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The essence of science

Free and impartial
search
for the truth.

What money can buy ...

Today's science is captured by **big business** and **commercial interests** often **distort the search for the truth.**

Tragic examples (1)



The Dean resigned because of **conflict of interest and corruption.**

Tragic examples (2)

Head of the Economics
Department **manipulated**
his prediction about the
economic prospects of
some countries.



Tragic examples (3)



Professor from the
Department of Physics
accepted to write a
climate critical paper
for **money**.

Tragic examples (4)

According to **Ian Mitroff** business schools have promulgated

- **a distorted view of human nature** (humans are motivated solely by greed and purely opportunistic),
- **a narrow and outdated notion of ethics** (materialistic egoism)
- **a limited definition of the role of management** (management is about making money and can be captured solely in economic terms)

Distortions of the Truth

Presenting something which is untrue.

Rejecting something which is true.

Wrongly define research problems.

Developing biased research agendas.

Toward solutions

Independent scholarship (James Lovelock)

Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS)

Reflective scientific inquiry

Spiritually inspired research

Thank you very much!