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Adam Smith in his Wealth
of Nations a hundred and fifty
years ago taught that the world
would ruin itself very much
on the principle of enlightened
selfishness. How are we
getting along?

Finale
A ~~to~~ Resurrection of Adam Smith

Adam, Adam, Adam Smith,
Listen what I charge you with!

Didn't you say

In the class one day

That selfishness was bound to pay?

Of all your Doctrine, that was the Pith,
Wasn't it; wasn't it; wasn't it? Smith?

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Don't you remember your Book begins

With a Panegyric on making Pins!

Didn't you say that the more we made

The bigger would be ~~the~~ External Trade?

We sold the pins and the Foreigners had 'em,

That was the Big Thought, wasn't it, Adam?

And didn't you say, - Don't think it funny
That the greatest thing in the world was ^{money} money?

And didn't you say - now please don't shrink,

That the basis of value was human work,

And the worker must be content with
his lot

Being worth ~~just~~ precisely just what he got

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Come, don't evade it
Long-winded Scot
Just, whether you said it
or whether not?

And if you said it, you must confess
You have brought the World to a terrible mess

For a hundred years since your ^{made} Gram was
We've been making Pins and Machines and
Trade

All selfish as Hogs, whether rich as Sin
Or as poor as Rats, — Ah! why begin
To teach us about that fatal Pin!

How can you venture to look in the Face
Of an honest fellow like Stuart Chase?
How can you dare to be blocking the way
Of the Enterprise such as the NBA?

Smith, Come up from under the sod
Tell me what did you do with God?
You never named him, I understand,
You called him (Book IV) an invisible hand
You gave him the System all geared and spaced
With none of his Interference needed
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It wasnt worthy a man of your size
Smith, - come up & apologize

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