

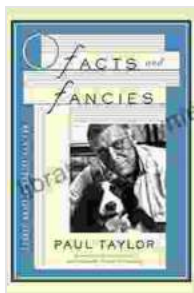
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More than Expected

When governments legislate freedom of speech, are they actually for the freedom of citizens or for government's control on people? This hidden agenda is demonstrated in the novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell, the essay "Why Read 1984?" by Roy Ogren and the article "Americans Are Now Living in a Society That Rivals Orwell's 1984" by Paul Joseph Watson and Alex Jones. The authors demonstrate that through media and technology are government tools to influence a citizen's thoughts. Many aspects of Orwell's dystopian vision in *Nineteen Eighty-Four* are occurring today, but on a grand scale. Both essay and article illustrate elements of Orwell's dark vision in present day America by describing its hidden use of technology.

In *Nineteen Eighty-Four* Orwell foresees a world filled with propaganda and where one's thoughts are always influenced and altered to follow the view of the party. There are the constant reminders of "WAR IS PEACE, FREEDOM IS SLAVERY, IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH", slogans on every telescreen in Oceania, which bombard people with information that would "enlighten [one's] mind, to stir [one's] emotion" and to "mold [one's] belief" (Orwell 130, Ogren 6). Even though the world today is almost seventy years in the future, Orwell's vision is unfolding silently in the life of every living human being in the Twenty-First Century. These slogans of propaganda described in Orwell's novel are boldly shown in present day, but are often being overlooked as necessary for national security by citizens living in America. While getting weekly grocery at a local Walmart, one might get surprised with party slogans such as "Janet Napolitano's 'See Something, Say Something'" from one of the hundreds of in store televisions, which encourage people to spy on others and inform authorities; even actions such as "paying with cash" are discouraged (Watson and Jones 10). Although these slogans might not mean much to the average American, educated or critical thinkers might realize that Orwell's novel did not have the idle purpose of entertaining, but also as a message of warning.

While in Orwell's time, the television was only a piece of primitive technology, it still had enough of the capabilities that the government needed, such as to "receive and transmit" signals back and forth (Orwell 5). Although in *Nineteen Eighty-Four* citizens only had one television in their home, the idea of not having several televisions, smartphone and computers in a Twenty-First Century home is unusual, and in this age of information and technology we are more vulnerable to propaganda than the citizens of Oceania (Ogren 6). Although many people believe their phones are safe from displaying messages like the ones in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, they are horribly mistaken. For a few American alert system called the "FFEMA Emergency Alert System" will have the ability to "inject" all conventional broadcast communications, and mandatory government messages will appear on any device (Watson and Jones 11). This kind of power and capability to brainwash people is terribly terrifying. Just imagine all the cellular devices, computers and television in someone's home.

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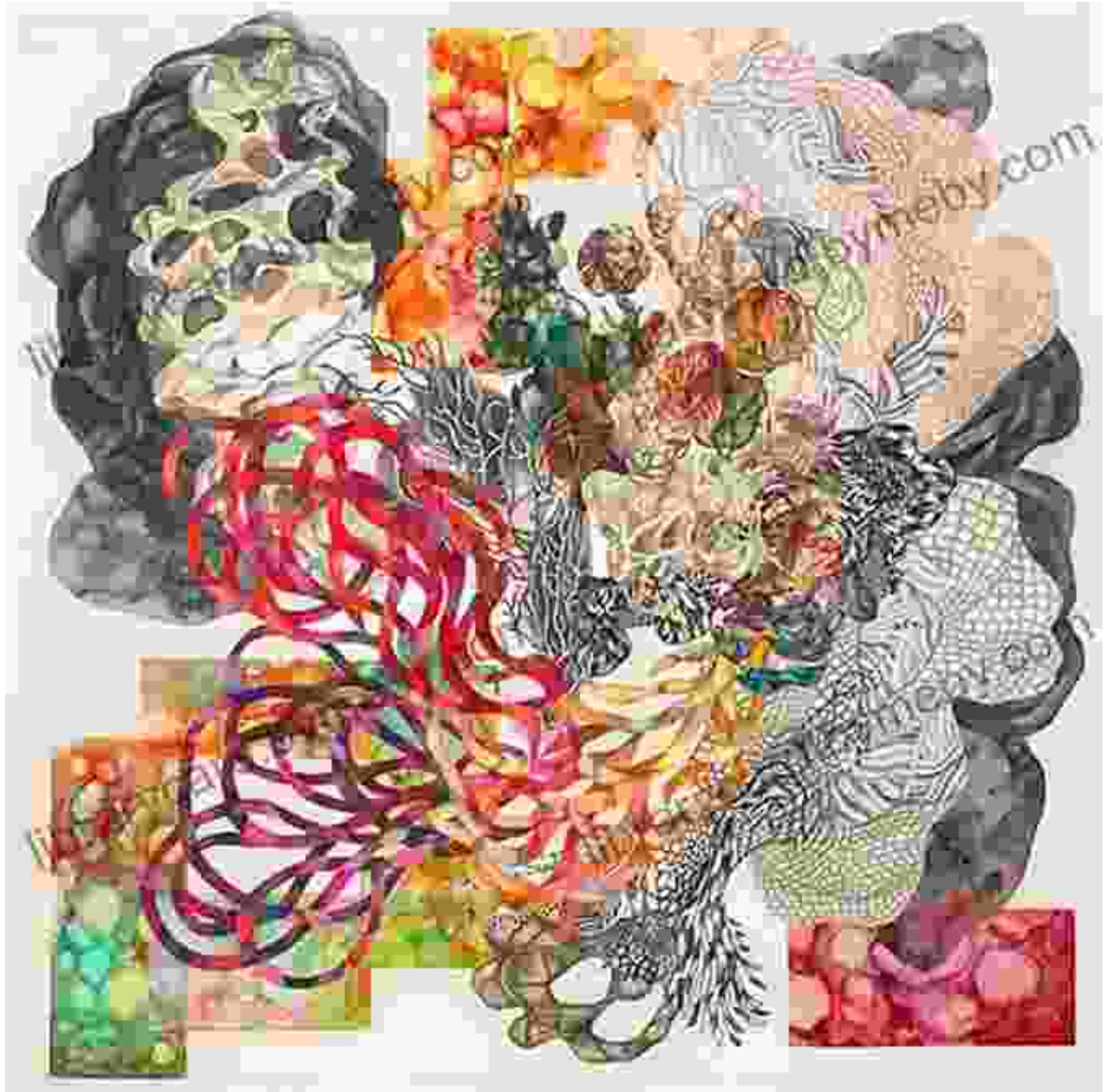
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good life are the ultimate goals of human existence; however, a good life is not filled with enjoyment, fame, fortune, pleasure, or honor, nor is it a mental state (Trott, 2019). Instead, it is a state of self-realization and character development, a state of flourishing that is possible with some wealth, education, time, and effort, as well as the exercise of intellectual, aesthetic, and moral abilities for humans (Trott, 2019). Every type of organization has a goal or purpose; the polis' goal is to accomplish the maximum good possible, which is the eudemonic existence of its members.

Males and females are connected to reproduce to prolong the human race since they cannot coexist separately. Enslaver and enslaved person are together for self-preservation because the master uses his mind to rule, and the enslaved person uses his body to labor (Trott, 2019). Humans are political creatures, and since communication is a natural human ability that allows us to express moral ideas, maintaining social relationships is not only necessary for our survival but also for the fulfillment of our pleasure. According to Aristotle, the devil or god might be the only person who can survive independently.

Economics and accumulation riches are secondary to and essential to the more significant aim or means to the higher goal—happiness. The primary goal of human life is happiness, not money. Making money is okay until there is a set limit. Aristotle emphasizes the King Midas tale as evidence that excess is inherently undesirable and difficult to enjoy (Trott, 2019). When King Midas prayed for a golden touch, he had no idea that everything he touched would change to gold. When his wish came true, he touched his breakfast, which turned to gold, and as soon as he hugged his beloved daughter, she too turned to gold, which did not make him happy. The happiness of oneself, family, friends, and the entire human race is the actual pile of gold, not money.

Interestingly, the concept of economics and oikonomia share the same ancestor, yet there are significant differences between the two types of economics in the modern world. The majority of firms nowadays are motivated by chrematistic goals. Businesses founded on oikonomia attempt to improve society as a whole, whereas those founded on chrematistic goals concentrate on a single objective to meet the needs of a specific community group (Trott, 2019).

Furthermore, most firms' telos is profit maximization, but those helping society should adopt a teleological perspective on ethics by making moral decisions and embracing their Corporate Social Responsibility (Trott, 2019). Different businesses and multinational organizations should redefine themselves as global households, behave as social institutions since they are a part of society, and pass the responsibilities that households have to corporations. Before putting profit-maximizing strategies in place, corporations should consider their social obligation to their stakeholders.

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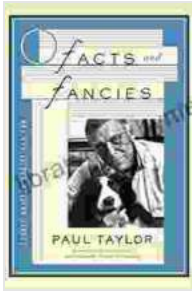
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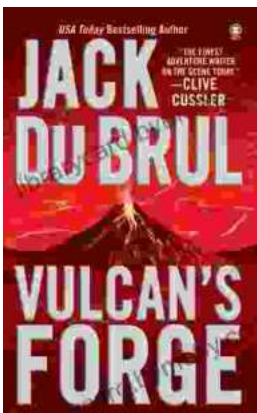


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