

Faith and Ideology.

I have been troubled throughout my life in telling faith and ideology apart, and I realize I'm not the only one. It has been enlightening, though, trying it.

It started in the early days when I observed a priest's dubious behaviour at a religious institution. As a boy serving at the church's altar, I rang the bells at the most inappropriate moment. I wasn't asked again. And I found a high school far away from my town with towering six churches.

The American social and cultural unrest during the Vietnam War stimulated cultural changes in my Polish society, but for different reasons, beliefs, and core ideologies. Unlike the USA, which benefited from the outcome of World War II, Poland was subjected to neocolonial control by imposing a new power structure founded on foreign ideology. The Catholic Church and cultural open events were platforms for allowable congregations of widely shared emotions, relevant information, and wisdom. Like many of my peers back then, I took the side opposite to the official ideology in activities on the cultural side.

Since then, I have had a continuous interest in the evolution of faith and ideology, the apparent merger of their attributes, and its consequent outcome. While faith is founded on beliefs in unspoken human values, the codification of them is the domain of ideologies. Historically, both were foundational to structures of human coexistence, all with hierarchical characteristics. Their record points to the collapse all of them for similar reasons. They all had, until now, only regional implications.

The evidence and facts show that we measure our "progress" by the matrix of GDP. The currency of it is money. The engine is a hybrid of capital and profit. That reached the status of a new religion with financial security as our salvation. That wouldn't be such a problem if not for the underlying assumptions. That our common natural resources have no assessable value, and massively caused pollution has no future legacy cost. And the theology's principles of internalizing profits and externalizing costs. With shrinking resources fuelling expansion, internal Neoliberalism resorts to neocolonial practices within. The blood vein of this faith is consumption, and I explored this further in my "Intermission" project. The risk management practiced by the priesthood of this religion, however, does not extend to the mainstream population.

My escapes from the urban environment assisted in maintaining an even perspective on my life's realities. And I am forever grateful to my parents for the early introduction to the concepts of Faith and Ideology. As we are all progressing through the age of "make to believe technology", our faith becomes a troubling liability, along with vanishing reasons to justify our own logic.

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