

# The **BIG** QUESTION

# Are We In The Dark Ages



[ We Put This Query To A Few Thoughtful People ]

While the abuse of power comes as no surprise, authority's use of power always seems to catch us off guard. Taught that history is a chain of events punctuated by conquest and decline, we often fail to see the cumulative effects that allow the powerful to learn from their predecessors in a manner that outpaces social perception. In much the same way that four thousand year-old magic tricks continue to dupe audiences today, the highly-developed tactics and strategies of those in power contend with basic social forces and affects that have evolved little over the millennia. With vast resources available, the ruling elite has a relatively easy time drawing from the successes and failures of empires past. It is for this reason that military field manuals, marketing primers, and magic manuscripts (whether stage magic or occult practice) echo each other so profoundly. Notions of illusion, misdirection, and manipulation meander snake-like across multiple stages of a greater "theatre of operations." These "magical" systems, principles, and methods are absorbed into the matrix of power – not because they are secretly acquired and passed on, but because they have proven effective and useful in maintaining control. The military, governments, and corporations that dictate so much of our day-to-day affairs will do whatever it takes to stay on top. This is not conspiracy theory; this is the brutal reality of political survival.

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**MAGIC FACT:** From 1978 to 1995 the U.S. military spent over \$20 million for research and development of psychic spying or "Remote Viewing."

There is not a single moment in history where humanity exited the "Dark Ages" and entered the "Enlightenment." Agrippa, Paracelsus, Galileo, DaVinci, and Mesmer all made discoveries and mistakes just as much as today's scientists. The major difference between the magician of the "Dark Ages" and the scientist of the "Enlightenment" was a privileging of those discoveries that had direct technological applications. Here we begin to shed some light on today's shadowed alley that divides science and technology. Technology today, although often mistaken for science, is most frequently science in the service of capital. It is not the neutral trek towards unraveling the mysteries of the universe; rather, it is the packaging of discoveries into commodifiable products. As such, we must continue to ask about the agendas skulking behind the curtain of technological "progress." What discoveries are unmarketable and therefore remain dormant? What discoveries are "counterproductive" in the eyes of corporate interest? If the secrets of levitation and teleportation were revealed to the public would it threaten the bottom line of the auto industry and consequently the petroleum industry? To what extent would these industries go to in order to maintain their current economic paradigm? While the evidence largely indicates a range of governmental occult conspiracies, we don't need to indulge in conspiracy theory to know that we live in an age where truth is masked, manipulated, and manufactured.

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