

Rejuvenating America

A SECOND SEPARATION OF POWERS, CHECKS AND BALANCES

1. NATIONAL CULTURE and GOVERNMENT

“Americans—because of [their] peculiar historical circumstance—often confuse the terms state and nation...a state is a sovereign political entity...a nation is a group of people who share—or believe they share—a common culture, ethnic origin, language, historical experience, artifacts, and symbols.”

—Colin Woodard, American journalist, *American Nations*, (2011)

“The state constitution and the national community, however closely they may be interwoven with each other, should not be confounded together.”

—Wilhelm von Humboldt, Prussian educational reformer, linguist, *On the Limits of State Action*(1792)

“The state may only intervene in the realm of the human individual to the extent that such intervention leads to the removal of obstacles standing in the way of the personality's free unfolding.”

—Rudolf Steiner, *The Karma of Untruthfulness* (1917)

“Nationalism is not a political, but a cultural concept. Its fundamental purpose is to humanize...”

—Mordecai M. Kaplan, rabbi, essayist, and educator, *Judaism as a Civilization*, (1934)

“As long as national independence and the sovereignty of the state...are equated, not even a theoretical solution of the problem of war is conceivable.”

—Hannah Arendt, American political theorist, *Crises of the Republic*, (1972)

“The separation of nation and state, conceived of along lines not dissimilar to the separation of church and state will allow the flourishing and co-existence of multiple nationalities.”

—Ariella Azoulay, Israeli cultural theorist, & Adi Ophir, Israeli philosopher, *The One-State Condition: Occupation and Democracy in Israel/Palestine*, (2013)

OTHER ASPECTS:

Religion, health, education, language, cultural activities, art, science, media, judiciary

2. GOVERNMENT and CORPORATIONS

“We see that where government should be a counter-balance to business, instead it’s being swallowed up. And we hear in response all the dissident voices of Occupy raised up and harmonious in this one urgent call: the separation of corporation and state. At this point, it’s clear to everyone that if a corporation is ‘donating’ to a politician, then they expect something in return. They’re not doing it out of the goodness of their heart, they expect politicians to create laws that are favorable to them, or, more accurately, they expect politicians to approve the laws that they themselves have created. They’re buying laws.”

—Seth Jordan, Occupier and societal shaper, *“Why Occupy is Unstoppable”*, Fall 2013

“If laws are allowed to arise out of the interests of economic life itself, the laws are turned into a caricature of justice.”

—Rudolf Steiner, *The Social Future*, 1919

“What America lacks is a figure with the serene self-confidence to tell us that the twin idols of national security and corporate power are outworn dogmas that have nothing more to offer us. Thus disenthralled, the people themselves will unravel the Deep State with surprising speed.”

—Mike Lofgren, a former GOP congressional staffer, *“Anatomy of the Deep State”*, 2014

OTHER ASPECTS:

Banks, insurance, licensing, transportation, currency, trade agreements, to be separated from government.

3. CULTURE and CORPORATIONS

“The thing I hate the most about advertising is that it attracts all the bright, creative and ambitious young people, leaving us mainly with the slow and self-obsessed to become our artists.”

—Banksy, artist

“Even if your invention never makes a penny, accusing someone of stealing it can. Because in 2011 alone, unused patents alone generated \$29 billion in lawsuits, legal fees, and settlements worth tens or hundreds of millions of dollars.”

—Stephen Colbert, *“Amazon’s Audacious Photography Patent”*, Colbert Nation, May 2014

“If the mere profit motive prevails in our economic sphere, it always has the tendency to become increasingly incorporated into the political state, and the generally accepted opinion is that one must produce what yields the most profit. If this idea continues to prevail, then the independent impulses of a free spiritual [cultural] life cannot manifest in the domain of the healing arts and healthcare, and spiritual [cultural] life will then become dependent on political or economic forces;

then the economic will govern the spiritual, but the economic must not prevail over the spiritual. This fact is most evident to one who wants to arrive at what the spirit demands in the economic life, to one who wants to serve a genuine and true art of medicine.”

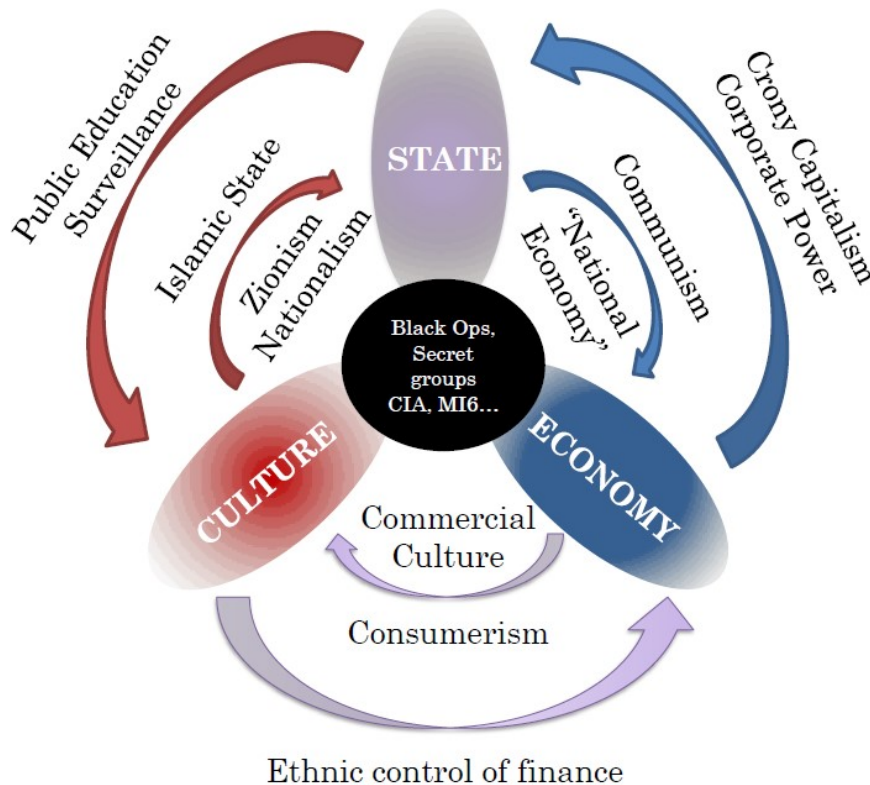
—Rudolf Steiner, “The Art of Healthcare: A Societal Concern”, 1920

“Sometime in the future, when another generation comes to recognize that land use is a matter of rights and should be decided purely on that basis, they will have a huge debt to clear. They will have to somehow absolve this debt before the land can be freed from the clutches of the market.”

—Michael Spence, “The Market in Land”, After Capitalism, 2014

OTHER ASPECTS:

Art from its “market”, music from its “industry”, pharmaceutical industry from medicine, tech industries from education.



SHADOWS OF THREEFOLDING IN 20th CENTURY