

MARX'S critique of total ideology

the market (matrix) gives the economy the appearance of a natural system of laws and rules beyond our control

a nexus of false ideas

Order achieved via repression of the individual by instilling manufactured needs and mass produced desires which are satisfied by "the system"

the world we live in is not real as consumer capitalism has taken every authentic human experience, transformed it into a commodity & sold it back to us through advertising & mass media

to pierce the veil of the illusion one only need cognitive dissonance

thus rebellion or social justice activism is useless inside the matrix as people need to wake up, unplug to be free from the grip of the spectacle of capitalism

the entire culture is a system of capitalist ideology

MARX - exploitation - roots of injustice social

FREUD - repression - roots of injustice psychological

> oppression - goal is to FREE YOUR MIND

"if want to change economy, must change culture, if want to change culture, must change people's consciousness"

The paradox of capitalism - a system that generates extreme wealth, yet extreme harm

double think - the acceptance of contrary beliefs as both true at the same time (especially a result of economic or political indoctrination)

The Matrix fears Neo

entering a world of disbelief filled with creatures who teach lessons of importance about truth and self

The role of a hacker / the threat of a hacker to "the system" - alias Neo ONE
 reality & authentic meaning replaced with a simulation of reality - the Matrix as a hyper reality - a world that is more real than the real world (alienation from reality)

"the map that we are living in, the simulation of reality, and it is actual reality that is crumbling away" - a world destroyed by capitalism / A.I.

The Matrix as a system of control - akin to passive consumers surrendering over their life force

Wake up Neo ...

The Matrix has you ...

PERCEPTION - our day-in, day-out world is real

REALITY - that world is a hoax, an elaborate deception spun by all-powerful machines of artificial intelligence that control us

Simulacra & simulation - the "money box" - a page titled "on Nihilism"

"ever have that feeling where you're not sure if you are awake or still dreaming?" NEO
↳ "it's called mescaline" (psychedelic drug)

What is the Matrix?

Mr. Thomas A. Anderson - a problem with authority ... that rules somehow don't apply to you

Follow the white rabbit ...

"I imagine right now you are feeling a bit like Alice tumbling down the rabbit hole"
Morpheus

"red pill ... you stay in wonderland and I show you how deep the rabbit hole goes"
Morpheus
↳ the unimaginable IS reality ...

"you have the look of a man who accepts what he sees because he is expecting to wake up"
Morpheus

"do you believe in fate?" ... "no, because I don't like the idea that I am not in control of my life."
↳ a NATURAL, GUIDING FORCE ...

"The Matrix is everywhere, it is all around us --- it is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth" Morpheus

↳ what truth? That you are a slave Neo
↳ born into bondage
↳ born into a prison you cannot smell, or taste, or touch
↳ a prison for your mind

"No one can be told what the Matrix is ... you have to see it for yourself"
Morpheus

RED pill - "all I am offering is the truth, nothing more" ~~MATRIX~~

unable to tell the difference between the real world & the dream world ... "why do my eyes hurt?" --- "you have never used them before"

Nebuchadnezzar / no longer born

Humans are grown, serve as the means of production - The Matrix = control although a veneer of freedom / individual autonomy
The Matrix - "a computer generated dream world built to keep us under control in order to change a human being into this ... (a battery)"

"as long as the Matrix exists the human race will never be free" Morpheus

"when the Matrix was first built there was a man born inside"... able to see the truth --- freed the first of us --- (Morpheus) → ability to remake the matrix

"some rules can be bent, others can be broken..." Morpheus

"I'm trying to free your mind Neo, but I can only show you the door, you are the one that has to walk through it..." Morpheus

JUMP PROGRAM - "you have to let it all go Neo --- fear, doubt, & disbelief --- free your mind" Morpheus

Neo must be trained --- radicalized --- by a professional revolutionary militia ---

"the Matrix is a system Neo... that system is our enemy... when inside you see the very minds of the people we are trying to save --- but until we do they are still part of that system and that makes them our enemy ---" justified violence

"most people are not ready to be unplugged and --- so enured, so hopelessly dependent on the system they will fight to protect it..." justified violence

"if you are not one of us, you are one of them... anyone is an agent" (an agent of what?)

agents (named SMITH) - "they are the gatekeepers, guarding all the doors, holding all the keys --- sooner then later someone is going to have to fight them..." Morpheus
/ rational, self-seeking ---

"their strength and speed are still based in a world that is built on rules & because of that agents can never be as strong as you can be --- Neo" Morpheus

Cypher - "ignorance is bliss" / "I want to be rich, someone important, like an actor..."
Cypher's last name is "Reagan" →

Mouse - "to deny our own impulses is to deny what makes us human"

Trinity - "the Matrix cannot tell you who you are ---"

"there is no spoon --- not the spoon that bends, only yourself"

Oracle - Latin "know thyself"

Agent SMITH - removes earpiece (from perfect to imperfect information)
- irrational / emotional

"ever just stared at it... marvelled at its beauty, its genius... billions of people living out their lives..."

humans do not develop a natural equilibrium... multiply until every natural resource is consumed (unrestrained self-interest)
"we started thinking for you --- the future is our world, our time ---"

"what is he (Neo) doing?" Trinity --- "he is beginning to believe." Morpheus

"that is the sound of inevitability ---" your death (death of what?...) as inevitable

tired...
tired of fighting
hungrey... cold
"the Matrix is more real than this world..."
"you call this free..."
"all I do is what he tells me to do..."
"bullshit... lies..."

"THE END OF HISTORY"

* the obscene, overt, indiscriminate VIOLENCE

→ Neo sees the Matrix for what it is

jumps inside the agent - destroyed from the inside out ...

FINAL CALL

"what do you need?"
"guns ... lots of guns ..."

subverted the system

blinking message ... **SYSTEM FAILURE**

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Neo → I know you are afraid of us
afraid of change

I don't know the future

I didn't come here to tell you how this is going to end

I came here to tell you how it is going to begin

I'm going to hang up this phone

and then I'm going to show these people what you don't want them to see

I'm going to show them a world without you

A world without rules & controls

without borders or boundaries

a world where anything is possible

where we go from there is a choice I leave to you

OTHER THOUGHTS

The truth is whatever is really the case ... so how does one discover what is really the case?

① revelation --- the divine tells us the truth

② we figure out the truth for ourselves (CRITICAL REASON)

In the Matrix we are not authentic human beings

the Matrix is a web of illusions in which people are trapped --- ignorance is the problem & the solution is awakening, which is achieved through knowledge ---

the problem is knowledge is mediated/produced/controlled/owned by the

matrix --- people in the Matrix exist in a trance-like state completely asleep to what is going on --- passively surrendering over their life force ...

the machines/A.I. → represent rigid thinking & institutionalized control