

Propositions

- 1) Evolutionary models in economics must be empirically adequate in that the selection pressures advanced must have actually operated over a stretch of human evolutionary past.
- 2) Conspicuous consumption refers to patterns of behavior marked by a set of social learning mechanisms.
- 3) Although psychological capacities may have a long history in the human lineage, conspicuous consumption appears relatively late in our evolutionary history.
- 4) Social emotions can be common cause of a social behavior and a phenotypic marker and cooperation might not be suppressed without also changing the marker.
- 5) The general version of Hamilton's Rule does not explain by virtue of citing causes but by providing a non-causal explanation.
- 6) It is almost impossible to get someone to understand an argument or concept, when his well-being depends on his/her not understanding it.
- 7) Everyone is virtuous until proven poor.
- 8) The desire for status is much more difficult to remove than the desire for liberty.
- 9) Niets is gratis, alles eist zijn tol.
- 10) It is doubtful whether philosophy makes a man unfit to be a slave.
- 11) The ancient Greek word "ἐλευθερία" means "παρά τό ἐλεύθειν ὅπου ἐρᾷ τις", going or coming where one desires.