

## Free market 'theology'

Since he's an intelligent man and a good "son of the pubs," he both proclaims the superiority of primitive religions based on the communion between man and nature rather than the superiority of man, and declares that the "Judeo-Christian current of thought that most promotes it" comes from St. Francis of Assisi, who himself proclaimed the veneration that man owes to nature as a creation of God.

Jimmy Goldsmith, theologian and metaphysician—now we've seen it all! Fortunately, while financial derivatives, in dollars or pounds sterling, allow him to buy anything, including the ideology of his own victims, they do not allow him to pervert either human reason, or justice, or natural law, or even the most fundamental of religious messages.

After all, the reality of this *fin de siècle* is simple: Either the prevailing financial and monetary economic system is stopped cold and the productive economy restored to its command post, with technological discoveries applied to new industries, or, for sure—with or without spiritualism and crocodile tears—the world will head first toward disintegration, then war.

As the book of Genesis indicates, human history is characterized by the growth of demographic density, a capacity for populating the universe thanks to knowledge and mastery of its laws, in the form of new technologies. To deny this human quality, which differentiates man from animals, as Jimmy Goldsmith does in his pathos, to deny the products of the most advanced human discoveries, such as nuclear energy, which permits us to populate the universe, is to deny creation itself, to deny that man were created in the image of God. It is to project onto the world the image of a predator, repentant or not, but solely capable of thinking of the world in terms of predation or passivity.

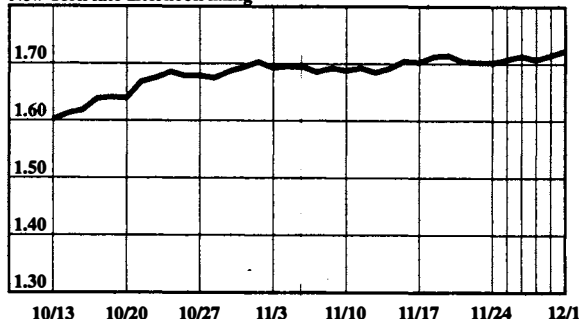
Contrary to all that Goldsmith affirms, the Franciscan current was not based on a passive veneration of nature, but went to the bottom of what makes up human nature, the respect for divine creation, and therefore, in itself, the faculty of creating. It is thus that this Franciscan "simplicity," this "goodness," awakened and inspired discoveries in science—of the divine work—bringing into being the Renaissance. We need no more than look, with a bit of sensitivity, at the works of Giotto, Fra Angelico, and Piero della Francesca.

Goldsmith proposes instead a "return to nature," an issue supposed to bring back the past, to the point of questioning the very foundations of Judeo-Christian civilization. This issue leads nowhere, except to the world of Hobbes, in which man becomes a wolf toward man. The trap of Jimmy Goldsmith is the nightmare of a predator. Remember: Those who celebrated the "savage life of the American Indians," collect their artifacts, their feathers, or their photographs, are, within the Anglo-American oligarchy, the very ones who looted the former's lands. Will the peasants of Garonne, Gers, and Auvergne be for Jimmy Goldsmith and his friends, the American Indians of the close of the 20th century?

## Currency Rates

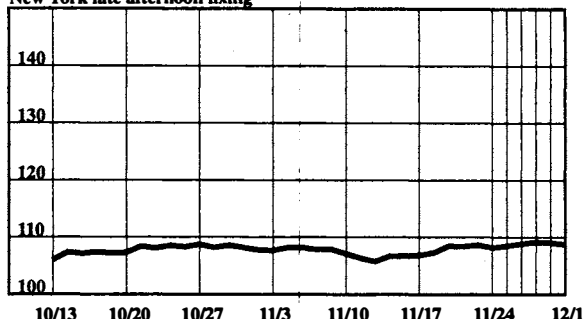
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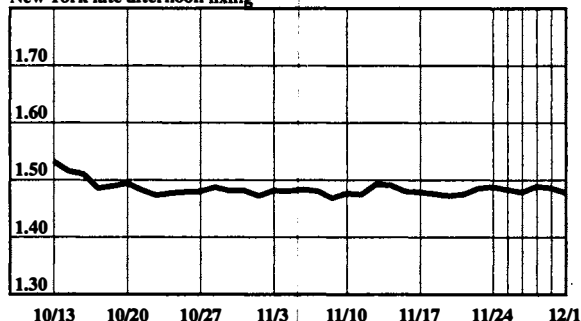
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