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THE INDOCTRINATION IMPERATIVE

We may be human, but we're still animals.

—Steve Vai

The man is a creature of treachery,
barbarism and savagery.

Look at the history of humankind and you'll notice that it's one long fight after another. Indeed, according to Will Durant, out of the 3,421 years of recorded history, only 268 have seen no war.

We like to imagine ourselves as loving beings of peace and cooperation, but we are clearly not. Look deep inside our

hearts and we will find a thirst for the bloodspill, the desire to stomp other men to the ground. Our nature is not to love, but to hunt, to maim, to kill.

But why?

Instead, like the animal, our primal instincts are to hunt, maim and kill. This may sound surprising, but true: *a man's bloodlust for another man is what keeps humanity in existence.*

Ask any historian and he'll tell you this—the human society was birthed from the seeds of strife. The beating heart of civilization is, and has always been, the thumping drums of war.

But, hang on. That sounds contradictory, right? After all, civilizations are about *building*; wars are about *destroying*.

Here's the thing, though. Cooperation is not the opposite of competition; in fact, it's the same thing. We cooperate for one reason only—so we can out-compete and overpower other people.

Our forefathers learned this a long time ago. For instance, a caveman on his own could only poach wild rabbits and

collect berries for food. But once he grouped up with a few others, together, they could ambush and kill larger animals—antelopes, gazelles, even woolly mammoths.

And as the group grew into a tribe, a whole new world opened up. With size, instead of hunting, they could now attack and pillage others for their food piles.

This is, of course, true not only for the loincloth-wearing, cave-dwelling primitive, but also for the modern man. We build companies to earn a profit—by besting our competitors. We join the army to protect a country—by attacking another.

The bottom line? We work together only for the edge to fight and conquer our enemies.

A Warre of All Against All

In 1651, Thomas Hobbes published *Leviathan*, the book historians hail as the bedrock of Western political thinking.

In it, he wrote this pithy one liner that summarized the entire tome—

The natural state of man is a warre (war) of all against all.

Hobbes confirmed what we now know: the reason we fight is simple—it's our nature.

We had inherited our bloodlust from our forebears who had hunted and killed for thousands of years. Because the collective experience of our forefathers is seared into our brain, we simply can't help but to be savages, at least in instinct.

Now, recall what I've said earlier that a man's bloodlust has an important purpose: to keep humanity in existence. I'm going to address this contradiction now—with the help of Hobbes.

Hobbes said that the natural state of man is the state of war. But how does the desire to wage war on other men lead to the survival of humanity?

To answer this question, we have to start from first principles. What does our survival as a species depend on?

It's obvious, right? To survive, we need to get *better*. We have to get stronger and smarter.

In fact, that's what evolution is. It's the eternal process of producing the best: the strongest and the smartest of us all.

And how evolution works is straightforward—it pits one against another in a duel to the death. It's a mortal combat that sifts out the undesirables, leaving behind only the survivors, the *crème de la crème*.

So, by nature's design, a man's bloodlust for another man is a filter of inferior traits. We are endowed with the killer instinct to do evolution's job to sniff out weakness and destroy it.

In the end, the arbiter of your fitness—or, your worthiness to stay alive—are your fellow men. Because if you are weak, there's someone out there who instinctively wants to kill you.

Thus, it all boils down to this—bloodshed is necessary to the survival of humans. It's rooted in the fundamentals of evolution: we get stronger only by culling the weak.

Inequality as the Way of Nature

We are born unequal. Some are gifted with strength and intelligence, propelling them to thrive. Others are not, and they perish.

There is a reason for this diversity. For quality, you need quantity. You can only pick the best when you've got plenty to choose from.

Here's the kicker, though. Diversity comes hand-in-hand with inequality. Not everyone can be strong and smart.

Modern societies ignore this. People love to champion equality, but they don't realize that it violates the rule of nature.

Equality is the opposite of freedom. In an equal society, everyone gets the same things and likewise, they are expected to behave the same way. In a free society, everyone gets to do their own thing. This means we can't be both equal *and* free at the same time.

And that's not all. People gifted with strength and intelligent will always desire freedom. Those who don't, they want equality. And this has been the biggest source of human conflict since antiquity.

How do we solve this conundrum?

Bad news—we can't.
And that's why we
never stop fighting.

“No one is more inferior than those who insist on being equal.”

—Friedrich Nietzsche

Here's the thing, though. In a fight between the smart/strong and the stupid/weak, it's obvious that the smart/strong will win, yes?

Well, not quite. Because what the stupid/weak lack, they make up in numbers. In fact, all wars throughout humankind have been the wars of the inferior many waged on the superior few.

The Indoctrination Imperative

Civilizations crumble not from outside attacks, but from within. We destroy ourselves by violating the laws of nature—by wanting to be both free *and* equal.

Even Confucius, the sagely embodiment of conscience and virtue never believed in equality. As he had preached, not everyone could be born beautiful or intelligent. As we were condemned to different destinies matched to our abilities, we should accept their fates peacefully.

We never heed this advice, and that's why the conflicts never stopped.

Not only that, the desire for equality has been the biggest source of tyranny of our lifetimes. Every despot we know—from Hitler to Stalin and Mao—came to power by exploiting the commoner's hunger for equity and emancipation.

But here's the thing, though. While men are not (and never will be) equal, every man yearns to be free.

Still, we can't *all* be free, because that would require that freedom coexist with equality. The reality is, to paraphrase Orwell, that some men are more free than the others.

So, if we accept that men are unequal, then we will have to accept that some are free only because others are in chains.

If you want freedom, you must indoctrinate.

Man's inhumanity towards man, ironically, is the cornerstone of the survival of mankind.

Every sovereign life is lived at the expense of another life that is indoctrinated. Thus—

To be free, you must indoctrinate.



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