

BUILDING our COLLECTIVE BRAIN

# SPECIAL ADDRESS: SOCIAL GLUE & THE COLLECTIVE BRAIN



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the ISS A TESTIMENT to the HUMAN NATURE to COLLABORATE!

I SPENT a FEW YEARS with the MALI TRIBE in PAPUA NEW GUINEA

FAMOUS for BEING FIRE WALKERS



THEY had FOUNDED a NEW RELIGION LOOSELY BASED on the TEACHINGS of the VISITING CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES



TO EARN MASKS in the TRIBE, YOUNG MEN WOULD HAVE to ENDURE FEATS of BRAVERY and PAIN!

IT TURNS OUT there are 2 types of RITUALS:

IMAGISTIC

DOCTRINAL

INTENSE, COMING-OF-AGE RITUALS, etc. (OFTEN SPILLING BLOOD)

LOW FREQUENCY but HIGH AROUSAL

HIGH FREQUENCY and EASY to ESTABLISH a DOCTRINE

TURNS out that HIGH FREQUENCY RITUALS LEAD to the FIRST GREAT CIVILISATIONS... MORALISTIC RELIGIONS OCCUR ONCE THE CIVILISATION HITS the 1 MILLION MARK!



IT TURNS OUT THAT the RISE of high FREQUENCY RITUALS in a COMMUNITY CAN BE TIED to the RISE of AGRICULTURE

PEOPLE who EXPERIENCE PAINFUL SITUATIONS/RITUALS together ARE BONDED TOGETHER VERY STRONGLY.

SO HOW DO WE USE THIS INFO to DEESCALATE EXTREMIST & VIOLENT INDIVIDUALS?



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