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'The crisis of political institutions and values which signified the end of the Middle Ages provided the opportunity for a radical reexamination of their assumptions'
- Felix Gilbert

'*So long as elections are viewed as the only (or main) mechanism to choose "real" decision makers, it will be difficult, perhaps impossible, to counteract "the tyranny of the wealthy minority" in capitalist democracies*'
- Daniel A. Bell

It is a well-known theme in political science that democracy doesn't function according to the principle on which it is formally based (i.e. 'governance by the people'). There are even 'elite theorists' who claim that in every political system it is *always* an elite that decides; and that our 'democracy' is nothing else than 'a privileged domain operating in favor of those with significant resources'. Not the will of the people counts, but 'the will of a clique of politicians prompted by professional lobbyists and interest groups'. Democracy in their hands is just a 'form' to give people the *illusion* that they're involved in the making of laws. So, the problem is not so much that all this is not very democratic (that's not a problem), or that ordinary citizens are as gentle as sheeple (that only favors the stability), but rather that this clique of politicians is *not*

an elite in a *moral* sense. A true Elite, after all, is well able to keep good relations with 'the people'. A real king, for instance, through his excellent upbringing and education, is certainly equipped to keep an eye on the general well-being. In any case better than the Dutch Prime Minister Rutte, who was prepared in his third cabinet to exchange the interests of the ordinary Dutchman for those of the foreign shareholders of large companies! Not surprisingly, one of the most important tasks of the Crown in the time of Charles V (of Valois) - and long after – was to receive subjects in audience. To this same end, Louis XVII held four official receptions on a weekly basis. And Richelieu, the architect of modern France, relied 'on middle-class agents as the best means of strengthening the power of the Crown'. Today, fairground visits with all its extravaganza (including bite-the-cake) are rightly part of His Majesty's task of keeping a good relationship with the people. [Imagine that as your job!]

In our liberal democracy, it is not so much about the struggle of the 'ordinary people' against an Elite, but about the phenomenon that a greedy fake 'elite' has - under influence of equalitarianism and the pursuit of pleasure - joined 'ordinary people'. 'Class conflict just ain't what it used to be' (Kandukuru Nakarjun in *Contracturalization*). 'Populism', therefore, is nothing but a rebellion of the victims of liberal globalism against the ruling 'elite,' her 'mercenaries' and her 'elite wannabees'. It is the desire for *real* leadership, i.e.: the eager longing for a true Elite that defends *sacred* values. Meanwhile, the gap between rich and poor, a