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ETHIC /

CAPITALISM

The Protestant Ethic + Spirit of Capitalism

economic system — system of ethics + values — ritual disciplines + restraints — psychol. sanctions

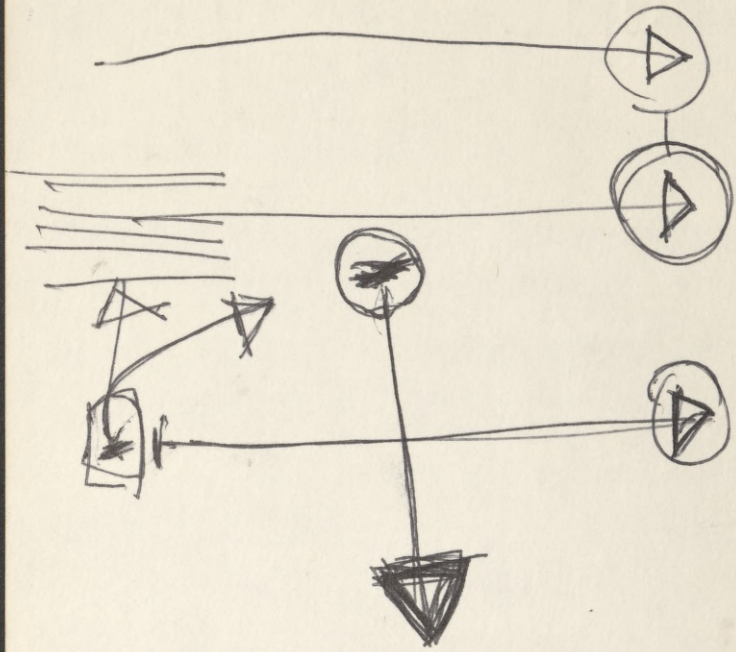
what does the ethical premises, the value-system of modern capitalism come from?

Breakdown of the institutional setting which linked man with God in a whole structure + hierarchy.

one man's soul ——————— ⇕ God.

unprecedented inner loneliness/isolation
elimination of salvation through the church.
the single destiny — life as primary "struggle".

this worldly-asceticism



opposition to sensuous culture

duty now for the sake of bourgeoisie

living in the eye of God.

the spiritualia of life + society.

- no mediation of the church.
- God's will on earth.
- realized in the dedicated life
- the 'saints' / the 'pilgrim' / army of Christ.
- the elect.

feelings of religious anxiety / worldly activity.

man's task to purify the world by labour

God works through the world.

man is the vessel + tool of christ.

steward "captain"

sanctification of whole life → good works.

fruit / works.

not of ensuring salvation / but of feeling rid of fear of damnation - create the conviction in his inner self of salvation.

inner isolation
antagonism to sermons
paradox. – closed his
the eye of God
Sanctification of life
good works.
Self control.
Salvation.
not people but I alone
answer to wholly

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retaliatory

duty - calling.

Labour - common activity as a duty

high camps (activity) / comfort-loving

traditionalism

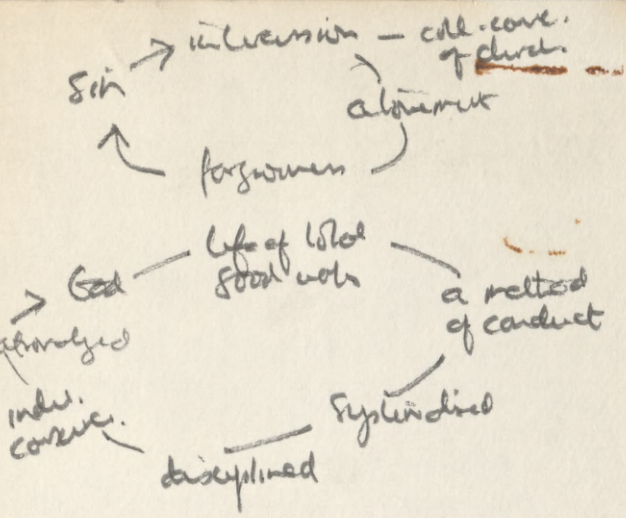
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behind capping + demand arises about fundamental human, psychological + religious desires.

capitalism is seen as a formal order + / or as a pattern of consumers/ based meanings + values by which we live/
→ as a culture.

a kind of cultural studies. Looks directly at particular texts + particular cases — the tendency is towards generalizations, epochal judgments, summing up statements.

> epochal judgments about also group the activity of real experience.



transcendental end — glory of God on earth,

- discipline
- individualism
- inner motivation with searching
- rational, purposeful life
- thrift / labour / work.
- life calling

- ascetism → activity in the world.