Introduction.

In 1973 the employees of a bank in Stockholm, Sweden were held hostage for five days during a bank robbery. During the time they were held captive, they became emotionally attached to their captors. When they were eventually freed, they surprised the general public by actually defending the actions of the bank robbers; rather than condemning them.

The term 'Stockholm Syndrome' is derived from this event and is attributed to Nils Bejerot, a psychologist who assisted police during the robbery.

The syndrome could also be described as a form of trauma bonding and in this case wouldn't require the need for a captor-hostage situation.

Our ancient forebears lived during times that were often bloody and dangerous. When tribes waged war on each other the capture of the remainder of the losing tribe resulted in the victims being turned into the slaves of the winning tribe. In order to avoid being killed, the only option available to the victims was cooperation. By taking on a submissive role they at least had a better chance of surviving.

In the wild, male lions will kill the offspring of a female in order to make sure that only his offspring survive and endure.

In modern times it is the men and male children who are most often the first to be killed when two opposing factions are at war.

When the schoolyard bully constantly harasses, verbally abuses, assaults, threatens and humiliates another child (victim), the victim can adopt strong emotional ties towards the bully. If asked by a teacher to explain the extent of the bullying, the victim might deny that any is taking place. This is due to the fact that the victim views the times when the bully isn't engaged in bullying tactics, as times of kindness which proves that the bully isn't all bad.
The Peter Principle.

In employment, people tend to be promoted because they are considered to be competent in their current position and deemed to be (probabilistically) able to handle a job with more demands and responsibility. But it is often the case that they get promoted to a job that is way beyond their level of competence.

Sometimes people get promotion because they:

- are the boss's favourite.
- demonstrate subservience and allegiance to the boss.
- they are smooth talking psychopaths who know how to manipulate others.
- they use bribery.
- they are in the same select social group as the boss.
- are supported and endorsed by those who are subservient to the candidate for the job.
- they have the 'gift of the gab' and talk their way into promotion.
- they use lies and deceit to obtain promotion.

When a person is promoted way beyond his or her capabilities, they then have to work hard in order to convince others that they can in fact do the job. The love the power and prestige, but are terrified that they might lose the job if their lack of capability is discovered. The 'underlings' all carry on as normal; working at their individual level of competence which ensures that the organisation runs as expected.

Once given the power that goes with a new job, the promoted person (boss) acquires a step up the 'pecking order'. Underlings quickly realise that in order to protect their own status and not run the risk of losing their position in the pecking order, they have to make sure that they are seen to be loyal servants of the new boss. Even if they can see that the boss is incompetent, they will be reluctant to let either the boss or others know. They let off steam when they are alone or in the safe haven of a trusted circle of friends.

Because most of the workforce are using the default mind, they will quickly adopt the stance of slave and therefore not pose a threat. It is those who have gone beyond the default mind that have to be careful. They have to construct and wear a 'I like the boss mask' if they are to avoid arousing suspicion and finding themselves becoming a threat to the incompetent newbie. If they don't, they are likely to be the focus of a campaign that could end up in them losing their job.
Psychopathy is a personality disorder in which people display a lack of empathy, remorse and have very shallow emotions. They are good at acting. Like the schoolyard bully and con-artist, they have studied the behaviour of others in great depth. They know how to present bullshit as though it is truth. They abhor altruism and see it as a weakness. They allow their Shadow to take over the controls. They covet power and enjoy either taking it from others or orchestrating the removal of power from others. They have been likened to vampires; and every workplace has at least one of them.

Narcissism is in all of us and we all let our Shadow loose now and then; but the vast majority of us are altruistic by nature. The business world however, is driven by psychopaths. This is why the top jobs are filled by selfish, greedy, manipulative, arrogant individuals; the job description demands exactly the traits that a psychopath has. Being able stamp on others in order to get ahead, to defeat the competition and buy out small businesses in order to create huge companies that are run by ruthless tycoons could not be achieved using altruism. Sympathising with competitors, telling the truth and being honest with consumers wouldn’t lead to increased profits. In the workplace, having a psychopath as a line manger or boss is like having a paedophile in charge of children.

The new boss who is a psychopath will want to remove any staff who are a threat. Jealous of the talents and skills that they see in their staff, they will do all they can to pick fault; but in such a way that the victim has no grounds for complaint. If a complaint is made, the boss will be expert in convincing others that the victim is seen as deranged. For a psychopath, the ideal workforce is an army of obedient, default minded slaves; just like all classic dictatorships in fact!

Just look around and see how this simple model of master-slave, tyrant-serf, psychopath-victim or king/queen-subject has been employed and continues to be used. It’s practically everywhere you go. The idea that we are all born equal is a joke. The terms 'power corrupts' and 'never put new wine into dirty bottles' spring easily to mind.

Unless an individual has taken the trouble to work on themselves and reach towards enlightenment or Gnosis, they will be unable to handle power. In a psychopath, power corrupts absolutely. Just as new wine becomes contaminated by being put into unclean bottles, so power becomes contaminated by being given to people who use the default mind. In a bottle, the build up of gas caused by contamination can cause the bottle to shatter. In a person, the build up of delusions of grandeur can cause damage to the lives of others.
Mission Statement.

The mission statement is the invention of psychology. It is designed to affect the reader and elicit a certain response. It is a hoodwink. It is often bullshit. It is meant to impress.

The individual is our central concern.

We are all in it together.

With you every step of the way.

Because you're worth it.

Building tomorrows world.

We're ready in advance.

Helping you to help yourself.

Bringing excellence to the surface.

Resourceful by nature.

Driven to be the best.

One step ahead of the competition.

In an enlightened world, mission statements are unnecessary. Con artists are redundant. Psychopaths are given therapy and helped to be whole again. The lies of propaganda are laid to rest. Psychology is used to heal the mind and free the Self within; not build prisons that keep people from knowing their true status.

Just like a slogan that is shouted at a football match, the mission statement causes the default mind to respond. Slogans and mission statements:

- appeal to mental archetypes.
- become part of the default mind's programming.
- are evoked when a future trigger is employed (control a person's behaviour by inserting a statement into their mind that is recalled when triggered at a later date).
- can be used to control mass behaviour.
Job Title.

If you were in conversation with a person and they told you that their job was Central Response Generator, you'd probably wouldn't be any the wiser. How about, Direct Brand Executive, or Customer Tactics Analyst. Marketing Sales Orchestrator, or Corporate Integration Facilitator?

It's all modern bullshit. It's meaningless. Try it yourself. Choose one word from each column in turn, and compose a suitably impressive Job Title.

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Then there is the job specification that goes with the title. As the employee you have to meet the requirements of the job title, specification and be seen to endorse and promote the ethos behind the mission statement.

If you don't function with a default mind, you will find that having to wear a 'company mask' is painful. It isn't 'you'. It doesn't fit properly and it chaffs in certain places. It could mean that you set up so much conflict in your mind that it makes you ill. If you rebel and cause a fuss; you could be on a 'black list' and the management might take disciplinary action against you. Worse still, you could lose your job!

If the going does get tough and your boss decides to be aggressive and bullying, you then feel trapped. You need money, so you took on the job. You don't really like the work that you do; but you do it because you need the money. You resent the fact that the boss is not capable of doing his or her job, yet gets away with it. When the boss eases off and actually gives a little praise now and then, it makes you feel good. Perhaps the boss isn't all that bad after all? You begin to notice things that you previously missed. The boss's attractive pale blue eyes. The way her clothes fit her slim figure, or his false smile and the way his clothes are so immaculately pressed. You start to forget all of the dressing down, the verbal abuse and the threats of being disciplined. Trauma bonding might be an unusual concept but it is a real phenomenon. It means that an individual has a better chance of survival; but they will not achieve enlightenment, only slavery. They will never be Master of their true Destiny.