

THE TRUTH

the main causes for humanity's terrible mess

However, did humanity ever have a CHANCE to avoid the mess?

After all, we are just mutated great apes and follow the same evolutionary laws of survival and reproduction that created them.

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Preface

How did humanity end up in today's mess with the alarming climate change and a fanatical faith in Islamic sharia law returning to Afghanistan?

In this essay, I broadly outline how these expressions of human action are connected and why mankind, due to fatal mistakes during thousands of years, is now facing an unprecedented existential crisis that threatens not only all of humanity but all life on earth.

Thanks to the genome project, significant human traits can be traced back millions of years. Science is unequivocal about our close relationship with other primates, especially chimpanzees and bonobos. Once we gain insight into this genealogy, our understanding, handling, and ability to resolve troubling human destructive traits will be so much easier.

I began my research in 1978, among Jerusalem's religious and archaeological scholars to seek knowledge about why man worships God and why women are oppressed, and its impact on the situation in which the world finds itself. In 1999, I published my first essay on the subject, and in 2009, an abbreviated academic thesis in Swedish entitled, "Evanisering - Den sumerisk-akkadiska kvinnobilden kontra kvinnoförtryck i monoteistisk litteratur". Due to an unexpectedly great interest (almost 800 downloads till August 2020 from

all over the world) in the academic Swedish(!) version, I translated it to English in 2020, “Evenisation - The Sumer-Akkadian women figure contra women oppression in monotheistic literature”. In 2011, I published all the material and continued until 2020 when the seventh and revised edition of “EVOLUTIONARY ideas - a short story about why, when and how humanity (by all accounts) took the wrong path and almost killed the planet” was published. In between, I wrote a series of essays on different approaches to the problem of worship and oppression of women.

The essay begins with a historical retrospective on worships of gods and the origins of the oppression of women in the Neolithic age 10.000 years ago until about 2200 B.C., the gradual transition to patriarchal rule, followed by discussing the significant hominins’ (primates) properties manifested in modern humans and the genealogy of war theology.

In the beginning God did not exist

Since the first traces of thought started shaping the primitive hominid brains millions of years ago, people have wondered how everything is connected. Who are we? Why do we exist? What is our place in the world, and what is the meaning of life? A world of gods became an explanation model for hominins. Gods were said to have formulated decrees that man should rely on in a godly society, according to absolute laws in the sense and purpose of serving the gods. The problem was that the gods were created for two main reasons; proclaiming the creator(s) as MEN by replacing the Great Mother as a fertility god and, consequently, oppressing women. This essay will tell how it all happened.

In earlier publications, I have argued that WHEN the idea of a higher power emerged is less relevant than the fact that it did so. However, another approach might be more of interest as it can reveal the underlying mechanisms that brought forward the idea of god(s). What event provided the idea of god(s) that fell on fertile grounds, that is to say, the idea fitted human concepts?

It might come as a surprise that the god(s) entered the human realm of thoughts relatively late in evolution of man - In the Paleolithic period (roughly 2.5 million years ago till 10.000 B.C.), early hominins lived in caves or simple huts or tepees and were hunters and gatherers. They used bare stone and bone tools and crude stone axes for hunting birds and wild animals. It was not until humanity began establishing permanent settlements that the idea of a world of gods was created, so it is safe to say that in the beginning of civilizations, God did not exist.

Until the end of the Paleolithic era, the “Great Mother” fertility worship determined group societies’ constitutions for about 100-120 individuals. Men in this context only had a supporting role. The mother’s bloodline was valid until about the end of the Late Paleolithic some 10,000 years ago. But this would change fundamentally during the coming Neolithic era when men, according to what researchers call the sudden emergence of cognitive progresses, came forward and claimed that they were, in fact, more fertile because they could produce more children than women’s pregnancies allowed. Men’s insight and victorious proclamation of their procreative, more significant, role came to change man’s consciousness and self-esteem fundamentally.

Until then, the “Great Mother” alone had been sacred and represented in countless figurines such as the “Venus of Willendorf” from around 25,000 BC (see below).



Male gods or phallus symbols did not appear during the Paleolithic period for the simple reason that men had a supporting role only. Phallus sex tools such as the world’s oldest dildo, 25,000 years old, which was also used to knap flints, had an apparent different function (see next page).



With the agricultural revolution of the Neolithic period, a considerable paradigm shift took place; men's power increased radically. However, a review of all the gods and goddesses of the Paleolithic age provides a massive number of Mother Goddesses but not a single Father God. Male fertility gods began to appear only when the Paleolithic misunderstanding of monogenetic reproduction was cognitively realized to be, in fact, biogenetic, that is realizing the importance of sperm for reproduction.

During this period, sexuality and couple figurines also appeared, such as the Nuttiefen figurine (depicted right) from around 8500 B.C., which began to shape the newfound insight into the importance of sexuality for childbearing. The Bovidian bull culture and subsequent Equidian horse culture strengthened men's grip on social development.



Men were also portrayed as superior fertilizers compared with how a bull alone can fertilize an entire horde of cows. The view of the “Great Mother” changed. A bilinear patriarchal bloodline and pairing gradually replaced the unilinear matrilinear lineage, the former of which claimed that man’s semen gave life to the “Great Mother,” who consequently became the “Mother of the Son” and later the “Mother of the Gods” when the idea of a world of gods became entrenched in the conceptual world of man.



Organized religion, and the subsequent world of gods, were introduced during the Neolithic cultural revolution when man began to produce food and not, as during the Paleolithic period, only collect food. Hierarchies were established for the first time in the history of humanity in the emerging Neolithic societies of permanent settlements. Temples began to be built, of which Göbekli Tepe in Anatolia is probably the oldest from around 8500 B.C. A little later came Catalhoyuk, reaching its cultural peak around 7000 B.C. “The seated woman” (above) from Catalhoyuk, created around 6000 B.C., testifies that the great mother’s fertility culture still had a prominent role. Around 6000 B.C. began the establishment of the first city-states in Mesopotamia. The Sumerians invented writing around

3300 BC, and the first interpersonal writings were written around 2500 BC. About 250 years later, the High Priestess Encheduana (third person from right)



wrote about the turning point between female fertility worship and patriarchs rise. She warned her contemporaries of what would happen if the balance between female and male was disturbed:

“Its woman no longer speaks affectionately with her husband; at dead of night she no longer takes counsel with him, and she no longer reveals to him the pure thoughts of her heart” (ETCSL t.4.07.2: 42-59).

But, before I go into more detail on the crucial Sumerian culture, it is essential to clarify the historical position of *Homo sapiens*. The Sapiens eliminated all previous hominins (except for the Neanderthals), and the scientific world largely agrees that human brains in the constitution of modern man took their final form about 100.000 years ago. The sapiens’ success has since been based on the successful application of cognitive processors within the constraints that determine the human world of ideas and concepts. It has also been of

great help to have a stable global climate that has been within $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$. which enabled permanently cultivable areas. Also important is the insight into what women, based on millions of years of evolution, constitute. In addition to the pre-discursive matrilineal bloodline, the sapiens female orgasmic talent is the legacy that radically affected the position of women in the emerging civilizations and eventually lead to terrible oppression of women, which only 4000 years later finally began to reach its path to an inevitable end.

Women's far superior orgasmic ability compared to men's, came to pose a threat to patrilineal power. This evolutionary talent from bonobos (*Pan paniscus*), relatives to the chimpanzees, and or other hominid genotypes began to restrict women during the Neolithic age and gradually turned into regular repression of women. In this context, research findings must be emphasized which claim that bonobo's permanent readiness to have sex is an expression of a SOCIAL RITUAL and not of pure interest in copulation. Interestingly, studies show that emotional disinterest in sex does not match the signs of arousal in the vagina. Researchers believe that this unconscious lubrication is an advantage to reduce the damage which occurs in the genitals during sexual intercourse when there is no expressed interest or reluctance^[1]. This could explain the rapists' false impression of victims' willingness to have intercourse when it is instead a defense mechanism.

Women's potential orgasmic talents could not possibly have been created during the short period of 200.000-300.000 years, but are genotypes that female sapienses inherited from previous hominids. The vagi-

nal 8.000 nerve fibers (compared to the mens' 4.000) are indicative of this. While a man during intercourse can achieve an ejaculating orgasm, the woman has the potential for three different types of orgasms; clitoric, g-spot, vaginal, ^[2] and also (in principle) an unlimited number and crowned by ejaculated orgasm, which occurs when stimulating the Skene's glands, the female equivalent of the prostate gland, the liquid of which contains PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen). ^[3]

This talent, and more, is found in the bonobo female with an almost limitless sexual expression that is crucial in the social ritual of sharing everything (including the genital). Even discovering food triggers sexual frenzy among bonobos. Also, infant bonobos as young as 3-4 months have been observed to engage in sexual interactions. ^[4]



The gift of the bonobos has evolved during their 2-8 million years of evolution, as well as the consolidation of the species' matrilineal bloodline through the mother's son and her brothers greater importance in bonobos exogamous family structure. Bonobos, for

social reasons, excessive sexuality was lost in *Homo sapiens* females, and only the potential neuro and synapse constitution and the physical conditions remain. Lost is also the genotype that limits childbirth only to every four years. Unlike *Homo sapiens* females, which are most susceptible to sex during the periovulatory cycle (before and during ovulation), bonobo females have no such restrictions.

“In bonobos, females show estrus and have sexual intercourse with males even during the period they can’t conceive”. This is very different from the relatively limited sexuality of female chimps, but could have arisen as a result of just a few genetic changes in that founding population.”^[5]

The incest ban is phylogenetically firm in sapiens’ females, unlike in bonobo females. Incest is common in bonobos except between mother and son (with few exceptions), which testifies to a genetically programmed exogamy. The bonobo mother also takes an active part in the son’s sexual exogamous adventures and has been documented to chase away other males, to let the son act undisturbed.^[6]

Bonobos are our closest hominid relative and can show many human traits like altruism, compassion, empathy, kindness, patience, and sensitivity.^[7]

Strangely, bonobos have managed to survive the documented aggressions of other hominids. One reason could be because of an earthquake 1-2 million years ago when the present Democratic Republic of Congo was divided into two parts, and a deep, wide ravine was filled with water and created the Congo River. Hap-

pily, the river divided the matrilineal bonobo culture on one side and the much more aggressive patrilinear chimpanzee culture on the other. *Homo sapiens* females show remarkable similarities to bonobo females while males, as history, teaches us, got more from chimpanzee genes. Where and how these genotypic traits that identify *Homo sapiens* men and women arose is unclear, but more than three percent of the human genome is more closely related to either the bonobo or the chimpanzee genome than they are to each other. ^[8]

“Scientists believe that modern human and common chimpanzee/bonobo lineages split about 8 million years ago with the two great ape species splitting about 2 million years ago... and examining the muscular system of bonobos provides firsthand evidence that the rare great ape species may be more closely linked, anatomically, to human ancestors than common chimpanzees. ^[9]

Another theory is that the Congo River was formed 34 million years ago when the common origin of chimpanzees and bonobos lived. When the Congo River flows dramatically decreased 1-2 million years ago, the two species separated. Most important, as mentioned earlier, is that *Homo sapiens* women can trace their social constitution to bonobo females and that the “Great Mother”’s matrilineal bloodline prevailed until the end of the Neolithic agricultural revolution when men managed to convince humanity that it was they who were created first.

A highly personal opinion about why it has taken so long for women of the world to demand justice is that it may have something to do with the evolutionary

maternal genotype that matrilineally defends the son and, thus, had difficulty attacking male hegemony once established. If so, I wonder what other autonomous actions we humans are taking based on our hominid predecessors' evolution. Is incest perhaps such a genotypic legacy? For example, one in ten in France has been subjected to incest. The victim is almost always a girl, and most perpetrators are relatives, e.g. an uncle ^[10].

Sociologists like Joel M. Charon have tried to problematize incest by demonstrating social construction when it might be a phylogenetic strain from earlier hominids. Religions have, to various degrees, condemned incest, but in countries such as Sweden, incest has since the 19th century been judged as a moral crime, and over the years there has been more and more of a liberal attitude toward it. In 1973 sexual relations between half-siblings were decriminalized, but a dispensation is still required for marriages between half-siblings ^[11]. Thus, the Swedish incest legislation became one of the most liberal globally and, paradoxically, reduced the gap to bonobos.

When earlier normative polytheistic fertility-worship cultures were replaced by patriarchal society structures, female sexual energy became shameful. The woman's subordinate position, commonly including a ban on choosing a partner, would also prove bad for mankind's future qualities. When the female evolutionarily selection system is sidelined, less successful offspring will result. This is according to pioneering research of Alyson J Lumley et al. ^[12] that shows how evolution probably equipped all creatures with the ability to choose the right partner for successful reproduction and protect against extinction.

Given the terrible oppression and the objectification that women have been subjected to for thousands of years, it is almost a wonder that women have managed to preserve sexuality at all. Even more so in light of the terrible crime to mutilate girls' genitals. This is an ancient African custom that has found its way into Islam and is practiced to varying degrees in north African Muslim countries, Iraq, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Yemen.

The evolutionary extraordinary orgasmic gift of women lies probably behind the mutilation, shame and repression, as induced by religious ideologies against women. They were removed from the public and told to hide behind covering clothes; the woman's essence and beauty should only be enjoyed by her husband. In a graduate work at the Department of Gender Studies at Lund University ^[13], I coined and defined in 2009 the guilt and shame of women as a process of "Evenisation", which means that, on the basis of the normative hegemonic male position, induce guilt, shame and sexually objectify women. The definition is based on three female archetypes created by the religious male establishment: Biblical Eve (who ate the apple from the tree of knowledge), Lilith (from the Sumerian word for wind, "lil") and Virgin Mary. Eve was belated with sin, Lilith full of lust, and Maria was desexualized. From the male position of power, Virgin Mary was appointed as the optimal woman. She was without sin before, during and after pregnancy. Through her, Christianity (according to Catholic and Orthodox doctrines) women's sin in the garden of Eden was healed. Evenisation is thus a process aimed at suppressing one half of earth's population.

The 1.5%

Researchers are fascinated by the fact that our closest relatives, bonobos and chimpanzees often behave very differently despite their genetic similarity. They are man's closest relatives and closer relatives with us than they are with, for example, the gorilla. Only 1.5% of the human genome is both unique to our species and is shared between all humans living today^[14]. Chimpanzees tend to rely on cunning and competition, while bonobos emphasize cooperation and sharing. Bonobos also show a strong understanding of what is happening in another individual's consciousness and when they want to help them. Researchers believe that bonobos have evolved in a way that predisposes them to sharing, tolerance, negotiation, and cooperation. Primatologists believe that man can be compared to a fantastic bonobo with a big heart or a very dangerous warrior^[15].

Homo sapiens has since time immemorial lived in small nomadic groups of up to 250 individuals who evolutionarily proved to be the most practical and manageable^[16]. Humans of today still live in such small groups, as Georg Simmel defined as being "a relatively small circle that is steadily closed to neighboring, strange or in some way antagonistic circles."

We often act more like chimpanzees - whose murder rate in the wild is comparable to our own - when it comes to behaviors such as violence against members of our species. On the other hand, people do not share Bonobo's attitude that every stranger is a potential friend. Studies instead show that we may not even consider a stranger completely human if they belong

to a group perceived as different (Nazi views on Jews, gypsies, and homosexuals) and threatening. When this happens, researchers say, we tend to suppress empathy and instead embrace cruelty^[17].

As a social being, man is thus less equipped than bonobos, which probably comes as a big surprise to many people. For millennia, we have been indoctrinated to be the "crown of creation" and wiser (Linnaeus' name *Homo sapiens* means the wise man) than all other creatures on earth.

In my research I conclude that the most distinctive feature in *Homo sapiens*'s is our superior visionary capacity and basic attitude about the group's joint commitment, but also man's lack of setting boundaries (greed).

Thanks to the strength of the group, humans have managed to overcome most dangers. However, it is probably also this superstition about the group's strength and limitlessness, that paradoxically underlies the human reluctance to listen to warnings.

For example, enough people in ruling group constellations have not yet reached the level of insight required for the group's commitment to saving our planet from the existential threat that humanity is facing. The belief that everything will eventually work out, as it has always done so far, deafens the masses and politicians, despite often personal insights into how serious the situation is; do not dare to act for fear of losing power and hierarchical position.

The alarming climate change is an (unfortunately) obvious example of this. Instead of uniting behind vital measures based on indisputable facts about the atmosphere's greenhouse gas concentration, key climate pan-

els have been dribbling around different starting years for the temperature rise. This has misled people.

Instead, the information should be based on, above all, the carbon dioxide levels that apply throughout human civilization, which is around 280 ppm (parts per million). This year the figure is 419 ppm, which last occurred way back 3.6 million years ago when the sea level was 15-25 m higher ^[18].

Despite the effects of the global shutdown during the Covid-19 pandemic, the ppm value has not decreased. To save humanity, the ppm value of carbon dioxide must drop to 350 ppm ^[19]. Another even more potent greenhouse gas is methane, which increased by 14.7 ppb (parts per billion) in 2020, the largest annual increase recorded since systematic measurements began in 1983 ^[20]. For more than 150 years, researchers have been talking about what would happen if greenhouse gases increased ^[21], but only after the 2018 European heatwave did the masses get to know this through the media.

On the other hand, it is easy to get individuals involved, and the group's commitment if happiness is promised. Man is very receptive to loyalty that leads to good prospects for the group's success and prosperity. Throughout history, rhetorically gifted humans have taken advantage of this human peculiarity. Too often, the lure has been based on the selfish interests of rulers, oppressive ideologies, or populist movements.

However, the development of hegemonic masculinity required a major paradigm shift, which took place as humanity transitioned from nomadic life to settled life. As sapienses began to gather more than

they needed in ever-larger stores, they marked boundaries for their domains and systematically launched wars of conquest. The original hominin soul was lost in stubborn life

The process accelerated further when the previously ruling view of man as subordinate to the will of gods was changed to see man as a god or in a special relationship to the world of gods.

This truly second paradigm shift began when the Akkadian king Naram-Sin about 4,200 years ago broke with the old world's submission to the laws of nature and the gods of heaven. As the first ruler, he proclaimed himself a god and wrote his name with god's determinative "diĝir" (unspoken diĝir before the name). Naram-Sin was also depicted with a horned helmet, which had up til then only been attributed to gods ^[22]. He would be followed by a series of rulers who played on people's need to follow a strong and rhetorically gifted type of ruler. By building on success in warfare, in particular, these individuals succeeded in duping people to endorse the divine status of the ruler. This is not to say that everyone fell into the trap, but enough people so that the group as a whole would take a stand. This war theology was thus quite well and deeply developed already 4000 years ago ^[23].

In our days, this development is evidenced in the Taliban's return to power in Afghanistan. In the tribal and clan-dense country (14 recognized ethnic groups) led by primitive group constructions, clan leaders enter into alliances across tribal boundaries to jointly introduce strict interpretations of sharia (Islamic law). Among these followers, "decrees of Allah" can and

must not be questioned. If not, then in the worst case death awaits. This approach and ideology, that otherwise belongs to history, has survived in inaccessible mountain areas and among people who have never had a chance to modern education (57% of the population was illiterate according to a UNESCO 2020 report).

In July 2021, the United States decided to leave Afghanistan after fighting the longest war in US history without success (1999-2021). The Economist summed up the decision under the headline, "America leaves Afghanistan on the brink of collapse. Afghan troops are tottering as the Taliban come roaring back"^[24]. The Soviet Union left Afghanistan ten years earlier after losing a 10-year war (1979-1989).

The failure of the two superpowers (albeit based on different objectives) to suppress Afghan resistance movements raises the question of what drives parts of the Afghan population to succeed in mobilizing invincible resistance against technologically advanced and well-trained soldiers? The answer is fanatical belief in dedicating one's life and obligation to war theology for the idea that there is only one truth - Allah.

In inaccessible mountain areas under primitive living conditions in Afghanistan, this idea has taken deep root. Afghan clans led by uncompromising warlords have succeeded in brainwashing ordinary Afghans in the belief of following "divine" decrees. To their aid, they have had the actions of insensitive Western occupying forces who have fired on disgust with Western culture. Der Spiegel writes, "Silently and strategically, the Taliban are gaining ground in eastern Afghanistan [2021-07-23] – and without even firing shots. As they

advance, they are forming grotesque alliances against forces even more radical than themselves.” [25].

To understand this fundamentalist attitude, one must go back to the history of how Islam was created in the shadow of its mother religion, Judaism and Christianity. Muhammad is said to have had a revelation with (Jewish) archangel Gabriel, comparable to Moses’ revelation of Yahweh (God) and to Paul’s revelation of Jesus after his death and resurrection. The three had in common that they each founded a new religion; Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, and a shared source in the Jewish “tanach”. In this way, monotheism was born in response to earlier polytheism, whose history is thousands of years older than that of monotheism.

Common to both monotheism and polytheism is a natural selection of epigenetic cognitively processed ideas that fit the human brain’s constitution and can sometimes even fill an empty cognitive niche not yet filled with ideas. Some researchers even claim that humans have a god gene, similar to the language gene that allows us to speak. Monotheism means belief in a supernatural, omnipotent force that no human has seen or heard but whose alleged decree guides many believers’ everyday lives [26].

There is no perceived need for alternative ideas in authoritarian societies with a ruling elite based on a “divine” governing body, as is happening today in, for example, Afghanistan. While Judaism and Christianity, primarily through the world of Enlightenment ideas, have been forced to accept and tolerate other ideas, Islam has never undergone this humanitarian maturation process. There is simply no alternative can-

onized reform movement in either Sunni or Shia Islam. However, there are several alternative interpretations and also various strict implementations of sharia law. Therefore, a fundamentalist Muslim cannot be integrated in any way into the world of tolerance since such a stance jeopardizes, according to the interpreter of the Qur'an, his identity as a Muslim. This does not prevent fanatical Muslims from playing a part in the game of tolerance, democracy, and humanism. However, this is only a temporary departure to eventually achieve Islamist domination under the Wahhabi (Sunni) slogan "One ruler, one authority and one mosque." That Sunni and Shia then quarrel about which sect of Islam is the right one is another matter. However, their violent civil wars clearly illustrates the intolerance of Islam not only against other religions but also within Islam itself.

Secular democracy-honoring Arabs and Muslims worldwide whose ultimate goal is to integrate into the countries to which they have fled the oppressive regimes of Islamism have a difficult situation. Because Islamism (as well as ultra-Orthodox Judaism) is incompatible with democracy, all secular Muslim populations live in primarily cultural exclusion. Nevertheless, it is among them that there is hope for peaceful coexistence with the cultures of the Western world. However, its voices are drowning in rolling (oil) money Islamist oppressive regimes, such as Saudi Arabia and Iran.

The situation in Belgium is particularly worrying. In Belgium, Muslims are still in the minority, but in Brussels, Islam is the largest religious group and a quarter of the city's population is Muslim. Abu Imram, leader of the organization "Sharia4Belgium", openly stated

in an interview with CBN, in 2012: "Islam is inseparable from the Shari'a. Democracy is contrary to Sharia and Islam. A democratic Islam is impossible" [27].

In response to Muslim demands, the Belgian state has "incorporated soft elements of Sharia Law in national and local legislation to abide to Muslim requirements" [28].

Reluctance has historically proved to be a destructive way of confronting danger. The then-English Prime Minister Chamberlain's reluctance towards Hitler in 1938 is a clear example of this.

A meaningful way to meet fundamentalists is to demand tolerance. However, it's a trait they do not understand and therefore, by means of education, must be introduced to them, together with their acceptance of the existence of more than one (religious) truth.

The fundamentalists' narrow group constitution is a clear evidence of the previously related definition of "a relatively small circle that is steadily closed to neighboring, strange or in some way antagonistic circles." The legacy of former hominids, especially chimpanzees and bonobos, is thus still genotypically present in fundamentalist-thinking human beings. Only when the group insightfully includes other groups allowing them genuinely equality (and not just tactically) can the million-year-old pattern be broken. This process took 250 years in the West, but is still constantly subject to attacks from groups who express the same fear of the unknown as primitive primates.

The covers' question of whether humanity has ever had a choice must, unfortunately, partly be answered negatively. However, if the wise man can distance himself from primitivism and raw emotions, there is a

chance of survival. The path goes through dramatic decisions to immediately stage decisive measures against global warming and massive information and education packages to the entire world population on why and how humanity must act to survive and combat superstitious delusions that prevent necessary global consensus solutions.

A solution

So what ideas and explanatory models should humans listen to? Totalitarian ideologies are the irresponsible choices and unilateral male ideologies of monotheism have proven devastating. So also every ideology that creates gender inequality.

As long as people live in closed societies, ruled by power-mad despots or ideologies that brainwash people with the fact that there is only one truth, namely the dictator's or religion's, the individual's ability to reach goodness awaits. This is because free choice is an essential basis for achieving a higher consciousness. Needless to say there should be another baseline; equality and equal values for women and men.

During long periods of my life, I have lived in Israel and gained insights that would be impossible if I only lived in Sweden and in my hometown Malmö. By all means, Malmö is a wonderful cultural togetherness of people from almost 160 different countries and nationalities. Still, if one wants to understand the essence of today's turbulent dissonance between open and closed societies, one must have lived in the Middle East, which is almost to be considered a hell of power ambitions.

As a teenager, I supported the newly formed state of Israel and, that after 2,000 years of diaspora, Jews would finally be allowed to move back to the country they were driven away from. As a child, I heard stories about how our neighbor on Hjorttackegatan in Malmö had been involved in organizing small boat armadas across the strait to save Danish Jews from the Nazis. I also had a Jewish boy and girl as good friends at the "Västra skolan" and I attended Sunday School in Petri Church under pastor Herman Schlyter, who strengthened my interest in the Holy Land. I joined pro-Israeli demonstrations as early as puberty. However, the manifestations attracted gradually far fewer participants than high-ranking socialist-oriented power demonstrations.

It was strange how, from the outset, the Israel-friendly Social Democratic party in just a few years, especially after the 1973 oil crisis, turned to anti-Israeli propaganda. Much later, I gained insight into why and how the swing happened.

According to the writer Göran Skytte, the background is the anti-Jewish attitude of the founders of the Socialdemocratic Brotherhood movement and its closeness to Hamas. Skytte wrote in a debate article in SvD 2006 "The author couple Sigbert Axelson (brotherhood) known in the 70s and Carl-Henrik Grenholm claimed in the magazine "Broderskap" and in the movement's study material that the Jewish state was contrary to the Bible's prophecies. Grenholm wrote in the newspaper Broderskap (no. 10, 1971):

"The Palestinians want to wipe out Israel as a state, they want to crush Israel comple-

tely this is completely true - and it is a goal we should support... The Brotherhood's study material on Israel in the 1970s included material in which the "Jews" were made collectively responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus. God's old covenant with the Jewish people was then replaced with a new covenant with the Christians. The Jews are then punished by God with eternal exclusion until the day they convert to Christianity. Then, but not before, Israel will be re-created. This "replacement theology" leads straight to a political condemnation of a Jewish state as such. "

The foundation for future collaboration between Swedish Social Democrats and representatives of many immigrant Muslims (who hated Israel) was thus created early. With increased Muslim immigration, it was only a matter of time before those who considered themselves to represent Muslims contacted the Social Democrats.

This happened from 1994 and onwards. SMR (Swedish Muslim Council) acknowledged that the organization became stronger and laid down the guidelines for increasing influence ahead of the 2002 parliamentary elections.

"SMR's central organization has become stronger so that stability and continuity in political activities has become clearly noticeable, especially when a political organization called the Political Islamic Collection (PIS) was formed."

This led to:

“A certain improvement in political life in that more Muslims have received political positions of trust at the municipal level and we hope to get even more at the Parliament level in the next election.”

There should be no place in the political life of secular democratic and humanist Sweden for a foreign authoritarian confessional Islamist political constellation that requires religious influence. Parts of Swedish social democracy and the left have since the 1970s sold out their socialist soul to an ideology that is the opposite, to secure a government position but unaware of what this Trojan horse would bring to the Swedish people's home ^[29].

I am fortunate to have been born in Sweden, but what would my worldview look like if I was born in, let's say, Muslim Nablus on the West Bank, Jewish ultra-orthodox Mea Shearim in Jerusalem, or in the Bedouin village of Tuba in the Upper Galilee? Then I would have been trapped in a narrow but deep world of rules and regulations based on tribal (primate) thinking for the best of the group, i.e. decrees that since ancient times determine what is allowed and prohibited by canonized laws. These laws could not be called into question. Therefore, closed societies exist and cannot be integrated into the free world's openness unless reform work is allowed and undertaken.

Closed societies with rigid rules and regulations have certainly been functional during civilization to achieve the necessary conformism and pursue common goals. However, the question is in whose interest is the

group forced into conformism? Once the tribe's survival was assured, and surpluses began to accumulate, a pattern of hierarchy was discerned. The most gifted began to set the tone for how the group would be fortified, expand prosperity and attain a position of power against rival groups, in line with continued success both in the agricultural fields and on the war fields - the appetite for more increased. Successful leaders with power-hunger attracted more and more people.

We have access to historical documents that indicate, as mentioned earlier, when the paradigm shift began. The first to break with indigenous traditions was Naram-Sin (circa 2254-2218 B.C.) in Mesopotamia ca. 4200 years ago when he was the first to proclaim himself as a god's representative on earth.

The Akkadian Semite cleaned out the world-view of the former Sumerian culture of total submission to the will of the gods. With Naram-Sin's decree of god status, a path of boundless conquest was opened in the name of a god. Rulers came to decide, in God's name, what was permissible and what was unauthorized. Women who had an almost equal influence under the Sumerian culture saw themselves gradually shifted to the home's domains. As earlier mentioned, Encheduana warned of the ongoing development, and paradoxically, she was the aunt of Naram-Sin. Men became more and more dominant at the center stage, and women were driven away from the public. As a direct result, women came to be oppressed and treated as possessions.

Homo sapiens, unlike other creations, has no barrier to power, ambitions, and greed. Power blinds and

corrupts, and the greedy wants more and more. This fatal flaw in the evolution of the sapiens must be blamed on an erroneous brain configuration. As a result, *Homo sapiens* (we) may be an additional evolutionary failure. Compared to other failures, sapienses have created death and misery for so many other creatures through its faulty brain construction. The barrier of reflection has given way to power and greed. Paradoxically, however, there are also barriers to common sense, but not to unmask decrees based on superstition. I have personally met highly educated, scientifically active people who are entirely incomprehensible when, for example, I argue that man is the result of evolution and not intelligent design (creationism).

Naram-Sin's disgraceful effort to proclaim himself as the Moon-god Sin's representative on earth was the beginning of a process that would, among other things, lead to the birth of monotheism. The Abrahamic doctrine cleansed the house of thousands of former gods and demanded blind obedience to Yahweh's laws - something that fell into good ground as the new faith quickly gained a foothold in the Middle East. But Yahweh worshipers gradually closed the door for converts. After political and religious strife within the Israelites' ranks, a new variant of monotheism was born; Nazarene, whom they first came to call after Jesus of Nazareth. Christians interpreted the Roman Empire's devastating victory over Israel as a sign that Israel and the Judah kingdoms did not preach God's proper doctrine. Half a millennium later, a third monotheistic doctrine was born, claiming that its predecessors did not preach the right ideology: Islam came to demand total submis-

sion, and to this day, unlike Judaism and Christianity, it has not undergone any canonized reform. The priesthood of Judaism and Christianity today does not preach all words of the Bible, such as:

“Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.” (Exodus 32: 27-28).

”Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household.” (Matthew 10:34-36).

The clergy of Islam, on the other hand, cling to this day to the mindless and terrible decrees:

“And kill them wherever you overtake them and expel them from wherever they have expelled you, and fitnah [disbelief] is worse than killing.” (Qur’an 2:191).

I am convinced that if someone today tried to market a new ideology with a similar wording, very few people on earth would go for such calls. Why do people not give up on the past and work for peaceful coexis-

tence without God's interference? Why are people sacrificed daily on the altar of intolerance?

One reason is that there is a terrible imbalance in the world between those who have and those who have not. People who fight for daily survival in closed and corruptly governed or greedy profit-driven societies have zero or very little interest in others. For them, tribal and group affiliation is a matter of survival. Add to this that man is easy to dupe, at least initially. Rhetorically gifted people can easily ride on people's discontent or promise to fulfill age-old ideals, which ultimately benefits the elite.

With the Covid-19 pandemic, the injustices have become even more evident. People in many countries have less chance to receive adequate healthcare.

A new global leadership must step forward and take on the world's terrible injustices and convey goodness. But crude ideologies scarcely learn through education. They are blinded by greed, which is why financial sanctions are the best tool to force these regimes into real adherence to socio/economic justice. Earth's resources belong to all of humanity and should be distributed globally.

We must never forget that we are only guests here on earth, and as a guest, we should know how to behave well; not destroy and kill but show reverence for all living.

Could the threatening mass extinction have been avoided if man had listened and decisions been made in agreement with women? Maybe! But one thing is for sure; women would not have become the breeding factories that Monotheistic ideologists demanded. With significantly lower birth rates, the world would have

had fewer mouths to feed. But, above all, the wisdom of Sapiense's could have been expressed in a balance between female and male cognitive abilities.

Can we?

So, what to do today when the gods in Western societies largely are silenced, politicians lack insights or are too afraid to risk their political position while scientists (already from 1847 by George Perkins Marsh) warn of mass extinction if we do not act forcefully (IPCC report published November 2018).

In such a context, populist movements always appear. The populist is relying on the fact that the "elite" opinion makers and political leaders do not dare to name things by their correct names. The populists exploit people's anxiety and claim that the rulers do not listen or understand the concerns of the people. Those who feel their social position are most threatened are those who fall for the promises of populists. But the situation is so serious that even the most alarming climate populists cannot be ignored. A new term has thus been introduced: Climate alarmist for those who speak of the worst immediate consequences of global warming. Professor Emeritus Guy McPherson, an evolutionary biologist from University of Arizona, is convinced that we are going towards the sixth mass extinction, and that it will occur by 2026! For his part, the train passed already in 2009, when he left his position at the university and began travelling all over the world (without economic compensations besides travel expenses) to warn about what is going to happen. At another

angle of this climate awareness spectrum, Sweden's Johan Rockström, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Stockholm University and, since 2018, head of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) outside Berlin, in an interview recently said:

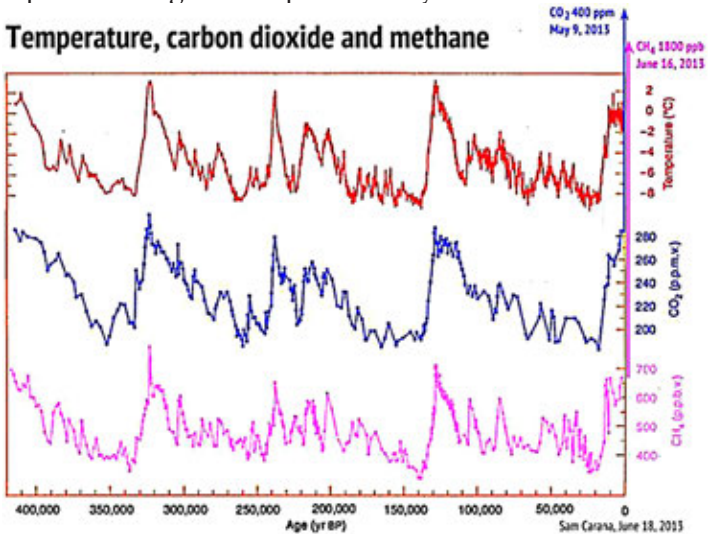
"To have a chance to stabilize the heating at 1.5 degrees, we are in a position where we have less than ten years left if we continue on today's course." (Rockström).

Rockström balances on a delicate line between the research community and the political establishment. A few years ago, he said that the dangers lay much further in the future but (like many other climate researchers) he has recently revised his view and said that the disaster is "near in time" (Swedish original expression "närtid") unless we act. Between these extremes, there is primarily the nestor of climate research, Peter Wadhams, Professor of Ocean Physics and Head of the Polar Ocean Physics Group Department of Applied Mathematics and Theory of Physics at Cambridge University. Wadhams has led 40 expeditions to the Arctic. According to The Guardian 2016-08-18, "Wadhams is mostly right about climate science. There is definitely a long-term [sea-ice] decline in the Arctic Ocean, as many have described as a 'death spiral'.

Common to all three climate researchers is the conviction that when the Arctic becomes ice-free, the race is in principle over for *Homo sapiens*. Rockström claims that 'the permafrost melts [which results in] loss of methane hydrates from the seabed ... Amazon rainforest dies, snow protection decreases in the northern hemisphere ... These tipping elements can potentially give a series of

domino effects. Once activated, one effect will lead to the release of others. It can be very difficult or impossible to stop this domino chain. Places on Earth become uninhabitable if "Hothouse Earth" becomes reality' (www.stockholmresilience.org, 2018-08-06).

The compressed chart (below) is showing undeniable facts about temperature increase, carbon dioxide and methane content over the past 400,000 years of repeated ice ages and up to our days.



This summary was made in 2013, but 2019-06 (NASA) figures show a rise in temperature since 1750 of 1.82°C. The carbon dioxide content has increased to 410-419 ppm (depending on the season) and methane emissions from the Arctic now show that the methane bomb is about to explode. Methane gas is the single most powerful greenhouse gas as it is significantly more potent than carbon dioxide and results in very rapid temperature rises. Methane emissions from the Arctic are

now topping 1920 ppb while the global figure is 1850 ppb (before industrialisation it was roughly below 700 ppb). During humans' 10,000 years of civilization, the average carbon dioxide content, as pointed out earlier, has been around 280 ppm with a temperature variation of about $\pm 1^{\circ}\text{C}$. During the ice ages, the carbon dioxide content in the atmosphere ranged between 180-270 ppm. The world thus stands before a rapid temperature rise never before experienced in the history of Earth in such a short time.

All the above is a result of the "wise man's" rhetorically talented persons who in their own interests made devastatingly bad choices. If *Homo sapiens* is to have a future, we must be much more critical, listen to the science-based expertise, and carefully consider every step that may have an impact on earth and on human existence. The different choices of *Homo sapiens* stemming from the South African steppes to today's high-tech excellence may end up in a gigantic evolutionary smash failure.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic is just a slight premonition of what is to come (if we do not act forcefully) when large parts of the world's cultivated land collapse due to climate change, leading to famine and billions of people becoming climate refugees.

Yes, we can

So how do we ensure existence not only for ourselves but for our children, grandchildren and future generations? First and foremost, we must end all combustion of fossil fuels and turn to renewable energy sources, especially solar and wind power. But it is equally important

to quickly start extracting carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, which requires a gigantic unprecedented collaboration all over the world. The costs are also gigantic, but we have no choice. Capitalists who are most often greedy themselves and profit greatly from the world's demand for oil must now share their profits. Many will probably be completely blundered when investments of 28-32 trillion US dollars will be written off.

We will never be able to stop the carbon dioxide heating process, just slow it down. To maximize this we have three possibilities. First, build 10,000's extraction plants (using solar energy) around the world in places where large quantities of carbon dioxide are released. Secondly, chemically bind carbon dioxide in mineralization processes, and thirdly, plant seagrasses on the seabed down to 90 meters depth. Marine plants, especially seagrasses, have been shown to bind carbon dioxide into a carbon sink (so called Blue Carbon). One hectare of seagrasses represents between 10-40 hectares of forest on land in terms of absorbing and binding carbon dioxide. Further, major investment in geoengineering will certainly lead to innovative solutions to slow down global warming. This includes "locking away atmospheric carbon by dropping pea-coloured sand into the ocean. The sand is made of ground olivine – an abundant volcanic rock, known to jewelers as peridotite – and, if Green's calculations are correct, depositing it offshore on 2% of the world's coastlines would capture 100% of total global annual carbon emissions. Or, "Marine cloud-brightening" by spraying a fine mist of seawater into clouds so that the salt makes them brighter and more reflective of the sun's heat" ^[30].

Furthermore, the human diet must be transformed. We must emphasize vegetable food and greatly down grade cattle stock. Humans also have to dramatically reduce the birthrate. Common to all these measures is that they can be instigated immediately. The technology is available. We can switch to electrically powered vehicles, loaded with solar- and windpower-generated electricity. We can store solar energy. We can extract carbon dioxide en masse. We can change directions of farming and agricultural output. We can regulate the number of births. Only the political will and the realization of the extremely serious situation are missing. The denials are getting weaker, but erroneous information is still being spread from major countries' climate policy platforms. However, these people must realize that the world has no choice but to dismantle the fossil fuel industry. It is megalomaniac stupidity to continue using fossil fuels when we know that renewable energy is less expensive to produce. Part of humanity should perhaps be renamed from *Homo sapiens* to *Homo corruptus* (the corrupt man)? It's time to change the attitude and manifest ourselves as *Homo amoris* by showing love to each other, our country, our planet, put an end to wars and promote knowledge to the masses.

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