

Culture, as a force, is ...

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- **Thought:** Made from *Thought* - that's its primary constituent - *which, according to its FB-page, is currently in a Chicken n Egg relationship with Action*
- **dynamic library of accumulated consciousness:** a recording of observed manifestations of human reality - i.e History. As with clocks/calendars, it is a measurement of *Time*. We measure ourselves against it - it measures us, shapes us. It can also bend *Time*
- **communal mental-image:** that amounts to an interactive mind-computer-game - with rules - generated by people. But culture is not a real person as such - similar, but different, a virtual version of a real one. *Reality* is the interface *image* between perception/projection
- **living entity:** same as any other bio-mass - follows the laws of *DNA* - wants to exist - extend. To that end - it consumes. To do that efficiently, it cooperates, organizes - forms functional societies - same way cells do - except it doesn't die like we do ...
- **manipulatable commodity:** which has currency - human *power*. If there was no culture, there'd be no *power*. *Culture* is the magic ingredient that makes the metaphysical world go

round. Cultural influence is a finite commodity. The more it is centralized, the less influence the individual has - & vice versa - it's an inverse relationship.

- **two-way street:** if Culture's *Dynamic* is functioning healthfully, it influences you - but you can influence its arse back. The Taiwanese indigenous buluo community is one good example - traditional & modern versions - where the village has real power. It was under attack by Big-culture - fought through it in the 1990s - still going strong today. It's also at the heart of Aristotle's *polis* thinking - the first anti-globalist - he knew the dangers of power centralization having lived in the time of Alexander the Great. The ideal state, Aristotle said, is one encompassed by the range of the town-crier's voice. That way, if you've got a good idea, or a helping hand, or a grievance, you can input it meaningfully into your culture. Try doing that in the New Normal - see how you get along. Indigenous (& non) communities, self-sustaining ones, are vestiges of Aristotle's polis. If the power/internet goes off in a drawn out war, which it will, these communities will come roaring back into style
- **eternal God:** outlives us all - true life after death