

Architectonics

the source of POWER

it is surprisingly simple to identify (picketty 2013):

the wealth of the world is about \$300 tn,
the BOUND MONEY to run the planet
(production and consumption) is
\$60 tn a year
the FREE MONEY from interests of the
\$300 tn is about \$20 tn a year.
these \$20 tn are the source of power,
they navigate our planet.

there is a remarkable invariance to all
societies and economies:
3/4 of the turnover of a society is used for
production and consumption,
1/4 is political money to invest.

and in contrast to what you might expect,
this money is not foreign money,
more than 90% of the wealth is owned by
the societies themselves.

also: the politics of today do not access the
political money,
the politics of today manage the
consumption money

and try to distribute it as fairly as possible,
which essentially is an economic and not a
political task.

there's nothing to complain about in
principle,
because this has been the case throughout
our history with very few exceptions.
so our democracies are a mechanism to
calibrate the economic money in
the right way,
but they have no access to at least 1/4 of the
free money and the actual political power.

for switzerland, for example, there are
\$600 bn available for production and
consumption
and there are \$200 bn in political money
available to invest.

for europe, there are \$13,500 bn available
for production and consumption,
and there are \$4,500 bn political
money to invest.
the investment of china in the new silk
road is about \$1,300 bn over 10 years,
which is equivalent to 2.9% of the political
money available in europe.

the investment of alphabet in research and development is \$14 bn a year, which equates to 7% of the political money available in Switzerland or 0.3% of the political money in Europe. so if applied to Europe, alphabet's annual investment would correspond to the investment of a single day in the year, with 364 days left to invest...

so nobody can complain. even small Switzerland could change the world with ease, if there were the political will. the money would be there.

the ANSWERS so far

- 1 political money is the source of power
- 2 nobody knows who is in charge.

with the discussions around climate change we do get an understanding of how our planet feels, but we do not know how our planet thinks; today our planet is UNCONSCIOUS.

this is what we see today: urbanised farmland wherever you go, most of the people in calm comfort, lots of SETTLERS running around like crazy for sustainable solutions, mimicking the lifestyle of the landlords 200 years ago, not educated and shouting inadequate and completely unimportant things to 'save the planet', which means to conserve the status of their privileged ancestors. we see it everywhere—over-designed endless copies of old clichés—junk space.

we can summarise:
you cannot improve by doing better.
you have to step out.

a few already have stepped out, obviously. the LANDLORDS are navigating their money, making *de facto* politics. but it looks like they do not know how to show what they are doing. they are hiding their intentions, their projects. they stay invisible. there is no forum, there is no challenge, they cannot be the 'good ones' with their money and their power. and it is getting risky for them, because they cannot become stabilised in their host society.

what to do?

so the settlers have to step out, the landlords need a place to show up.

if we take our democracies seriously, we have to claim political power.

the only way to do so is by demanding a share of the UNBOUND money. let's say 20%.

and like in the old times, this cannot be done through taxes. taxes are part of the game of workers and production. political money plays not with taxes, but with RENTS on the properties of the landlords. one has to demand rents on the new prosperous industrial ground that we call urbanisation.

this rent is to install a GOVERNMENT
to increase the COMMON WEALTH,
however this might work in detail today.

these are the steps

1

GET EDUCATED with these numbers.
not bottom up (which is for farmers)
but top down (which is for landlords)
and make people aware
that their societies are rich
because of AI.

2

CLAIM A PART of the political money
as rents to finance a political court of today.
establish a VIRTUAL KING.
develop the COGITO of our planet.

3

AFFIRM POWER.
all the architectural treatises of the past
are not for the people, but for the princes,
to advise them in good governance;
they give power a face.
claim responsibility
and build cities around the facets of power
to head the urbanised farmland
and navigate our planet
in an adequate way.
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reading VITRUVIUS:

1. While your divine intelligence and will, Emperor Caesar, were engaged in acquiring the right to command the world, and while your fellow citizens, when all their enemies had been laid low by your invincible valour, were glorying in your triumph and victory,—while all foreign nations were in subjection awaiting your beck and call, and the Roman people and senate, released from their alarm, were beginning to be guided by your most noble conceptions and policies, I hardly dared, in view of your serious employments, to publish my writings and long considered ideas on architecture, for fear of subjecting myself to your displeasure by an unseasonable interruption.

2. But when I saw that you were giving your attention not only to the welfare of society in general and to the establishment of public order, but also to the providing of public buildings intended for utilitarian purposes, so that not only should the state have been enriched with provinces by your means, but that the greatness of its power might likewise be attended with distinguished authority in its public buildings, I thought that I ought to take the first opportunity to lay before you my writings on this theme.

For in the first place it was this subject which made me known to your father, to whom I was devoted on account of his great qualities. After the council of heaven gave him a place in the dwellings of immortal life and transferred your father's power to your hands, my devotion continuing unchanged as I remembered him inclined me to support you. And so with Marcus Aurelius, Publius Minidius, and Gnaeus Cornelius, I was ready to supply and repair ballistae, scorpiones, and other artillery, and I have received rewards for good service with them. After your first bestowal of these upon me, you continued to renew them on the recommendation of your sister.

3. Owing to this favour I need have no fear of want to the end of my life, and being thus laid under obligation I began to write this work for you, because I saw that you have built and are now building extensively, and that in future also you will take care that our public and private buildings shall be worthy to go down to posterity by the side of your other splendid achievements. I have drawn up definite rules to enable you, by observing them, to have personal knowledge of the quality both of existing buildings and of those which are yet to be constructed. For in the following books I have disclosed all the principles of the art.