

Thank you.

I loved the film. I think it can be an important tool for waking people up from the body-snatching and power-grabbing that is going ~~on~~^{on} Human beings ~~indeed~~ are in competition with giant machines we have wrought: not robots of metal and wire, but of charters and stock certificates and corporate policies and advertising budgets and employee rules. They have escaped our control and bought for their own use the instruments of government that once controlled them. They are taking down our main street businesses and taking out our affordable housing and putting up their big boxes and towers and having us foot all their bills and clean up all their messes. Monsters indeed.

These monster machines now stare down at us and think it completely right that they should rule our lives, buy our politicians and elections, and make us work ~~all~~^{all} our lives for their benefit.

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They take over nation-states and use them as their hand puppets to loot national treasuries, employ young people in armies to do their bidding, and steal the wealth of middle classes and turn nations into colonies for their benefit.

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The warrior princes of our ancient past could relate well to today's CEO's, who developed their sharp teeth and their exploitive salaries in the Reagan Administration, when Mr. Reagan refused to put a lid on corporate raiding, hostile takeovers, and the junk bond financing that made takeovers possible. In that moment, corporations stopped being something of our communities, and became something of this monster story we are living out. They closed profitable operations that were not profitable enough. They off-shored, out-sourced, de-unionized, anything they could to be less a takeover target~~z~~ and to survive in the new age of hyper-profitability. Many essentially raided themselves, saddling themselves with massive debt and sending off the less profitable parts of the company out into the cold.

So many companies were ravaged by this looting operation that a new class of company CEO_s emerged—the turn-around artist, who justified his pay on the basis of saving the day. That carnivore became the new model CEO who makes \$50,000 for every hundred dollars his employee makes. We can thank the Reagan Administration for him, and thank subsequent Administrations for letting this cancer fester and become a blight on the whole world.

What can we do? Go down to the East Village and meet my friend Reverend Billy and the Stop Shopping Gospel Choir. Get down with the Reverend on this. Get baptized in the water of local economies, family businesses, off-grid communities. The new world we want is just waiting for us to do it.

Yes, we need to be a different kind of consumer and a different kind of citizen. And as citizens, we need to take our government back by running for office ourselves.

Can candidates win elections without taking special interest money? Watch me. I am the only federal candidate ^{from a major party} in a position to really represent the people. That is a shame, but it is a fact. I am the only one not taking special interest money. Will I get the little contributions I need to run a winning campaign? People like you will decide that. And I will then support people like you, when you run for office. Only in this way can we peacefully regain our country back, for the minute our candidates take the money of these huge economic special interests, those candidates are lost to us.

So, yes: We have great work to do in our personal lives and in our communities if we are to survive as free humans. But it is a blessing to have an

opportunity for a heroic life in meaningful times,
isn't it?

Thank you.