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“If a slave has a bad master, his ambition is to get a better; when he gets a better, he aspires to have the best; and when he gets the best, he aspires to be his own master.”¹

“I didn’t know I was a slave until I found out I couldn’t do the things I wanted.”

“No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck.” – Frederick Douglass

“I freed a thousand slaves. I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves.”

“I had reasoned this out in my mind, there was one of two things I had a right to, liberty or death; if I could not have one, I would have the other.”

“I was free; but there was no one to welcome me to the land of freedom. I was a stranger in a strange land.”² – Harriet Tubman

The Chain About Your Neck: GGDM makes no comment or assumption as to whether or not slavery exists among either the Major or minor species in Galactic Space. While there are many arguments against direct slavery – most practically, that machines can always do the work better and faster – creative science-fiction stories (especially up to the late 1960s), including space-opera settings, frequently featured various forms of actual slavery. *However*, thoughtful participants may realize that taxation of Converted Colonies (and even to some extent, Naturalized Colonies) and forced Balkanization might be construed as forced labor and/or a form of slavery.

- ✓ “Unrest simmered in Sicily because of its very subordinate role in Charles’ [Charles of Anjou] empire – its nobles had no share in the government of their own island and were not compensated by lucrative posts abroad, as were Charles’ French, Provençal and Neapolitan subjects; also Charles spent the heavy taxes he imposed on wars outside Sicily, making Sicily somewhat of a donor economy to Charles’ nascent empire. As Steven Runciman put it, ‘[The Sicilians] saw themselves now being ruled to enable an alien tyrant to make conquests from which they would have no benefit’” – from Wikipedia article, “Sicilian Vespers,” citing to Steven Runciman, The Sicilian Vespers: A History of the Mediterranean World in the Later Thirteenth Century (1958), p. 212, captured November 22, 2018.

In fact, depending on the interpretation, even Landing a new friendly colony or Unloading Population onto friendly colonies might be slavery or forced labor. Once the ships leave, the colonist have nowhere to go, no way off the planet. Thus we arrive at the science-fiction classic: corporate-owned colonies where the entire population consists of corporate employees and families.

- ✓ The South African documentary Bhambatha: War Of The Heads (2009) perhaps made the point best: Zulus were forced to return and work for wages on white-owned farms on lands that they knew belonged to their ancestors and had been forcibly annexed by European settlers. The products of their work were then available in stores owned by whites which they had to buy with their wages. We think nothing of this

latter now, as we are *conditioned to a capitalist-consumerism economy* (yes you are!, but you need to know the opposite to realize it...), but to Zulu farmers, formerly sovereign and self-sufficient homesteaders, it was alien and horrifying. While the Zulus were not slaves in the traditional whip-cracking sense, they had been much reduced in the larger economy of Natal colony.

- This would be called ‘culture shock’ by any definition. Add to this the Christianization of the Zulus vs. un-Christian behavior of the Europeans.
- But this is what the Romans did to the Celts in Britain that caused the Boudicca Revolt; the Romans took 1/3 of their harvest in taxes then sold it back to them at high prices. And took their lands and built settlements. History comes full circle through Queen Boudicca’s namesake, Queen Victoria (Victoria is Boudicca Latinized). The end result was the same.

GGDM play can be changed by various mechanisms available to the players and Concierge (the actual slave of the game) if it is important to avoid the appearance of slavery in the game.

GGDM may also assume the existence of oligarchic drift, individual wealth accumulation, economic and social pyramid structures, unless otherwise indicated.

➤ Alcoholism: Both Booker T. Washington and Frederick Douglas noted in their own ways that Negro slavery in the old South was a form of alcoholism for southern society. Compare Brooker T. Washington, “You can’t hold a man down without staying down with him” (or alternatively: “One man cannot hold another man down in the ditch without remaining down in the ditch with him.”) to Frederick Douglas, “No man can put a chain about the ankle of his fellow man without at last finding the other end fastened about his own neck.”

- ✓ “‘Serious historians don’t have arguments about what the [American] Civil War was about,’ [Ta-Nehisi] Coates said. ‘The people who started the Civil War said why they started it. They made it clear,’ he said, referring to the Articles of Secession. South Carolina’s declaration of secession – issued on December 24, 1860 – says the state was leaving the Federal Union because of the ‘increasing hostility on the part of the non-slaveholding States to the Institution of Slavery.’” – Graham Lanktree, Newsweek, November 3, 2017.³

- The entire South Carolina Declaration of Succession is available in PDF at <http://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/assets/documents/SCarolina-Secession-p1-13.pdf>, the referenced text appears at the bottom of Page 7.

I can picture a helot youth reasoning thus: So because your fathers defeated my fathers in battle, I am by law condemned to the life of a serf-farmer? Producing income and food for your warrior children? And my children and their children will be so condemned and required as well to keep this station below your children and their children? I don’t think so! This thought may occur in different ways and under different circumstances, but it will occur over and over again. Thus, the source of generational unrest in subjugated populations clashes against generational wealth degeneration of (and shifting circumstances of) their masters. Only social structures, worldviews, and great material-technological wealth disparity (i.e. Jared Diamond’s “cargo”) perpetuates the oppressive relationship over generations.

- ✓ The base flaw of any system where socioeconomic and legal status are determined solely by hereditary means – whether slavery or rulership – is that such a system discards the adaptive advantage of sapience, that which humans have over an amoeba.

Pre-industrial slavery (and before that, domestication of animals), must follow a set of readily definable conditions, that is, that the labor of slaves must produce enough to support the barest domestic subsistence of the slave population plus the entire ‘masters civilization’ built upon the backs of the slaves. Economist devised formulas describing slave economies.

- ✓ See Joseph Tainter, 2 Government Titles, EN 9, p. 604, *infra*, for discussion of subsistence and resource economics in the Protoclassical and Preclassical periods that probably formed the initial basis for slavery. To wit, slavery required socio-hierarchies to develop, which in turn, arise from warfare over subsistence deficits.

Predictably, a set of beliefs develop among the masters and slaves that support and justify the arrangement (what Friedrich Nietzsche called “master-slave morality”). Youth bulge can occasionally be a problem in slavery cultures as well, leading to slave revolts,⁴ especially when a significant part of the slave population are males of fighting age (*à la* Spartacus), and also among the master class from lack of purpose or from primogeniture inheritance systems that leave the younger siblings poor.

- ✓ “Slavery allowed landowning, slave-owning whites to accumulate massive amounts of wealth while racking up major savings on labor costs (some economists estimate the value of slave labor to be as much as \$14 trillion). This money was passed down for generations, while the descendants of enslaved people are still suffering from the effects of slavery and Jim Crow laws. Going further back, white European settlers were given acres of land under the 1862 Homestead Act, after Native Americans were forcibly removed, and thousands died, following the 1830 Indian Removal Act. In 1790, ‘free white persons’ were given naturalization while immigrants like Asian Americans and other non-white groups were denied citizenship and therefore barred from owning land and accumulating wealth. These barriers to citizenship didn’t change until 1952.” – Lara Witt, “White Liberals Still Don’t Understand White Supremacy,” Harper’s Bazaar, August 16, 2017.⁵
 - Ms. Witt cites to the *upper end* of a value range calculated, based on 2009 wages, for an article by Thomas Craemer appearing in Social Science Quarterly, Vol. 96, Issue 2, June 2017.

- Morality: By the definition of morality, societies and civilizations rarely do what *they* consider immoral, at the risk of their own legitimacy. The ghastly Cadaver Synod of 897 was apparently too much even for Rome; Pope Stephen VI was shortly overthrown by a popular uprising, imprisoned and strangled. But there has been much worse in the world unpunished.
 - ✓ Merriam-Webster online dictionary definition at *morality* generally, but more specifically: **3**: conformity to ideals of right human conduct.

Further, within the moral code of any time, there are expediencies, rationalizations and priorities, with the existential and prosperity topping the list. Examples? Self-defense and defense of others is a defense to charges of harming or killing another, especially when there are no other reasonable options at the moment. Nuclear-armed countries will use nuclear weapons against an existential threat, even if it means the end of humanity or life on Earth.

It thus follows that any society that has slavery or forced labor doesn’t consider it immoral *per se*, but might be neutral toward the practice. It is likely that the very first instances of slavery were war captives, who were taken to make up for the labor losses suffered in battle.

- ✓ “But why had science lost its way in the first place? What appeal did Pythagoras’ and Plato’s teachings have for their contemporaries? They provided, I believe, an intellectually-respectable justification for a corrupt social order. The mercantile tradition which had led to Ionian science also led to a slave economy. You could get richer if you owned a lot of slaves. Athens, in the time of Plato and Aristotle had a vast slave population. All of that brave Athenian talk about democracy applied only to a privileged few. Plato and Aristotle were comfortable in a slave society. They offered justifications for oppression. They served tyrants. They taught the alienation of the body from the mind, a natural enough idea, I suppose, in a slave society. They separated thought from matter. They divorced the Earth from the heavens.” – Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*, Episode 7.

Athens is believed to have had the largest slave population in ancient Greece, but Athens also has the misfortune of being the place we know the most about from that time, and to whom the luster of ancient Greece is most attached (i.e. disproportionate historical representation).

Even societies that find slavery morally repugnant may find their way to various forms of forced labor in the name of social good, for example, prison labor or the late Swiss *Verdingkinder* and *Kinder der Landstrasse* social engineering schemes.

All societies have engaged in social engineering, long before the concept had a modern name attached: It’s called childrearing. The more involved public, governmental and religious institutions are in the raising of children, the more social engineering is applied (e.g., “tyranny in the nursery” – Benjamin Disraeli). It’s just a natural consequence. Children can be taught to be tolerant or intolerant, inclusive or exclusive, moral or immoral. This should not be construed as any argument against public schooling or in favor of homeschooling; however, as home schooling is limited by the parochial views (e.g., racism, etc.) and questionable abilities of the parents and suffers from many other pitfalls, such as a potential lack of socialization.

- ✓ Think about our moral language. To call someone a traitor is a moral judgment; the term (like murder) carries with it an inherent sense of immorality. Most likely, the traitor is aware of the moral judgment that will be levied for the acts (traitor implies an act that reveals traitorous intent). To someone else, the traitor may be a moral hero (depending on circumstances). Countless dramas have been written on these points.⁶
- Encomienda: It is important to realize that those who practiced slavery did so without remorse, shame, guilt or reservation, for example, the Spanish *Encomienda* system in which the plight of the indigenous population was clearly not a consideration.⁷ This point gets lost in most discussions of slavery; we have become numbed by repetition of the arguments and images of brutalities over the last 100 years, and especially in the last half century. Yet this lack of guilt is indicative of a worldview that had rationalized and institutionalized slavery;⁸ remorse, shame, guilt and reservations are for acts that are contrary to the moral view of ourselves and society. We can never forget that this was a worldview, regardless of how wrong we think it is now.⁹
- ✓ “Well, films that were favourites were those that influenced you at the time, rather than when you go back and look at them now. So you have to put them in the context of the time when you first saw them. And when I first saw, for instance, M*A*S*H – the Robert Altman movie – I’d never seen a movie like it, all that overlapping dialogue. When I first saw *The Battle of Algiers*, I never [knew] a movie could be so

real. When I saw Morgan: A Suitable Case for Treatment, for some reason that had a big effect on me. And if I see any of them now, I'm not sure if I have the same response." – George Miller as quoted by Anne Billson, "George Miller Talks about Mad Max, Heroes & Tina Turner: The 1985 Interview," previously unpublished interview published on Multiglom: The Anne Billson Blog, May 12, 2015.

Intellectual amateurs often laugh off the worldviews of preceding ages, or talk condescendingly about them – I remember in my youth we used to joke about the British wearing bright red uniforms and standing in line shoulder to shoulder – if you want to know the technical military reason, see *Shoulder to Shoulder*, 4 Combat, p. 985, *infra* – but along with the military reasons there was a set of vague beliefs about pre-destiny, sin, death and punishment and a low-hanging Christian God that accorded with the age. It is the actions taken by our ancestors based on what they believed, their worldviews, that make them serious matters, *forces us to take them seriously*. *Earnestness* is also important to suspension of disbelief in fiction. And it will be so for our future descendants as well when they look back at a pre-colonial Earth.

✓ **“Anne Billson:** Did you see Bartertown as intrinsically evil?

George Miller: No, just as profane. Just concerned with everyday getting on, making a buck-type world, which we are all part of. And in a sense, because it's not very broad in its vision, ultimately evil in its function. Without people consciously trying to be evil. It's just the way we conceive everyday life as being ultimately corrupt and cynical, but there's no room for the broader issues. Mainly because they're so limited, only evil in that sense. And the people in it don't really see it as evil." *Id.*

One day in graduate History of the Enlightenment class, I mentioned that Tsar Peter the Great had “sold out” the Russian peasants. Dr. Paul Mason, a bit of an odd character himself, thought this comment was supremely amusing. He didn't say anything afterward that I recall, but clearly he was amused by it, likely because it's a modern idea, which probably never occurred to them in quite the same way. Maybe I sounded like a communist revolutionary? But it's true history, Peter the Great gained power and stability by enslaving the Russian peasantry at a time when peasants of other nations were breaking free of economic bonds and/or being displaced. They would not have thought in Moscow or St. Petersburg that the Tsar owed any *Nobless Oblige* to the peasantry since his power did not derive from the peasants, but rather, from royal primogeniture and the support of the Boyars. And when they would not support him either, he abolished the Boyars and relied on his new model European army.

✓ “Political power grows out of the barrel of a gun” – Mao Zedong.

“Pragmatic ethics is a theory of normative philosophical ethics. Ethical pragmatists such as John Dewey believe that some societies have progressed morally in much the way they have attained progress in science. Scientists can pursue inquiry into the truth of a hypothesis and accept the hypothesis, in the sense that they act as though the hypothesis were true; nonetheless, they think that future generations can advance science, and thus future generations can refine or replace (at least some of) their accepted hypotheses. Similarly, ethical pragmatists think that norms, principles, and moral criteria are likely to be improved as a result of inquiry.”

– from Wikipedia article, “Pragmatic Ethics,” captured July 2, 2019

Pragmatic Ethics: Pragmatic ethics is an underpinning of our civilization, even when not named. People can picture civilizations learning moral or good behavior in the same way as a child, for which historiography plays a vital role, e.g., does a person always blame others for their problems?¹⁰ Pragmatic ethics is a function of literary fiction, much science-fiction is about pragmatic ethics leading to true interstellar civilization. It is also part of historical assessment:

- ✓ [Interview] “With the extraordinary ingenuity and real genius that was involved in taking a physical reaction that was discovered on a benchtop in Nazi Germany in 1938, and turning it into this whole new field of energy, for power, for medicine, for all sorts of humane uses, but also for terrible, terrible weapons, it’s easy to shrug and say those were terrible things we should of never have done that. As a historian, I feel that it’s real Monday morning quarterbacking to look back on the past and say those people shouldn’t have done that, those were not nice people. I think, instead the way to think about the past had its own principles and rules and its own challenges and fears. One has to say why? Why did they do that? What was it that led them to make the decisions they made, what can we learn from what they did, and what they thought and what they said about what they did? All of that is part of what we call history and its much more helpful I think to us now, looking at the future we are looking forward to, to try to understand what happened, not simply to condemn them out of hand, and say ‘well we wouldn’t have done that, we’re better people than that.’ Would we not have? What would we have done?” – Richard Rhodes, *The Half-Life of Genius: Physicist Raemer Schreiber* (2018).
- ✓ [Interview] “[The Senator from Illinois] has every right to hide from history if she wants to, but it seems she is trying to hide history from us, and I think that’s a mistake.” – Shelby Foote, *Book TV C-Span 2*, July 26, 1994 (video on YouTube).

The justification for the Nuremburg Trials (Nazi hunting, the ICC) is pragmatic ethics. Still, the Nuremburg Trials were seen then and now, as an exercise of the victors (i.e. the de-Nazification of Germany) and not of justice. On the one side, the crimes of the Red Army against German, Polish and other civilians were never addressed at all (the Soviets never signed the Geneva Convention of 1929, but the Russian Empire had ratified the previous Hague Convention) and on the other, results such as the courts-martial proceedings related to the Biscari Massacre carried out by American soldiers in Sicily in 1943 are hypocritical when compared to the results of the Malmedy Massacre Trials held at Dachau in 1946. One might argue that the atrocities carried out by the German military are far greater than the atrocities carried out by the American military (but not so much more than were carried out by the Red Army), but in the individual cases comparison, the argument is irrelevant: In both POWs and civilians were shot without provocation.

- ✓ This apparent double-standard is one that still haunts and undermines the U.S. credibility in the world; for example, that the United States signed but has not ratified the Rome Statute to join the International Criminal Court (ICC) and has seemed alternately hostile, stand-offish, and cautiously supportive toward the body. This is not likely to change as long as the United States remains one of the major powers on Earth; the absurdity is glaring: U.S. support of the ICC is conditioned on whether or not it promotes *U.S. interests*. This is sovereignty and nationalism laid bare.
- ✓ For their part, the Soviets always complained that the United Nations was just a puppet of or extension of U.S. foreign policy; the United States has long been (embarrassingly) hundreds of millions of dollars in arrears in annual U.N. contributions:

- “...the Senate has refused to appropriate the full amount of the standard United States contribution to the world body, on the ground that the organization is inefficient, wasteful and often contrary to American interests. But now it was praising the United Nations for its recent efforts in mobilizing world opinion against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, for example, and for helping with a solution to the Iran-Iraq war.” – Richard Bernstein, “Why Does the United States Refuse to Pay Its U.N. Bill?” New York Times archives, August 7, 1988.

In short, the United States is historically slow making good the promise to pay the piper, but runs to the piper whenever it needs a quick tune! You knew this already.

“A vendor came to Kazanga in a battered spaceship loaded with books. He was gaunt, white-haired, and a little mad. A celebration was held for him, for novelty was appreciated on the outer worlds.”

– Robert Sheckley, “Pilgrimage to Earth” (1957)

A Slave to Starships: Implicit in most space-opera or interstellar science-fiction settings is the idea that starships cost a staggering amount of money/resources and require extensive support, such that they are owned and controlled by governments, corporations and very wealthy individuals, guilds or groups. Until starship technology and interstellar society reaches a very advanced state, starships are not like cars or, before cars, horses, ubiquitous symbols of individual freedom of movement in their times.

There is thus a suggestion that those who travel and colonize new worlds by starship in early interstellar societies are left isolated, vulnerable, subservient to and dependent upon the owners and crews of starships that connect the dots of civilization in space. They may be forced, for example, to mine out the natural resources of their world, filling starship holds, in exchange for meagre returns in supplies, manufactured goods, and culture, without colony development. They may then be abandoned and forgotten, their world becomes a backwater, as depicted in the excellent social sciences study, “Punk Zone,” (Epic Illustrated, October 1981, p. 67) about violent young street gangs, remnants of humanity, and sociocultural degeneration (or evolution) on a strip-mined world.

- ✓ “Well, students, at one time, Devron was a boom planet; that is to say, the people who came here did so with a rampant enthusiasm and sense of hope. There were precious ores to be mined. Of course, that was a number of years ago. Now the planet is that harsh little ball your visi-screens depict ... ill-equipped to offer sustenance to its meagre population of settlers.They were originally hard-bitten individualist bent on making easy fortunes. But their dreams were strip-mined with the ore. ... Exhausted of adventure, they are content with tilling the land (what’s left of it) and carrying on light trade with the more prosperous federation worlds.” *Id.*, Epic Illustrated.

Although GGDM does not make any comment on the existence of slavery in the interstellar setting of the game, it does exist in the real world, today, in the here and now.

- ✓ “The 2016 Global Slavery Index from the Walk Free Foundation said modern slavery comes in many forms, from domestic to sexual to bonded and child labor. The term refers to a situation in which a person has taken away another’s freedom so they can

be exploited.” – Corinne Abrams and Qasim Nauman, “India has the most people living in modern slavery,” Wall Street Journal, India Real Time, June 2, 2016.

Human rights organizations estimate about 45 million people are enslaved and the situation regarding sale of slaves in post-Gaddafi Libya has gained attention after the auctions were filmed and published by a credible international news organization. Slavery is sometimes obvious and sometimes not so, so in some situations a person or group can go voluntarily, legally or illegally, to another country seeking work or opportunities, and end up being held against their will by force or threat of being reported; in other situations, loan systems, economic systems, land ownership, or poverty, such as those in northern India and the early 20th Century in the United States, serve to indenture employees, and their families, to the point of near-slavery condition (e.g., “Sixteen Tons,” sung by Tennessee Ernie Ford, 1955). In conflict zones, child soldiers are a form of slavery, in Thailand, there are reported to be fishing boats served by enslaved crewmen.

➤ Interstellar Law: Slavery, piracy, religious wars drove development of *international law*:

- ✓ “In general, describing the slave trader as *hostis humani generis* emphasized the idea that these crimes were offenses against humanity. One of the most important conceptual developments that led to the development of the contemporary international human rights regime was the idea that violations of human rights are of global and not just local concern.” – from abstract of The Slave Trade and Origins of International Human Rights Law, Ch. 6 “Enemies of Mankind,” Jenny S. Martinez, found on Oxford Scholarship Online, February 14, 2018.

- See further, *Hostis Humani Generis* excerpt, Commerce, *infra*.

By general agreement and actions, the post-WWII sovereigns generally treated Nazi party members (and regime associates) as *hostis humani generis*, except where it suited their purposes otherwise (e.g., German scientists who emigrated after the war, Operation Paperclip); similarly, modern terrorist are likewise generally *hostis humani generis* except where it is inconvenient to a particular sovereign’s purposes (e.g., the Entebbe Raid, Uganda, 1976).

“However, the violence produced an unanticipated paradox. The more violent the Thirty’s regime became, the more opposition they faced. The increased level of opposition ultimately resulted in the upheaval of the Thirty’s regime by Thrasybulus’ rebel forces.”

– from Wikipedia article, “Thirty Tyrants,” captured July 2, 2019

*“Swear allegiance to the Flag
Whatever Flag they offer
Never hint at what you really feel.”*

– Mike and the Mechanics, “Silent Running” (1985) ¹¹

Conversion & Naturalization: Conversion and Naturalization are the processes of bringing Conquered Colonies into the sovereignty, political and economic networks of the conqueror’s society (and to the conqueror’s benefit), as much as can be done considering the situation. Conversion attempts are never required, a colony can remain perpetually a Conquered Colony. ¹²

- ✓ “I am an Indian. I must bow to the laws of the Pueblo, but I cannot accept its ways; I cannot cut the heels off my white man’s boots; I cannot cut the seat from my pants

and cover myself with a blanket. I am an Indian. I went to the white man's school and learned to be a carpenter, but I cannot drink whiskey as the white man does nor go where he goes nor live as he lives ... I am a man who must find out who he is." – Frank Waters, inside cover of The Man Who Killed the Deer (1942).

Conversion and Naturalization require patient effort are not automatically successful, however, as time-consuming as Conversion and Naturalization can be, the colony does not suffer damage.

- ✓ See Pacification Theory, Making War Through Peace, 6 Combat, p. 1020, *infra*.
 - ✓ **Dr. Hans Fallada:** I mean, in a sense we're all vampires. We drain energy from other life forms. The difference is one of degree. – Lifeforce (1985).
- **Conversion:** Only Conquered Colonies may be Converted; colonies that are subjected to Orbital Bombardment Combat by the conqueror are instantly Converted (however, the colony and planet are damaged and there is a risk of *apostasy*). Conversion requires three elements:
- 1) A continuing credible threat of force if the colony does not comply,
 - 2) Restoration of civil order under a central authority (i.e. a puppet regime), and
 - 3) Strategic control of the planet surface, especially resource and population area.

Conversion is a matter of time and force, and is thus suitable for resolution by die roll.

- ✓ Conversion Attempts *are not* subject to failure of the Power Activation due to inactive Constructural Elements on the target colony (their resistance is a given). Game mechanically, Cohering attempts cannot be applied to Conquered Colonies (see Money Can't Buy You Love, 5 Culture, p. 422, *supra*) and Conquered Colonies are likely to have inactive Constructural Elements. However, upon successful Conversion, the conqueror inherits the mess, newly converted colonies may be difficult.
- ✓ Each Conversion Attempt (by activation of the Order Power) requires a die roll on one ten sided die, and is successful if the modified die roll is greater than the population of the Conquered Colony divided by ten.
- ✓ One is subtracted if a Pacification Combat (see 6 Combat, *infra*) has been initiated against the colony (this implies failure to automatically Convert the colony).
- ✓ Two is subtracted from the die roll if the colony was Looted (see Looting, 3 Commerce, p. 1210, *infra*) by the *current sovereign* before the Conversion Attempt.
 - If you orbital bombard a colony, they will instantly submit, but will never join your empire voluntarily. If you send down the troops and lose a ground war (i.e. Pacification Combat) and won't bombard from orbit, they have won a major victory. If you loot them, they will despise you.
 - "Thief, thief, thief! Baggins! We hates it, we hates it, we hates it forever!" – Gollum, in J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit (1937).
- ✓ One is subtracted from all Conversion die rolls if the conqueror has no Diplomatic Spaces (see 2 Diplomacy, *infra*) beyond First Spaces with the owner of the Native Population Type of a Conquered Colony. Colony Combat can be a First Contact.
- ✓ One is subtracted if any population is Loaded, Unloaded, or Landed on the Conquered Colony's planet (even their own) by anyone prior to the Conversion Attempt.

- ✓ One is added to the die roll if the target colony is part of a Balkanized planet that contains a sovereign colony of the conqueror's Native Population Type (i.e. familiarity).
- ✓ One may be added, at the discretion of the Concierge, if the Construction Power was activated at the Conquered Colony after conquest (depending on what was built). It is possible to activate the Construction Power without Unloading RPs, just for show.
- ✓ Two is added to the die roll if RPs greater than the taxation value of the colony were Unloaded from Cargo Ships (see Combat Engineers, 1 Construction, p. 664, *supra* and Downloading, 2 Commerce, p. 1202, *infra*) at any time *prior to* the Conversion Attempt (i.e. bribery, reparations), *but not if the colony was subjected to Orbital Bombardment Combat* by the conquerors. RPs downloaded to Conquered Colonies are at normal value, not enhanced value (opposite of Looting, 3 Commerce, p. 1210, *infra*).
 - Due to processing sequence it is not possible to Unload before Conversion in the same Regular Turn (Order is before Commerce) unless paired with a Construction Power Activation (Material Handling, 1 Construction, p. 664).

Conversion Attempt procedures and modifiers may be altered by the participants through experience (to make conversion easier, more difficult, or more 'realistic') or by development of other abilities in the game, such as technology, Writs, Corporations, etc. The Concierge may also make any judgments necessary based on their top-down view of the situation (i.e. high insurgency levels); in this, the Concierge *must represent the population* of the target colony (see 5 Combat, *supra*). Special Operations Black-ops at the colony may also be a factor.

One factor that game participants may take into account is whether the conquering power supports the legitimacy of the current planetary government, replaces that government with a friendly government (i.e. puppet regime), and/or imports external cadres to govern the conquered world. One might compare Government Titles, etc. As an example, following the defeat of Athens by Sparta in the First Peloponnesian War, the democratic government of Athens was replaced by a pro-Spartan oligarchy known as the Thirty Tyrants (404-403 B.C.).

- ✓ The Tyrants were overthrown after a year; after which Athens suffered a cultural and identity crisis, as discussed in Hand Me The Hemlock, 1 Disruption, p. 256, *supra*. Socrates was tried (on the charge of "corrupting the youth") afterwards on the strong belief that he was a supporter of the Thirty Tyrants and oligarchy. Plato's eyewitness account is the most famous philosophical work in history; Xenophon, the famed military commander, another student of Socrates, who probably was not present, later wrote the book Anabasis (about 370 B.C.). Anabasis possibly inspired Alexander the Great, a student of Aristotle, who was a student of Plato, who was a student of Socrates, to conquer the Persian Empire (334 B.C.).
- Taught Their English To Our Young: It is possible by modifiers and/or large colonies to create a situation where a colony can never be converted unless something changes, e.g., the population is reduced by Orbital Bombardment or forced removal on Colony Ships, creating other problems.

If a Pacification Combat has occurred at the Conquered Colony (risking *apostasy*, see Alieny Apostasy, 3 Disruption, p. 283, *supra*) and the result was a suppression (see Fabrication of Order, 6 Combat, pp. 1022-1023, *infra*), two Conversion attempt rolls (at -1 modifier each, *ut supra*) at that colony may be made in a Regular Turn for each activation of the Order Power for the purpose of Conversion targeting the colony *and the total of the two Conversion*

rolls are added together and treated as one. However, for each failed Conversion Attempt, one population factor is lost from the Conquered Colony.

Pacification Combat may thus be required to convert large colonies, i.e., the ability to add die rolls from two attempts may be the only way to get a sufficiently high number for conversion. When conquering large colonies, bring an occupation army. A strategy for conquest thus might be to conquer small **alien colonies** and then grow and develop them into large colonies; nothing works to make people happy to see you like granting prosperity and peace.

- Incurable Acute Alterity: In extreme alterity situations between conqueror and conquered, the Concierge may simply block any Conversion attempt on the Conquered Colony, declaring that the *otherness* of the two species prevents the colony from ever being Converted (e.g. humans and bees, see *Let it Bee*, 1 Diplomacy, p. 1105, *infra*, or *Truly Alien Primal States*, see 6 Beginnings, p. 64, *supra*). Which raises the question of why conquer those colonies?

- ✓ Merriam-Webster online dictionary at *alterity*: otherness; specifically: the quality or state of being radically alien to the conscious self or a particular cultural orientation.

Should I refrain from stepping on a colony of ants on the sidewalk, would they ever be successfully ‘converted’ or ‘naturalized’ to me? There are many possibilities that the Concierge may take into account that cannot be embraced by the over-simplistic conversion die roll system presented here (e.g., SQ differences), for example, that there are some colonies that might never be converted or that conquest of a colony might cause a complete breakdown of the central systems and authorities. You cannot ‘domesticate’ ants! Of course, I don’t step on an ant colony on the sidewalk, but for other sorts of reasons. And the ants will never know that they were spared; they just keep on doing ant things.

- An Accommodation: While conquest and conversion is clearly a tyrannical situation, there is a limit to which the loyalties and actions of conquered subjects can be commanded or trusted.
 - ✓ “Love Thy Neighbor”; is this a command? Is this a command with which anyone has ever been forced to comply? Can you make me do that? It’s not in the same category as a command to relinquish goods or provide services. You cannot make me believe.

Trust is entirely a different matter, as it requires the acceptance of another’s intelligence and manners as valid and worthy.

- ✓ For example, the Romans knew that people whom they had conquered, and whose lands, liberties, and tribute they had taken would never like them and could never be trusted. The Romans only asked that conquered peoples obey Roman law, acknowledge Roman gods, and pay tribute. The Romans knew, however, that their children and children’s children would grow up in the Roman system and know nothing else (except, apparently, in Palestine). But in the Roman world, the conquerors and conquered were all humans. Would it work that way between distinctly alien species, proud starfaring civilizations? What happens when the new masters are so ... alien?

Thus, at the time that a Converted Colony becomes a Naturalized Colony, and the Naturalized alien population is accepted into the conqueror’s civilization, and vice versa, the alien population assumes all cultural and technological traits of the conqueror (however, this is a tricky bit, e.g., Fundamental Realities, see Alienation section below).

- ✓ “Peace and trust will still win the day, despite all your losing.” – Led Zeppelin, “Immigrant Song” (1970).

- Naturalization: Naturalization of **alien colonies** (‘alien hoarding’) is really a matter of legitimacy (i.e. shortly, a monopoly on legitimate physical force); that the converted populations accept the legitimacy of the conqueror’s rule¹³ while the conqueror on the other tentacle, must also accept the cultural legitimacy of the subject population (e.g., Cnute the Great’s rule of England as opposed to the Norman Conquest).¹⁴ Only Converted Colonies may be Naturalized, and a colony *may not be both* Converted *and* Naturalized on the same Regular Turn.

By way of example, extremes of cultural affinity have occurred in the 19th and 20th Centuries in relation to colonization. Some in India became ‘more English than the English,’ adopting English mannerisms and sensibilities in the extreme; the term “boko harem” originally referred to those of Central Africa who adopted European dress, customs and learning; and despite being treated poorly and culturally suppressed by the Japanese, many in the ancient Ryukyu Kingdom sought to earn the respect of the Japanese and became ‘more Japanese than the Japanese’ while still being treated as lesser savages by their conquerors.

Another very good historical example of the naturalization difficulties is the Tudor Conquest of Ireland from 1529 to 1603 A.D., e.g., The Nine Years War, the Desmond Rebellions, Surrender and Re-grant, the Plantations, the Lordship, etc. Wikipedia has a good article on this subject for participants to reference. It contains all elements: Forced Balkanization (e.g., the Plantations), Pacification Combat and population loss (e.g., Desmond Rebellions and the seneschals), interference by foreign powers (e.g., Spain), religion (e.g., Papal excommunication of Elizabeth I, Henry VIII’s break with the Pope), all caught up in the chaos of The Reformation and dynastic disputes. See *Beyond the Pale*, 3 Reformation, p. 1400, *infra*.

- ✓ Naturalization is the only activation of the Order Power that can fail due to inactive Constructural Elements. When a Naturalization attempt is made, the target colony is checked to see if it obeys the Power Activation (see Power Off, 2 Constructural Elements, p. 193, *supra*). Enlightenment (true enlightenment!) can be used to increase the chances, but if the colony does not obey the Power Activation, the Naturalization attempt fails on that turn regardless of what the participants and Concierge may desire; ‘they’ (‘dem stupid aliens) are not quite getting it yet!
- ✓ Naturalization is accomplished by activation of a Special Writ of Naturalization on the same Regular Turn as the Power Activation that is only applicable to the target colony (and requiring a Fuzzy Group). The Writ must be in proper form, see Form of the Writ, 2 Writs p. 438, *supra*. Acceptance of the Writ is entirely at the discretion of the Concierge, based on judgment of the colony’s true status and the process, and history with the current conquerors (and possibly, also the story arc of the game); but once the Writ is accepted, it only needs to be activated once to Naturalize the colony.
 - E.g. “In their quest for new settlers the German rulers of Brandenburg and Saxony deemed religious affiliation a private ... matter, a position which the Dutch had long accepted.... Nevertheless, because credal affiliation could easily be confused with political loyalty, bigoted rulers like Louis XIV or Leopold I failed to see how non-Catholics could ever be loyal subjects.... Despite

this, however, the notion was in the air that religious association might be irrelevant to citizenship.” – Raymond Birn, Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe 1648 to 1789, 2nd Ed., pp. 173-174.

- See further citizenship discussion, *ut infra*. See full quote, *ut infra*.

Orbital Bombardment, Pacification Combats, Looting, Raids, and removal of population from the colony by the current owner should all weigh against Naturalization.

Obviously, there is going to be some prior communication between the position and the Concierge regarding Writs of Naturalization. It should not be complex or lengthy, the Concierge is either going to say yea, or nay and then provide reasons why it cannot be accepted at this time. A low-level insurgency is not an *automatic bar*. Positions can, of course, take a blind shot at it, but the Writ must be either submitted in advance or with the Regular Turn actions.

- ✓ If the Naturalization failed due to inactive Constructural Elements the Fuzzy Group *will not be actualized* to activate the Special Writ but the Power Activation is used.

The game optimistically assumes that if enough resources are expended and the position tries hard enough, almost any Converted Colony can be Naturalized. The Concierge is not strictly bound by this; there may be good reasons why any colony, alien or even of the same Native Population Type as the conqueror, will never be Naturalized. Consider Rome and the Jews, two ancient cultures which we understand well and are well studied; it would be hard to find two more incompatible cultures than the Roman Empire and the Jews of Palestine! The Romans would never accept any gap in their complete control of the Mediterranean coastline (which they called *Mare Nostrum*, “our sea”) or interruption of their overland trade routes from Syria to Egypt, and the Jews would never accept the Imperial Cult, any Roman gods, or a king elected by the Roman Senate. History and religion records what happened.

- Cuba Libre!: GGDGM does not anticipate that a Naturalized Colony will ever be reduced in status to a Converted Colony without change of ownership. It is not impossible. However, Naturalization is considered permanent, and the Writ of Naturalization cannot be voluntarily undone or revoked by the position, it’s not just a political convenience.

A Conquered Colony that contains the conqueror’s Native Population Type is automatically a Friendly Colony (at the discretion of the Concierge), unless it has been Naturalized by another position. If the colony was ever Naturalized, it cannot (likely) never be a Friendly Colony (they have been culturally contaminated by aliens!) to the owner of its Native Population Type, but a +2 modifier is added to all Conversion Rolls by the new owner and it can (probably) be Naturalized again. This is all at the discretion of the Concierge, of course; it could be decided that the colony can be reintegrated, but there are lots of factors, acceptance, work.

“Despite signs of spiritual revival in the late seventeenth century, secular values gradually were replacing religious ones as major influences on European life. By 1715 it had become unfashionable to go to war in the name of rival Christian creeds, and within states themselves, a few princes noted the political and social impracticality of inconveniencing religious minorities. In their quest for new settlers the German rulers of Brandenburg and Saxony deemed religious affiliation a private ... matter, a position which the Dutch had long accepted.... Nevertheless, because credal affiliation could easily be confused with political loyalty, bigoted rulers like Louis XIV or Leopold I failed to see how non-Catholics could ever be loyal subjects....”

Despite this, however, the notion was in the air that religious association might be irrelevant to citizenship. Nurturing such a position was an accompanying movement that subjected religious practice to rigorous critical analysis, ridiculing unproven credulity, and weakening traditional belief.”

– Raymond Birn, Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe 1648 to 1789, 2nd Ed., pp. 173-174

Civis Sum: Naturalization should not be confused with the modern process of citizenship. The modern forms and concepts of citizenship – *jus sanguinis*, *jus soli*, *jure matrimonii* – have not always been in effect; for example, the ancient biographer Plutarch was required in the 1st Century AD to be *sponsored* for Roman Citizenship by another Roman Citizen (admission to the bar of a court still operates in that way), even though by that time, the Greeks were arguably ‘naturalized’ to the Roman Empire and he was born to parents who clearly resided inside the Empire. Some places in the modern world still hold conversion to their religion as a requirement of citizenship. Thus, naturalization of an **alien colony** in GGDM should not be considered an automatic grant of citizenship to the population, which could be a whole other matter (science-fiction stories present additional interesting citizenship issues, e.g., The Bicentennial Man’s (1976) curious quest to be declared a human in Isaac Asimov’s Foundation Universe¹⁵); naturalization here refers to political and cultural acceptance of alien legitimacy. Citizenship – reciprocation of legitimacy – has been a long-running issue, and was of early importance to civilizations, consider:

- ✓ “The number of helots in relation to Spartan citizens varied throughout the history of the Spartan state; according to Herodotus, there were seven helots for each Spartan at the time of the Battle of Plataea in 479 BC. Thus the need to keep helot population in check and preventing rebellion was one of the main concerns of the Spartans. Helots were ritually mistreated, humiliated and even slaughtered: every autumn the Spartans would declare war on the helots so they could be killed by a member of the Crypteia without fear of repercussion. Uprisings and attempts to improve the lot of the helots did occur, such as the Conspiracy of Cinadon.” – from Wikipedia article, “Helots.”
- ✓ “As Spartan citizenship was inherited by blood, Sparta increasingly faced a helot population that vastly outnumbered its citizens. The alarming decline of Spartan citizens was commented on by Aristotle.” – from Wikipedia article, “Sparta.”

Only male Spartan citizens (Spartiates) could be hoplites (warriors), so Spartan combat losses were particularly devastating (like the loss of French Knights at Crecy and Agincourt). This military idea continues with concepts such as technology as an offset strategy over quantity, and in militant space-opera fiction (e.g., Starship Troopers (1959), in which Heinlein pontificated a Spartan-like citizenship scheme) where ‘lower tech’ and indigenous aliens always vastly outnumber ‘high tech’ humans (on this latter, see Arthur C. Clark’s “Superiority” (1951)).

- ✓ “What matters is not whether Paul went there [to Spain], or if he really was executed at Rome during the reign of the emperor Nero, but rather the person of Paul himself. When he was arrested as a threat to public order, his Jewish enemies having complained to the Romans, Paul needed only two words to change the balance of power – *civis sum*, ‘I am a citizen’ – a Roman citizen. The fact that he was a Roman citizen meant that, unlike Jesus, he could neither be handed over to the Jewish authorities for judgment nor summarily executed by an angry Roman governor. A Roman citizen

could appeal to the emperor’s justice, and that is what Paul did.” – Prof. Michael Kulikowski (Pennsylvania State University), “Christians were Strangers: How an obscure oriental cult in a corner of Roman Palestine grew to become the dominant religion of the Western world,” *Aeon*, January 30, 2017.

One wonders therefore, how the story of Jesus would have been different if he or his parents were Roman citizens? No crucifixion, no Christianity, mission fail. *The history of the West rests on that one fact.* If you are picking your Messiah, don’t pick a Roman citizen.

✓ See continued discussion of Subjects and Citizens, 2 Government Titles, p. 599, *infra*.

“She was in full-on denial. When confronted with the pictures she actually told my father that someone else must have gone in there and done this. Until then, my father never understood what it was like to stare delusion in the face. He thinks in the end that she actually believed her own fiction because the horror of what she had done to herself and those animals was too much for her psyche to handle. She completely disassociated from reality.”

– Amelia Tait, “The Complex, Tragic Psychology Behind Animal Hoarding,” *Vice Magazine*, May 7, 2015

Alienation: When an **alien colony** is conquered, a piece of the nation is lopped off of the state to which it belongs and appended to the nation-state of the conquering position. The conqueror, whatever the political status of the **alien colony**, inherits the Fundamental Realities of the alien nation to which the population belongs, and those Fundamental Realities, along with all other characteristics of the alien Native Population type (such as planet habitability), will continue to apply to the alien populations no matter where in the universe they live or who controls them.

The conqueror will not be allowed to see the Fundamental Realities that apply to the conquered populations, but will be informed at appropriate times when they can or cannot do something in relation to the conquered population because of the alien Fundamental Realities, and thus the conqueror will eventually become familiar with their alien subjects. Interventions will apply.

- ✓ In the 1980s television mini-series, *Peter the Great* (1986), I recall a striking scene in which the Boyars arrive in traditional dress to petition the Tsar. As they enter court, they see a court – shockingly different from what they expect – modeled after the modern Western European style, as if they had walked into Versailles.¹⁶ They are completely alienated and out of place there, looking obsolete and medieval.
- ✓ Similarly, when the Emperor of Japan recorded a message to be broadcast to the people announcing the surrender of Japan at the end of WWII (the Jeweled Broadcast), the message was spoken in classical court Japanese which could not be easily understood by most of the population.

It is unlikely that Kairotic Moments attached to a conquered planet which is Terra Sancta (see 1 Kairotic Moments, p. 1420, *infra*) would be transferable, and likewise, it is unlikely that Thesis statements (see 2 Reformation, p. 1391, *infra*) of the alien population would have any effect on the new owner; but such are these that there are *too many variables and possibilities* to make an absolute rule. Some odd things might occur in these situations at the judgment of the Concierge.

- **Alien Nation:** When the conquered colony is removed from its previous owner’s Public Space and moved to the conqueror’s Public Space, the population of the planet is alienated

from their own interstellar culture. Thus, *culture and research that were adjacent to or connected to the conquered colony are not transferred to the new owner with the colony (but may be **lost or disrupted**)*. Additionally, Writs, Patents, Colleges, Institutions, and Government Titles of the conquered population are not transferred to or available to the new owner. However, due to the nature of technology, it may eventually be possible to reverse engineer alien technologies found on conquered planets (assuming they survive the battle) with some effort; see 3 Technologies, pp. 712-720, *infra*, for Reverse Engineering procedures.

- ✓ “If the aim of education is to gain money and power, where can we turn for help in knowing what to do with that money and power? Only a disordered mind thinks that these are ends in themselves. Socrates offers us the cautionary tale of the athlete-physician Herodicus, who wins fame and money through his athletic prowess and medicine, then proceeds to spend all his wealth trying to preserve his youth. This is what we mean by a disordered mind. He has been trained in the STEM fields of his time, and his training gains him great wealth, but it leaves him foolish enough to spend it all on something he can never buy.” – John Kaag and David O’Hara, “Big Brains, Small Minds,” *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 13, 2016.
 - “Disordered mind” is such a nice, delicate phrase, like if you lived in one of those countries where calling the Dear Leader “crazy” or our Dear Lunatic would get you arrested and tortured until you die, maybe saying he has a “disordered mind” will only get you arrested and tortured until you are crippled for life, as reeducation?☺
- **Monad Imperialism:** An interesting alternative might have been that when an **alien colony** is conquered, instead of simply transferring the colony planet from one Public Space to another (as stated in *Conquered Colony*, 2 Order, p. 539, *supra*), the Monad which the colony occupies is also transferred, thus altering the respective Public Spaces.
 - ✓ In the ‘lopped off’ sense above, it would **sort of** make sense if this happened.
 - ✓ But in another sense, it would be completely absurd as Public Space is not like real estate, rather, it is more generally analogous to (and related to) sensory perception and cognition; that is, owning more real estate won’t let you see farther, hear better, smell new scents or think better. Real estate is material wealth mainly.
 - ✓ Thus ‘monad imperialism’ was not incorporated into GGDM and was in fact, explicitly rejected. However, this discussion does serve to highlight a gray area in the simulation as most people agree that exposure to new ideas, other people, is a critical part of growth, and that isolation is harmful.¹⁷ This is partially handled in *In Spite of Ourselves*, 4 Order, p. 574, *infra*. Thus the exposure to alien culture by conquest and conversion of colonies may change the conquering position in other ways – but not by transfer of Monads. See further (not farther!) discussion, 1 Diplomacy *et seq.*, *infra*.
 - Perhaps ‘holes’ in the Public Space, if allowed, represent psychological or perception blind spots in a species, or in *Dune* (1965) terms: “Try looking into that place where you dare not look! You’ll find me there, staring out at you!” – Paul Maud’Dib to Reverend Mother Gaius Helen Mohiam.

“Convinced of their technological and methodological superiority over all other peoples, Europeans were starting to question the value of all of the new knowledge if one did not know how to live.”

– Raymond Birn, Crisis, Absolutism, Revolution: Europe 1648 to 1789 (2nd Ed., 1992), p. 169

Endnotes.

¹ Citation: See Frederick Douglass, “My Bondage and My Freedom,” in *Tribes in the Night Sky*, *infra*.

² Commentary: If you think you have heard these last words before, perhaps you may have heard of Robert Heinlein’s famous book about a human raised by Martians who returns to Earth?

³ Citation: Alternate View: “People who say that slavery had nothing to do with the war are just as wrong as people who say that slavery had everything to do with the war. That was a very complicated civic thing. Robert Tomes, or somebody, once gave the best estimate of the war that I ever heard; he said it was a war of one form of society against another form of society and because one of those forms of society included chattel slavery, and the other side didn’t except to a limited extent, it’s always been identified as a war over slavery.” – Shelby Foote undated audio interview, YouTube “Shelby Foote on the Confederate Flag.”

- ✓ Robert Tomes was U.S. Consul at Rheims, France until 1867. In this analysis, I believe he may have had in mind the war between the English (supported by the Burgundian faction) and Armagnac-controlled France, discussed in 2 Disruption, EN 9, p. 280, *supra*, as a comparator to the American Civil War.

⁴ Citation: “The people they passed were a silent, sullen lot. Dull, brutish faces. The faces of slaves and serfs held in bondage by fear and force. These people, Kieron reflected, would go mad in a carnival of destruction if the heavy hand of their lord should falter.... [later] Neg was a shambles. The advent of the Valkyrs had been a signal for the brutish population to go mad. Mobs had thronged the streets, smashing, killing and looting. The few Kalgan warriors left behind to guard the city had had to aid the Valkyrs in restoring order.... Shops and houses had been gutted by fire. Goods of all kinds were strewn about the streets, and here and there a body – twisted and dismembered – awaited the harassed burial detachments that roamed the shattered megalopolis.... Along the street of the Black Flames there was nothing left standing whole. Every hovel, every tenement had been gutted and looted by the mobs.” – Alfred Coppel, “The Rebel of Valkyr” (1950).

⁵ Commentary: Everyone should be cautious in declaring that their family has never owned slaves. A hundred one generations have passed on the Christian calendar (that is 2020 years divided by 20) and few know where their ancestors were or what they did more than three-generations back (e.g., great-grandparents); this also goes for African-Americans as slavery was not uncommon in Africa *before* the arrival of the Europeans. Thus, African-American ancestors may have owned slaves generations before themselves becoming slaves; there were even reportedly Africans who captured and sold other Africans to Europeans as slaves. Thus, ‘African identity’ was externally imposed.

⁶ Commentary: In about March-April 1945, Heinrich Himmler was secretly in contact with Count Bernadotte, head of the Swedish Red Cross, about the possible German surrender and suggested the imminent, impending death of Hitler. Himmler was apparently looking for a situation where Germany surrendered and his remaining SS acted as the police force to keep order (thus, he would remain in power). When Hitler found out, he flew into one of his legendary fits of rage, and declared both Himmler and Göring to be traitors (Göring for an somewhat different reason). Although Himmler’s motives were undoubtedly selfish and self-serving, and he was one of the main architects of the atrocity that was Nazi Germany, viewed through historical hindsight and the inevitability of German defeat in early 1945, and the lens of being on the victorious side of the struggle, it is hard to feel that Himmler committed treason *against* Germany (aside from his crimes against humanity):

- ✓ Did his overtures, as possibly second in the Nazi Government, give comfort and aid to the enemies of Germany? Not likely at that point in time. Rather, he was guilty of insubordination to Hitler, for which he could be legitimately terminated from office in any country, but Hitler was not a person to appreciate such fine lines; rather, he was a ‘traitor’ because in Hitler’s mind, Hitler and Germany were the same entity.

⁷ **Citation & Commentary:** In 1542, Holy Roman Emperor Charles V (whose family also ruled most of Spain), promulgated the New Laws as a result of protests against the cruelties committed against and enslavement of the native Americans in Spanish colonies. The local conquistadors resisted:

- ✓ “In 1544, [Lope de] Aguirre was at the side of Peru’s first viceroy, Blasco Núñez Vela, who had arrived from Spain with orders to implement the New Laws, suppress the *Encomiendas*, and liberate the natives from slavery. Many of the conquistadors refused to implement these laws, which prohibited them from exploiting the Indians. Aguirre, however, took part in the plot with Melchor Verdugo to free the viceroy (who had been imprisoned on the island of San Lorenzo), and thus turned against Gonzalo Pizarro (the leader of the anti-viceroy/New Laws faction). After the failed attempt, they escaped from Lima to Cajamarca, and started to gather men to help the viceroy. In the meantime, thanks to the oidor Alvarez, the viceroy had escaped to Tumbes and gathered a small military force in the belief that all the country would rise up to defend the Crown under the royal flag. The viceroy’s resistance to Pizarro and his deputy Francisco de Carvajal, the infamous ‘el demonio de los Andes’ (‘demon of the Andes’) would last for two years until he was defeated in Añaquito on January 18, 1546.” – from Wikipedia article, “Lope de Aguirre.”

Thus, the Old South was not the first to fight for the ‘right’ to enslave. Now, Lope de Aguirre was certainly not a humane character, any loyalties he expressed were pure politics and personal gain. In 1544, he fought to restore the Viceroy of Peru, in 1554 he was wounded fighting against a rebellion, in 1561, he was killed trying to invade Panama after declaring himself “Prince of Peru” in rebellion against the Crown. He also killed his own daughter:

- ✓ “In 1561, he seized Isla Margarita and suppressed any opposition to his reign, killing the governor. When he crossed to the mainland in an attempt to take Panama, his open rebellion against the Spanish crown came to an end. He was surrounded at Barquisimeto, Venezuela, where he murdered his own daughter, Elvira, ‘because someone that I loved so much should not come to be bedded by uncouth people.’ He also killed several followers who intended to capture him. He was eventually captured and shot to death; his body was beheaded and cut into quarters with pieces being sent to nearby towns as a warning.” *Id.*

This, of course, was always the danger: Explorers and conquerors get to the New World, and they think, why do I need to answer to that guy 3,000 miles away? I am here, I can make myself a king! I made this place! That ignorant fat man in Spain knows nothing about the land I have conquered for him. *And this can happen in GGDM.*☺

⁸ **Commentary & Citation:** As President Truman said, “There is nothing new in the world except the history you do not know.” Long ago, I read The Lombard Laws (1973), translated by Katherine Fischer Drew, which consists of the edicts of five Lombard Kings from the 6th to the 8th Centuries (I have not read the companion Burgundian Code) dealing with a large range of topics. The Lombards do not seem to have had the concept of incarceration as a form of punishment, the edicts instead consist of a system of fines, compensation and servitudes, including slavery, or execution or exile for acts against the state. And there I found not much had changed in over a thousand years; the Lombard Edicts deal with such tacky questions as, if a child is born of a slave and a freeman/master, is the child a slave or a freeman? What happens if two slaves are married and another man commits adultery with the slave woman? Compensation to be paid for killing another’s household slave or for injuring field slaves. Slaves being treated as both property (in compensation cases) and persons (in the ability to marry legally before the Lord, which was denied in the slave states in the U.S.), and various stages of confusion in between. This is possibly some acknowledgment in their system that slaves were people reduced to servitude by crimes and poverty or oath-bound, whereas in African slavery, the slaves were captured and brought as cargo to the New World, Europe and India and were solely legal property. Anyway, slavery was a legal problem for the Christian Lombards that consumed a large amount of pages, and was probably the single most frequently addressed subject in Ms. Drew’s translation.

- ✓ The Lombard legal system assuredly created a downward economic trend and increased stratification in their society. It is clear that a freeman could become a slave (or effectively so) in compensation for crimes, for example, Luitprand 84 (727 A.D.) fines a man half his worth as if he had been killed (plus repentance per religious canon) for consulting with a witch or sorcerer, or praying to a tree or performing religious services at a water spring, or failing to report or concealing others who do this. So concerned were they on this issue that there is even a punishment for skirting the law by sending a slave to consult with a witch or sorcerer for the master, and a punishment for the slave who goes to one without permission. Local magnates could easily manipulate the system to reduce certain families to debt slavery.
- ✓ In the logic of the situation, the edict could not say that a slave who was sent to see a witch or sorcerer on behalf of his master could either refuse, or report his master. Rather, the master would be punished.

- ✓ *Incarceration is an institution of a modern world that produces more than is needed, and can afford to punish people without using them as forced labor. The Lombards probably didn't have such a concept, they would not have had people in cages as punishment, consuming food and doing nothing useful.*

⁹ Commentary & Citation: In the Andromeda episode “Double Helix,” Tyr Anasazi’s bride, Freya Rajput, expresses the cultural expectation of Nietzschean women that all males are always trying to be Alphas, are constantly plotting and scheming to exert their authority, to gain prestige and prove their genetic superiority. Nietzschean women accept the killing and fighting among men and polygamy practice as the natural way to genetic superiority.

¹⁰ Commentary: In this view, Nazi anti-Semitism was vital in preventing Germany from learning anything from WWI; they simply resumed with fanatical ideological fervor in 1939.

¹¹ Citation & Commentary: “I’ll move myself and my family aside, If we happen to be left half alive, I’ll get all my papers and smile at the sky, Oh I know that the hypnotized never lie, Do ya?” – The Who, “Won’t get fooled again.”

- ✓ Contemporary Western music of the late 20th Century, starting with the Beatles “Revolution” in 1968, produced several anthems exploring the nature of modern violent ideological and radical religious revolutions. Without doubt, The Who’s 1971 “Won’t Get Fooled Again” is the best lyrical description and commentary on the subject. The key quality of an anthem is when the listener feels that no one could possibly do it better. Other honorable mentions include the aforementioned 1985 “Silent Running” by Mike + The Mechanics, and Megadeth’s 1992 “Symphony of Destruction.”

¹² Commentary & Citation: Example, in L. Ron Hubbard’s *Battlefield Earth* (1982), the Psychlos conquered the Earth with a preemptive Strike or Orbital Bombardment Combat (depending on interpretation) that killed 99% of humanity (a minor race). They Landed a small mining colony (making Earth a Balkanized Planet) but never attempted to convert the dwindling humans whom they considered wild savages (a Conquered Colony in GGDM terms). In fact, it was a belated attempt to enslave humans that led to the Psychlos very unlikely demise....

¹³ Commentary: The Vandal king Geric, sought marriage of his son into the Imperial Family of the Western Roman Empire, despite the obvious state of collapse overtaking the Empire. Attila the Hun allegedly had the same object in mind. The Mexica/Aztec chiefs sought the same, marriage into existing local aristocratic families, and assimilation into the local priesthood. In Ireland, the Norman conquerors married Gaelic daughters of chieftains and over time, lost their cultural identity (as the English crown slowly lost control beyond the Pale) and their descendants dominated Ireland until the Tudor Conquest and colonization, when they became the “Old English” as opposed to the “New English” settlers (English, Welsh, and Scots).

- ✓ This same pattern has repeated, as conquerors understand the importance of and seek legitimacy among the conquered populations, with some notable exceptions possibly being the Mongol final conquest of China in 1279; the Mongols rejected Confucianism and employed few Chinese elites and bureaucrats. The Mongols were driven out in 1368 by the Ming rebellion, who in turn were overthrown in 1644 by the northern Manchus, who also forbade Manchu marriage to Chinese women and eradicated the Ming elite and aristocracy.
- ✓ Based on the long term experience of the Normans in Ireland (above) and the time periods in GGDM, a Conquered colony that is left isolated for long periods of time by the new sovereign, with no activity, especially if efforts are not made to Convert the colony, might eventually slip from the conqueror’s control, especially so if the position has a Confederation Structural Government Title (see 2 Government Titles, p. 596, *infra*). This could be done by Concierge Intervention, as part of the story or events of the game.

¹⁴ Commentary: Are our dogs and cats ‘naturalized’ to human civilization? Do we make fun of cats and dogs for sleeping most of the day? Actually we do, but not usually in a mean-spirited way, it is not common now (but was in the past) to equate our pets sleeping habits with the capital vice or deadly sin of sloth. Thus, our pets are accepted for what they are, and are not morally judged except by very ignorant people. Modern people understand that is just the way they are naturally, modern science understands that their sleeping habits are related to being predators, storing up kinetic energy needed to catch fleeing prey. We also understand that we sleep (the evolutionary sleep dilemma, a small animal could get killed while sleeping, why sleep instead of simply resting while conscious?) because our brains use more energy than our blood supplies, thus sleep is necessary to replenish our brains.

- ✓ My cats are flatulent and snore, I never snore. Really. I stayed awake all night once listening. I didn’t snore a bit, not one time. Yeah.☺
- ✓ There is a limit to the quality of domestication based on the pet’s phylum and class, non-mammalian or ‘lower order’ Chordates (fish, amphibians, reptiles) are never really ‘domesticated’ (just caged) in the same sense as cats and dogs, with the exception of birds which can approach that level of naturalization to humans. Cats and dogs are clearly our favorites for a reason.

¹⁵ Citation & Commentary: Traveller RPG: The New Era presented some very clever interesting retrospective questions about the Cyberlime chips that, rather than being side issues, were core to the story. The Cyberlime were silicone-based lifeforms who happened to resemble in many ways, computer chips, that were discovered living ‘in the wild’ on a planet within the Third Imperium. Technically, by at least one Emperor’s decree, they were ‘citizens’ of the Imperium by virtue of being natural sophants (as opposed to sophisticated robots, Dave Nilson, Challenge #69), but they were never treated as such, rather, they were used in certain ship technologies and in core processing mainframes throughout the Imperium due to their special properties. They were also susceptible to the AI virus, engineered to target them, that destroyed the Imperium and collapsed interstellar civilization. The lingering question is whether or not by treating them as proper citizens rather than as things, this might have been avoided, and whether the treatment of the Cyberlime was indicative of larger moral-ethical issues in that civilization – similar to slavery. And that brings it back around to the issue of slavery – not whip-cracking slavery – but slavery nonetheless.

- ✓ Traveller RPG was never lacking in deep intellectual material and Traveller RPG: The New Era was cutting edge intellect in the time just before the internet, and just when PCs were becoming ubiquitous artifacts of our civilization. Instead of blithe back stories, such as Skynet in the Terminator movies that were popular then, the Traveller RPG writers in articles and books (e.g., Dave Nilson’s article in Challenge #69) explored the working basis of a technology they could barely imagine (noting however that the 1990s imagined technology development of the Imperium is already looking quaint next to the early 21st century possibility of quantum computing and quantum communication satellites – that’s a risk writers take when they write about the future). But as noted previously, intellect doesn’t count for much in the market (especially one aimed at the under-30 crowd), and the failure of Traveller RPG, and of GDW and of most of the rest of the industry, can only be attributed as David Nilson called it, to the “CCG dementia” which sucked the money and intellect out of gaming, and created a new industry giant based on a collectible card game money-milking machine. And sadly, I was a participant in that debacle, playing MTG CCG almost exclusively from about 1992 to 1998; it was cliquish, it was fast and sometimes fun, and always frustrating, which caused you to continue playing and continue spending money on new cards.
- ✓ The divergence of personalities of Cylon copies in the reimagined Battlestar Galactica (2004-2009) owes much to the AI virus in Traveller RPG: “It is useful to think of the virus not as ‘it,’ but as ‘them.’ The [AI] virus is not a single force that behaves in one single stylized fashion. The reason it is so dangerous and successful was that it does not behave in just one way. Each system infected by the virus that has sufficient computing power to allow it to achieve AI becomes its own separate personality, which learns to operate in different ways, and which spreads versions of itself that are subtly different from other virus infections. These offspring are similar to the specific virus that spawned them, but will also mutate in their own directions.” – Dave Nilson, “When Empires Fall II,” Challenge Magazine, Issue 69, February 1993.

¹⁶ Commentary: See the life of Maj. Gen. Abram Petrovich Gannibal, who arrived in Moscow as an African slave in 1704 as part of the *near neurotic* imitation of Western European Courts by the Russian Imperial Court in Moscow.

¹⁷ Commentary & Citation: For the extreme cases of this, search Google for children raised in social isolation. We’ve all heard the stories, e.g., the 12 year old girl found chained to her potty, children chained to beds, kept in the attic, basement, back room, or their bedroom, or caged, never sent to school, never allowed outside. These children suffer socially and mentally in the long term from lack of socialization and impaired mental development:

- ✓ “As argued, socially isolated children are at increased risk of health problems in adulthood. Furthermore, studies on social isolation have demonstrated that a lack of social relationships negatively impacts the development of the brain’s structure. In extreme cases of social isolation, studies of young mice and monkeys have shown how the brain is strongly affected by a lack of social behaviour and relationships (Makinodan, Rosen, Ito & Corfas, 2012). ... The studies described in this text demonstrate the importance of social interaction, and how social isolation damages not only the physiological functions of the body but also the development of the nervous system’s support cells, which in turn affects the development of cognitive functioning. However, there are reasons to believe that the human need for social interaction is not only the risk factor but is also the ‘lifesaving factor.’ As previously mentioned, when the human stress response is activated, multiple stress hormones are activated. One of the hormones that are released has the function to force us into social contact. As the need for social connection is important to everyone, in a vulnerable situation, this contact is so important that our body forces us to socialise.” – “How does social isolation affect a child’s mental health and development?” staff of noisolation.com, updated September 14, 2018.