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) Nietzs 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 ἔλευθειν ὅπου ἔρα τίς”, going or coming where one desires.