

# ETHEREUM AS PHILOSOPHY



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AN INTERPRETIVE EXERCISE !

TRACING THE

# HISTORY OF THOUGHT



# ETHEREUM PHILOSOPHICAL IMPLICATIONS

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## ONTOLOGICAL

ETHEREUM IS A FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE THAT RESHAPES SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND EVEN EXISTENTIAL FRAMEWORKS.

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## EPISTEMOLOGICAL

OPEN, OBJECTIVE KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CENTRALIZED VERIFICATION.

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## ETHICAL

CAPACITY TO RESHAPE MORAL NORMS, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND FREEDOM.

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## AESTHETIC

ELIMINATES GATEKEEPERS, INSPIRES NEW FORMS OF ALGORITHMIC AESTHETICS.



DECENTRALIZATION

SELF-SOVEREIGNTY

DETERMINISM

ECONOMIC LIBERTY

ACCESSIBILITY

IMMUTABILITY

INCLUSIVITY

PRIVACY+SECURITY

TRUSTLESSNESS

PROGRAMMABILITY

INNOVATION

TRANSPARENCY

SUSTAINABILITY

COLLABORATION

AUTOMATION

# PHILOSOPHICAL ROOTS



ETHEREUM IN TERMS OF PHILOSOPHY: CHRONOLOGICALLY

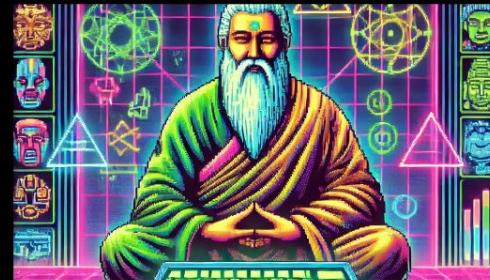
600 B.C.E.– 600 C.E

## ANTIENT THOUGHT



### WESTERN

- CONSENSUS, AGORAS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE;
- DETERMINISM, ARISTOTLE'S EMPHASIS ON RATIONAL DECISION-MAKING, AND AUTONOMOUS AGENTS;
- TRUSTLESSNESS: THE CONCEPT OF *PARRHESIA* (FRANK SPEECH);
- PRIVACY: ARISTOTLE'S DISTINCTION BETWEEN PUBLIC (POLIS) AND PRIVATE (OIKOS) SPHERES.



### NON-WESTERN

- INDIAN: IMMUTABILITY MIRRORS KARMA; DECENTRALIZED RULES REFLECT DHARMA;
- CHINESE (TAOISM & CONFUCIANISM): SMART CONTRACTS AS WU WEI (EFFORTLESS ACTION); PROTOCOLS CREATE ORDER LIKE LI;
- AFRICAN (UBUNTU): DAOES EMBODY COMMUNITY AND INTERCONNECTEDNESS.

600 C.E. - 1400 C.E.

## MEDIEVAL THOUGHT



1400 C.E. - 1600 C.E.

## RENAISSANCE



- IMMUTABILITY: MEDIEVAL ETERNAL TRUTHS;
- TRUST IN THE SYSTEM: FAITH IN CODE;
- DISTRIBUTED POWER STRUCTURES (CHURCH/MONARCHY);
- ETHICAL ORDER: SMART CONTRACTS LIKE PROGRAMMABLE RULES.
- FOCUS ON HUMAN POTENTIAL AND AUTONOMY;
- SECULAR SHIFT: REMOVE INTERMEDIARIES;
- ENCOURAGING NEW IDEAS, INNOVATION IN FINANCE, GOVERNANCE, AND TECHNOLOGY;
- REVIVAL OF ACCESSIBLE, SHARED KNOWLEDGE.

1600 C.E. – 1800 C.E.



## EARLY MODERN PHILOSOPHY

- SMITH'S FREE MARKET IDEAS.
- HOBBES' "TECHNOLOGICAL LEVIATHAN."
- ROUSSEAU'S AND LOCKE'S IDEAS OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS AND GOVERNANCE.
- INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM AND RIGHTS, PROPERTY AND OWNERSHIP.
- THE IMPORTANCE OF AUTOMATION.
- CODE-DRIVEN SYSTEMS ECHO THE EMPHASIS ON REASON AND LOGIC.

1800 C.E. - 1900 C.E.

## MODERN PHILOSOPHY X ETHEREUM



### MARXISM

CRITIQUES CENTRALIZED  
CONTROL & CAPITALISM



### ANARCHISM

SELF-GOVERNANCE &  
DISMANTLING HIERARCHY



### LIBERTARIAN SOCIALISM

COOPERATION & MUTUAL AID  
WITHOUT STATE INTERFERENCE



### PRAGMATISM

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS &  
ACTION-BASED OUTCOMES

ETHEREUM DECENTRALIZES  
ECONOMIES, PROMOTING  
USER-OWNED SYSTEMS.

ETHEREUM ENABLES DAOs  
AND DEFI, ALLOWING  
COMMUNITIES TO SELF-  
ORGANIZE.

ETHEREUM FOSTERS A P2P,  
EGALITARIAN ECONOMY,  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF  
UBI.

ETHEREUM IMPLEMENTS  
EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS  
FOR REAL-WORLD  
CHALLENGES.

1900 C.E. - 2000 C.E.

# CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT X ETHEREUM



## PHENOMENOLOGY

INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE



## EXISTENTIALISM

FREEDOM AND CHOICE



## ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

LOGIC AND CLARITY



## POSTMODERNISM

QUESTIONING POWER

ETHEREUM EMPOWERS SELF-SOVEREIGNTY AND PERSONALIZED INTERACTIONS.

ETHEREUM ENABLES AUTONOMOUS DECISIONS IN P2P NETWORKS.

ETHEREUM USES PRECISE CODE FOR TRANSPARENT, RELIABLE OUTCOMES.

ETHEREUM DECONSTRUCTS AUTHORITY, CREATING A MULTIPOLAR ECOSYSTEM.



### NOAM CHOMSKY

#### THE ARCHITECT OF RATIONAL DISSENT

BLOCKCHAIN HOLDS POTENTIAL, BUT  
DEEPER ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL  
REFORMS ARE NEEDED FOR REAL CHANGE.

TRUE TRANSFORMATION REQUIRES  
ADDRESSING WEALTH INEQUALITY AND  
CORPORATE INFLUENCE, NOT JUST  
TECHNICAL FIXES.



### NICK LAND

#### THE GODFATHER OF ACCELERATIONISM

KANT'S "ABSOLUTE TIME" VS.  
EINSTEIN'S RELATIVITY.

"TECHONOMIC" SYSTEM THAT  
AUTOMATES VALUE.

NIETZSCHE'S "DEATH OF GOD" =  
REMOVING TRANSCENDENTAL AUTHORITY.

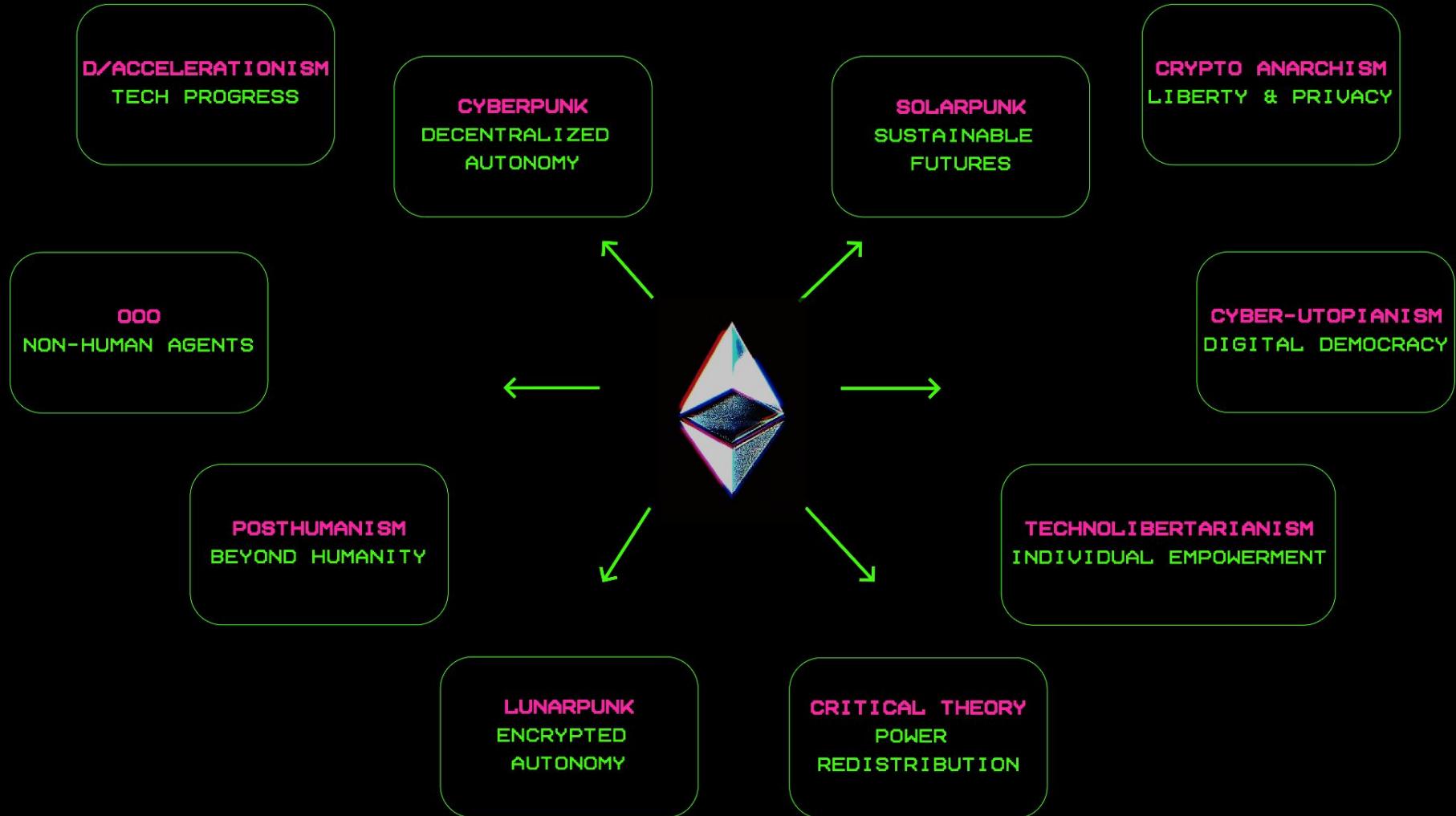


### SLAVOJ ZIZEK

#### THE HIGH PRIEST OF PARADOX

BLOCKCHAIN & NFTS CREATE A FALSE  
SENSE OF FREEDOM.

CRYPTO IS IDEOLOGICAL, INFLATING  
VIRTUAL WEALTH WHILE IGNORING REAL  
SOCIAL ISSUES.





## CYBERPUNK

DEFYING SYSTEMS OF CONTROL IN A WORLD WHERE  
TECHNOLOGY MEETS REBELLION

ETHEREUM EMBODIES THE CYBERPUNK IDEAL: OPEN,  
RESILIENT, AND RESISTANT TO CAPTURE BY ANY SINGLE  
AUTHORITY.



## CYPHERPUNK

SECURING PRIVACY AND FREEDOM THROUGH CRYPTOGRAPHY  
IN A DIGITALLY CONTROLLED WORLD

ETHEREUM CHANNELS THE CYPHERPUNK ETHOS,  
EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS TO RECLAIM CONTROL OVER  
DATA AND IDENTITY BEYOND CENTRALIZED OVERSIGHT.



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## CYBER-UTOPIANISM

IDEALISTIC VISION OF TECHNOLOGY FOSTERING  
DEMOCRACY, FREEDOM, AND DECENTRALIZATION

ETHEREUM ENABLES OPEN, DECENTRALIZED SYSTEMS  
PROMOTING GLOBAL ACCESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

## CRYPTO ANARCHISM

PRIVACY, ANONYMITY, AND RESISTANCE AGAINST STATE  
SURVEILLANCE THROUGH CRYPTOGRAPHY

ETHEREUM USES ENCRYPTION TO SECURE DATA, EMPOWERING  
INDIVIDUALS TO MAINTAIN AUTONOMY.



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## POSTHUMANISM

TECHNOLOGY AS INTEGRAL TO HUMAN IDENTITY AND  
EVOLUTION

ETHEREUM CREATES A DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM WHERE HUMAN  
INTERACTION MERGES WITH AUTOMATED SYSTEMS,  
RESHAPING IDENTITY AND COMMUNITY.

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## TECHNOLIBERTARIANISM

FREEDOM THROUGH DECENTRALIZED TECHNOLOGY

ETHEREUM OFFERS A PLATFORM FOR SELF-SOVEREIGNTY,  
ENABLING INDIVIDUALS TO CONTROL ASSETS, IDENTITY,  
AND GOVERNANCE.



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## OBJECT-ORIENTED ONTOLOGY (OOO)

ALL ENTITIES, HUMAN OR NON-HUMAN, HOLD EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE

ETHEREUM EMPOWERS CODE, CONTRACTS, AND USERS AS AUTONOMOUS ACTORS IN A FLAT NETWORK.

## D/ACCELERATIONISM

ACCELERATE TECH RESPONSIBLY TO COUNTER RISKS

ETHEREUM EMBRACES A BALANCED APPROACH TO TECH ADVANCEMENT, FOCUSING ON DEMOCRACY, DECENTRALIZATION, AND DEFENSE.



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## SOLARPUNK

SUSTAINABLE, ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGY PROMOTING  
HARMONY AND COLLABORATION

ETHEREUM TRANSITION TO POS REFLECTS SOLARPUNK  
VALUES OF SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY-DRIVEN  
GOVERNANCE.

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## LUNARPUNK

PRIVACY-FOCUSED, RESILIENT TECHNOLOGY IN AN  
UNCERTAIN DIGITAL LANDSCAPE

ETHEREUM SUPPORTS PRIVACY-ENHANCING TOOLS AND  
RESISTANCE TO SURVEILLANCE, EMBRACING VALUES OF  
DEFENSE AND AUTONOMY.

# ETHEREUM

## METAPHYSICS

A 'PLURIVERSE'; WORLD COMPUTER

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## EPISTEMOLOGY

TRUSTLESS KNOWLEDGE; SOCIAL CONSENSUS

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## ETHICS

TECHNO-ETHICS; "ALGORITHMIC TRUST"; THE INFINITE GARDEN

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## TELEOLOGY

TOOL FOR DIGITAL LIBERATION; THE NEXT EPOCH OF HUMAN ORGANIZATION

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## ANTHROPOLOGY

A NEW ARCHETYPE, THE *ETEREAN*

## FINAL QUOTE

"TECHNOLOGY IS NOT NEUTRAL.  
WE'RE INSIDE OF WHAT WE MAKE,  
AND IT'S INSIDE OF US".

- DONNA HARAWAY



THANK YOU!

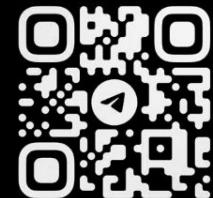


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# BEYOND TECHNOLOGY

"THE MACHINE DOES NOT ISOLATE MAN FROM  
THE GREAT PROBLEMS OF NATURE  
BUT PLUNGES HIM MORE DEEPLY INTO THEM."

- ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPERY



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