The Five Commandments of Milton Friedman’s Broken Economic Ideology

This harsh economic ideology of the rich has ruled the economy of the world for over 50 years!

1) Thou shalt accept the magical belief that markets are not manipulated by human beings—that they act of their own volition independent of the human beings behind the curtain like Lloyd Blankfein who really are manipulating the markets.

2) Thou shalt cut public expenditures for public services like education and health care. Of course, make sure to not oppose government subsidies and tax benefits for Wall Street corporations and the wealth upper 12%.

3) Thou shalt deregulate. Reduce government regulation of everything that could diminish profits, including protecting the environment and safety on the job. Anything that stands in the way of wealthy investors getting richer must go—even if it costs the lives of others.

4) Thou shalt privatize. Sell state-owned enterprises, goods and services to private investors. This includes banks, key industries, railroads, toll highways, electricity, schools, hospitals and even fresh water. Concentrate wealth even more in a few hands and make the public pay even more for its needs.

5) Thou shalt eliminate the concept of public good or conscience. The worst thing for profits is people with a social conscience. That makes profiteers like us look really bad. Pressure the poorest people in our society to find solutions to their lack of health care, education and social security all by themselves. If they fail, then blame them and call them “lazy.”

All US presidents beginning with Reagan and up through and including the Barack Obama have championed this harsh economic ideology. It works quite well for rich Wall Street Investors. However the same cannot be said for the majority of the citizen in the USA or the world. IT IS TIME FOR REAL CHANGE AT THE LEVEL OF ROOT CAUSES. Cosmetic adjustments and reshuffling of the deck chairs on the Titanic are no longer acceptable. We need to elect people who care enough to change policy at the basic level of economic ideology. **BECOME ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE NOW.** THE WORLD NEEDS YOU.