

# Winners Take All by Anand Diridharadas

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**Winners Take All** by Anand Diridharadas is the latest attempt to ask the right questions, so we learn, belatedly, that asking the right questions is pivotal to getting the right answers. This process often comes only when former answers proved to be either wrong or provisional at best.

As I write this, the annual gathering at Davos is going on. It includes an offering called “[Trust Pays Dividends](#)” It is ironic that one outcome of our current choices is a radical lack of trust.

Trust in government, trust in churches, trust in technology, you name it.

Michael Massing asks [Who is more dangerous: El Chapo or Carlos Slim?](#) Videos like this one on [Walmart](#) points the finger of blame back at all of us who rush to take advantage of the new low price of something. Another on [The New feudalism](#) helps to uncover graphically what we are all feeling intuitively, something is very wrong with the picture being drawn by the current realities. So while the [Elites Gather In Davos To Rich-splain Poverty As The World Spirals Into Crisis](#), each of us has the opportunity to ask new questions. If I am one of those whose job is making me sick like Monica Torres describes, or if I am losing my faith in the system that keeps me running in place or even falling behind, I might want to look to my faith founders for some insight.

The earliest Christians were called “the people of the Way”—bettered existence for countless ancient believers. . . .Christian defenders, such as Justin Martyr (ca. 100–ca. 165), used the example of Christian practice to make the case that Jesus’s way “mended lives”: We who formerly . . . valued above all things the acquisition of wealth and possessions, now bring what we have into a common stock, and communicate to everyone in need; we who hated and destroyed one another, and on account of their different manners would not live with men of a different tribe, now, since the coming of Christ, live familiarly with them, and pray for our enemies . . . Justin Martyr, First Apology, chapter 14 This was before Christians became coopted by the “Davos of the second century, i.e. the Roman Empire. I suspect people of whatever faith did their due diligence, the same truths could be discovered in their origins also. Now is the time for each of us to do our own due diligence and with more consciousness discover the ways to opt out of the systems that are bringing the world into the state we find ourselves now.

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