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## There Is No Spoon

The article *There Is No Spoon? Teaching The **Matrix**, **Postperennialism**, and the Spiritual Logic of Late Capitalism*, by Gregory Grieve, discusses the Wachowski brother's movie *The Matrix* and how it relates to life in a **late-capitalist** society. It states ~~that~~ today's world is much like the world in *The Matrix*, however, not to such an extreme. In the movie, people are completely controlled by the government or higher powers of their time to such an extent that they aren't even actually living. They only think that they are experiencing the pictures that they see when in fact these images are only a product of the **matrix**. In today's society, "consumer capitalism has taken away authentic human experience and transformed all of life into a commodity that it then sells back to us." (p. 192) In essence, this is what is happening in *The Matrix*. Both the article and the movie stress the importance that people find themselves and change that, rather than trying to change the system that they are living in. By changing the system, they are only setting themselves up for another failure, but by changing their selves, they can be guaranteed complete **freedom** and satisfaction.

The article describes *The Matrix* and its **connections** to today's society very well. It not only covers the similarities between the two, but **also** shows how the **Wachowski** brothers used the influences **from** the real world to come up with the idea for their movie. It really emphasizes what viewers can take away **from** the movie to make the world as they know it a better place to live in, a less controlled and processed place.

### Questions:

1. What exactly is postperennialism?
2. By changing yourself and achieving personal growth, how does that make the society a **better** place? Does it just allow you to live above or outside of the influences?