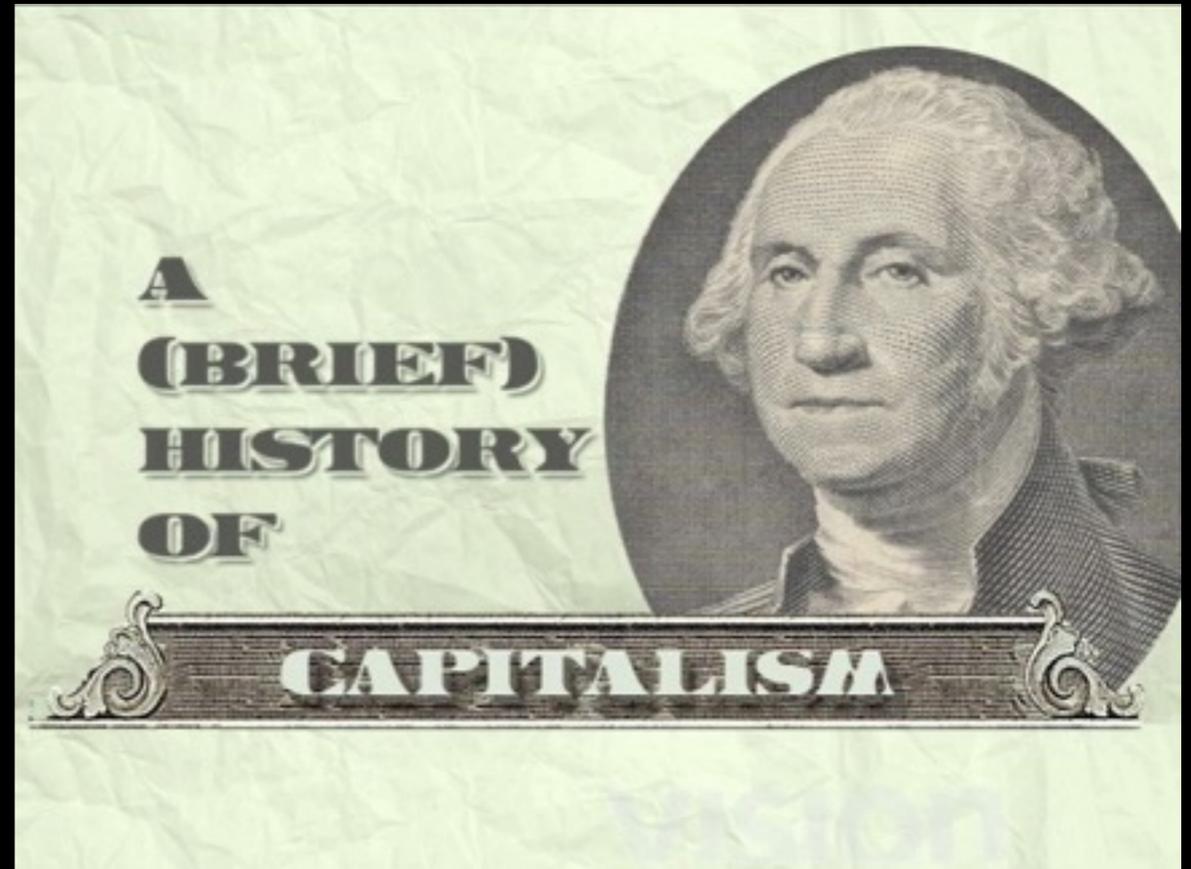
WORLDVIEW

Tradition

Master stories set the terms of reality.



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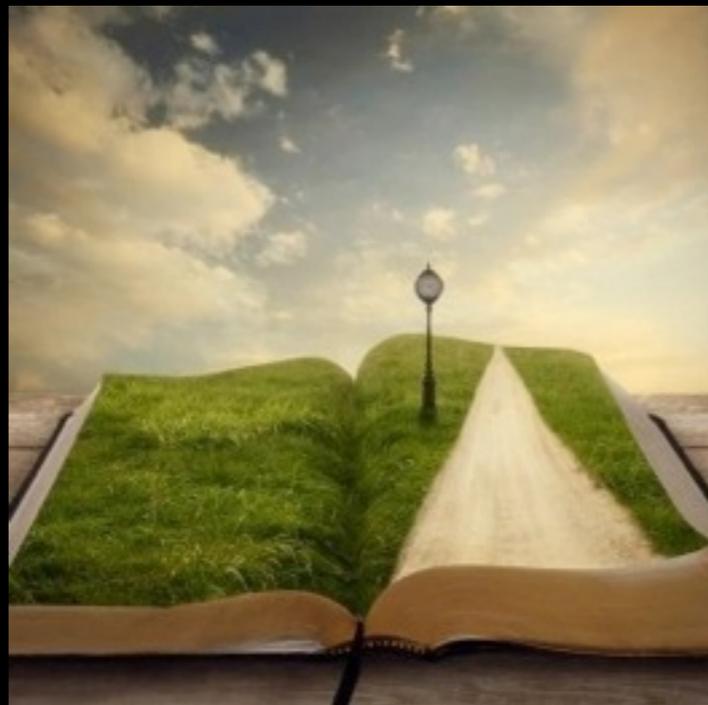
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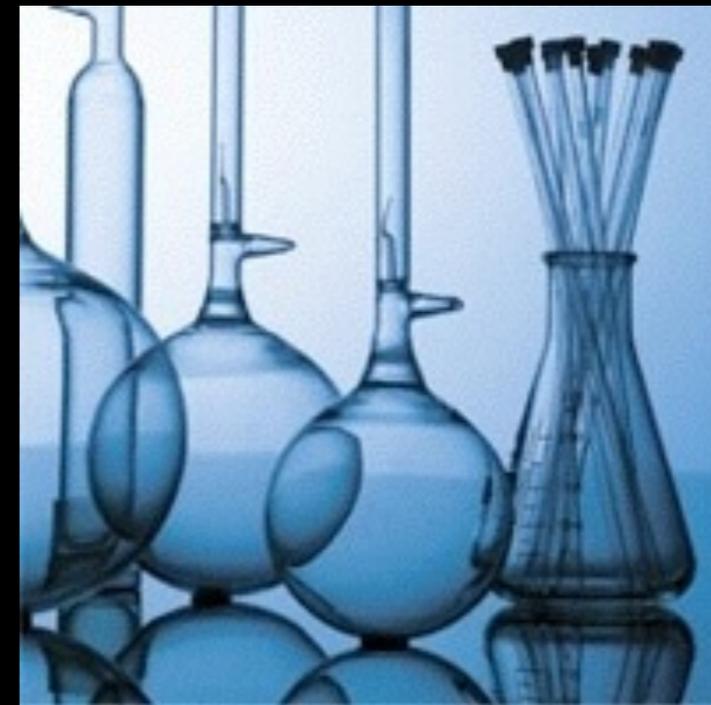
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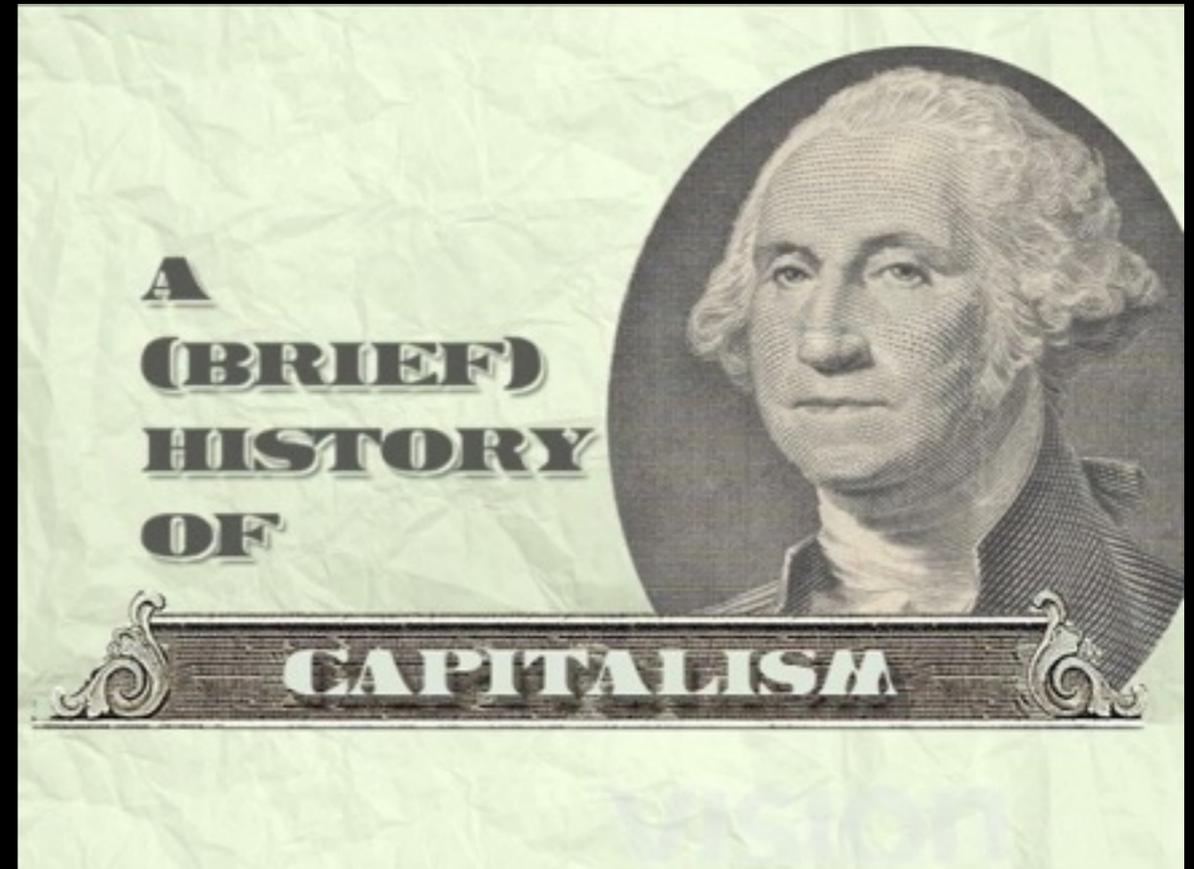
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Growth / Capital

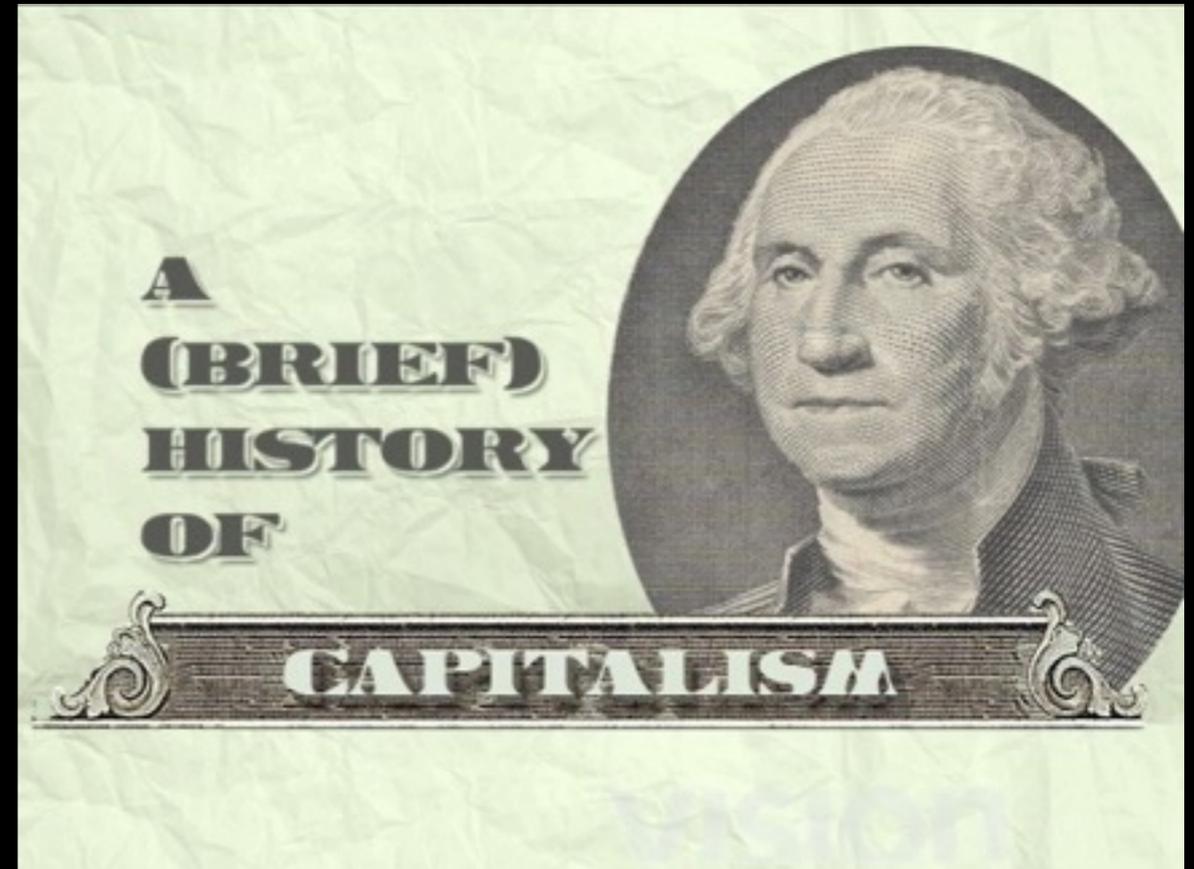


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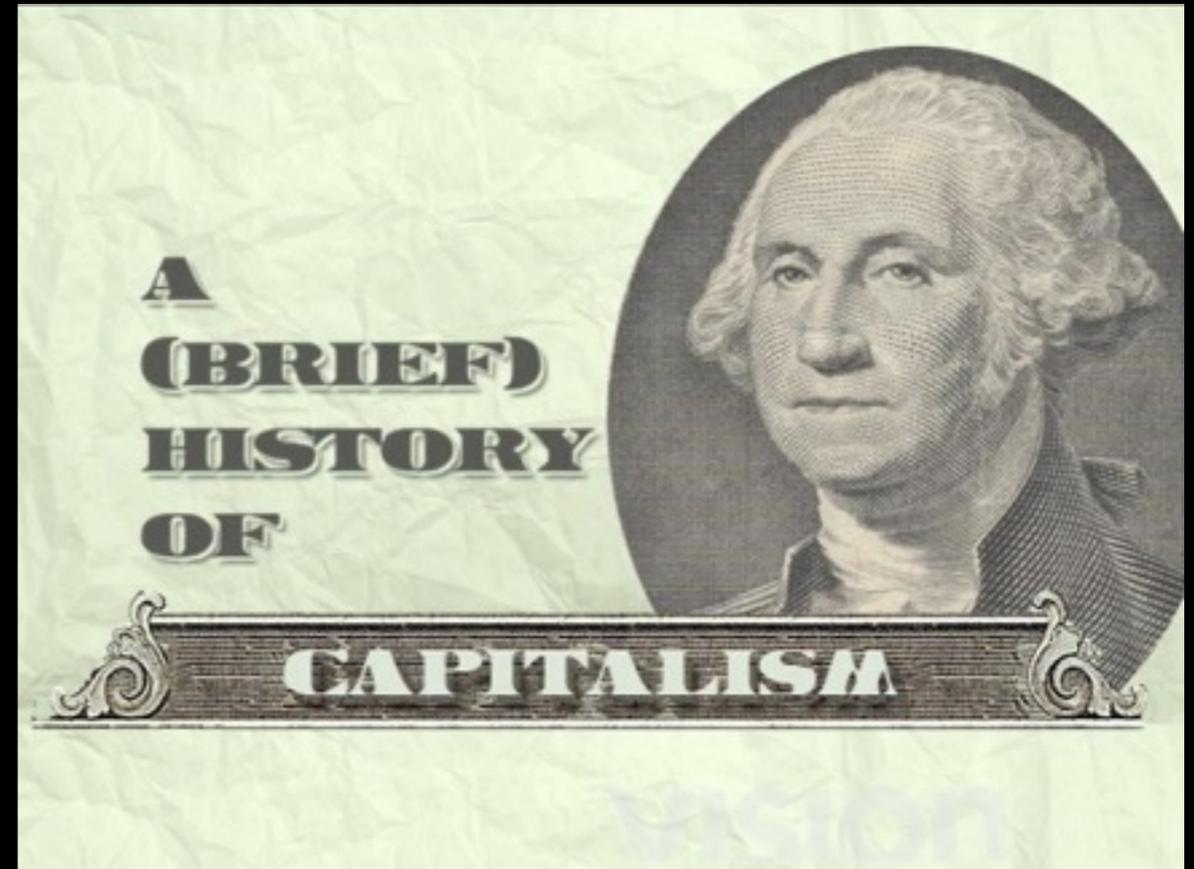
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Growth / Money

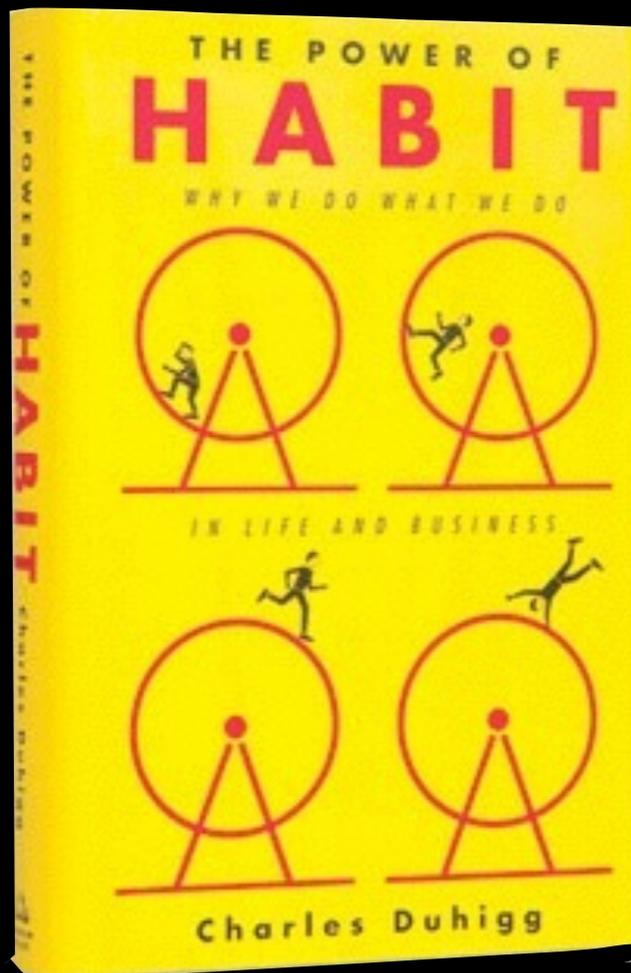


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Growth / Money

3. Habits are Powerful



Habits help us flourish,
...aren't broken but changed,
...and succeed better
with group support.

Consumerism



A powerful story that is...

- 1) backed by the culture,
- 2) provides tangible goods, and
- 3) invites a pattern of habits.

and in all these ways makes a promise that money can, indeed, buy happiness.

What Can We Do??

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I. Make the intangible tangible.

Name grace...



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Name grace...
and joy
and blessing
and fellowship.



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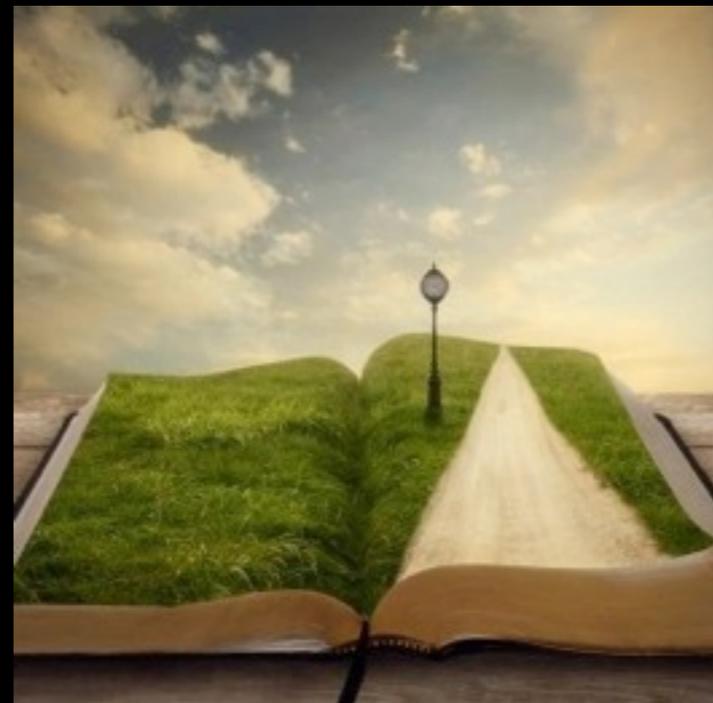
We don't need more information.





2. Tell an alternative story.

We need a better story.





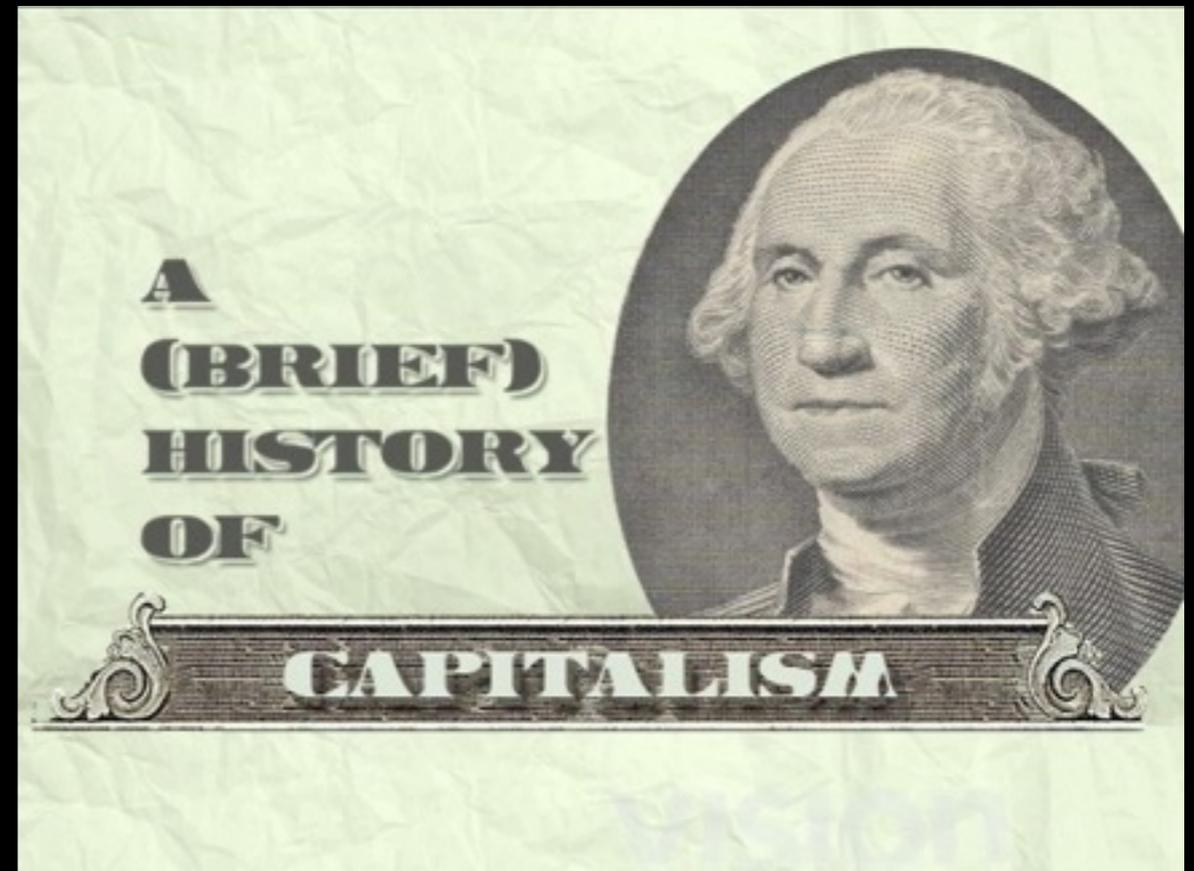
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Critical move.



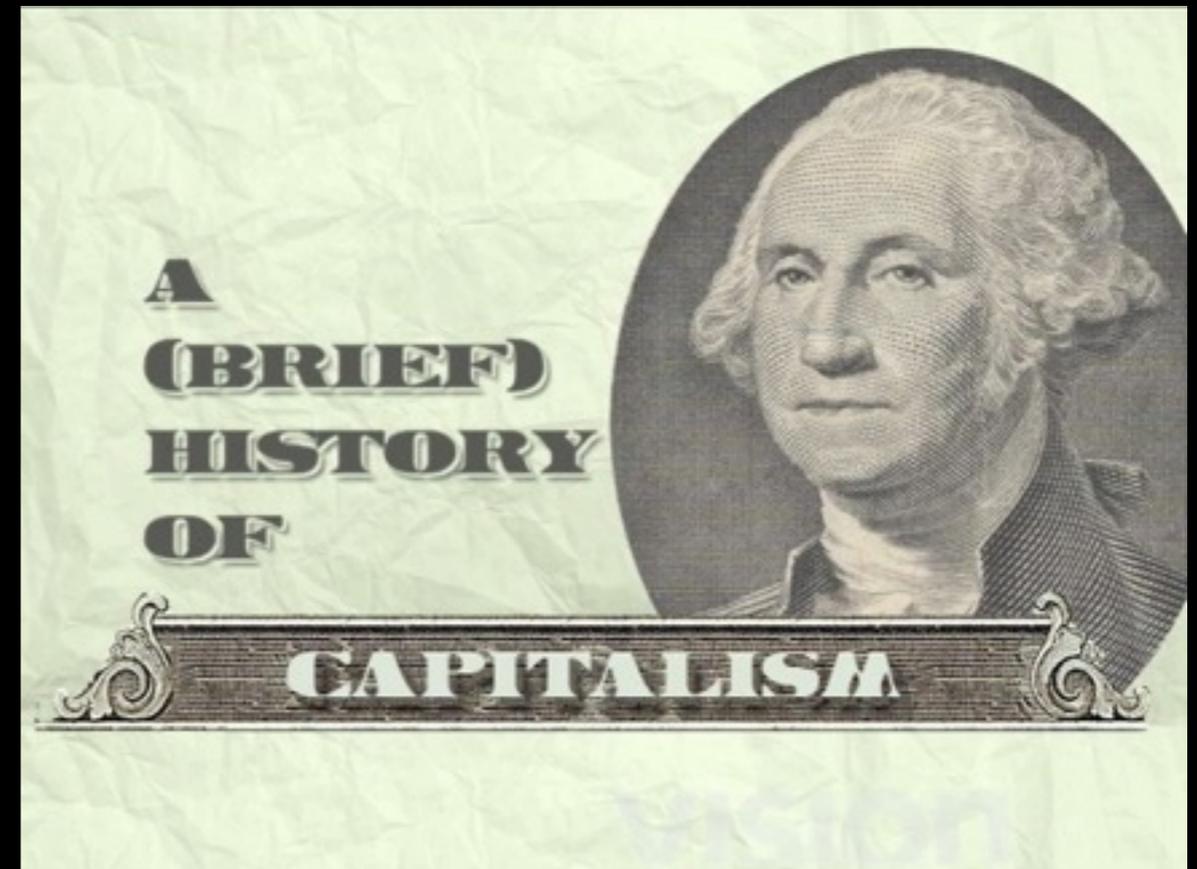
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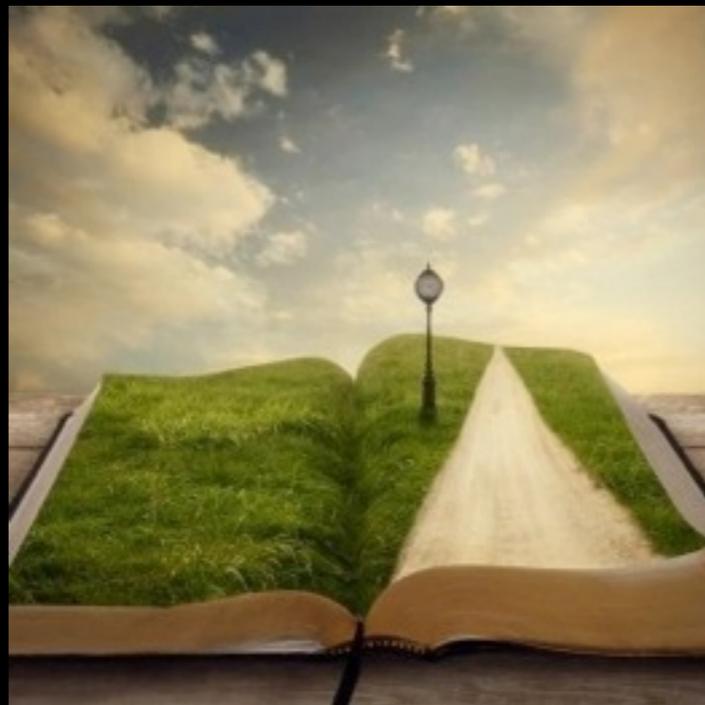
Growth as...
increased production, greater efficiency,
distribution of wealth



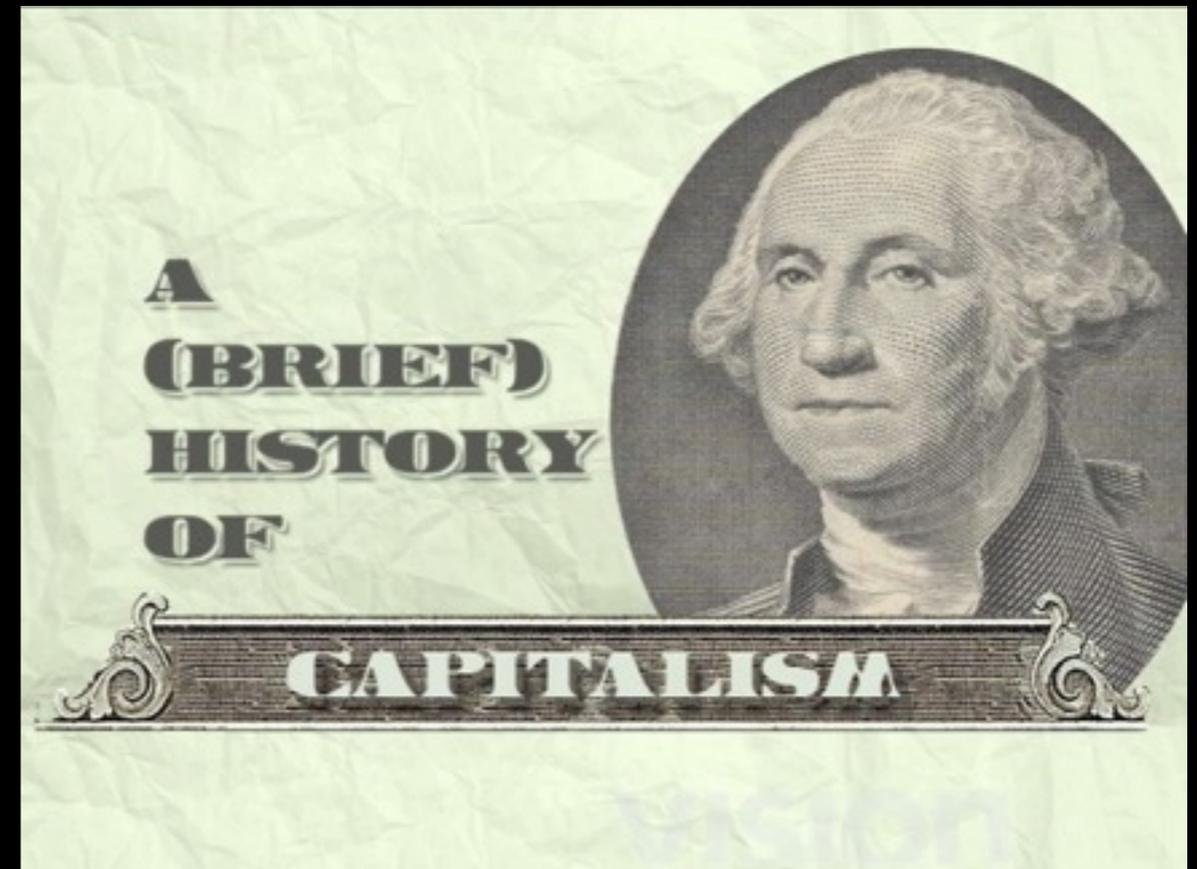
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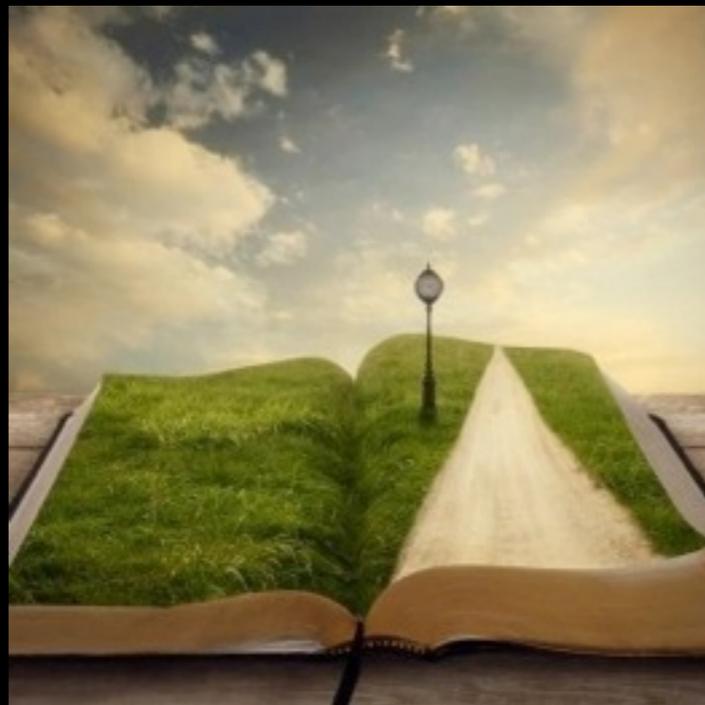
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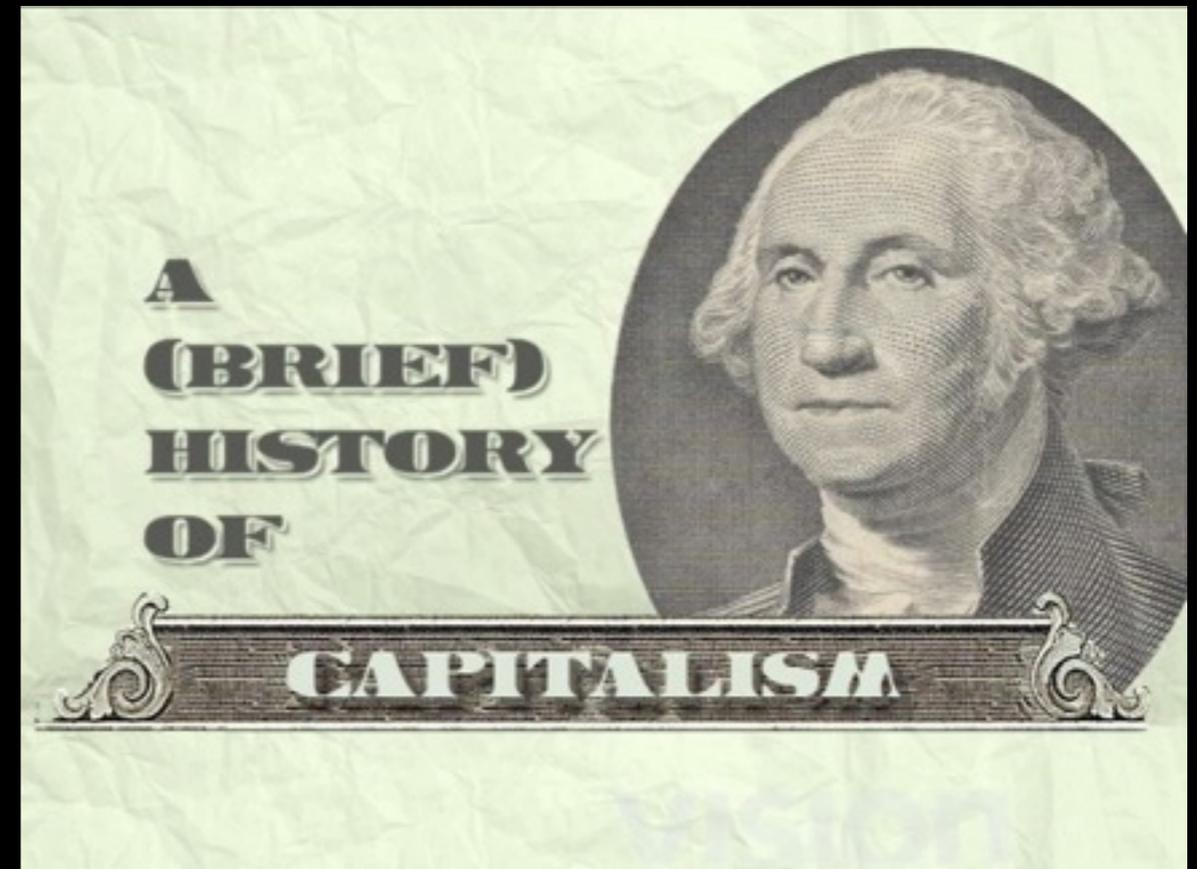
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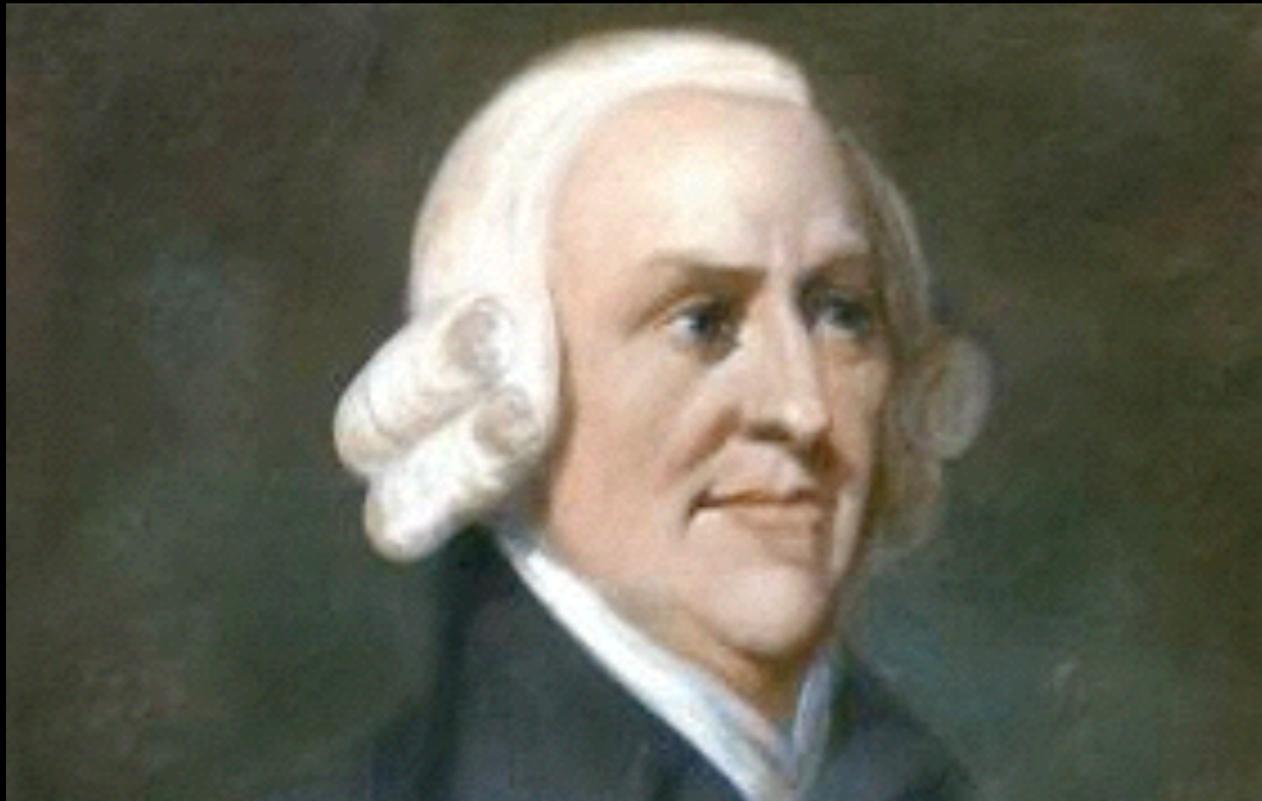
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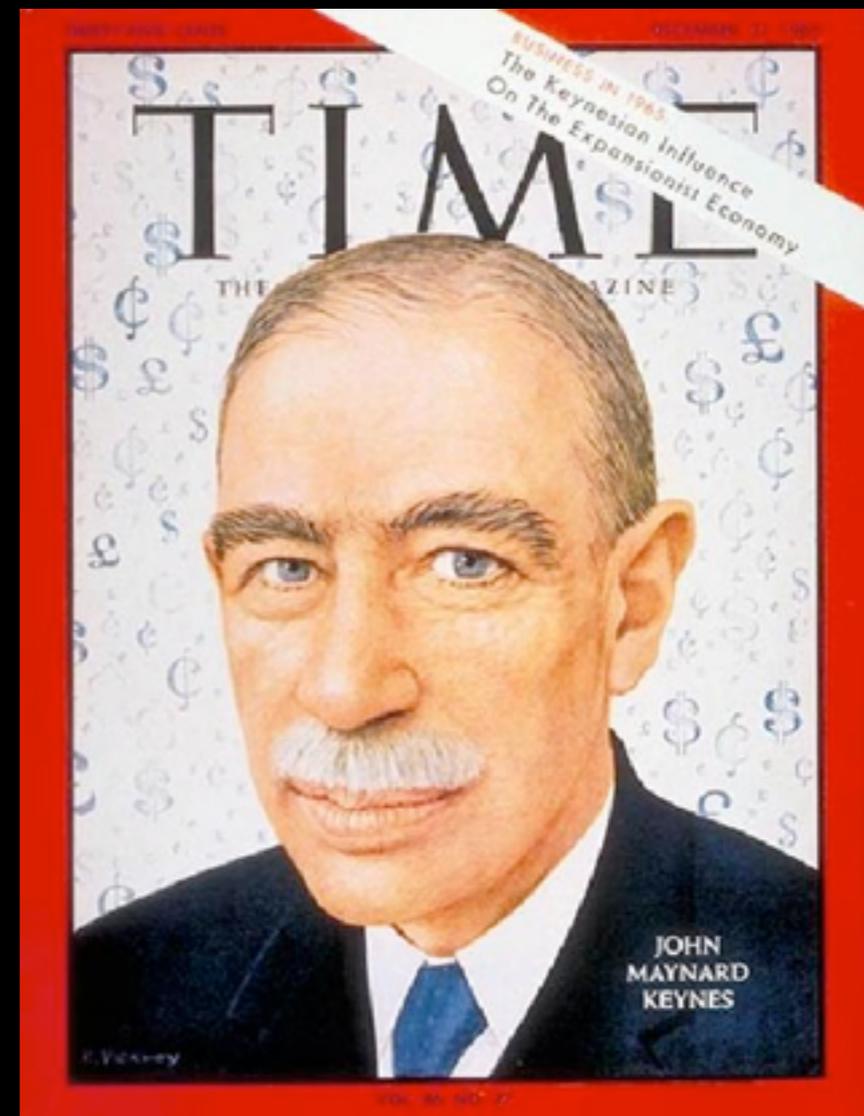
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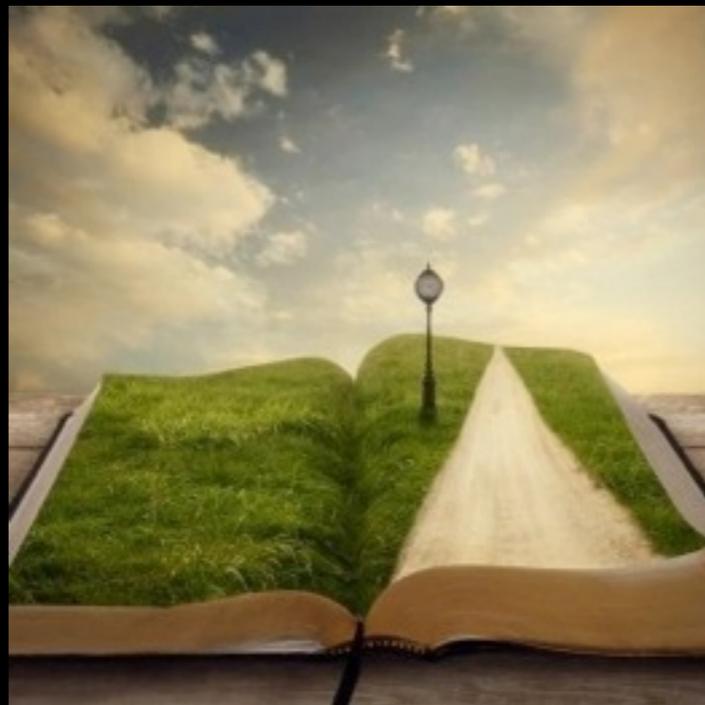


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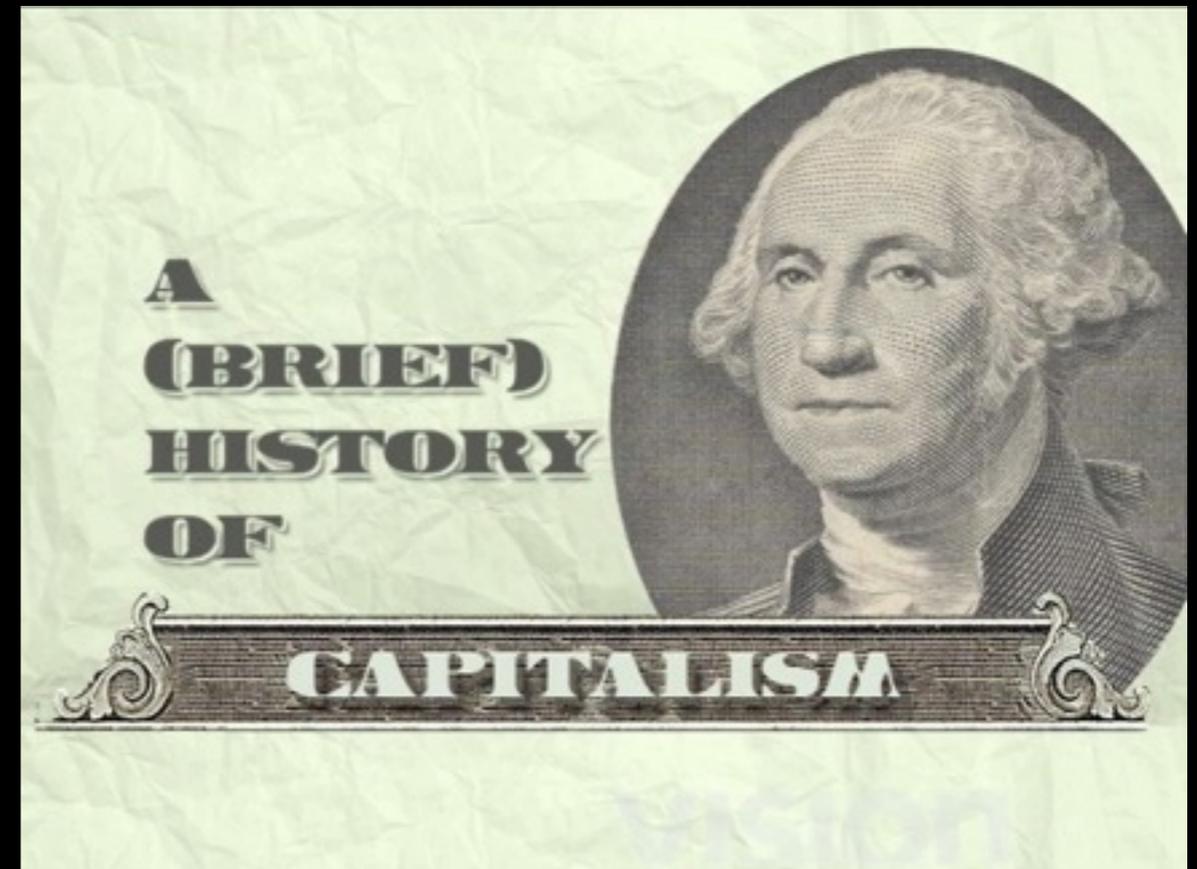


Capitalism's virtue and vice:
it harnesses human avarice.





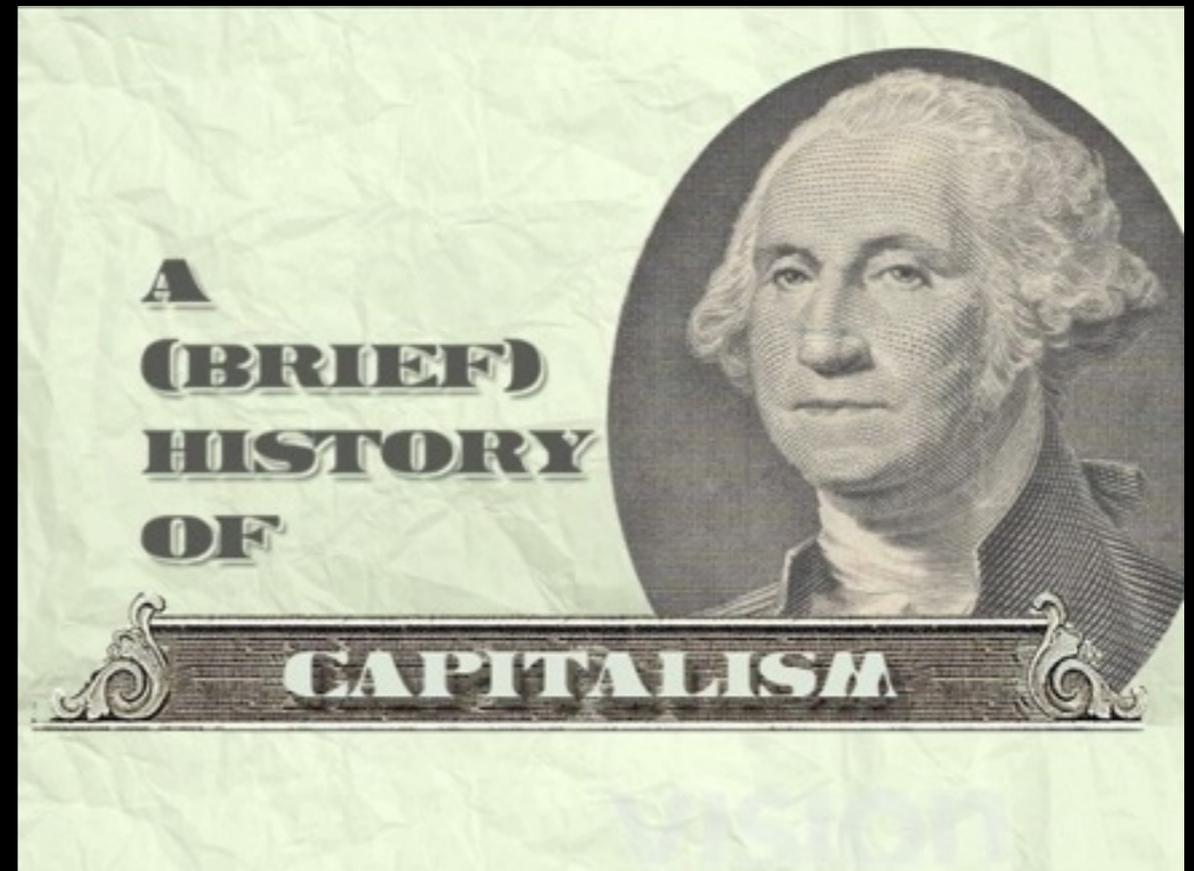
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Growth has no *telos*, no end point.
Growth *becomes* the end point.

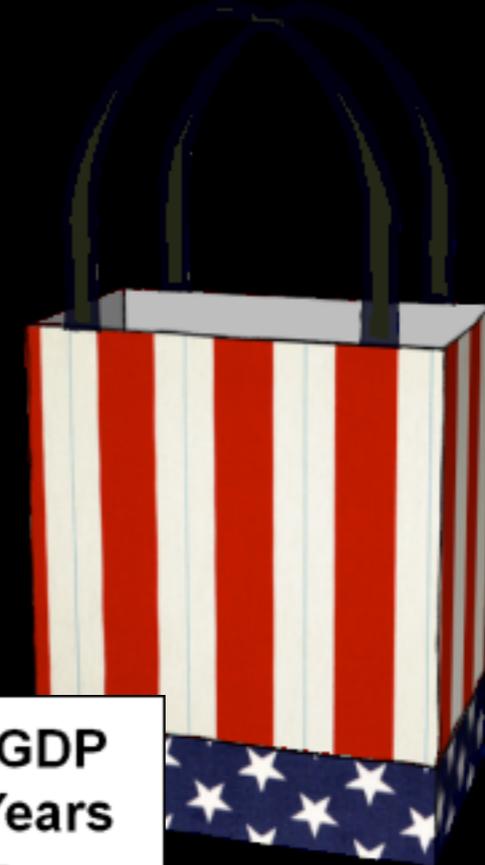


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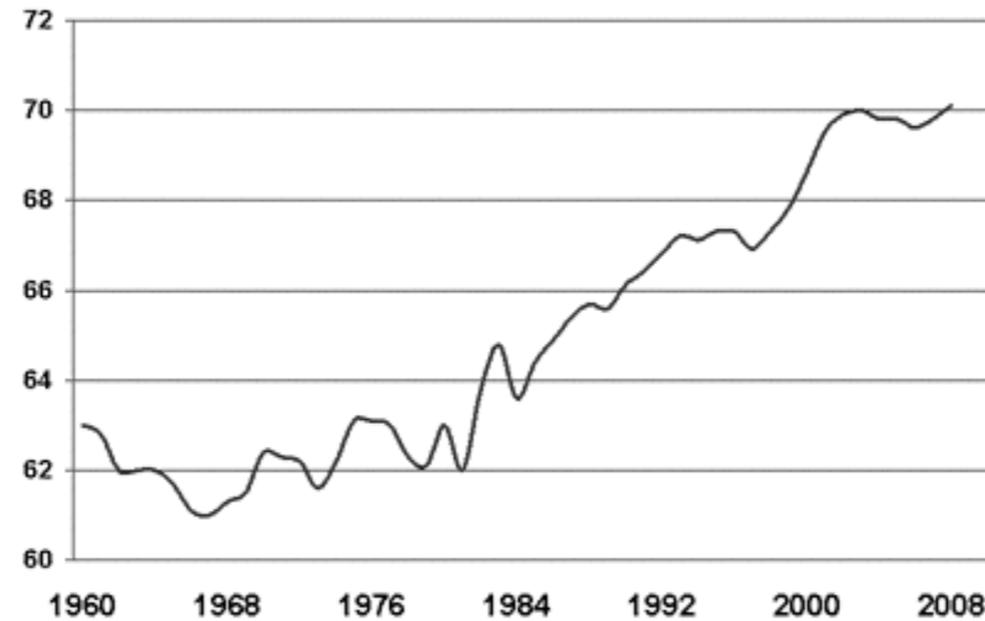




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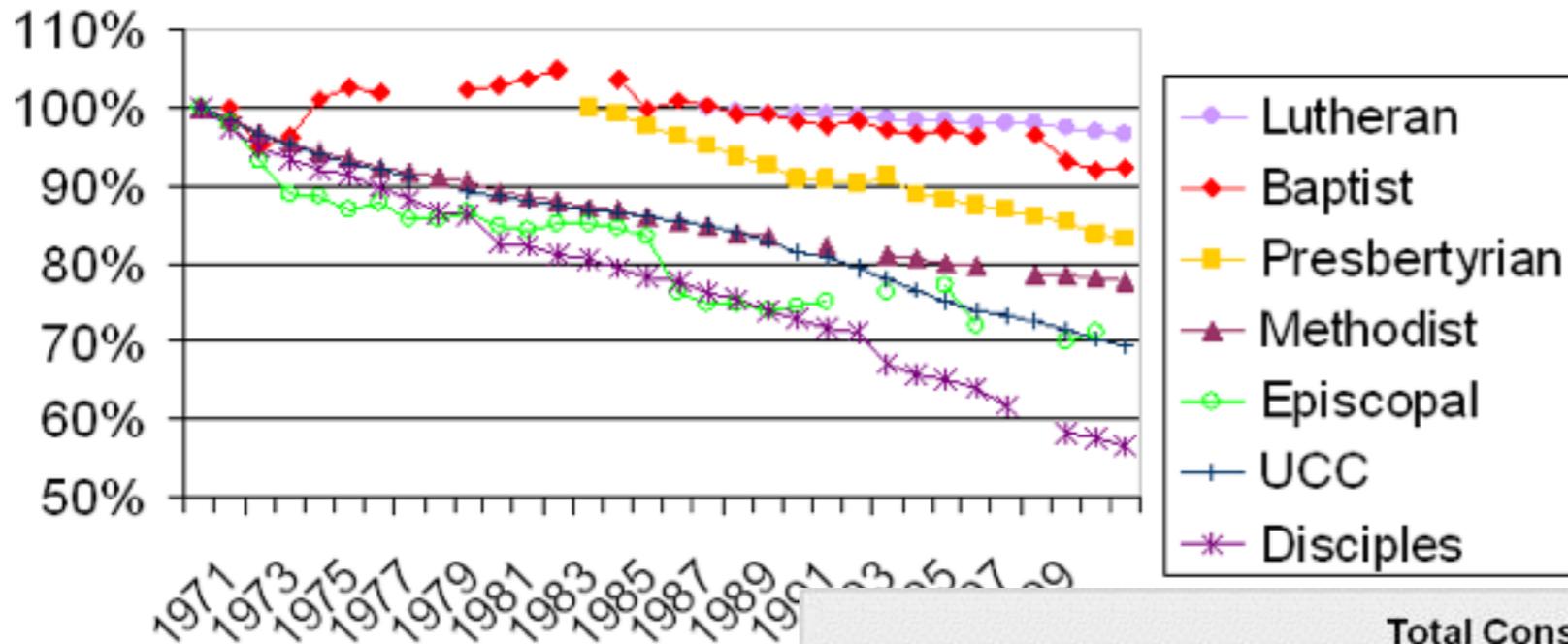


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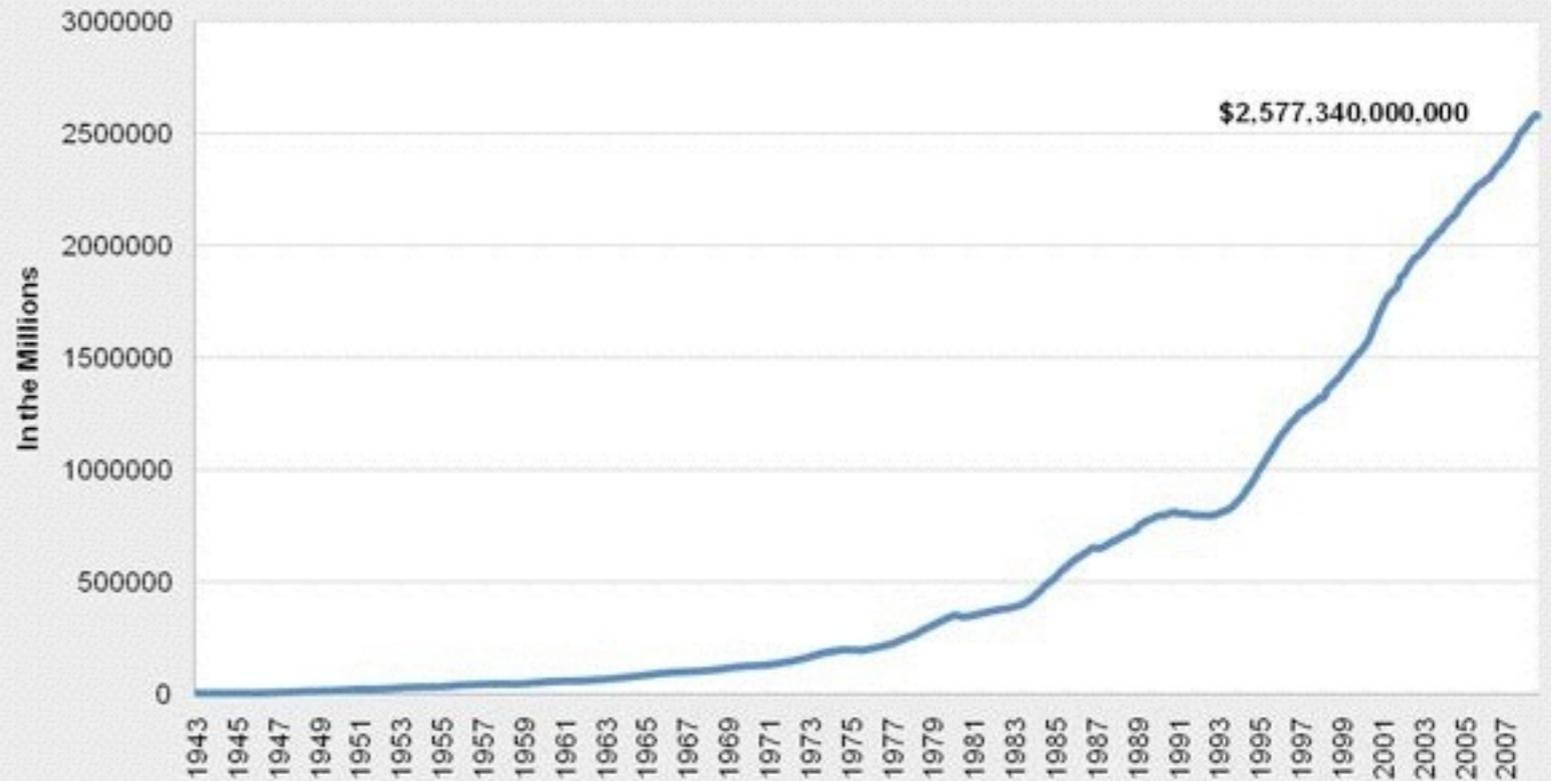


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Percent Attendance (1970 Basis)



Total Consumer Debt





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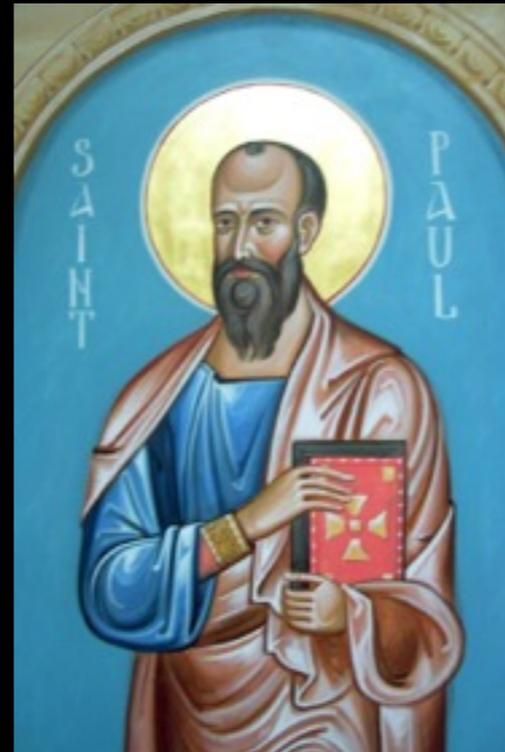


The Lord is my Shepherd;
I shall not want. ~Ps. 23

Constructive move.



2. Tell an alternative story.



"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." ~*Phil. 4:6*

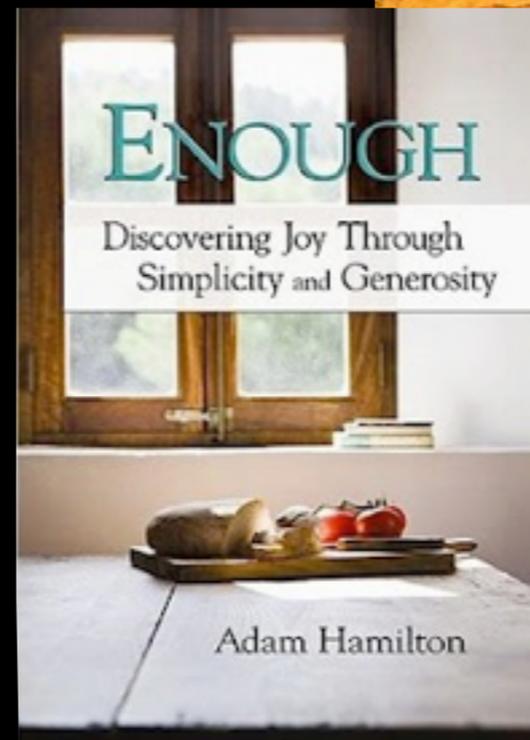
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3. Invite Participation



4. Form a supportive culture.



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I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my
prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in
the gospel from the first day until now.



