

The (Real?) Matrix

by Alfred Adask

Most people in the patriot/constitutionalist movement have seen the movie called “*The Matrix*”. It’s a futuristic film that depicts the struggle of a handful of “freedom fighters” to overthrow an oppressive government.

The film is famous for its fantastic special effects: People run up the sides of walls, leap fantastic distances or even stop bullets flying towards them as an act of will.

But *The Matrix* was most intriguing in its idea that the oppression imposed by government in that film was so enormous, so pervasive, so *seamless* . . . that for most people, the oppression had become as invisible and unnoticed as the force of gravity. In *The Matrix*, the vast majority of people don’t *even know* they’re being oppressed.

The Matrix fascinated most patriots because it exactly expressed *our* feelings about our *current* predicament. We are being enslaved; the vast majority of Americans don’t seem to care . . . and worse, can’t even seem to *see*.

If you’ve seen the film, you may recall the scene where Morpheus, the African-American leader of the resistance, first meets and recruits “Neo” the film’s central character and hero-to-be. Here’s part of their dialogue (I’ve italicized parts of the text that seem relevant to our current “reality”):

“At last. Welcome, Neo. As you no doubt have guessed, I am Morpheus.”

“It’s an honor to meet you.”

“No. The honor is mine. Please come, sir. I imagine that right now you are feeling a bit like Alice tumbling down the rabbit hole.”

“You could say that.”

“I can see it in your eyes. You have the look of a man who accepts what he sees, because he is expecting to wake up. Ironically, this is not far from the truth. Do you believe in fate, Neo?”

“No.”

“Why not?”

“Because I don’t like the idea that I’m not in control of my life.”

“I know exactly what you mean. Let me tell you why you’re here. You’re here *because you know something*. What you know, you can’t explain, but you *feel* it. You’ve felt it your *entire life*. That there’s *something wrong* with the world. You don’t know what it is, but it’s there, like a splinter in your mind driving you mad. It is this feeling that has brought you to me. Do you know what I’m talking about?”

“The matrix.”

“Do you want to know what it is? The matrix is everywhere; it is all around us, even now in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window or when you turn on your television. You can feel it when you go to work, when you go to church, when you pay your taxes. It is the *world that has been pulled over your eyes* to blind you from the truth.”

“What truth?”

“*That you are a slave* Neo, like everyone else, *you were born into bondage*, born into a prison that you *cannot smell or taste or touch*. A prison for your mind.

I guarantee that dialogue resonates clearly in every patriot’s mind. Much like the characters in *The Matrix*, the constitutionalist community is also here simply because we “know something”. Our knowledge is incomplete and based more on feeling than articulated facts. But we sense that “the world has been pulled over our eyes” . . . that despite all the cheery claims about living in the “Land of the Free,” we know we were born into bondage. As in *The Matrix*, we are also confronting an *alternative reality* that’s been constructed by God knows who, and implemented by our own government.

The artificial world

This alternative reality is a legal fiction. It’s not the natural world created by the “Nature’s God” of the “Declaration of Independence”. Instead, it’s an artificial world based not on tangible truths of nature, but rather on the presumptions and fictions of the state.

We experience this artificial world almost every moment. Turn on your TV, answer your phone, drive your car, turn on the lights in your living room. How many moves can you make that don’t involve a corporation? Corporations make virtually all of our food and products. They supply our electricity, our water and most services. They pay to broadcast the commercials that provide our TV shows.

Those corporations are “artificial entities” (creatures made by man rather than God). They are defined in law as “legal fictions”. And what

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is a “legal fiction”? A politically correct lie—but a *lie*, nonetheless.

To say corporations “dominate our culture” offers only the first hint of the corporate matrix that’s become our “reality”. For example, it seems unremarkable that General Motors or IBM are corporations, but few realize that even the organic States of our Union have been supplanted by corporations like the “STATE OF TEXAS” and “STATE OF CALIFORNIA”.

Strong evidence suggests that even the “United States”—originally constituted as a republic—was supplanted in 1871 by the “mother of all corporations” an incorporated “UNITED STATES”.

But it gets more bizarre. These corporate “states” appear have their own “corporate citizens”—legal entities, artificial persons denominated with names spelled in all uppercase letters like GEORGE. W. BUSH JR. and ALFRED N. ADASK.

But proper names for natural (flesh and blood) persons living on a State of the Union are capitalized like George Bush or Alfred Adask. Which are you? Artificial (GEORGE) or natural (George)? You’d think the answer’s obvious, but check your identification documents. Virtually all of them—drivers license, social security card, credit cards, bank accounts, utility accounts—are denominated in the all-upper case name like ‘ALFRED N. ADASK’. That’s not the name of a proper, natural person—created by God and endowed with “certain unalienable Rights”. As bizarre as it sounds, we all seem to be carrying ID for some *other* “person” . . . an “evil twin” that has a name very similar to our own, except it’s written in all-upper case letters.

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Artificial money for artificial persons

We even have an artificial “money” to serve the commercial needs of artificial persons (“ALFRED”) who “transact business” in the artificial (corporate) world. This artificial money is called “credit” or “legal tender”.

Lawful money (“tender”) is made from natural “substance”. It con-

sists of gold or silver metal of a legally defined weight and purity. For example, the legal definition for a lawful dollar is 112 grains of silver.

But what is the legal definition of one dollar denominated in “credit” or “legal tender”? . . . One-fifth of a \$5 bill? One-tenth of a \$10 bill? One-one-hundredth of a \$100 dollar bill?

In fact, there is no legal definition of any credit/ legal tender “dollars”. There can’t be. Credit exists only in our minds. It has no tangible, natural reality. That’s part of the reason why your savings can be eroded by inflation. You can’t “inflate” a lawful dollar. 112 grains of silver will always be 112 grains of silver. You can’t change 112 grains of silver into 100 grains or 200 grains. That substance is fixed by the “laws of Nature and Nature’s God” and can’t be inflated or deflated.

But what is the “natural substance” of credit?

Virtually none. A \$100 Federal Reserve Note admittedly has the “substance” of paper and ink needed to create that artificial “money”. That paper/ink “substance” might be worth four cents in natural money (gold or silver). But that “substance” is trivial compared to the artificial value of the paper note.

But even the four cent “substance” of a paper dollar is completely missing from the credit we receive from our credit cards. The “substance” of that credit-money consists of digital “1’s” and “0’s” stored on some computer’s hard drive. It’s little more than an “accounting unit”. You don’t have “twenty *dollars*” in your bank account, you have “twenty”. When I process credit card orders, the credit card company will not allow me to insert a symbol to denominate the “kind” of money I’m collecting. Instead, I can only denominate the quantity, the numerical value of the credit-units I’m accepting in trade for whatever tangible products I’m selling. I am never paid in \$20 (lawful money/substance), or even \$20 (paper money, legal tender) with credit cards. Instead, I’m only paid with “20”.

But “20” what?

Credit is only a *promise* to pay. Originally, credit was a promise to repay the debt in lawful money (gold or silver substance). Today, credit is simply repaid with *more credit*. If a bank loans me \$10,000 in credit, I’ll be required to repay the bank with \$11,000 in credit-dollars that I somehow accumulate by working for those of you who can pay me with the “credit-dollars” (promises to pay) that you have also “borrowed” from the banking system. I repay my original promises to pay with more promises to pay.

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debts in lawful money; we will only *discharge* them with more, mere *promises*.

The check is in the mail

Our inability to actually pay our debts raises some paradoxical implications. For example, your “credit rating” does not finally reflect the value of your tangible assets, of even the value of your work—it reflects the estimated value of your *promises*. Thus, if your neighbor is better at *making promises* than you are, he’ll have a higher credit rating, live in a better home and drive a newer car.

Remember Donald Trump, the New York multi-billionaire? He wrote a book entitled *The Art of the Deal* which revealed key elements in his strategy to acquire great wealth. But in our artificial world, that book might’ve been more honestly entitled “The Art of the *Promise*” because, in the end, promises, promises are all we have to discharge our debts. Every one of Trump’s “deals” was finally consummated on the basis of the other party trusting and believing in Trump’s *promises*. Like all modern celebrities and apparent “great men,” Donald Trump’s wealth is proof that he is one of the greatest “promisors” of all time.

The moral implications are mind-boggling. Because the persons who prosper most in the artificial world are those who are best able to make promises, those best able to create *illusions* receive the highest credit rating, the greatest apparent wealth. Those who work honestly tend to be left behind, while those who lie, deceive and “con” others tend to prosper.

And what do we mean when we say “con” or “con-artist”? We are describing someone whose false *promises* are capable of inspiring an exaggerated sense of *confidence* in others.

And what is our entire economy based on? What concept is so vital to our prosperity that it’s measured daily and can determine whether our economy soars or collapses into depression? “Consumer *confidence*”.

But “confidence” in what?

Promises.

But if American consumers lose *confidence* in the artificial reality’s fundamental “promise” (the American dream), our entire economy can crash into poverty, chaos and even life-threatening depression.

Our whole society is held together by little more than a *belief* (confidence) in a promise that, by definition, can never be kept. The debt on which this society is built can never be repaid except with more debt (promises).

More than patriot “ghost stories”

Does my suspicion that we’re engulfed in an “artificial world” sound impossible, irrational, insane?

Well, it does to me. I continue to wish that someone would show me why this notion of “alternative reality” is simply too irrational to be believed. But no one does. Instead, I keep receiving more and more confirmations that the *artificial* world has become our “matrix”.

Most people will dismiss the notion of an “alternate reality” as just

another patriot “ghost story”. But even President Eisenhower warned in January, 1961 that an alternative government he called the “Military-Industrial Complex” threatened our natural liberties:

“In the counsels of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military Industrial Complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should *take nothing for granted*. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals so that security and liberty may prosper together.”

Although President Eisenhower did not discuss an “alternative reality,” he did warn of an alternative *government*. Forty years ago, that warning seemed pretty strange. Today, we understand that our former Republic has been supplanted by a series of corporations including the UNITED STATES (Inc.) and the STATE OF TEXAS.

Further, President Eisenhower explicitly warned, “We must take *nothing for granted*.” That warning sounds like the comment of someone who is either paranoid (trusts “nothing”)—or truly “sees” an alternative “reality”.

I’m not arguing that President Eisenhower was delusional. But even he seemed to “*know something*” that he could “feel” but not fully “explain”. Just as Morpheus warned Neo, Eisenhower warned us “that there’s *something wrong* with the world.”

Eisenhower was not alone. During the Reagan administration, in the midst of the Iran-Contra Hearings, Senator Daniel K. Inouye (D-Hawaii) warned:

“There exists a shadowy Government with its own Air Force, its own Navy, its own fund-raising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of national interest, free from all checks and balances, and free from the law itself.”

If a U.S. Senator can believe in a “shadowy Government,” is it so absurd for an average American to claim there’s an alternative (though “shadowy”) reality? No.

President Eisenhower and Senator Inouye weren’t the first officials to warn of a shadow government (or alternative reality). In 1863, President Lincoln, warned:

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I see in the near future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. *Corporations* have been enthroned, an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people, until the wealth of the nation is aggregated in a few hands, and the Republic is destroyed.

Lincoln's 1863 warning about corporations is particularly interesting since the best patriot researchers conclude that the corporate (artificial) UNITED STATES was created during or immediately after the Civil War.

Cognitive dissonance

The idea of an alternative reality may seem farfetched, but it happens all the time.

Perceptual psychologists are folks who study the difference between what we see and what we *think* we see. These psychologists describe the human inability to perceive the truth (the *natural* reality in which we truly live) as "cognitive dissonance".

This perceptual disability is something like one of those comedy skits where a person is hypnotized to *not* see red balloons, placed in a room full of red balloons and asked to find a red balloon. The audience laughs while the subject wanders about the room, tripping over red balloons, pushing red balloons out of his way as he searches for the very balloons he often holds in his hands but still can't "see".

Laboratory studies confirm that individuals repeatedly subjected to a particular lie come to accept that lie as "true" (alternative reality)—and more—are subsequently *unable* to perceive facts, truth and reality to the contrary. Individuals suffering from cognitive dissonance are so blinded by the lies they've learned, that they're *incapable* of seeing the truth (natural reality) even when it's right before their eyes.

OK, scientists admit that cognitive dissonance is real. But most Americans still dismiss the phenomenon as unimportant since it only occurs as rare and curious anecdotes. After all, if the phenomenon of "cognitive dissonance" were commonplace, surely that term would also be commonly recognized, right?

Maybe not. In fact, I suspect that "cognitive dissonance" is not only common, it's pervasive and perhaps the primary organizing principle for advanced societies and civilizations.

For example, have you ever fallen helplessly in love with someone who didn't want your love? Did you ignore her protests and your friend's warnings that you were making a fool of yourself? Did you believe them? Of course not. You were "in love". That is, you were in an *alternative reality* and virtually incapable of even imagining that your beloved regarded you as a horse's butt. That denial of reality illustrates the general idea of "cognitive dissonance".

Well, that kind of self-delusion can be intoxicating in romance novels, but in real life it can be heartbreaking and even lethal.

For example, consider a young man going to fight in Viet Nam or the Gulf War. He leaves America filled with pride and confidence that he will fight bravely to “defend his country” against the “forces of evil”. See, *we* are the “good guys”. Therefore, the young soldier is bound to return home as a “young hero” who will be respected by others and rewarded with his own enhanced sense of self-esteem for becoming a “man” by wasting some “gooks” or “sand niggers”.

Uh-huh.

It’s a nice story, but when the “young hero” comes home—if he comes home—he’ll have learned that he’s not as brave as he’d once supposed. Killing others may diminish rather than enhance his self-esteem. His dream of becoming one of the “good guys” will be shaken. And his belief that he fought for “his country” may wither if he’s disabled by Agent Orange or Gulf War Illness and government doctors insist, “Your disease is all in your head, sonny, and the ‘land of the free’ won’t pay to patch crackpots.”

At this point, the would-be “young hero” may face a problem more devastating than his confrontation with a foreign enemy or a potentially lethal disease. He may begin to sense that his perception of reality is unreliable and probably false. He’ll begin to suffer a true mental illness—a contradiction—as he’s forced to admit that his current perceptions are contrary to his former beliefs. That contradiction is the essence of cognitive dissonance.

Awareness of this contradiction—the difference between what you’ve been taught and what you are finally forced to see—can be devastating because our personality structure is based on the beliefs we’ve learned from the people and society we’ve loved. Our sense of *who* we are is intimately tied to our idea of “*where*” we fit in the world. So we can’t surrender our false beliefs (in the way we were taught to believe the artificial world is structured) to reality without also surrendering the people and institutions we’ve loved, and more importantly, our own personality structure. The idea of challenging the foundations of our society is unnerving, but the idea of challenging the foundations of our own personalities can be terrifying.

Are there other examples of the disillusion that cognitive dissonance seems to precipitate? Sure.

Look at all the young guys who join the police department to “fight crime”. The trauma of learning what really goes on in the P.D. is enough to push cops into the nation’s highest suicide rates. Young lawyers, inspired by dreams of fighting for justice are likewise trauma-

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tized when their idealized beliefs confront a contradictory reality. And young fathers who go to divorce court expecting he'll receive "equal justice under law" will emerge on trembling legs with the knowledge he's been a damn fool.

National cognitive dissonance

So far, I've presented ordinary examples of cognitive dissonance (and hinted at its psychological consequences) to demonstrate that virtually all of us experience a traumatic loss of confidence in the matrix/reality that we were first taught to believe. It's called growing up.

So what? Men fall in love with the wrong women. Soldiers learn war is Hell rather than heroics. Police learn the "good guys" aren't so good, and lawyers can't even define, let alone implement justice. Life can break your heart. That's not news. Neither is cognitive dissonance.

But it is news that an entire nation can be intentionally enmeshed in a "world of lies" by an unseen elite. It is news that Americans may live under some sort of "universal" cognitive dissonance that's so pervasive as to be invisible. While we can admit that cognitive dissonance exists on an *individual* basis, the idea that a single "matrix" dominates and deludes an *entire nation* seems impossible.

But the more I consider the phenomenon, the more I suspect that widespread cognitive dissonance is not only possible, but may be the cornerstone for most of the world's great civilizations.

For example, could the Egyptians have built the pyramids without the false matrix that the Pharaoh was the Sun God? The lie of the Pharaoh's divinity was the central organizing feature of early Egyptian civilization. That civilization flourished until the Pharaoh's divinity (the cornerstone of that civilization's matrix) was finally exposed as a lie. Once the Pharaoh was seen to be mortal, the builders of the pyramids could barely build mud huts.

The Holy Roman Empire laid the foundation for Western Europe and was built on the fundamental belief that the Catholic Pope is the Vicar (earthly manifestation) of Christ and thus enjoys sovereignty (ownership) over the entire Earth. Once that fundamental belief was challenged by Martin Luther (in 1520) and again by the Declaration of Independence (1776), the matrix called the Holy Roman Empire collapsed.

Look at the United States (aka, "Land of the Free"): We don't own our cars, we don't own our homes, we have no lawful money and can only rarely access courts of law. Government

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However, if you can identify the core belief that holds this American matrix together (perhaps the myth of individual freedom) and expose it publicly as a lie, the current matrix may collapse. Likewise, if the government supports the matrix effectively, it can continue to conceal the truth and encourage our belief in the fiction of freedom, and Americans will continue to pledge their allegiance to an artificial “matrix” that exploits them every day—exactly as the people were exploited in *The Matrix* movie.

Does this sound farfetched? Sure. But we see evidence of our nation’s dependence on the current matrix whenever the TV news reports on “consumer *confidence*”. If that confidence falters, the entire economy (matrix) can collapse.

When President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that “We have nothing to fear but fear itself,” he was confirming our dependence on *beliefs*. When public confidence in our beliefs (our “matrix) wanes, we slide into economic depression.

When various social engineers tell us that “perception is *reality*” they’re conceding that *mere beliefs* can replace objective truth and become an “alternative” reality. As a result, a society can be strengthened or collapsed simply by encouraging various beliefs, regardless of whether those beliefs are true or false. And given that man-made lies are more malleable than natural truth, it follows that those who wish to control a society will base their government on lies. In other words, unlike truth, lies can be anything you want them to be and are therefore perfect for crowd control.

In a world where alternative (false) reality is possible (and some say even desirable), should we be surprised if politicians routinely lie to us? Certainly not. Should we be surprised when government deceives us? No. In fact, the big surprise would be a politician or government that habitually told the truth.

The fundamental idea of *The Matrix* movie was that there could be a pervasive false “reality” that deceived an entire nation. That idea is far from fictional. Alternative reality (society based on something other than natural law) is not only happening, it’s *been* happening throughout recorded history.

We live our lives according to a system of beliefs that often (perhaps always) lies. We are surrounded, supplanted and in some cases, *replaced* by artificial entities and legal fictions. This matrix of fictions has been constructed to “pull the world over our eyes” and “blind us to the truth that we were born into bondage, born into a prison that we can’t smell or taste or touch. A prison for our *minds*.”

The mystery of the matrix

Why our fiction-based matrix has been created and sustained is anyone's guess. Maybe the matrix is maintained by beneficent elitists who built a cage of white lies to shield us from harsh, dark truths. More likely, the elitists sustain the matrix to enjoy enormous wealth and power at the expense of the masses who—believing in the “Land of the free”—give their lives to build monuments not so different from the pyramids at Giza. Greed, ambition, lust for power—they are ancient motivations and likely explanations for the matrix.

But if you believe in God, the spiritual implications of an artificial “matrix” are disturbing. Once you begin to “see” matrix fictions and artificial reality, you'll also begin to seek the truth (*natural* reality). When you do, you'll discover that the “Declaration of Independence”—the cornerstone of our former freedoms—is based upon the “Laws of *Nature* and of *Nature's* God”. Thus, that Declaration (and resultant freedom) would seem to be intimately dependent on an appreciation for “*natural* reality” (God's truth).

And, as most know, Satan is reputed to be the “father of all lies”. What does that imply about a matrix built of legal fictions?

When you begin to see the correlation between God and nature—and Satan and artificial—you can't help but wonder if the real purpose of the current matrix is to “pull the world over our eyes,” conceal natural reality and keep us from finding God.

Whatever its purpose, our society's current “matrix” is composed of artificial entities, legal fictions and outright lies that are so pervasive that they've become as invisible as oxygen or gravity. Most Americans are conditioned to accept this alternative reality as true. As a result, most Americans are cognitively dissonant and unwilling to see the truth (*natural* reality).

Remember the old cliché? “There's none so blind as those who are cognitively dissonant”? (OK, the cliché didn't actually say “cognitively dissonant,” but “will not see” means the same thing.)

Y'see?

In or out?

I've written this overly long article to illustrate that the concept of an “alternative reality” is not as crazy, esoteric or even uncommon as most might suppose. Instead, all of us have experienced the “alternative reality” of unrequited love, and virtually every failed civilization has been built on the pervasive lies of an alternative reality.

I've written this article as an introduction to the next article which illuminates one possible “doorway” into the our current matrix (artificial reality). Examined closely, it appears that the word “in” may be a “rabbit holes” through which we can fall from the natural reality God gave us to the artificial reality/matrix that's been imposed upon us by our government.

And I know how nuts that sounds. Still, I suspect that you must accept the possibility that we *might* live under an artificial reality, before you can understand my suspicions concerning (as former President Clinton might say) what the meaning of “in” is. ■