The Five Horsemen of the Western Apocalypse: The Predatory State, Conquest Christianity, Liberated Capitalism, Individualized Democracy, and Misapplied Technology

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The very forces that created Western Civilization are the very forces that are now destroying it. Created and directed by the historic equivalents of the one percent that today dominates our national body, the five "horsemen" have brought modern American and world societies to the edge of systemic gridlock and possible collapse. The Predatory State rose through violence to define itself, dominate its internal populations, and wage war on others. Conquest Christianity, joined by Conquest Democracy, has provided the justification for the ideological transformation of exploitation into acts of kindness. Liberated Capitalism, the profit motive without effective checks on its destructive tendencies, has turned both humanity and the earth itself into factors of production. Unleashed Individualism and Misapplied Technology have multiplied the power of the Predatory State and Liberated Capitalism to wreak havoc on Nature and society. The contemporary crisis of the American subsystems of politics, economics, education, health care, culture and environment are a consequence of these rampaging five horsemen that must be redirected to constructive ends for the good of humanity and the earth.

Associate Professor of History, José Cuello, has published two books and a number of articles on the European colonial encounters with indigenous peoples. His current project is an attempt to understand the Native Mind before and during the colonial experience. As an academic and social activist, Dr. Cuello has been instrumental in creating bridges between the University and the Detroit Latin@ community. He directed the Center for Latin@ and Latin American Studies from 1989 through 2001.