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Government, Corporations, The Military, and God

Government manipulate you to follow
Corporate leaders pay you to follow
Military leaders make you follow
God wants you to choose to follow

Government exists to keep power
Corporations exist to get themselves rich
The military exists to fight wars for rich people
God exists so He created us

Serving in the government means lying
Serving in corporations means not thinking
Serving in the military means suffering
Serving God means having peace and joy

Government creates laws and punishes
Corporations create economic recessions

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The military chooses the lesser of 2 evils
God creates true happiness in us

Government wants your mind
Corporations want your body
The military wants your blood
God wants your heart and soul

Governments last centuries
Corporations last decades
Military enlistments last 8 years
God help us live forever

Drill Sergeants vs. Holy Spirit

Drill Sergeants give orders
The Holy Spirit gives encouragement

Drill Sergeants don't care what you think
The Holy Spirit already knows what everyone thinks

Drill Sergeants motivate you by force
The Holy Spirit motivates you by grace

Drill Sergeants punish mere hesitation
The Holy Spirit never even condemns

Drill Sergeants want you to conform
The Holy Spirit want to transform you

Drill Sergeants laugh at your expense
The Holy Spirit suffers at His expense

Drill Sergeants make everything mandatory
The Holy Spirit is gentle and subtle

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Drill Sergeants emphasize their authority
The Holy Spirit has no need to prove Himself

Drill Sergeants are always in uniform
The Holy Spirit is not visible physically

Drill Sergeants stress you out
The Holy Spirit heals you

Drill Sergeants make horrible therapists
The Holy Spirit is the Wonderful Counselor

Fear is its Own Pain

For a soldier
The scariest thing
Is being deployed
It is never your desire
To use your combat skills
No one taught us to hate
They taught us to survive

Every soldier in the army
Is first and primarily trained for infantry
This means front line foot soldier
Everyone else is on the front line as well
This is to better support the foot soldier

That is why so many soldiers
Are in light infantry
Which means lighter
For the Air Force to carry
That doesn't mean the combat is any easier
You actually have to be
In as good a shape as Olympic athletes

You are expected to perform as infantry

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No matter what job you are trained for
After very minimal training
How do you train someone to survive
In a combat zone
It is easy to get people to fire back
If you are being fired upon
That still doesn't mean
You will rise to the occasion

It is hard to predict who can handle it
Even after training
1/3 of the soldiers who fought
In the last 2 American wars
That the US easily won
But failed to win the peace
Now have some level of PTSD

We think of ourselves as the good guys
In Star Wars world
We would be the evil empire
And the middle east would be
The homeland of the Jedi

We have the big army
We have the big empire
And we have great wealth and power
Those we fight are often
Wanted in their own countries

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And very poor and few in number

Those who fight against empire
In our time and place
Have equally great problems
Their societies are also divided
But over very different questions

In our Army we win as
We have the better technology
And more money
To train our soldiers better
Even with all the jokes
About people being stupid in the Army
There is some truth to that

But we are still light years ahead
Of any army we would possibly fight
And in our professionalism and skill

Of course from my experience in the Army
It is when someone gets stressed
That even brilliant people
Make dumb mistakes

Basic training is a big psychological test
As most Army infantry training is
They try to stress you out deliberately

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As it is one of the kinder ways
Of preparing soldiers for combat

Your first few days in the Army
Are a culture shock
The yelling is part of it
But that is just the top layer
There are many other layers as well

We were quickly given no choice
Our way or the highway
No highway option
But we were also explained why
They were training us the way they were
In great detail
This is why I know all this

The reason why your
Actual skill knowledge
Do not disqualify you
If you screw the tests up
Is if you have graduated from middle school
You have the intellect to be in the Army

And they also train you in these
Combat survival skills the entire time
That you are in the Army
No matter which job you have been given

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The Army is tough in many ways
It requires constant vigilance
It requires making decisions in an instant
And it requires very strong minds
This just isn't academically difficult

There are many intelligences
Other than scholastic ones
One of the intelligence areas
That I am lacking in
Is the mechanical or engineering mindset

Anyone who doesn't have that
Kind of ability by experience or DNA
Should not be able to enter the Army
As it severely limits the types of jobs
That you can qualify for
That are useful after you get out

Which is generally after your first tour
Which is technically 8 years
But most only serve 2-6 years active
But you likely will be called up
During that inactive time

If there is a war which there usually is
They seem to come like clockwork

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About every decade since World War 2

Army life is one of the most challenging
At least for Americans who qualify for college
Most people anytime and anywhere in history
Try to get the best careers they can for their families

And for most people
Who meet Army standards
Like lack of felonies and drug addiction
Have better prospects in
Almost any other profession

Being in the military
Looks good on a resume
But most enlisted soldiers
Now have a spouse and kid
This puts you at an income
That qualifies you for food stamps

The military takes extreme stances
On most issues
The choice is made
To not pay soldiers enough to live
In order to put all the money
To protect them in combat

You also are unlikely to get any

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College money, college credit, vacation,
Or other advertised benefits
For many reasons

The enlisted soldier is very indoctrinated
To not want to be a leader
After completing basic training
It killed all my confidence
And was what triggered
My psychotic break

I believe others fared better than me
As I was predisposed
To mental illness genetically
And I am a highly sensitive person

The main reasons I joined the military as enlisted
Was I didn't get high enough grades in school
And I believed God wanted me to join the military
My excuse is I am after all mentally ill

I think much too deeply
To be useful in combat
But I proved anyone can make it
Through Army training
Even some of the scary parts

But historically people like me

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Have their lives permanently destroyed
By their being drafted into a war
The reason they have not drafted since Vietnam
Is they don't need as many people
As we now have technology
That requires fewer people to run

We need fewer more highly trained soldiers
We are in the position
That the German military was in
During world war 2

We have such an edge over other armies
Both monetary and technological
That we could win a war
Against any country today
In a very short amount of time

Of course we wouldn't have enough people
Or enough resources or patience
To occupy the invaded country
We certainly are not better shooters
In the regular army anyway
We didn't even get hand to hand training
Because if it got to that point
We would be defeated anyway

Many people ask how I accepted my disability

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Compared to many veterans
I got a good deal
Veterans get compensated based on
Whether they can work or not
Not based on how much pain they go through

Missing a leg is so common
That it is only rare now
To be a high ranking officer
Missing both legs

Army medicine is excellent
At saving your life
When you are burned alive
But they don't acknowledge pain
Or mental illnesses as problems

Faith and Conflict

Faith is defined by action
Action is defined by obedience
To have saving faith
Means making choices
To constantly follow God

When you fail
God raises you back up again
Serving God means loving others
Loving others means
Helping those who need

This is by satisfying both
Their spiritual and physical needs
It also means forgiving others

There are many pacifists
Who are also devout Christians
Because the military is opposite
In many ways to the church

The church is symbolically
The bride of Christ

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Christianity teaches non-hierarchy
In how all Christians are treated
And how we treat everyone else

We are to forgive our enemies
Christ loves the church
As a man is to love his wife
The Church is then to serve Christ
Service and love mean similar things
In Christianity according to the Bible

There is no equality in the military
There is no freedom of choice
They forgive nothing
They are training you to do
The things no one wants to do
And no one ever should

A war is never advisable or inevitable
It is not morally ok and not effective
To respond violently
At least both in our current society
And internationally as a nation

The last 70 years of wars
The US failed to win the peace
We would have done better
To not let others pick a fight with us

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If someone attacks your family
And you strike back violently
Then you go to prison
How does this help your family

Of course when society totally disappears
You better respond violently
Or you will have no family anymore
You will know when society disappears
This happens when society legalizes murder
Or chooses not to enforce it
For any reason

We already allow stealing in many forms
Most vice crimes are already legal
What would be the Christian response
In the international world

According to the Bible
God wants to rule us directly
In our society
That might be through a prophet
Who we could verify
Is giving and receiving
The exact words of God

The Bible and the life of Christ

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Are both such examples
Christ was predicted by
The religious establishment
To be a military and political leader

He ended up healing people and forgiving sin
What we need to heal society
Is the forgiveness of sin
Along with charity

The Church for all its flaws
Is one of the last structured movements
And communities still relevant
And also existing in a meaningful way

There is no constant anymore in society
We no longer meet in groups in public
We no longer read anything
And we no longer prioritize the needy

Society is truly undoing itself
Our brains and our societies need God
It is unnatural and and ridiculous
As well as ethnocentric
To give up on God

How can you give up on God
He has never given up on us

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The offer is always there for salvation
Until you actually die
No matter what you have done

But isn't this the issue then
You don't want God
To save some people
You think are unworthy

Because your think your sins
Are somehow less evil or damaging
But its God's Heaven
And His right not yours to judge

For all those who think
That the Church is rich
Their records are public
As both the churches
And the legal system demand

Currently it is likely
There is more money
Spent frivolously like on salaries
Instead of the work of the charity
In the running of secular charities
Than of Christian ones
As many more Christians
Will do the work for free

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When you give to the Church
You are not giving to a stockpile of gold
Neither is God getting the money
The money is used to heal the world
Both physically and spiritually

Some people think
Spiritual things are unimportant
Because they believe
The spiritual world is not real

But just as cause and effect are real
And how you think
Is reflected in what you do
So who you choose to follow
And to spend time with
Has a direct effect
On what your mind is filled with
And on how you think

Why We Can't Relax

It is difficult to relax
If you are a critical thinker
If you read a lot of non-fiction
Or if you are distrustful of others

Relaxing requires you
To allow yourself to be distracted
And not be fully aware
If your mind is always thinking
It makes it very hard to let go

You have to try to remember
Being a small child
When you used to daydream
When school still taught art

To imagine things without constraints
And to just feel things
Without thinking

You don't always need to hear
Every word everyone says
Or to explain everything

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The school system
Tries to beat out of us
The ability to be child like
We are overly focused
On doing things
And building things for show
To prove that we have learned

If you did well in school
It his hard to turn off your mind
In the military you rarely sleep
They believe you can sleep when you are dead

Our country is run like a business
We require people to constantly perform
And to get better over time

It is not that these pursuits are bad
Certainly you should work hard
At important things like your job or religion
And be disciplined in many aspects of life

When it comes to unwind
You have to allow relaxation to happen
You have to give up on your work
And let the day end

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It is not a method to learn
Or anything you need to do better
It is more like playing than learning
To relax requires being frivolous

To stop thinking
You should not be concerned
With creating anything
Or solving a problem

You need to stop trying to concentrate
And not care about work
This is part of being a balanced person
It can save you from many addictions

Our society is so bent on
Learning things and moving forward
That we type A personalities
Or analytical thinkers
Can get ourselves involved in bad things
Because we are unwilling to stop

Tenacity is a useful trait
But it can be taken too far
If you try the same thing for many years
And you do not exceed
Give up and try something else
Or at least do it in a new way

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We constantly worry about our health
And worry about our world
But to a large extent
The first is determined much by DNA
And the other by people
Who have similar problems
That have gotten even worse than yours
Just to be able to influence others

It is ok to not be a brain surgeon
You really cannot be the best in the world
At almost anything
Because no matter how good you are
Someone is going to be better than you
This is not a failure

You don't have to solve everyone's problems
You don't have to preserve everything
That you have every created
You do not always have to have a camera
Or always have to know the current time

We don't need to always know the latest news
We don't need an alarm clock
When we don't work that day
There are always more things that can be done
But the truly wise will stop short

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One of the great examples from the Bible
Is the story of Mary and Martha
Martha did everything conceivable
To prepare for Jesus Christ
Coming to her house

But Mary simply kept Christ company
Mary did what was the greater thing
Spending time with God was more important

The only way we will conquer
Our many addictions
Is if we learn how to rest

Some people will go their entire lives
Without ever learning this
They will help the world greatly
But they will have no joy or peace

You are worthy of being taken care of
God values you before you have done anything
Christ was equally pleased with the man
Who was given less talents
And produced less than the other man

Heaven is the ultimate resting place
This is likely why we don't understand it

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And why so many think we can earn it

Never give up
But put a pause button on your latest project
Because you are plenty motivated
To finish it another day

Watch how animals behave
They don't worry about having food
For the next day and yet they do

If you want to relax
Simply end your day a little early
Work itself can be a powerful addiction

If doing things solved every problem
The Bible would have a list of things to do
Like any self help book knockoff
On "serious" philosophy

God actually ordered Israel
To take a break from work
Not just once a week
But to have parties
Numerous times throughout the year
So that they could remember
What God had done for them

Spiraling Downward

Getting to spend independence day
With drill sergeants
Finally finish in-processing
9 days later
Only supposed to take 2 days

We begged to start basic training
As it only lasts 8 weeks
And we could be stuck
In in-processing forever

Dropping for push-ups
Every time we did
Another rifle movement drill

Unable to scale down wall
With face forward
In confidence course

After feeling my hand burning
I gasped for air
After I was told to
Take off my gas mask

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Some soldiers failed
Last performance test
So we all failed
Other platoons got more privileges
But we don't

In my fox hole
While doing rifle shooting training
Drill sergeant and officer scream
Standing behind me
Which one is which voice

I pass the rifle shooting test
Because they set up a rigged lane
I still barely passed

Asked why I didn't fire
With my dominant hand
Other drill sergeant
Said I was left eye dominant

Grenade training I failed
Even the name for the
Tear gas grenade
And barely got the 2nd live grenade
Over the cement wall

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Sent to medical clinic
Other side of giant base
In middle of night

As a hypochondriac soldier
Thought he was sick again
I got even less sleep that night
I was his assigned “buddy” then

I once told the drill sergeant
That I had shaved that day
When I really hadn’t
Because I was so used to
Saying yes drill sergeant

Rifle ripped from my hand
By drill sergeant
When in field training
Had to crawl on stomach through dirt
As punishment

My other drill sergeant
Was looking for me
With an entire grenade
Of tear gas

For my fox hole
I slept that night

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In my gas mask

They let off some yellow gas
My mask was on in 2 seconds
They were actually impressed then

In field training
Officer testing security
I let in without password or challenge
And saluted him

I must have missed that day
Doing kitchen patrol
Which was actually a privilege
Like when they did the Geneva conventions training
So we could follow international laws

Later I was on suicide watch
That must have been why I missed
The training with live fire
And was put on kitchen patrol instead
But I wasn't afraid of that

The last set of performance tests
I failed the clearing the rifle
And the claymore mine tests
Drill sergeant was very disappointed
I was told to avoid him for a while

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The last physical training test
I ran slower than the previous one
People thought I was fast
But I was just in good shape

I enjoyed running in training
Because no one yelled at me then

We celebrated basic training
With cleaning chores
As there was a hurricane coming
And military bases are fallout shelters

I did really enjoy bayonet training though
Where we staved wooden posts
But I almost ran through an officer
I didn't do so well in the simulation
With actual soldiers

The army likes you this way
Gullible, submissive, and afraid
Basically weak and young

God's Thoughts and Ways

The military is very depressing
They have to constantly make decisions
In which both sides lose
It is just a question of how much

But God is not like that
But there are references in the Bible
To warfare used as analogies
And war happens
In both the future and the past

As to the past many of that is non-violent
And to the future
We don't know enough to speculate

In the New Testament
Warfare is used as an analogy
To describe aspects of the spiritual world

Jesus is the Prince of Peace

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But Christ also had some harsh things
To say about the religious establishment
But He created the nation of Israel and the Church
Which have lasted millennia

The thing is that God is both merciful
But He is perfectly good as well
He cannot tolerate our evil behavior
This is the central importance
Of Christ's birth, death, and resurrection
As the Son of God and Son of Man

God reconciled the paradoxical nature of Himself
At His own expense
As God is kind, humble, and long-suffering
And we should be too

God is slow to anger and quick to forgive
What angers God is sin
As evil is both contrary to who God is
And is the entire source of our suffering

We often see the world today
As having a personal and social sphere
Where we think we can do whatever we want
As long as it does not hurt others

Christ challenges this way of thinking

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Like in the psychological concept of Adler
These spheres are not separate
Personal and social psychology cannot be separated

The spiritual connects to the physical
And it happens through the mind
This is the reason why Qi is effective
An is the basis of Chinese medicine
This ultimate connector I think
Is the Holy Spirit of God Himself

The Apostle Paul talks of transforming the mind
To change your spiritual direction
To grow up in a spiritual and emotional sense

God is the ultimate rehabilitator
He truly changes people over time
To be better people in all ways
From the inside out

God sees people as they are now
But also sees how they could be
The past is less relevant to Him

God wanted people to rest, the land to rest,
And He wanted criminals to be set free
This was to happen in cycles of 7
This is why even today 7 years is significant legally

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Both for taxes and for felonies

Christ realized that the mind and body
Are important just like the spirit is
He after all both made and lived as one of us
He understands our abilities and limitations
Better than we do

He can and will heal physical, mental, and spiritual
Traumas, conditions, and evil choices
Sometimes He does this directly and supernaturally
Other times he prefers to work with professionals
At other times He does a bit of both

But all good things come from God
God has bigger and better plans than us though

He as a genius can orchestrate
An entire symphony of events
Of seemingly unrelated things
To realize His will and purpose

Some of the most modern
And forward thinking ideas
Are straight out of the Bible

God used non-violence and creativity
Even in the Old Testament

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Even when fulfilling moral judgement
On evil societies
To bring about great changes

God usually chooses leaders
Who are anti-heroes
At the time of the great epic heroes
Of the ancient world

The Apostle Paul also talked
Of different realities and dimensions
The spiritual world is a truly weird world
Much beyond what we could imagine

The Apostle Paul was the first existentialist
The Bible even has a whole book on nihilism
The earliest book of the Bible takes an entirely
Different view on evil and suffering

In the past 4,000 years
Scholars have barely scratched the surface
Of what the Bible contains
Of what even the part people can understand

The Bible has more in a couple verses
Than an entire Hindu epic poem

But it can be understood by us peons as well

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God is the greatest of equalizers
Some people just think that they are
Morally superior to other people

In God's explanation of spiritual warfare
The only weapon is the Bible
All the other provisions given from God
Are merely defensive in nature

In the Bible people are not the enemy
Christ wants all to be saved
Hell was not created for people

The battle in the spiritual world
Is in the individual's mind
And within the church itself
If you can transform both of these
You can truly transform the world

But God has no limits
On what He can do
He is also by nature good and merciful
He is also called the God of armies

Christ leads a war in the end days
Against the evil empire
Led by the devil himself

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God is a lot of things
But the most important thing to know
Is He understands us and
He is on our side and that of animals

It always amazes me when I realize
How some of the best Bible references
Were completely created
Many years before the first computer

Military vs. Church

The military and the Church
Have little in common
With the outside world

The military is based on suffering
The Church is based on healing
The military is run by other people
The Church is run by God

The peons in the Church
Are what they call enlisted in the military
In the military most are treated like slaves
Whereas in the Church they are treated as friends

The military is severe in punishment
The Church is all about forgiveness
The military mission is to kill and destroy
The mission of the Church is to teach peace

The military expects everything of you
Christ has taken on the weight of the world
The military exploits what you already know
Christ gives you gifts for Church service

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Christians go to church because they choose to
People join the military because they are tricked
And then they are not allowed to leave

The Church and the military both teach sacrifice
But the Church also teaches reciprocity
The Church asks you to serve
But also offer services for you

The military instills great values in soldiers
Humility and sacrifice are essential
But the same applies to everyone
Others should choose to serve you too
To have a positive community

We need balance and be mutually
Kind to each other
The world is selfish and self-centered

Our entire government and economy
Are based on individuality
At the expense of the group
The military is based on teamwork
At the expense of the individual

The military and the world are so sarcastic
Not in humor but in outlook and ideology

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The military and the world
Are both out of balance and one sided

The Church teaches equality and balance
The world is full of anger
But the Church is supposed to
Serve our enemies

God executes His judgment and punishment
In His time, place, and methods
And by His own hand
The Church does not serve this role

One of the big problems internationally
Is the cycle of revenge throughout history
One group persecutes another
Then the reverse happens later
When the second group gains power

Forgiveness is the answer to revenge
It all come down to attitude

We start with the world's attitude
Where we only see things
From our point of view
Later we see things
From others' point of view

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In order to be happy
We need to see things
From God's point of view

For many people
The Church and the military
Are similar in nature and temperament
Both involve being
Selfless and disciplined

The problem with this is
We need balance in life
It is true God wants us
To care about others
But God and His Church
Care about us as well

Just as Christian spouses are
To love and serve each other
So Christ and the Church
Love and serve each other as well

Both the military and the Church
Are both sincere and well intentioned
The military has to do things
No one should want to do to another
The Church is tasked with
Doing things we all know we should

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The Church has a positive role in the world
Because it is based on peace and healing
The military is tasked with hurting others
And themselves in the process
So that entitled people benefit
Without doing any work to help

The Church is dependent on
Every member working together
And Christ gives gifts specifically for
Use in His Church

If we really love God
We show it in action
If we are really committed to Christ
We should help with His Church

Society today is all about talk
With no real change
The Church is not satisfied
With things as they are

Whether they like it or not
Christians are being forced
To make a deliberate and long term choice
If they want to be violent or peaceful
To forgive or condemn others

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The question boils down to this
Do you trust that God
Has a better plan
Than you or the world do

If so we need to fight the culture
We need to change this me first attitude

Following God actually reduces stress
For most of us these means
Giving up distractions and busy work
Which we might enjoy immensely

But God is definitely worth it
It is like trading in your trash
And getting gold in return

Truth and Trust

Our society has given up on truth
Finding it easier to lie and deceive
We have taken the easy route
We need more discipline and respect

Our world is about to go under
And it is about fraud more than anything
People do not want anything
To do with other people
Because of scams

People are worried about using technology
Or meeting other people or buying things
As so many people
Want to get rich quick

We cannot just accept this as part of life
Our country is based on greed to a degree
But when everyone scams everyone
The whole system collapses

The Internet has made crime too easy
As it has made everything else too easy as well

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Part of it is harder to make money
Part of it is we are addicted to money

Many people cannot accept being comfortable
They want to be fabulously wealthy
Or they will accept having nothing
It is very much a poverty and prison mentality
Everyone is fighting for scraps

Everyone believes this will solve their problems
It is like people who are addicts
Just want more of their drug of choice
How do we get people to stop this kind of thinking

We need to convince each other
To spend more time with God
We need wisdom and self control
Something we very much need God for

But also we need to continue to choose
And make an effort to fight this
It will take time and not be easy

I pray God will make a way forward
Obvious to everyone
And illuminate our paths
So that we may have discernment
And know what is true

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And what are merely lies

With our increased power via technology
We need to get our society under control
Not by laws and punishment alone
We need to get people to want to change

Some of this will take time
But we can start with prayer
As we have limited to no ability
To change anyone else's mind

We need to start with our own lives
And live lives of truth and wisdom
We need to stop depending on
Technology alone to protect us

We need to be responsible in everything
Ultimately we need to bring our fears to God
The one thing we can be sure of in life
Is that we did not come out of nowhere
God created us

Most people believe in Christ enough
To adopt some of His ideas
Why not then adopt them all

If we do not get this under control

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We will no longer have technology
But maybe that is the point

I wonder if the end goal of organized hacking
Is to bring down the world
After all the Internet in its organization
And its governance literally is an anarchy

Most security is now done by technology
By a combination of encryption
Which means information is scrambled
Without the correct code
Limiting what both you and the hacker
Are allowed to do
And the third is to have layers of security

Currently we have an internet security problem
Where we once had a Microsoft security problem
One of the biggest problems in security today
Is we have little control over our data

We cannot dictate to other companies
Who hold our data
To take reasonable precautions
To protect our data

Another problem is there are too many features
Especially in web browsers

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And they can run code from anywhere

These two thing stifle competition
No one can make a new browser
Because of their present complexity
And security is so bad
People will not trust anyone
Who is not a giant corporation

Some people say the solution is Bitcoin
But it is very easy to steal
And like the Internet
Its effective security and anonymity
Are ineffective in a practical sense

The big reason so much crime
Happens on the Internet
Is America has raised a generation of hackers
Hacking is considered cool amongst teenagers
And our government has used it so much
That now the other countries are using it too

Obviously government does not care enough
Or know enough to fix these problems
And technology solutions
Have limited effectiveness
As most benefit hacking as much as security

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Much of this is out of our control
But God is available to us
He is a much bigger force in the world
He can and will bring about change
Although in His time and by His methods

We should always pray to God
When we need discernment for anything
And this warrants much prayer
We need to wait upon the Lord
He will bring a way forward

No one even dreamed of who Christ would be
Or what He would do
Or what that would change
For thousands of years

And yet many still followed Him anyway
That is real faith
What this requires is prayer