DIS-CONNECT. . .

some thoughts about information control

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QUESTION: How do advanced aeronautics
                relate to human well-being?
                      Does nuclear particle research
                adversely impact our society?
RESPONSE: It's better not to consider these topics;
                    they stir up controversy.
                        Beware of idle speculation
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          QUESTION: How is computer proliferation
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                  affecting personal privacy?
                             power consumption
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              somehow related to PCB toxicity?
         WARNING: These questions are forbidden. 8] Here, we
                      It appears your neural circuits
                   aren't functioning properly.
             Return to a Government Reeducation Center ....
                   for a systems diagnostic promptly. have
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Gunther: Woe to those who ask too much.

Liao: Yeah. Questioning is usually tolerated only within limits.

Nadya: Mmm . . . we're trained to be obedient from the cradle. Yet

blind obedience is ultimately stupid. Isn't it good to question

why many phenomena exist?

Bill: Questioning is okay, but we we can understand only a small

fraction of the questions. The world is simply too complex and our lifespans are too brief. For that reason, most of our "answers" are essentially expedients. They represent

simplifications of phenomena that are inherently complex.

Liao: Critical questioning might be annoying, but it is essential.

Indeed, it's through questioning that many discoveries and

innovations arise.

Gunther: Every system has its thresholds. When societies are robust

and healthy, lots of criticism and questioning is tolerated. However, under stress conformity is often demanded. As Quetelet notes, there's a mathematics to social processes.

Bill: I find it fascinating how some dictators almost welcome stress:

it gives them a chance to consolidate power – at least for a short term. Few dictators are far-sighted enough to realize

power requires a broad base to be sustainable.

Gus: (sighing) You guys are over my head . . . I feel disconnected

from this pseudo-conversation.

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