

Transcending the Green Meme

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Part One: We are all equal in that we are all different

The egalitarian/equalitarian Green/liberal memetic obsession with equality and aversion to anything hierarchical is a sign of a certain psychological shadow, which expresses itself sometimes as arrogance or superiority and sometimes as resentment or meanness--the so-called Mean Green Meme. The proponents of equality, whether it be actual or potential, seek equality where in reality it does not naturally exist.

When you truly understand an individual human being in his or her individual wholeness and uniqueness (oneness), you will recognize the incomparability of each individual--that each individual human being is incomparable and incomparably unique.

The evolutionary trajectory of modern homo sapiens is in the direction of individual differentiation and distinction. The more evolved a person is, the more unique, original, distinguished, and integrated he or she becomes as himself or herself. We are equal only in the fact that we are each different, distinct, and unique.

To be unique means to be one (unicus/unus). Your uniqueness is the cosmic singularity of your being that defines who you are. And this individual difference includes the difference in potential, qualitatively and quantitatively. There is no such thing as equality or equipotentiality, as it is conceived and advocated by the equalitarians.

Real equality exists only in the fact of individual difference, uniqueness, and singularity. We are all equal in that we are all different. Thus the evolution of consciousness means that you unfold your individual (indivisible) wholeness and unique individual potential in attunement with your evolutionary thrust for optimization.

The game of baseball was created by a freemason as a masonic ritual. Each of nine (9) players has his unique position in both defense and offense. You need to distinguish yourself as a player in order to be accepted as a member of the team. The more individually distinguished you are, the higher the value you can contribute to the team. When nine highly distinguished players come together to play, you have a winning team. The game of baseball is symbolic of how a society or a community can effectively work in harmony as a winning team.

Every citizen distinguishes himself or herself by actualizing his or her unique potential to become a uniquely significant productive member of the society and collaborates with others for the actualization of individual and collective potentials. To be the best member of a team or society means to be one's best--that is, to be one's authentic unique self with one's potential and talent actualized.

We thus create a dynamic collective and collaborative harmony and integrity by celebrating everyone's unique and incomparable individuality and individual gift. Let each individual shine with his or her own unique light and evolve in his or her own individual singularity or "soul" (which is the original meaning of "genius") by using maps and models of the development of consciousness as reference. Ultimately, however, you will embark upon an evolutionary journey for which there is no map, where uncertainty is the only reward of freedom.

The obsession to equality is often naught save the loser's disguised envy or veiled jealousy, or thwarted ambition or unfulfilled desire to win in the finite game of life. The ideology of equality is the loser's reactive survival strategy for not experiencing the pain of being a loser or being mediocre and average. This survival strategy constitutes in a significant measure that which I call the 'conspiracy for mediocrity'. Some of those who are winners, who are indeed exceptionally gifted, outstanding, or privileged also succumb to equalitarian ideologies and behavior patterns, used as the psycho-social device for envy deflection and guilt appeasement.

In terms of the Spiral Dynamics or Integral Models of memetic development, the equalitarian Green meme has developed, at least in part, as a reaction to the existential problems brought about within the win-lose Orange meme by both the losers and winners. What is termed MGM (Mean Green Meme) is the emotional manifestation of resentment and anger originating from envy and jealousy.

To move beyond the Green memetic mindset and consciousness requires that you start to really and honestly understand, appreciate, and respect your own and other people's incomparable cosmic singularity. So long as you compare yourself with others (equality is a term of comparison) you will remain in the mode of deficiency. When you realize your and other people's incomparability, you enter the existential mode of abundance and start to live in the world of abundance and plenitude.

Part Two: The Infinite Game and the Singular WE

Memes are recreated, while genes are replicated. The recreation of existing memes is the primal expression of human creativity. Therefore, using the same creativity but more creatively, we can also create an entire new meme.

Transcending the Green/F-S meme (GM) entails that we transcend the Orange/E-R meme (OM) as well, because the former is an incomplete and inconsistent solution to the problems created by the latter. GM is a solution to the existential problem that OM created, which was developed at the same level of consciousness at which OM created the problem.

Understanding OM requires that we understand what is called modernity in contradistinction to premodernity. It is difficult to fathom the real difference between the modern human beings and the premodern human beings without the subjective projection of the modern mindset onto the premodern mindset.

The embryogenesis of modernity began during that 55-year period between 1632 when Galileo Galilei published *Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems* and 1687 when Isaac Newton published *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*. Then in 1776 the gestational formation of modernity reached its full term with the publications of *The Wealth of Nations* and *The Declaration of Independence*.

Thus the gestation of the modernity and the modern mind began in the Scientific Revolution and culminated in the American Revolution (socio-political) and the Industrial Revolution (techno-economic). The full-fledged and widespread modernity and modern mind emerged during the time coinciding with the period between the discoveries of Uranus in 1781 and of Neptune in 1846.

A profound qualitative difference existing between the premodern and the modern human beings is essentially two-fold:

1. The modern mind evolved through the realization of its own nescience. The premodern mind was steeped in the absolutistic authoritarian belief-*qua*-knowledge of the Bible and other religious scriptures. Nothing that the premodern mind did not know from the scriptures was considered to be worthy of knowing or any real sign of ignorance.

That is, the premodern mind lacked the real awareness of its own nescience. (The leading Greek and Roman intellectuals up to the end of the Roman Republic developed a 'pattern language' for and came very close to having the modern mind. The Renaissance was the revival of that pattern language, leading to the birth of Modernity in the Age of Reason and Enlightenment.)

When humanity realized its own ignorance and discovered that there was knowledge not in the scriptures that was worth pursuing and knowing, the modern mind was conceived in the matrix of evolving human consciousness. There can be no real science without the recognition and the precondition of nescience. Modern science is the methodology of turning nescience (ignorance) into science (knowledge).

2. The modern human being developed autonomous sovereign individuality concomitant with its greater psycho-existential complexity that began to emerge in the last two decades of the 18th century, coinciding with the birth of the ideology of individualism and the system of capitalism. The United States of America was the first country in history to have been founded on the basis of the principle of individualism but with the vestige of the premodern mentality commixed with it.

OM is a distinct memetic pattern that the modern mind created. OM is radically individualistic and also essentially atheistic in the sense that it sees no external authority ("God" or "gods") beyond itself. OM knows that it does not know but it knows that it can know for itself and by itself whatever it is that it wants to know. Further, the reward of life for OM is something that one earns for oneself in this life, not in an afterlife, with one's own ability and effort, and not something that "God" bestows upon people if "God's" precepts or commandments are faithfully followed.

The problem that OM creates is a spiritual void one experiences within. Claire Graves describes this spiritual void as follows: "He finds himself master of objective physical world but a prime neophyte in the subjectivistic, humanistic world. He has achieved the satisfaction of a good life through his relative mastery of the physical universe but it has been achieved at a price—the price he has paid is that he is not liked by other men for his callous use of knowledge for himself. He has become envied or even respected, but liked he is not."

In the OM world, if you are a winner, you become an object of envy or jealousy. Being a winner is a painfully lonely place to be. But if you are not a winner, that is, if you are a loser or just average or mediocre, you tend to suffer from the feeling of resentment caused by jealousy or envy. For the proud OM ego it is painful to be mediocre and ordinary, while statistically speaking most people are bound to be average, mediocre, and ordinary.

The winner wants to be accepted and liked; the loser or the mediocre do not want to experience the pain of being a loser or just mediocre. As I wrote previously, the Green Meme was developed as the solution to the problem OM had created. While OM is individualistic, GM is collectivistic. While in the OM world the hierarchies of ability and accomplishment are acknowledged, in the GM world any form of hierarchy is denied and the achievement of equality is sought after at all costs.

Whereas individualism in the sense that the modern human being understands it is no more than 200 years old, collectivism is an ancient memetic pattern that has been in existence in one form or another for millennia since the beginning of human civilization. The GM collectivism is the latest and the most complex and sophisticated incarnation and expression of the collectivist meme.

The GM collectivism is unique in that while collectivism has always been a centralized control mechanism, the GM collectivism intends and attempts to be decentralized and distributed with various elaborate design models but without transcending the need, desire, or will to control the whole and hence (other) people constituting the collective.

While the collectivist trend in the form of Marxism and socialism dominated the 20th century (the 20th century can be characterized as a century of global socialist experiment under various names and disguises), GM required for its development a unique existential condition the babyboomers and post-babyboomers experienced.

The babyboomer generation is the first generation in human history for which the most primary relationship is the peer-to-peer relationship. From childhood to adulthood, from the time they are in schools and universities to the time when they work in companies, their primary relationships remain those with their own peers. Whereas, for all of the previous generations the most primary relationship was with their elders and authority figures—parents at home, teachers at schools, professors at universities, and superiors at places of apprenticeship, and so forth.

GM is the horizontal collectivism that emerged from the primacy of peer-to-peer relationships wherein the peer pressures for acceptance, conformity, and equality are paramount, while the OM pressures to succeed and distinguish oneself, academically and professionally, are equally strong.

Therefore, those with superior intelligence, ability, or family wealth usually try to adapt to this life condition by developing envy-deflection devices (such as self-effacing sense of humor) or guilt-appeasement mechanisms (for example “Kennedy Syndrome”). Those who are jealous or envious tend to conspire in the conspiracy for mediocrity and advocate the ideology of equality, equipotentiality, or social justice.

As I stated in “Transcending the Green Meme (1) – We are all equal in that we are all different,” the way of transcending (the negative aspects of) the Green Meme (and of Orange Meme) is to recognize the incomparable singularity of your being and every other human being.

In the whole history of the universe, there has never been, there is never, and there will never be a human being like you. You are, and every human being is, a singular cosmic event, a singular cosmic destiny.

This is a glorious realization, if authentic and existential, and not merely intellectual. Then, you will stop comparing yourself with other people. You will cease feeling guilty for or experiencing envy-attack because of your superior intelligence or accomplishment. Or you will cease feeling jealous or envious of those whom you perceive to be more talented, intelligent, accomplished, or privileged than you.

Your self-worth, your self-esteem, will no longer be based on comparison with others but on your incomparable singularity. Your value-meme will also shift from that based on socially normative, comparable relativity to that based on individually normative, incomparable singularity.

There are several lines of stage development, but the key line of development that existentially determines one’s developmental stage is the line of self-identity: who I am for myself (if I am not who I think I am). In the first tier, one’s self-identity is externalized or objectivized and relatively defined in terms of the *in vitro* social-relational context. In the second tier, one’s self-identity is internally integrated and uniquely defined in terms of the *in vivo* individual-existential context.

A very elegant way to transcend GM and OM, and in fact the entire first tier memes, is to shift your life focus from winning or not losing the Finite Games of life to enjoy playing your Infinite Game. The philosopher James P. Carse in his immortal classic *Finite and Infinite Games* states:

“A finite game is played for the purpose of winning, an infinite game for the purpose of continuing the play. . . The rules of a finite may not change, the rules of an infinite game must change. . . . Finite players play within boundaries, infinite players play with boundaries. . . Finite players are serious, infinite players are playful. . . A finite player consumes time, an infinite player generates time. . . The finite player aims to win eternal life; the infinite player aims for eternal birth. . . There is but one infinite game.”

The only one infinite game there is, is the Life of the Universe—the unceasing dynamic creative-evolutionary process of the Universe. You, as a singular cosmic destiny, are a singular portal through which humanity can uniquely partake of this one infinite game. Your cosmic singularity as a portal manifests in how you participate in this one infinite game. Thus, the one infinite game acquires your signature imprint.

How you participate in the infinite game and what you do in your participation becomes your signature infinite game through which the whole of humanity participate in the infinite game.

In playing your signature infinite game, you imperience-experience the WE-ness of the whole of humanity, sentient beings, and existence in your singularity. The WE-ness merges with the I-ness in the I, and the I-ness merges with the WE-ness in the WE.

In this imperience-experience of the Singular WE, in this recognition-realization of the Singular WE-ness, you transcend OM, GM, and the entire first-tier memes altogether and transform all their memetic fractal patterns to be included in the higher order memetic structure.

Your self-identity becomes your singular we and in participating in the infinite game that is the Life of the Universe, your life takes on a cosmic dimension and you become cosmocentric being playing with other beings in the omniscient universe. Your life being biterminal, you will die while playing your signature infinite game but the infinite game itself will continue with your signature imprinted.

As an infinite game player with the inner landscape of the singular we-ness, your consciousness in its existential, cognitive, and cogitative logic becomes transdual. All of the first tier memes are based on dualistic logic. When a first tier person achieves a nondual state of consciousness, it is only in the state dimension wherein he or she transcends duality, but not in the stage dimension.

Nonduality is immanent, while transduality is transcendental. This transduality of the Singular WE/the second tier consciousness is one of the great legacies of the quantum revolution.