

The Growth Paradigm

The economy: an identifiable sphere, with innate tendency to grow

Growth = recognised social goal + a social good

Growth = imperative, continuous (even limitless)
+ principal remedy for a series of social problems.

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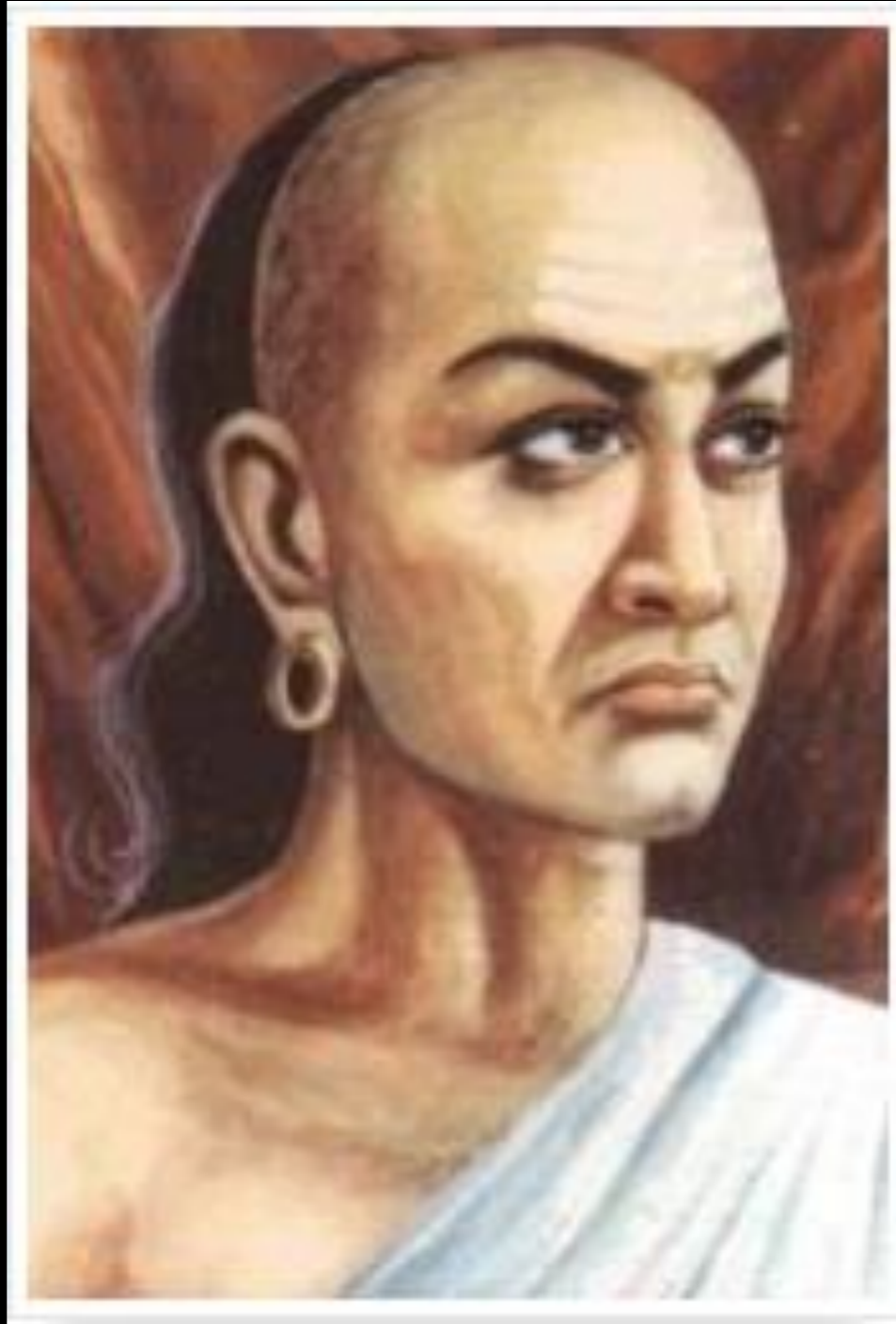
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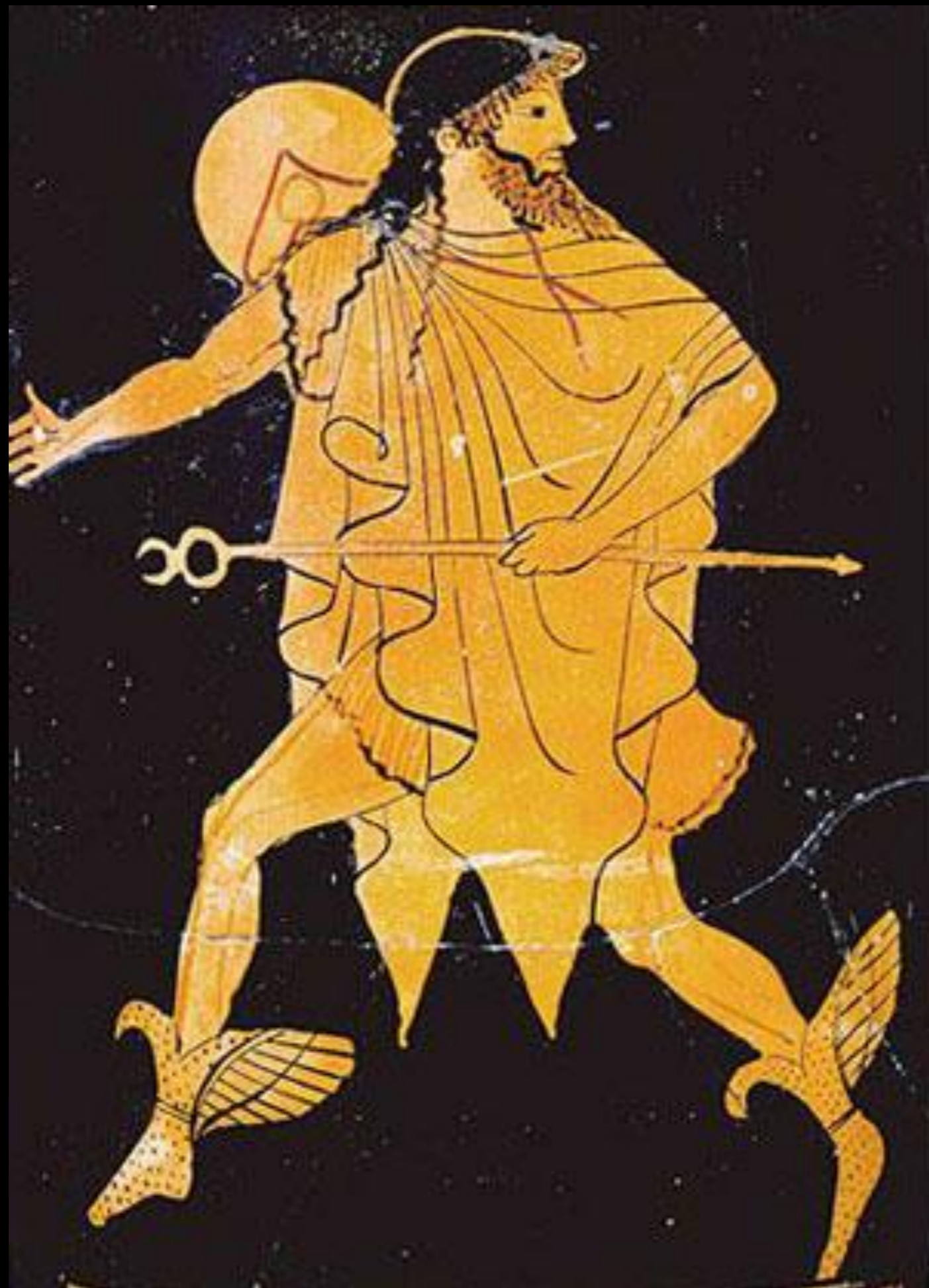
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Towards infinity?

Silver mines "can never be exhausted, nor
can Silver ever lose its Value."

Xenophon





Transformations

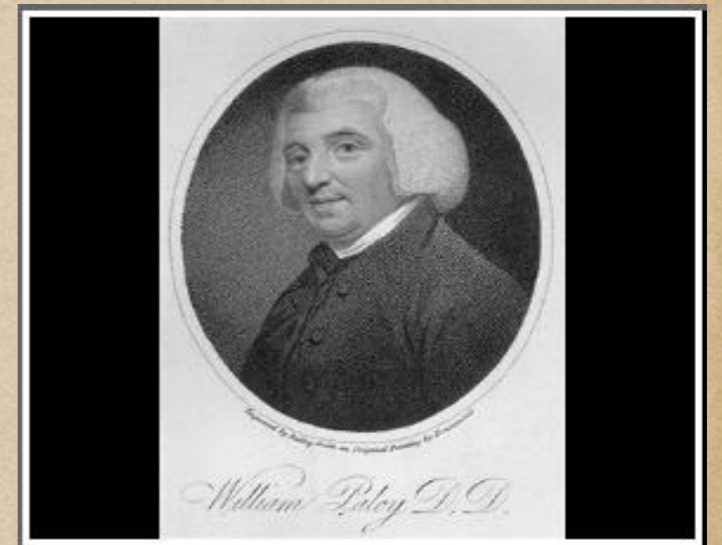
1. Abstract time and space
2. 'Improvement'
3. Law-governed economic system
4. Regime of quantification
5. Cornucopian visions
6. Stretching of 'Growth' ("growth of trade" &c.)
7. Colonialism + racialized 'Progress'

The rising tide lifts us all: so
DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!!

God created frugality as “a pleasure.”

“The change, and the only change, to be desired, is that gradual and progressive improvement of our circumstance which is the natural fruit of successful industry; when each year is something better than the last; when we are enabled to add to our little household one article after another of new comfort.”

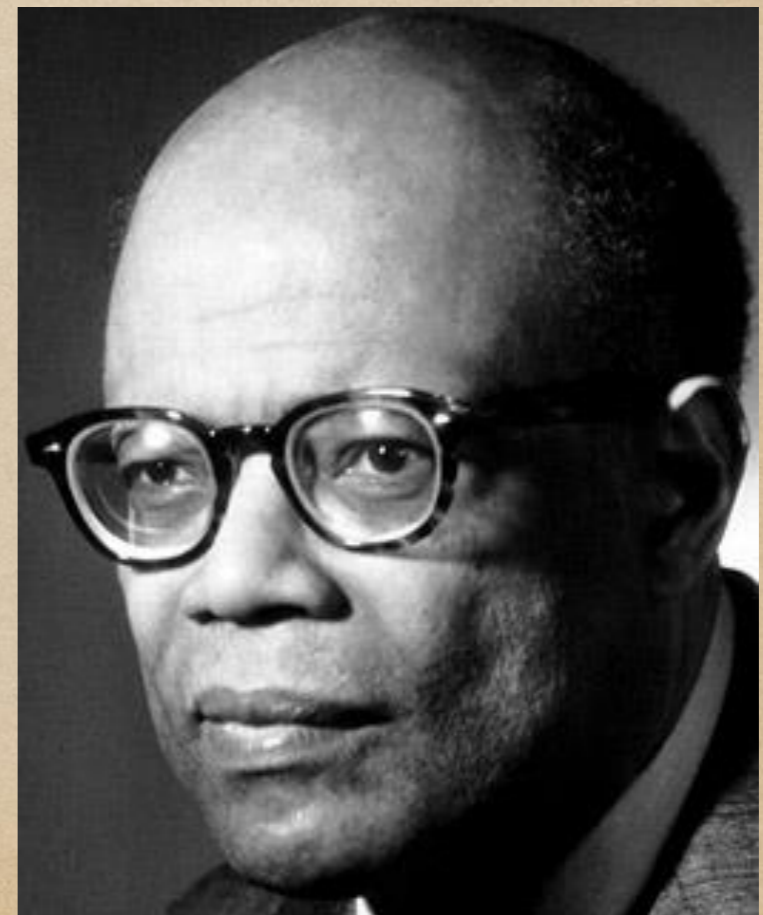
This is achievable “in a state of public order and quiet; it is absolutely impossible in any other.”



Socialism and growth

Economic growth “played little or no part in the blueprints of socialism which were drawn in the nineteenth century or earlier; no part in the writings of any leading socialist before the 1920s”.

(Arthur Lewis)



Ein Europa des Wachstums.
Nicht des Stillstands.



Europa neu denken.

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THE VALUE OF LABOR

THE SCIENCE OF COMMODIFICATION IN HUNGARY, 1920-1956

Lieber
bei der

Commune

mitzieh'n,
als sich an Cola
totsaufen.

NEUES FORUM
IS IT !

Über über alles?



One million
climate jobs
NOW!



JOBS
WORTH
WAITING
FOR

FORCED
TO

SAVE
OUR