

Reflections on "The Value Crisis"

The following questions are organized by chapter. You might choose to make some notes after each chapter, or use them to inspire discussion afterwards.

Introduction

Do you ever think about any of the questions on page 10? How would you answer them now?

Chapter 1 - The Rise of Numbers

How would you answer the three questions on page 30/31?

What qualitative values are important to you? Are there number-based values that threaten their influence?

Chapter 2 - Decision-Making and Numbers

Can you think of any decisions you made where you consciously decided to ignore or downplay the relevant numbers? What happened?

Chapter 3 - Money: The Number Culture

What practices would you follow when buying goods in a developing country?

How does country of origin affect your shopping choices? Why?

Chapter 4 - What's Your Motivation?

In what ways is money a motivator for you? How might that affect your emotional well-being?

Chapter 5 - The Value of Time

The author proposes that we should pay more for materials and less for labour. What do you think of this concept?

If you could, how would you alter the amount of time you have and how would you spend it? What prevents you from doing this?

Chapter 6 - Banking on Numbers

The author proposes that value creation based on math alone should be dispensed with, including interest charges. Do you agree or disagree?

Chapter 7 - Numbers Incorporated

Do you think a hierarchy of needs can be generally applied to corporations? Would you agree with the author's choices for the levels?

Chapter 8 - Numbering Our Days

The concept of polarities is a powerful one. Can you think of other pairs of conflicting forces in your life that might be a polarity, to be managed instead of solved?

Chapter 9 - Numbers Rule

The author considers chapter 9 to be something of a 'rogue' chapter. Perhaps his most radical proposal is to question the superior value of choices just because they get more votes. What was your reaction to this somewhat 'radical' thinking?

Chapter 10 - Value Systems in Conflict

Can you think of examples where your personal value personae are in conflict? How do you resolve that conflict?

If the author is right that our 'citizen' values are not properly championed in modern society, how might we try to collectively bring all three value types back into balance?

Conclusion

The author envisions the inevitable collapse our current state of affairs, one way or another. Do you agree? How would you prepare for such a collapse?

Has the book changed your perspective on any of the world around you? Is there anything you might now consider doing differently?

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