

Death and Power

A SPECULATION IN BROAD STROKES

Man's ultimate desire grows out of his ultimate fear. Power enables him to deny and delay death, and power is freedom.

Man's desire for freedom is toxic to any government, a collective whose objective is to control, so it aims to extinguish freedom's fire.

Can a government do this? Only through deceit.

It can set up laws and institutions which give its tribe or citizens the illusion of freedom and then control the illusion. By indulging their desires with short-term satisfactions like sex or drugs or entertainment, people no longer plan and strive. Between copulations and drug hits, they are reduced to binge watching reruns of the *Gong Show*.

Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell and *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley are the best examples from literature. They show that when a government strives for utopia, it ensures dystopia.

It's all about power, the power to deny or delay death.