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In the run-up to the 2020 US Presidential election, the wonderful [Tortoise Media](#) asked me to explain to readers how the ‘Religious Right’ came about - in the ‘grand bargain’ between Republicans and evangelicals.

Check out my piece [here](#).

I was, anyway, a big fan of Tortoise – may I tell you why?

Tortoise offers ‘slow journalism’ (thoughtful, reflective, evidence-based: often in linked series building and exploring an argument) from such outstanding journalists as founding editor, James Harding, previously head of BBC News and editor of The Times

Its ‘Thinkins’ were planned as ‘newsroom’ style meetings where editors, experts and members could voice their ideas on a topic of the day. With Covid these moved on-line – and resulting Zoom Think-Ins are anything but slow! They are a model of using Zoom for participative events and will stay when the epidemic ends.

In ThinkIns, one-hour, multi-voiced debate runs alongside ‘chat’ (on-line text conversation) that crackles away on its own tracks, spilling over and merging with the main event.

Recent highlights for me: a stunning discussion about historic liability for Slavery (21st October 2020) with leading scholars – one Caribbean, one African – opposing one another in a jaw-dropping clash; a fascinating discussion about the future of Hydrogen as the fuel of the future (27th September); and Food (‘everything you thought you knew is wrong’) with Professor Tim Spector on 16th September.

Thinkins are recorded for members to access.

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Yours

Paul

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Bargain of the century

The ‘grand bargain’ that bound the Republican Party to Evangelical Christians may be the most consequential political deal of modern times

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