

The Eyes Of Envy

Part 2



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Creator's Note

This introduction to envy is taken from an essay I wrote in 2007. It's fascinating to observe how many of the examples of envy I used are still appropriate and valid today.

The Behavioral Scripts and Normalcy Biases on display in the examples seem to be the same as a decade ago.

*Maybe "everything" **doesn't** change after all. Or, at least not enough to notice! :-)*

To fit our website, I've reformatted everything, updated some images and kept examples of envy in the time frame of 2007.

I've been wanting to create this FutureBook Project (FBP) since I first read *ENVY* by Professor Helmut Schoeck in 1973.

Now is the time to start.

It's my intense desire and hope you'll find this FBP useful.

For 44 years I've observed how debilitating and detrimental the human emotion of envy can be to human existence.

Understanding the Template of Envy has made it much easier for me to avoid being steamrolled by the Dark Spirit of Envy.

What's surprised me over time is how well envy seems to be able to "hide in plain sight" when the insignia of this behavior is so apparent. All one needs to know is how and where to look.

Here's to your good thinking.

CHEERS!

Glenn L. Flock

January 20, 2017

Today being a *very good day* for many reasons.



Knights in Shining Armor

While a few authors have written books on the subject, very few pundits, commentators, or bloggers fully understand envy.

There simply aren't enough people who really "get it". Not as many as one might wish or hope for.

[Rush Limbaugh](#) is one of the few that gets fairly close when he talks about "class envy". [Search for "envy" in his search box.]

There are others who periodically give it a drive-by shot, but most dance around envy by using phrases like "hatred of Bush", "hatred of Clinton", hatred of this or that, etc.

Fortunately, a few commentators really do "get it". They deeply understand envy and its profound effects on human action.

One is [Dr. Jack Wheeler](#) at [ToThePointNews](#).

He especially comprehends how envy relates to politics and the War on Terror. You'll be well served to read his work.

[He has important insight into envy.](#)

For the Studious (especially the Scholarly), [Dr. Joel Wade](#) well understands envy. [This video](#) will keep you occupied.



Who Are "They", You Ask?



Here are a few well-known people in various categories who are so consumed by this hatred-of-the-good-for-being-the-good that it extrudes from every pore like Green [Gorp](#) of [Goules](#).

These classifications are used to show the variety that exists within the envy-infected population at large.

Political:

Certainly envy reaches across the entire political spectrum but the most egregious offenders are on the LEFT. (My opinion.)

Please don't blame the messenger for what follows because, at this point, *I face a dilemma*:

If I list just a few of the worst enviers among politicians, I'll be accused of being way too "political" and turn some people off. Many may be agitated enough to cause a raving fit of irreverent Bark & Blather.

Unable to comprehend the full meaning of "worst", they will believe I'm making a naked attack only on (and all of) the LEFT. No "balance". No attempt to be "fair".

If I don't identify them and leave it to readers' imagination, I'll be accused of being more concerned with being "politically correct" than bravely stating my opinion.

By showing a few examples of the worst (the most egregious; but, not all) politicians levitated by envy, many readers will conclude I'm a rabid Conservative (most certainly **not**) or perhaps a Liberal Poltroon in disguise.

In the classical sense of the word "liberal", they would be close. Try *laissez faire* Capitalist and be very close.

I say this knowing full well that less than 1/10 of 1.0% of those capable of reading FULLY understand what a rational definition of Capitalism really is. Again, don't blame the messenger (me) that a major dysfunctional behavioral characteristic of the Left is **envy**.

Of course, the Middle, Right, and In-betweeners also traffic in envy; but not to the extent of the Left.

Well, "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead". I'm letting fly my "loose lips" (WW II Talk) to sink the ships of envy sailing the mighty Sea of Dark spirits that's located next to the Land of Intentional Ignorance. **A poltroon I am not.**



Senators:

Charles Schumer, Harry Reid, **Barbara Boxer**, Barbara Mikulski, **Richard Durbin**, Tom Harkin, "Swift Boat" Kerry, **Patrick Leahy**, Carl Levin, Russell Feingold, **Patty Murray**, and **Bernard Sanders**.

Also, for most of their lives, Kennedy and Rockefeller are near the top since, due to inherited wealth, they have exhibited envy simply to deflect the envy of others.

However, both have let envy-osmosis creep into their minds and have become world-class enviers as well.

Congress People:

Nancy Pelosi, John Murtha, "Jihad Jim" McDermott, Barney Franks, John Dingell, Henry Waxman, Robert Wexler, John Conyers, Shelia Jackson Lee, Pete Stark.



There are multiple **dozens** more in this lineup of Barking Spiders.

They're pretty easy to spot, aren't they?

And, of course, we mustn't forget the world-class envy magnets of **Howard Dean**, **Ralph Nader** and **Ramsey Clark** — all marinated to the point of saturation with *rancid envy*.

These three are way beyond the pale.

The political list seems infinite; Jimmy Carter (the older he gets the worse he gets), **Al Gore**, Jesse Jackson, Pat Robertson, **Terry McAuliffe**, **George Soros**, to continue *ad nauseam*.

Celebrities:

Hollywood. You can start with Jane Fonda, Janeane Garofalo, Barbara Streisand, Ed Asner, Mike Farrell, Martin Sheen, and Michael Moore. A small phone book can be filled — there's no shortage of entertainers and movie stars from which to choose.



Michael Moore

In my opinion, no one is more the mindless, narcissistic and pathetic polemicist.

Profoundly out of touch with reality, he's polluted to his last fat cell with **envy**, lies, and low self-esteem. Rancid he is.

In spite of overeating, he's at once, a negative space and a pitiful poltroon. A "magical thinking" flake bobbing like a cork on the Ocean of Distortion.

(Take that, Michael — that is an [ad hominem](#) attack on your hypocrisy, character and behavior.)

For many celebrities, life is a chronic and desperate effort of expressing their own envy in order to avoid the **Mal Ojo** (Evil Eye) of others.

They either can't stand the success of others or they make heroic efforts to build barricades against the potential envy, anger, resentment, and hatred of others towards them.

Especially when their fans revolt and target *them*.

They live lives of immense guilt over receiving tons of money for pretending to be real people.

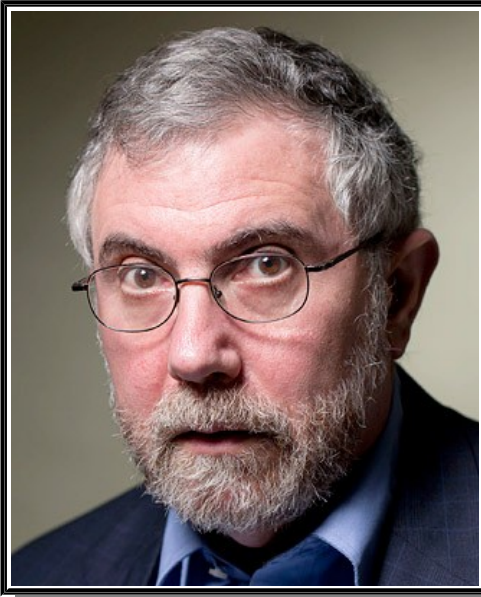
They are quite susceptible to suffering from congealed-brain syndrome — they often let fly an irretrievable urge to stuff their minds with abject nonsense. It remains until it congeals. The concept of considering facts based in reality never have a chance. There is no known cure.

Activists, Columnists, Media, and Pundits:

Paul Begala, Sidney Blumenthal, Jimmy Breslin, Pat Buchanan, James Carville, Eleanor Clift, Ward Churchill, Maureen Dowd, Jim Hightower, Molly Ivins, Michael Kinsley, **Paul Krugman**, Phyllis Schlafly, William Raspberry, and Helen Thomas.

This list could go on until it disappears into the black hole at the center of our galaxy.

A careful review of Ayn Rand's views stated earlier will be most helpful in understanding why the following two men deserve special comment.



[Paul Krugman](#) is probably the most envy-riddled in this group. Google his writings, statements, and commentary. Observe his demeanor on camera.

Look at his body language; especially watch his eyes.

He's the Poster Child for the ever present Crossing-Eyes-While-Passing-Gas crowd.

A [Paul Krugman interview](#) (August 2004) with Bill O'Reilly on an MSNBC show hosted by Tim Russert is a searing example for observing every facet of envy known. After researching, you be the final judge on how much Paul Krugman is saturated with envy.

Dan Rather, a pitiful old hack who, in his last sonorous gasp of intense envy-based hatred of the Bush family, destroyed his reputation forever with his reports on the "[Bush National Guard](#)" affair.

He was willing to give up personal treasure (reputation) to express his insidious envy.

Science:

[Jeremy Rifkin](#). He's dedicated a career to anti-progress (he's a devout follower of the Precautionary Principle) thereby proving the concept of precipitation. He's over-saturated with resentment of achievement.

Another person that sometimes fits the envy template is [Bill Joy](#) from the computer world.



Not another damned word about “global warming”, Poo Face.

Environmentalists:

Sadly and tragically, probably at least 80% afflicted.
(Pareto lives.)

They suffocate the rational people advocating the use
of serious science to actually protect our environment.

Terrorists:

ALL — no exceptions. No additional words required.

POTS ARE HOT

Most of the people identified above will adamantly and
powerfully disagree with being placed on the list.

Their pot is hot. So hot it’s boiling over the side and cremating
bugs on the ground. [Where’s P.E.T.A.?)

I don’t care. They possess a level of psychological denial that
only professional mental health workers and recovering
alcoholics will fully appreciate and easily recognize.

Most seem to suffer from magical thinking. Others will think, by
listing actual human beings, I’m making *ad hominem* attacks.
Actually attacking their *personal* character, no less. *Oh my!*

Well, so what?

Envy is a part of one’s character, persona, and behavior.

When observing an **envious** baboon, shark, goat, or toad, I’ll
"attack" them too. Would they be *ad babooninem*, *ad*
sharkinem, *ad goatinem*, and *ad toadinem* attacks? Why not?

REALITY

Envy is ENVY, regardless of who spews it.

It's a component and characteristic of a person's character, persona, and psyche. **It is by definition, *ad hominem*.**



If I've set your boat on fire by listing a few politicians and other public personalities — well, all I can say is you have me confused with someone who cares.

SOME OF MY OWN THOUGHTS

Even if you're non-religious, agnostic, atheist, or non-theist, it's **not** difficult to imagine (or even conclude) that — Envy is a sin; possibly the worst of all.

It may very well be *fundamental* to all other sins such as theft, rape, and murder.

It's pervasive and applicable to every society and culture since the Stone Age.

ENVY is the desire to cause or enjoy another human's loss of an existing or potential value.

And, of course, the highest possible human value is the existence of one's own life. Everything else is subordinate.

Sacrificing your life at the Altar of Envy simply sends you into a Pity Pit of despair and anguish.

Try not to do it.

Not ever.

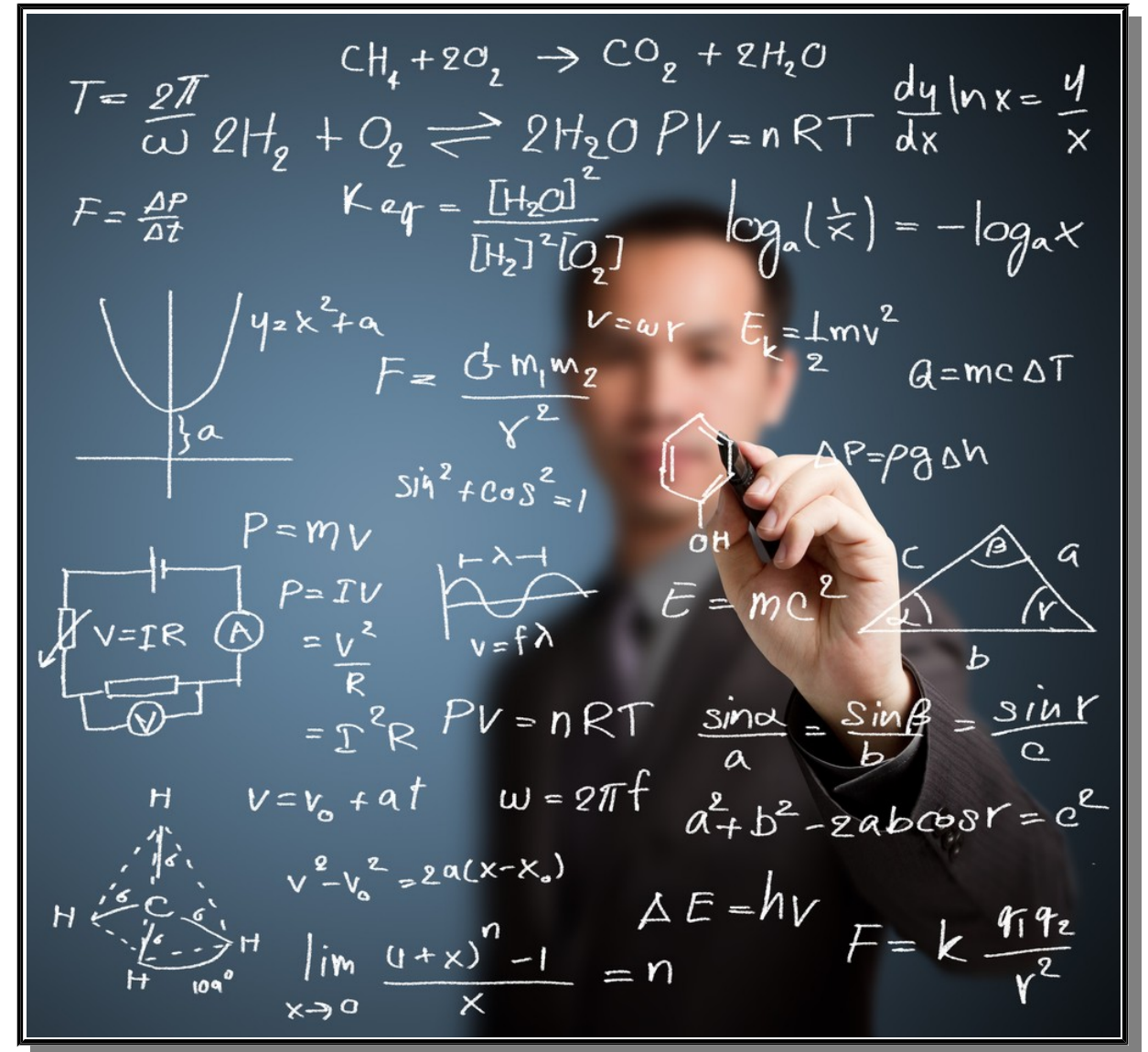


AT THE CORE

Central to envy is [social comparison](#). When a person of envy compares abilities, achievements, or possessions with another — and comes away with a sense of utter inadequacy — it brings forth a whole universe of negative and self-destructive emotions. To name but a few:

- anger
 - anguish
 - anxiety
 - hate
 - doubt
 - fear
 - spite
 - resentment

From plentiful evidence and plain common sense, one may easily and confidently conclude:



**Envy is a net subtraction
from the sum of human existence.**

What About Jealousy?

Jealousy is often confused with envy, but it's slightly different.

Jealousy is an emotion experienced when a person is threatened by the loss of an important *relationship* (still a likely value) with another person — not by the resentment of anyone having "stuff".

While jealousy can lead to hard-core envy, it is the lesser evil.

The murders committed by **O.J. Simpson** may well have been motivated by jealousy and then deteriorated into the worst kind of envy. He murdered two people just so *"no one else could have Nicole"*.

Then, a mindless jury refused to find him guilty because they, as racists, *"didn't want whitey-justice"* to prevail.

They — the jury — refused to live in objective reality.

The jurors preferred to lead their lives in psychological denial, ignorance, and stupidity — until they die.

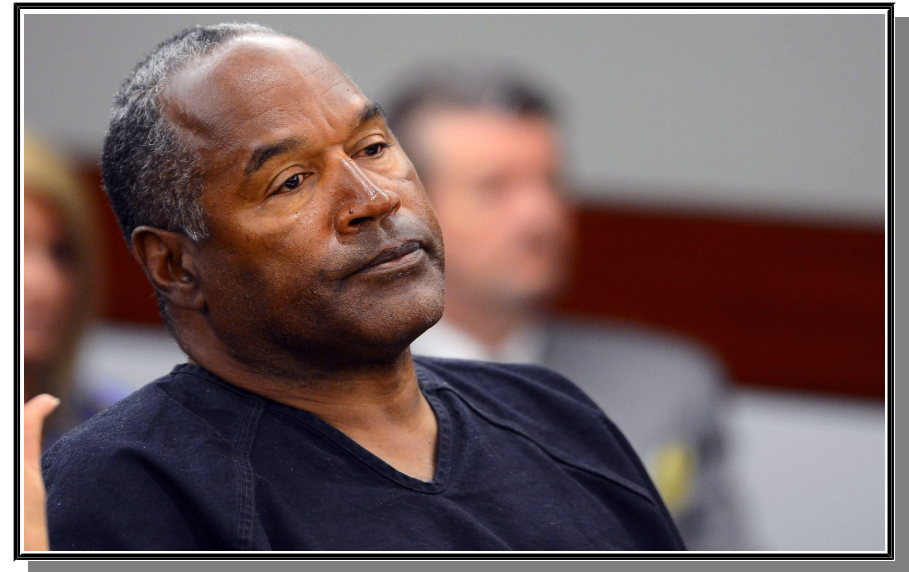
Talk about self-destruction! Fortunately for the scales of justice, the civil trial found him **guilty**. He **earned** that guilt.

Think about it — O.J. Simpson murdered two people just so no other human could have a relationship with his former wife.

He knew his relationship with Nicole was over.

And, as far as he's concerned, it's irrelevant that he also murdered Mr. Goldberg; a totally innocent man who had the sad misfortune of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

If there's a Hell, may this fat sociopath — and all murderers — forever be a resident; naked, smoldering, and sizzling in an infinite kettle of sulfuric acid.



The jealous and envious eyes of evil, personified.



"For those with Tennis Envy, we're on the chase!"

RESEARCH

In researching envy, I discovered an extremely interesting study by two professors that shocked and stunned me to the core.

It has to do with the question of whether or not people will give up their own treasure just to exercise envy. They certainly will.

The astoundingly high percentage of people who will sacrifice in this way simply boggles the mind.

For those who relish going to the fountainhead, Google search this on the Internet or go directly to Professor [Andrew Oswald's](#) site for the paper:

Zizzo, D.J. & Oswald, A., 2000. "[Are People Willing to Pay to Reduce Others' Incomes?](#)," [The Warwick Economics Research Paper Series \(TWERPS\)](#) 568, University of Warwick, Department of Economics. [Downloadable!]

Abstract

This paper studies utility interdependence in the laboratory. We design an experiment where subjects can reduce ("burn") other subjects' money. Those who burn the money of others have to give up some of their own cash to do so.

Despite this cost and contrary to the assumptions of economics textbooks, the majority of our subjects chose to destroy at least part of others' money holdings.

We vary experimentally the amount that subjects have to pay to reduce other people's cash. The implied price elasticity of burning is calculated; it is mostly less than unity. There is a strong correlation between wealth, or rank, and the amounts by which subjects are burnt.

In making their decisions, many burners, especially disadvantaged ones, seem to care about whether another person 'deserves' the money he has. Desert is not simply a matter of relative payoff.

Now, I guessed the percentage of people who would actually sacrifice their own treasure — and stuff — would be at most 10% - 15%.

"C'mon, it's one thing to hate someone as an envy-twit, but to actually spend one's own booty doing it?"

Folks, hang on to your sanity because this study shows the percentage of envious people willing to do just that will freeze-dry you where you sit.

The percentage is almost 66% — nearly two thirds!

That percentage can only be described as HUGE!

That's right; nearly two thirds of all enviers you encounter are willing to "whack you good" —

even if it drains their personal swamp.

As this information wends its way about your synapses; the staggering implications and ramifications will likely make your knees do a Knock & Wobbly.

Let your mind soar. Think how drastically this may effect your world, your work, and your relationships.




I suggest these human predilections carry profound implications all the way from one-to-one relationships to interactions between nations and everywhere in between.

En garde!

Back when man lived in
caves and congregated in
tribes numbering few to
“*many*” individuals.

Before they acquired higher intelligence, humans may have enjoyed real benefits from envy. It mitigated the possibility that an individual could benefit more than others in terms of resource competition.

A vibrant, cartoonish illustration of a prehistoric scene. In the center, a caveman with a beard and a loincloth is playing a large, green, horn-like instrument. To his left, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a bikini-like outfit, is also playing a similar green instrument. To the right, another caveman is holding a large, dark, shield-like object. In the foreground, a caveman is holding a spear. The background is a lush green landscape with flying birds and a bright sun. The overall style is reminiscent of a classic comic book or a children's magazine illustration.

A photograph of Bill Clinton, President of the United States, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing his index finger upwards. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". The podium features the Seal of the President of the United States.A photograph of Bill Clinton, President of the United States, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing his index finger upwards. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". The podium features the Seal of the President of the United States.A photograph of Bill Clinton, President of the United States, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing his index finger upwards. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". The podium features the Seal of the President of the United States.A photograph of Bill Clinton, President of the United States, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing his index finger upwards. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". The podium features the Seal of the President of the United States.A photograph of Bill Clinton, President of the United States, speaking at a podium. He is wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red tie with a small pattern. He is gesturing with his right hand, pointing his index finger upwards. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing the text: "I did not have sexual relations with that woman". The podium features the Seal of the President of the United States.



This was a world of **superstition** and belief in the **supernatural**. Way before the existence of efficient processes, philosophy, technology, and science — especially philosophy and science. This epoch was the genesis of altruism and its collectivist and Socialist spawn. But that's a story for another time. OK, you say, what about today?

Indeed, it's a very long way from the epoch of Early Man to the 21st century. A large book could be written about how envy was a fellow traveler that effected everything.

I will say this about our world of today and tomorrow:

Biologically, our brains are little different than 50,000 years ago. Most of us still carry the same genetically imprinted thinking of the caveman era with all the attending superstitious, supernatural, and mystical belief systems.

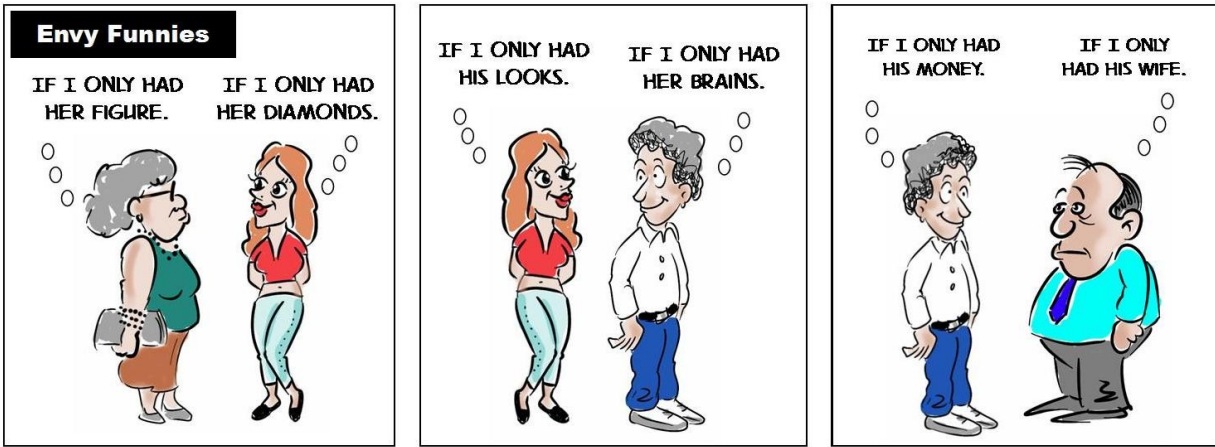
It's now somewhat understood that the irreducible component of a family, tribe, state, or nation is an *individual* human being.

We live in a world of philosophy, technology, and science and will continue to do so.

Science generates a constant increase in the **rate-of-change** in technology.

See what we have to say and decide for yourself. [Go2Future](#). (Scroll down to the PDF Gallery.)





DEFENSE AND COUNTERATTACK

So, what makes it so hard to create defenses, shields, antidotes, and insulators against this destructive human behavior?

Because it **IS** hard. Researching, finding and curating great ways to defend against/attack envy is the sole purpose of this FutureBook Project. This Introduction PDF sets the stage.

So, without a long dissertation, here's a peek at some weapons for counterattacking those besotted with envy.

1. Name their envy. Identify their psychological issue exactly. Describe how envy is their *ad hominem* behavioral problem and personal character defect.

2. Back-stagger them by denouncing, exposing, and denigrating their envy at every turn. (Review earlier comments about Michael Moore and Paul Krugman.)

3. Dazzle them with prattle on how much they have you confused with someone who actually cares what they feel, think or say. Constantly remind them they are utterly irrelevant to your existence. Because they **are**.

4. Take no prisoners. Don't give a millimeter. Never stop throwing their putrid envy right back in their face.

Don't ever quit. Let them stew in their own rancid envy. Ignore their screaming about being the target of *ad hominem* attacks. After all, you aren't homing in on homing pigeons here.

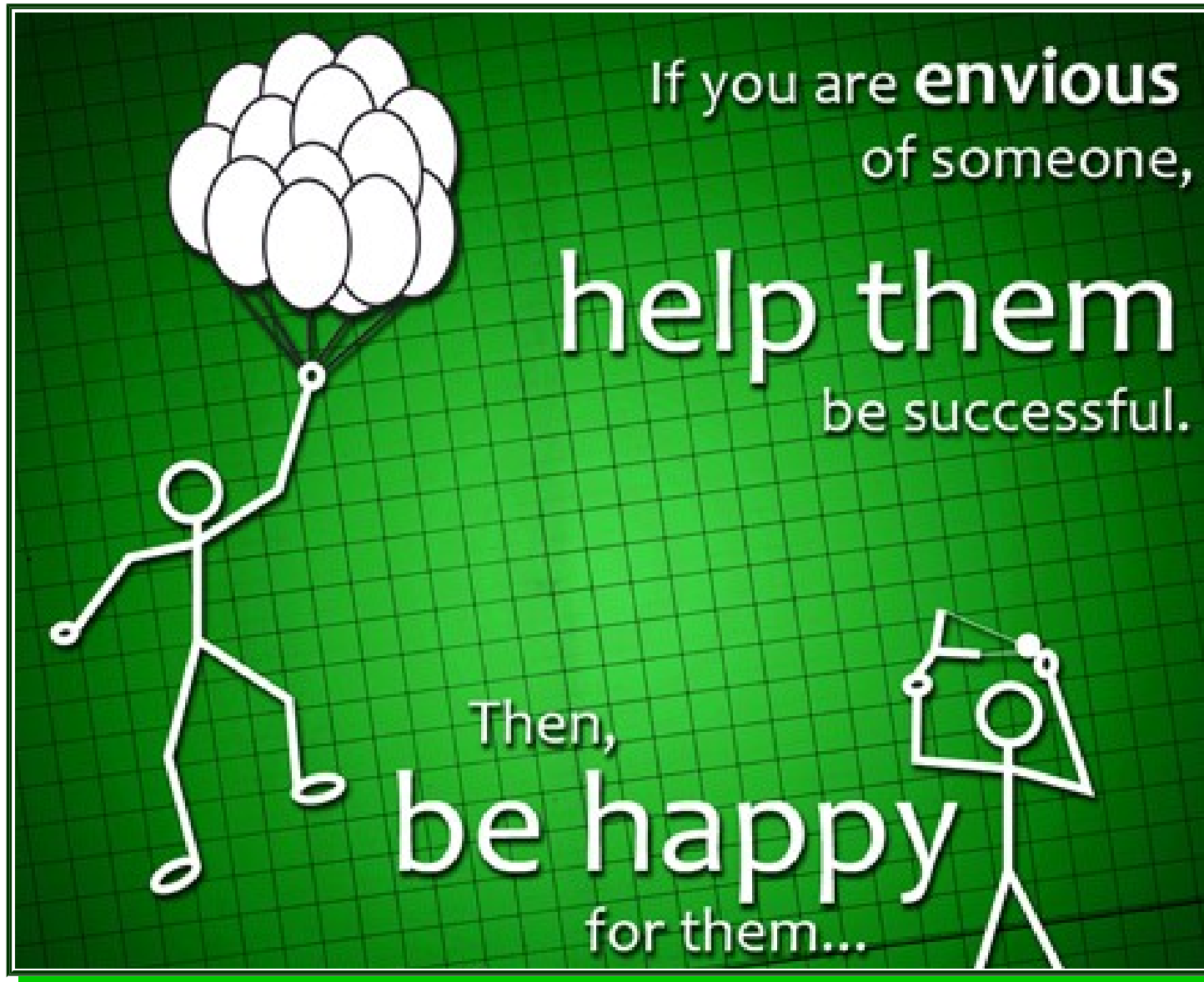
Again, envy is envy no matter the *homo sapiens* disgorging it. As much of a surprise and rude shock it may be to enviers, they are **not** the Center of the Universe.

YOU ARE! [How's that for granting your every wish.]

It's your life, and you — a sovereign individual — own it.



Kick Envy In The Ass



You never know what weapons they'll use to jabby-pokey you in the eyes.



Speechless Envy.

SO, HERE WE ARE.

Billions of living and breathing naked-apes carrying around brains left over from the caveman epoch — with only a few trying to make sense of the inevitable arrival of smarter-than-human intelligence. That is, Artificial Intelligence (A.I.).

Now hear this; the unprecedented radical change being brought about by the [Singularity](#) is impacting mankind beyond anyone's imagination. Believe it.

However, there's hope; all is not lost.

What does envy have to do with this Brave New World?

Think about the monumental flood of envy that will be released as this Singularity Dam breaks.

Imagine the vile, spiteful, and envious acrimony that will be unleashed **against all those** who create, design, and implement this future. The people who understand CHAnGE Principles.

[For CHAnGE Principles. see page 14 of “Who Are You People, Anyway?” at [Go2Future](#). Scroll down to the PDF Gallery.]

Rolling the Mind Tapes Once Again.

"I hate the fact a cure for cancer will be found. I don't want people to live extended lifetimes."

"I resent the fact that power grids will become obsolete and stand-alone hydrogen-fueled (or other) generators will power homes and businesses."

"After all, I want everyone to sweat salt in the summer and freeze-dry their hides in the winter."

"Above all, I can't stand the fact that the common cold will be eliminated."

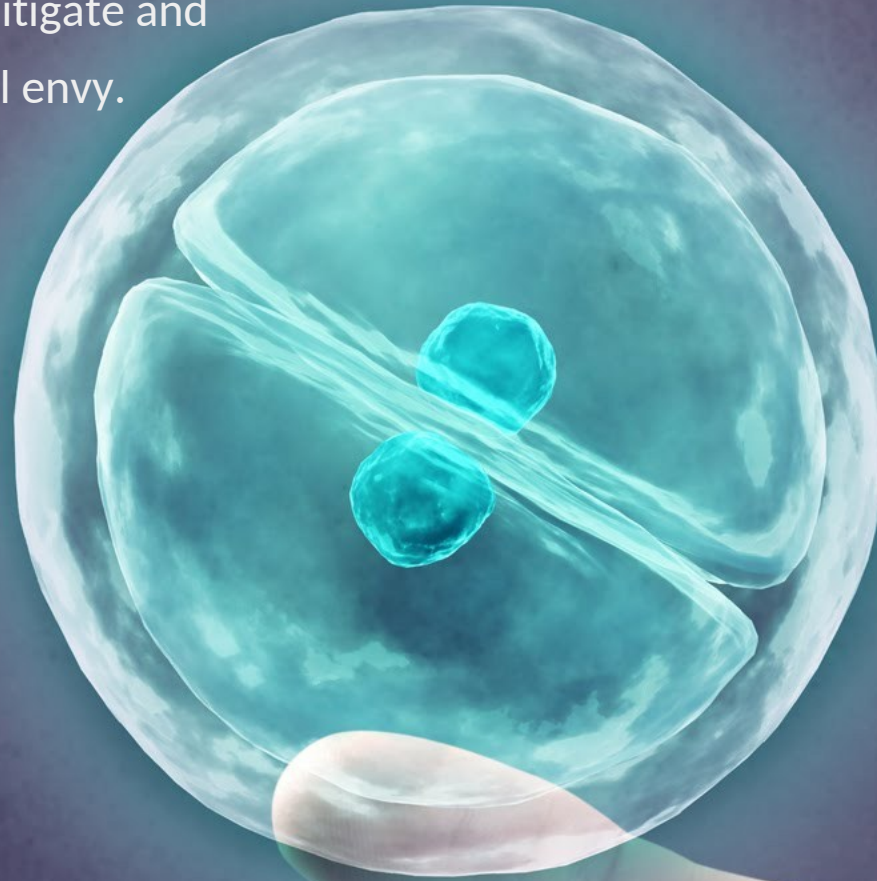
I love to suffer a snotty nose and want everyone to join me in my 'stuffed-up node' deliriums!"

This list could go on forever.

What I'm about to say will sound spectacularly wild and idiotic — but I'm going to say it anyway.

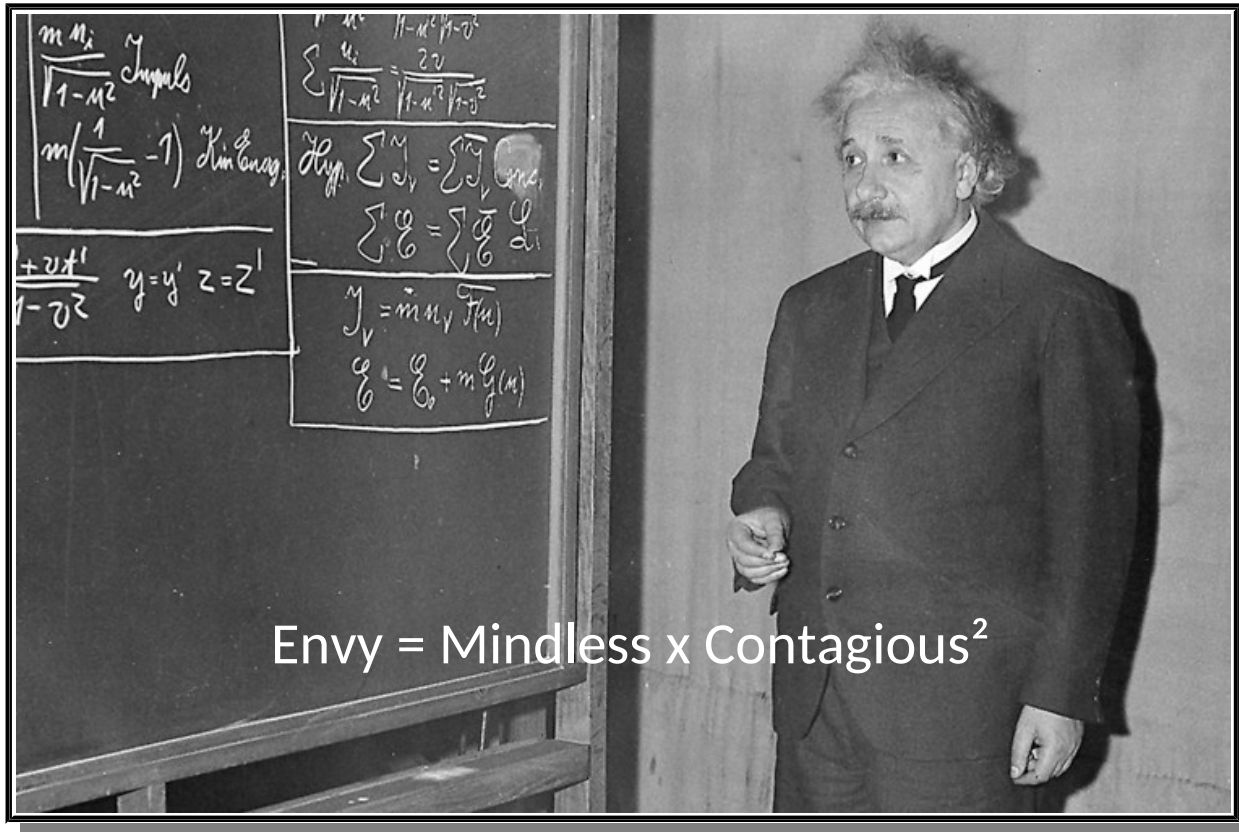
It's how the Singularity offers clear reason for hope.

Before the middle of the 21st Century, SCIENCE will be able to physically alter our brains to mitigate and perhaps eliminate the behavior we call envy. To say nothing of other negative human traits.



IT'S ALIVE, BUT IS IT LIFE: SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY AND THE FUTURE OF CREATION

CONCLUSION



As stated earlier, envy is a far more ubiquitous, fundamental, and destructive human behavior than the vast majority of mankind understands or realizes.

It's a very bad actor on the stage of life.

Envy requires **targets**. It must have a place to deposit its insidious venom.

For some, the bull's-eye is attached to every single human living on earth. They hate themselves so much that everyone (including ancestors?) is road-kill for their stew pot.

Now, if you're like most people, envy is something you probably never think or dream about in a profound way.

Especially recognizing it as the cause of so much discomfort in your life. Yet, you encounter envy every day.

What characteristics do the envious display for all the world to see? What are the most obvious and visible?

- The most notorious and obvious insignia is [hypocrisy](#).

Being **inconsistent** is a badge of honor for enviers. It seems to be the most reliable and best alert/warning system for recognizing those infected with envy.

- Another is the penchant for "magical thinking". Thinking disconnected from reality. They are clueless as to philosophy's Law of Identity. The fact that "A" is "A".

- Psychological **denial** lives quite large in their persona as well. They wallow in it. Stew in it. Pee in it.
- Psychological **Projection** is too often their *modus operandi*. They'll dump their deepest-held personality defects onto targets of their envy. The evil things they accuse one of doing, or being, are often the very characteristics that exist at the center of their own persona.

Watch for this "Projection Syndrome". You'll be surprised at how often it goes on parade.

- **Pessimism** is their creed and mind set. To them a glass is *always* at least 80% empty --- even when it's objectively brim-full. Look for their predominate (and automatic) negative response to the good.
- **Parasitical**. There are two classes of people in the world: Producers and Parasites. Being a moral producer is a Good. Intentionally being a moral parasite is not.

[Now don't get upset with the messenger; I'm **not** talking about those who are physically or mentally incapable through no fault of their own.]

- **LOW SELF-ESTEEM**. It's at the very core.

Enviars are utterly thunderstruck when confronted with their inconsistencies and pitifully **low self-esteem**.

People with wonderfully high self-esteem rarely, if ever, whirl into a fit of envy. They don't need to — they tend to admire, appreciate, and applaud the "stuff" of others.

They honor themselves as rational Sovereign Individuals.
They celebrate the good for being the good.
They respect Heroic Man.

FINAL WORDS ABOUT ENVY

It's insidious, malicious and diabolical. It's rarely, if ever, beneficial as it flourishes within — and permeates through — all societies and cultures while tending to cluster in peer groups or classes.

Indeed, envy can be drop-dead detrimental to your well being.

Through what prism do you now see the world?

THAT'S IT FOR "STATING THE PROBLEM"

This is what we call a "Satellite FutureBook PDF" where we get the "problem" (envy) defined, described and illustrated.

The rest of this FutureBook Project will be devoted as much as possible to ANSWERS.

Because finding and curating answers is going to be really hard, we seriously invite you to join the [Free Riders](#).

This project is going to need your help. Most especially, your submitting TYPs stories related to envy.

Meanwhile, it may be beneficial to take the time and review this PDF once more.

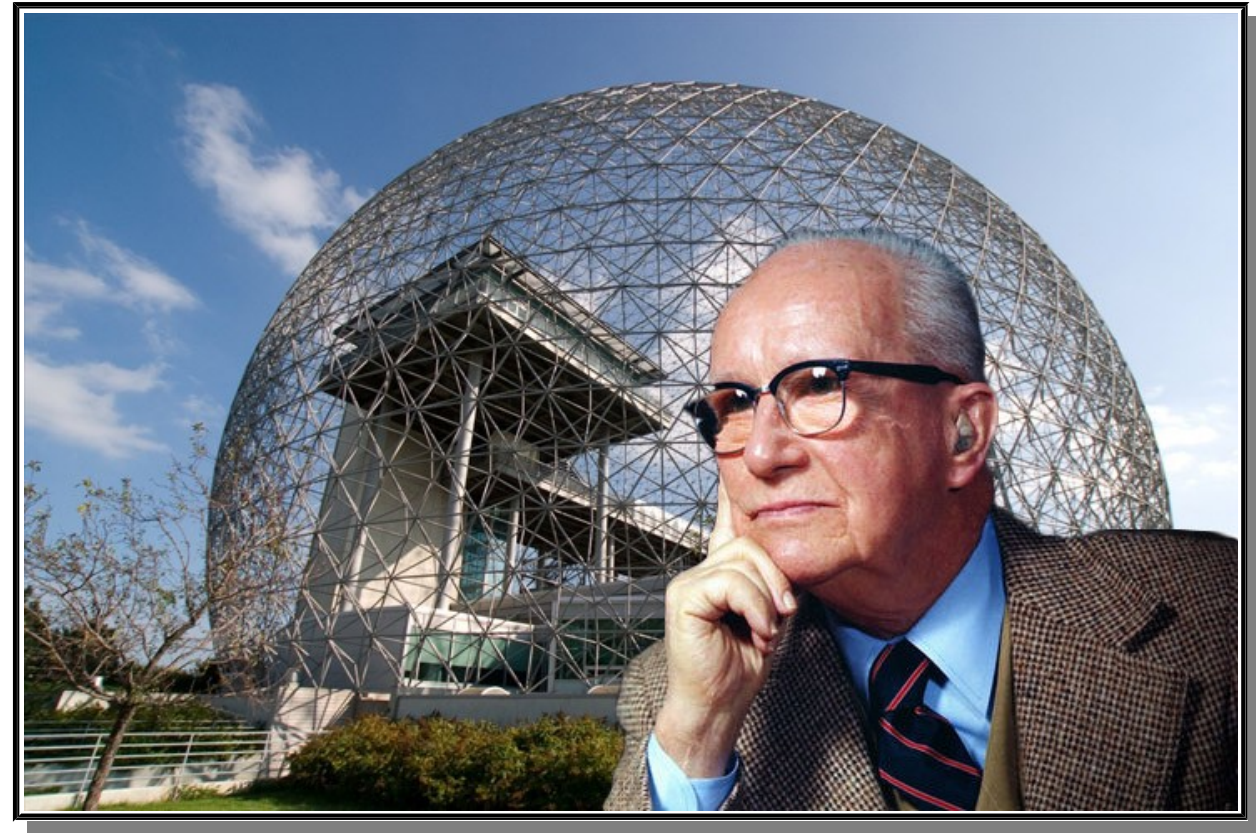
When we have a reasonable amount of **answer content** we'll open the access gate and let the Free Riders enter.

Until then, practice KICKING ENVY at every opportunity.

It feels righteously invigorating. :-)

Glenn L. Flock, Chief Allied Commander

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You never change things by fighting the existing reality.

*To change something, **build a new model** that makes the existing model obsolete.*

--Buckminster Fuller

Exactly what we're trying to do with Go2Future.