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 - a. Sectors and Firms
 - b. Bills of Materials and Production Functions

B. Orthodox Opprobrium

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 - a. Making Hayek Mysterious
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 - a. Brown Shirts for Bad Thoughts
 - b. Ethno-masochism and Western Science
 - c. Jacobin Conservatism
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 - a. The Just Price
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6. Morality's Proper Sphere
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 - b. Benediction

C. Heterodox Opprobrium

1. Declarations of Hostility

- a. The Three-legged Straw Man of Heterodox Neoclassicism
- b. Joining the Issues

2. Keynesianism

- a. The Edifice
- b. The Marginal Propensity to Consume MPC
- c. The Delay Model of Income and Consumption
- d. What the MPC Might Actually Convey
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3. Economic Dynamics

- a. Economic Science and Dynamic Systems Analysis
- b. Heterodox Parochialism

III. Household Sectors

- A. What is the Household Product?
- B. Population Economics
- C. Are people Assets or Liabilities?
- D. Jobs Jobs Jobs

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- A. Capitalism at War
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V. Six Monetary Fables

- A. The Philosopher and the Accountant
- B. The Coin and the State
- C. The Entrepreneur and the Banker
- D. The Banker and the Monarch
- E. The Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion
- F. The Monetarists and the Statesman