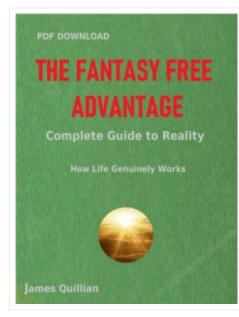
Finding The Reality Nature Provides

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ALL THAT HAPPENS IN OUR WORLD MAKES PERFECT SENSE – PROVIDED THAT IT IS NOT VIEWED THROUGH THE PRISM OF FANTASY. THIS IS NOT TRUE JUST WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMICS. THE FANTASY – FREE APPROACH IS OF EQUAL VALUE IN STUDYING EACH AND ALL OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The race to escape reality begins at birth. Every child is born into an eternal power struggle. Reality is replaced with fantasy because it is too harsh to cope with. Our world is governed by laws of dominance and subservience. Most people live in an oasis of peace separated from all of the belligerence and brutality that is actually an ongoing process.

A child's family is consumed with fantasy. As thinking beings, humans face some unanswerable questions. We are alive – but we

don't know what life is. Doctors and scientists understand very well how life functions – they just don't know what life is. Then , there is the will to live. The will to live is more confounding than life itself. Whatever is alive seeks to stay alive. Even a blade of grass with no brain has the will to live. Who knows the source of the will to live? Does life have a purpose? Any purpose is not apparent. All animals, including humans,must consume animals and other living things in order to survive. Focusing on these attributes of existence is daunting. The mind doesn't want to go there – so it doesn't.

In the Old Testament, the author of the Book of Ecclesiastes focuses on these issues and draws no concrete conclusions. The meanings of a number of Old Testament books focus on how to live life in the face of life's daunting unanswered questions and mysteries.

The race to escape reality begins at birth. This continues throughout life. Reality always wins in the end.

During a lifetime, reality catches up with everyone a number of times. That does not mean a person becomes enlightened and discovers what reality is. Having to deal with reality is not the same as grasping and internalizing the concept. As soon as a crisis passes and usually while the crisis is ongoing, life becomes centered around new fantasies. Sometimes old fantasies are refurbished, adjusted, and re- applied to one's life.

Regardless.... reality is what it is. to all consumed in fantasy, their fantasies are their reality. Attack these fantasies of life and their beholders defend them vehemently. The lies of life replace nature's reality with fantasies. The truth is then seen as threatening. I guess that it is. The truth about reality is what it is – no matter what. In other words, the way things are is the way things are.

The fantasy – free approach to life is not for everyone. A number of approaches to survival and reproduction have evolved over the eons. One of those is the "go along to get along" method. It doesn't get any respect , but it is the most common way of negotiating one's way through life. An issue however, with "go along to get along".... is that about every forty years , reality imposes itself on society. Suddenly , folks' worlds – based on fantasy, crumble. All are clueless. In the twentieth century , we had the Great Depression and two world wars. So far in the twenty – first century , we have had Nine

– Eleven and in 2022 are staring in the face of an emerging life – changing depression.

Being fantasy – free before and during a crisis puts a person in a one – up situation.... relative to everyone else.

The human mind likes to package and file what it encounters into what is like a still picture. This is true of ongoing systems as well as events like birthdays and weddings. Fantasy – free theory calls for treating all observations as moving pictures. Anything that is said or any occurrence is part of a moving process. The fantasy – free approach requires thinking in moving pictures.

What is the point in being fantasy – free? While the efficacy of Fantasy – Free Economics is far superior to mainstream economic approaches, doing it this way benefits you and no one else. People engage in fantasies for a reason. Fantasy becomes their reality. To suggest to anyone that they are not in touch with reality is asking them to give up their most cherished notions.... their sensibilities. Fantasy – Free

Economics will never serve as a vehicle for launching public or government policy. It requires looking at society in terms of how it functions – and not according to how we wish it did.