

# Innovation [Rev. 20180928]

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ABOVE: PHOTO BY UNKNOWN — ‘WONDERING... “WHAT’S GOING THROUGH THIS PATIENT’S MIND? FEAR OF DEATH OR LOVE OF GOD?”’ \*1

## The Intellectual Yet Idiot

What we have been seeing worldwide, from India to the UK to the US, is the rebellion against the inner circle of no-skin-in-the-game policymaking “clerks” and journalists-insiders, that class of paternalistic semi-intellectual experts with some Ivy league, Oxford-Cambridge, or similar label-driven education who are telling the rest of us

- 1) what to do,
- 2) what to eat,
- 3) how to speak,
- 4) how to think... and
- 5) who to vote for.

But the problem is the one-eyed following the blind: these self-described members of the “intelligentsia” can’t find a coconut in Coconut Island, meaning they aren’t intelligent enough to define intelligence hence fall into circularities—but their main skill is capacity to pass exams written by people like them. With psychology papers replicating less than 40%, dietary advice reversing after 30 years of fatphobia, macroeconomic analysis working worse than astrology, the appointment of Bernanke who was less than clueless of the risks, and pharmaceutical trials replicating at best only 1/3 of the time, people are perfectly entitled to rely on their own ancestral instinct and listen to their grandmothers (or Montaigne and such filtered classical knowledge) with a better track record than these policymaking goons.

Indeed one can see that these academico-bureaucrats who feel entitled to run our lives aren’t even rigorous, whether in medical statistics or policymaking. They can’t tell science from scientism—in fact in their image-oriented minds scientism looks more scientific than real science...

The Intellectual Yet Idiot is a production of modernity hence has been accelerating since the mid twentieth century, to reach its local supremum today, along with the broad category of people without skin-in-the-game who have been invading many walks of life. Why? Simply, in most countries, the government’s role is between five and ten times what it was a century ago (expressed in percentage of GDP). The IYI seems ubiquitous in our lives but is still a small minority and is rarely seen outside specialized outlets, think tanks, the media, and universities—most people have proper jobs and there are not many openings for the IYL...

The IYI pathologizes others for doing things he doesn’t understand without ever realizing it is *his* understanding that may be limited. He thinks people should act according to their best interests *and* he knows their interests, particularly if they are “red necks” or English non-crisp-vowel class who voted for Brexit. When plebeians do something that makes sense to them, but not to him, the IYI uses the term “uneducated”. What we generally call participation in the political process, he calls by two distinct designations: “democracy” when it fits the IYI, and “populism” when the plebeians dare voting in a way that contradicts his preferences. While rich people believe in *one tax dollar one vote*, more humanistic ones in *one man one vote*, Monsanto in *one lobbyist one vote*, the IYI believes in *one Ivy League degree one-vote*, with some equivalence for foreign elite schools and PhDs as these are needed in the club.

More socially, the IYI subscribes to *The New Yorker*. He never curses on twitter. He speaks of “equality of races” and “economic equality” but never went out drinking with a minority cab driver (again, no real skin in the game as the concept is foreign to the IYI). Those in the U.K. have been taken for a ride by Tony Blair. The modern IYI has attended more than one TEDx talks in person or watched more than two TED talks on Youtube. Not only did he vote for Hillary Monsanto-Malmaison because she seems electable and some such circular reasoning, but holds that anyone who doesn’t do so is mentally ill.

The IYI has a copy of the first hardback edition of *The Black Swan* on his shelves, but mistakes absence of evidence for evidence of absence. He believes that GMOs are “science”, that the “technology” is not different from conventional breeding as a result of his readiness to confuse science with scientism.

Typically, the IYI get the first order logic right, but not second-order (or higher) effects making him totally incompetent in complex domains. In the comfort of his suburban home with 2-car garage, he advocated the “removal” of Gadhafi because he was “a dictator”, not realizing that removals have consequences (recall that he has no skin in the game and doesn’t pay for results).

The IYI has been wrong, historically, on Stalinism, Maoism, GMOs, Iraq, Libya, Syria, lobotomies, urban planning, low carbohydrate diets, gym machines, behaviorism, trans fats, Freudianism, portfolio theory, linear regression, Gaussianism, Salafism, dynamic stochastic equilibrium modeling, housing projects, selfish gene, election forecasting models, Bernie Madoff (pre-blowup) and p-values. But he is convinced that his current position is right.

The IYI is member of a club to get traveling privileges; if social scientist he uses statistics without knowing how they are derived (like Steven Pinker and psycholophastrs in general); when in the UK, he goes to literary festivals; he drinks red wine with steak (never white); he used to believe that fat was harmful and has now completely reversed; he takes statins because his doctor told him to do so; he fails to understand ergodicity and when explained to him, he forgets about it soon later; he doesn't use Yiddish words even when talking business; he studies grammar before speaking a language; he has a cousin who worked with someone who knows the Queen; he has never read Frederic Dard, Libanius Antiochus, Michael Oakeshot, John Gray, Amianus Marcellinus, Ibn Battuta, Saadia Gaon, or Joseph De Maistre; he has never gotten drunk with Russians; he never drank to the point when one starts breaking glasses (or, preferably, chairs); he doesn't even know the difference between Hecate and Hecuba (which in Brooklynese is "can't tell *sh\*\*t* from shinola"); he doesn't know that there is no difference between "pseudointellectual" and "intellectual" in the absence of skin in the game; has mentioned quantum mechanics at least twice in the past five years in conversations that had nothing to do with physics...

### **The Blind and the Very Blind**

Let's suspend the satirical for a minute.

IYIs fail to distinguish between the letter and the spirit of things. They are so blinded by verbalistic notions such as *science, education, democracy, racism, equality, evidence, rationality* and similar buzzwords that they can be easily taken for a ride. They can thus cause monstrous iatrogenics [*meaning: harm done by the healer*] without even feeling a shade of a guilt, because they are convinced that they mean well and that they can be thus justified to ignore the deep effect on reality. You would laugh at the doctor who nearly kills his patient yet argues about the effectiveness of his efforts because he lowered the latter's cholesterol, missing that a metric that correlates to health *is not quite health*—it took a long time for medicine to convince its practitioners that health was what they needed to work on, not the exercise of what they thought was "science", hence doing nothing was quite often preferable (*via negativa*). But yet, in a different domain, say foreign policy, a neo-con who doesn't realize he has this mental defect would never feel any guilt for blowing up a country such as Libya, Iraq, or Syria, for the sake of "democracy". I've tried to explain *via negativa* to a neocon: it was like trying to describe colors to someone born blind.

IYIs can be feel satisfied giving their money to a group aimed at "saving the children" who will spend most of it making powerpoint presentation and organizing conferences on how to save the children and completely miss the inconsistency.

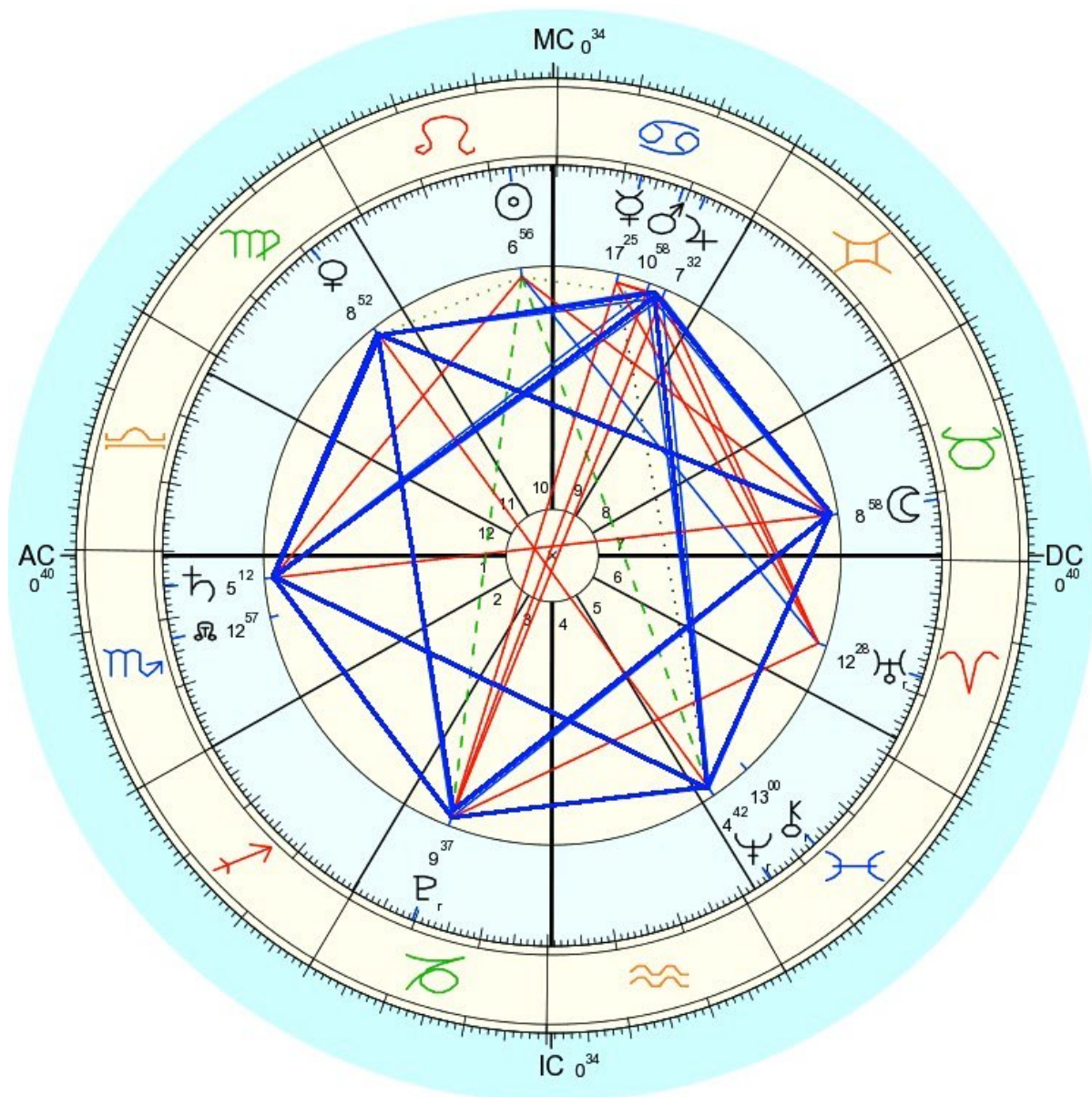
Likewise an IYI routinely fails to make a distinction between an institution (say formal university setting and credentialization) and what its true aim is (knowledge, rigor in reasoning)—I've even seen a French academic arguing against a mathematician who had great (and useful) contributions because the former "didn't go to a good school" when he was eighteen or so.

The propensity to this mental disability may be shared by all humans, and it has to be an ingrained defect, except that it disappears under skin in the game. <sup>2</sup>

## The Colossal Aspect

[July 18, 2013] As I write this, it is the day of the exact alignment of the Grand Water Trine (one of the two triangle's which creates this "Grand Sextile.") It is a three-way trine (120 degree aspect) between Saturn, Neptune, and Jupiter at 4 plus degrees in their respective Water signs. When talking alignments, we cannot leave out exactness. These 3 planets perfectly aligned on July 17th, creating a deeply emotional—even magical—ripple throughout the Collective. The feeling was one of an ease of understanding how the transformation of our beings must occur. Now, just because the aspect happened on the 17th, it doesn't mean we still won't feel it for days to come. They are slow moving planets and will be lingering in the orb of this space for a couple weeks, all the way up to July 29th, when this supposed "Grand Sextile" is set to occur.

Here is the [astrology] Chart for the 29th. The day of the "Grand Sextile." I'm sure you've seen it on Facebook: <sup>\*3</sup>







ABOVE: ARTWORK BY UNKNOWN — 'VISUALIZES INTERPRETING UNIVERSAL PATTERNS GROWS INDIVIDUALIZED HUMAN PERSONALITY' \*4

# Painful Choices [Election 2016]

Let's talk sense about the election. Nothing is to be gained by refusing to face the hard facts. What are those facts?

First of all, neither Hillary Clinton nor Donald Trump has the qualifications, the track record or the personal character to be President of the United States.

Most of us could probably think of a number of people who would be better in the White House. But here, as elsewhere in life, we can only make our choices among the alternatives actually available.

Those of us who have been disgusted by some of the things that Donald Trump has said and done need to face the fact that he is not running against Mother Teresa. His sins have been matched and exceeded by Hillary Clinton and her husband.

As for accomplishments, Trump has none in politics, and business accomplishments do not automatically transfer into government.

Hillary Clinton has been in politics for decades. But does she have even a single serious accomplishment to show for it? In the Senate, she accomplished nothing, and as Secretary of State far worse than nothing.

Secretary Clinton carried out the foreign policy that destroyed two governments of countries which posed no threat whatever to America or to American interests in the Middle East. Each country is now moving in the direction of one of our two most dangerous enemies, Iran and Russia.

Egypt is now planning joint military exercises with Russian forces. Libya has already seen the rise of Islamic terrorists who killed the American ambassador whom the Clinton State Department refused to provide the security he asked for repeatedly.

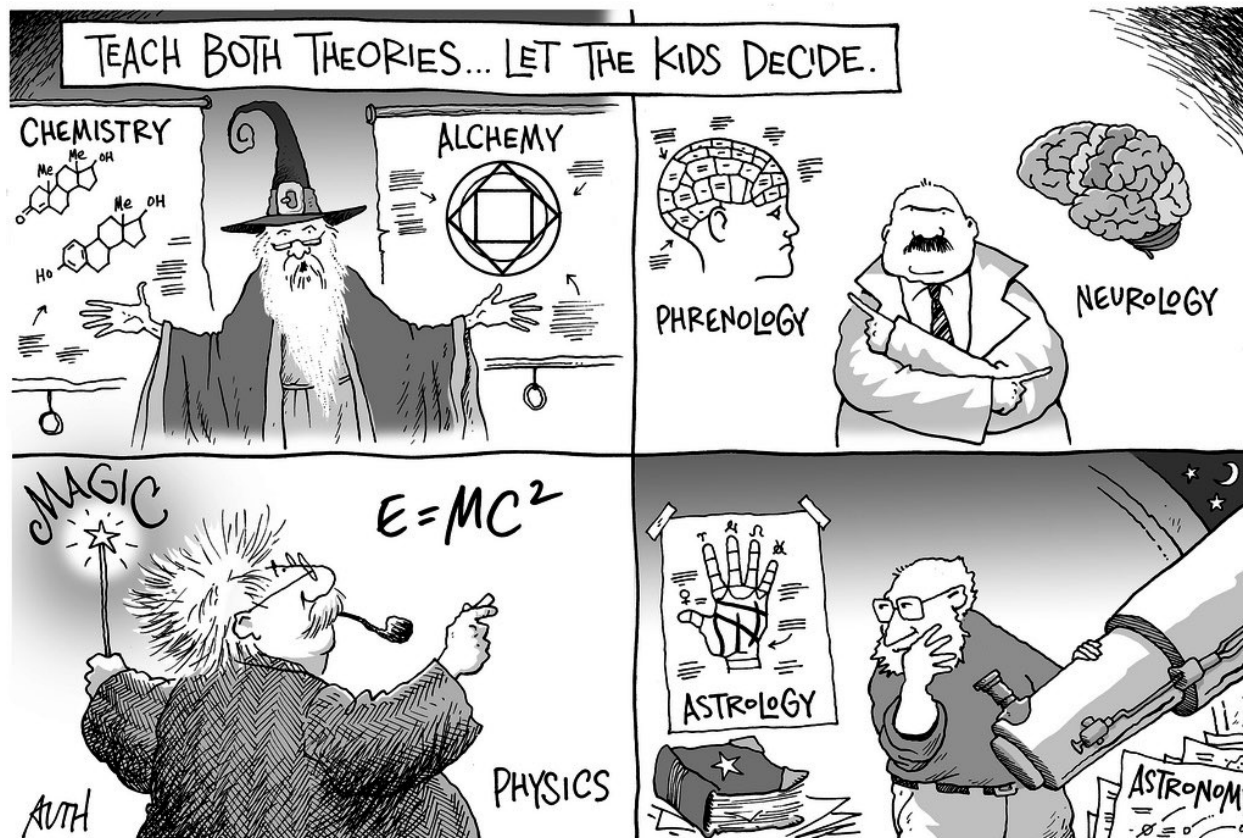
So much for track records. As for personal character, would you want either of them living next door to your family?

Donald Trump seems to think that it is OK for the government to seize someone else's home and turn the property over to him, so that he can build something—without having to pay what it would cost him to buy the home. We can't even discuss what he has said about women in a family newspaper. Add an almost childish egomania and you have a 70-year-old adolescent.

Hillary Clinton is fundamentally very similar. But, having spent decades in the political limelight, she is far more experienced at concealing her ruthless and cunning contempt for anything and anybody that gets in the way of her personal enrichment and power. That includes contempt for the law.

Long before her e-mails became an issue, Mrs. Clinton was evading subpoenas for records she had somehow "lost" in the White House when she was first lady. Both she and her husband perfected the tactic of stalling and stalling, until enough time had passed that they could say that an issue was now "old news" and that it was time to "move on."

The issue before the voters, however, is not which of the two is the worse person. The issue is which is more dangerous to the future of America... \*<sup>5</sup>



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ABOVE: CARTOON BY TONY AUTH — 'DEPICTS MODERN KNOWLEDGE DERIVED VIA SPIRITUAL NON-LINEAR DISCIPLINES OF STUDY' \*6 \*7

## The History of Religious Intolerance

*In the world before Christianity and Islam took hold far more religions and philosophies existed than do now. Around the middle of the first millennium BCE Daoism, Buddhism and Zoroastrianism began to become established and quickly spread in Asia, no doubt impacting on already long established religions of the time but without such wide-reaching repercussions.*

These new religions appeared in a world where a vast amount of religions already existed. The Mesopotamian religion, is the oldest known and recorded organised religion, consisting of worship of some two thousand deities. Although not explicitly tied to the state and rulers (as was the case with Egypt) it was deeply embedded in the culture of the Sumerian, Akkadian, Babylonian and Assyrian empires over some four thousand years, spreading its influence over a vast region and, it is thought, influencing Canaanite, Greek and possibly Egyptian and Jewish religions during that time.

Like many other religions it co-existed with others and was transmitted by cultural shifts brought about by war and trade as various empires expanded and collapsed. Whether it was state sponsored or the 'official' religion throughout its empire, as in Egypt, is unclear but it does appear that their religiosity was at the core of their culture. In Egypt, their polytheistic religion, although transforming over time was clearly tied to the monarchy (Pharaohs) and

implemented by a highly organised, state sponsored, priesthood, deeply embedded within the social and political hierarchy. As a great imperial power, its religion had a significant impact on other cultures and religions such as Greek polytheism and possibly some aspects of Christianity. Certainly the cult of Isis was widespread across the Greco-Roman world, throughout the Mediterranean region and also in parts of Africa.

Although it is generally regarded that religious intolerance was the norm in antiquity, it was not always the case. In India Buddhism and Jainism, alongside Hinduism, were allowed to flourish in the Maurya and Gupta dynasties. In China Buddhism coexisted with Daoism and Confucianism along with folk religion over two millennia with very little suppression or intolerance in that time period. In the Achaemenid empire of Cyrus the Great (after 550 BCE), religious tolerance was enshrined in the laws passed, covering an area thought to contain half the population of the world at the time. Within the much later Sassanid empire (around 400 CE) Judaism, Manichaeism and Christianity were tolerated alongside Zoroastrianism which was dominant in western Asia. During such times both the environment and people were able to prosper—free from the constant destructive onslaught of war.

Unfortunately the situation was not to last. Both Zoroastrianism and Manichaeism, from being hugely popular faded into obscurity due to violent competition with Christianity and Islam. The political and religious union of the Roman empire following Constantine left little room for toleration of rival religions, including the Greco-Roman Paganism that had been so dominant for over a millennium. In Armenia and Georgia both Zoroastrianism and Paganism suffered as the state chose to enforce a policy of Christianity as the official religion, while at the same time centralising and consolidating economic and political influence. The 5th century ushered in a new era of religious persecution which also served to consolidate social and political power.

Islam quickly spread beyond Arabia following Muhammad's death in 632, swiftly taking the Byzantine and Sassanid empires by storm, although Byzantium survived in gradual decline for another eight hundred years. Although current troubles surrounding Islamic extremism may lead many to think otherwise, Islam has historically had a more tolerant attitude to other religions than Christianity. Zoroastrianism, which was dominant in western Asia was persecuted by Islam and actively discouraged for a millennium. Despite this, today in Iran (often considered a pariah state) Christianity, Zoroastrianism and Judaism coexist peacefully alongside the majority religion of Islam, albeit with less rights.

At the end of the 11th century Pope Urban II initiated a Christian war against Islam in defence of Byzantium to reclaim the Holy Land. Two hundred years of Crusades ended ultimately in failure and led to the destruction of Byzantium in 1453 and Muslim incursions into Europe thereafter. Apart from a few decades, the Muslim Ottoman (Turkish) empire was at almost constant war with Christian Europe, until its final demise at the end of World War I. During the Crusades, and up until the end of the 17th century, Christians took the opportunity to also persecute Jews, with mass expulsions and massacres throughout Europe during much of that period.

The Muslim world also came under attack from the Mongols during the 13th century, the low point of which was the destruction of the 500 year Caliphate and city of Baghdad—bringing to an end the Abbasid dynasty and what was considered the golden age of Islam. Most of the Mongols were Tengriist but Genghis Khan permitted and encouraged religious freedom across his new empire, so long as he faced no resistance. Tough resistance from Muslim rulers led to a typical Mongol response, a bloodbath across the Islamic world, which almost destroyed Islam in Asia. Freedom of religion generally allowed Tengriism, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism, Manichaeism, Taoism and Islam to coexist peacefully, although gradually three of the four Mongol Khanates became Muslim, with the Chinese Khanate adopting Tibetan Buddhism.



With the discovery of the Americas and subsequently the rounding of the Cape of Africa (Good Hope) in the 15th century, the Spanish and Portuguese unleashed a unprecedented wave of Christian oppression and religious intolerance far beyond it's previous domains. Beginning with Columbus' genocide in Hispaniola, religious persecution, enslavement, murder and environmental destruction took place across the New World and coastal Africa. Soon to be joined by other emerging imperial forces, such as England, a wave of colonisation, extermination and forced conversion took place, over hundreds of years. The repercussions of this are still very much in evidence today with continents environmentally ravaged and many peoples becoming extinct, diminished and relocated, with their indigenous cultures and religions completely or nearly destroyed.

Despite a gradual move towards secular governments throughout the world individual, organisational and state sponsored religious intolerance has continued to plague the world into the modern era. Some the most horrific religious oppression in history has occurred in the last century or so with the genocide of Armenian Christians by the Ottomans and the Nazi Holocaust against primarily Jews and Jehovah's Witnesses. Religious and social oppression of Australian Aborigines, Native Americans, indigenous tribes in South America, in Apartheid South Africa and throughout the former Soviet Union and China has all taken place within the last hundred years.

Even now, the world has witnessed the barbarism of Daesh (Islamic State) in the Middle East and the recent oppression and migration of the Muslim Rohingya people in Myanmar by the Buddhist majority. Although only recently re-ignited this new horror is part of a long conflict that originated during World War II. Having been on opposing sides during the war, the Buddhist regime and the Rohingya have been in sporadic conflict since 1947, culminating with the mass eviction (in 2017) of Rohingya people into neighbouring Bangladesh.

Currently there are estimated to be some ten thousand distinct religions in existence in the world, despite the eradication of many faiths during our tumultuous history. Unfortunately we have still not figured out a way to co-exist in peace both on an international level, between theocratic states, or within individual religious communities. Part of the problem, no doubt, is created by the adoption of religion at a state level. Where secularism or at least state guaranteed religious tolerance is the norm the level and frequency of religious intolerance is lower. Throughout our sad collective history there have been brief islands of calm, religious plurality and toleration, instigated at state level, that prove that peaceful co-existence was and still is possible.

Many religions claim to have the right answers, to be the one true religion or to have the sole authority of the divine. Given that there are so many religions in the world, it seems rather bizarre that just one could rightfully lay claim to exclusive divine approval. In truth what religion a person adheres to is largely dictated by social and geographical factors—the community and location in which one grows up.

If one is able to put aside the correctness of polytheism, henotheism (many aspects of the one) or monotheism, all religions point to the hand of the divine in the creation of the universe and life within it. In a certain sense all religions can be said to be both right and wrong at the same time, in that they describe or allude to the divine truths of our existence, but in a way that can hardly be satisfactory to all.

All religions have ideas about morality and decency but these are not necessarily the same and indeed are quite often contradictory. For instance, murder would generally be considered wrong, almost universally, however there are circumstances such as 'honour killings' in some religious cultures that are considered acceptable. However, in some religions even to kill a fly would be considered a great sin. So, who is to decide what is correct and what is not, who has a divine mandate and who does not?

As human beings we are somewhat like goldfish in a small tank—with our limited perception we attempt to understand the world around us and ourselves, to discover the nature of life and the universe and to find meaning within the chaos and confusion of life. Like the goldfish we are limited by our intelligence our senses and our placement within a universe that is bigger than our imaginings. I believe that it is true to say that our ability to comprehend the mysteries of existence are very limited, perhaps more so than we can possibly realise.

The belief in one true religion has been the cause of conflict the world over or been the justification for it. Religion has been misguidedly used to justify war and colonisation, economic predation and the ecological destruction that accompanies it. While humanity has been foolishly arguing, fighting and jostling for dominance in the world we have been distracted from the raging fires that now surround us, that we have created ourselves.

It is clear that the 'end times' talked of in many faiths could well be upon us, but if that is so, it is surely not due to an act of God but as a result of our own carelessness, stupidity and obsession with competing with our fellow humans. At this time, we have the capacity to destroy the world with nuclear weapons or to poison it for many thousands of years through the careless use of nuclear power. We have taken warfare to new depths with increasingly efficient ways to slaughter one another, even without the direct involvement of human soldiers any more. Worse still, through over-population and over-exploitation of nature we are pushing the world towards ecological collapse; which could bring extinction for many species including our own.

While our governments waste fortunes on larger and more dangerous armies economic hardships and poverty continue to plague the world—the poor suffer the ravages of climate change while a powerful minority continue to feed their insatiable greed for more. Instead of being united by faith, albeit of different strands, peoples are often divided and turned against each other to the benefit of their manipulators and to the detriment of humanity and the world at large.

In truth we have reached a great crisis for humanity and for the world—climate change, caused by our shortsightedness, is merely one of the symptoms of our disease. It is well past the time when we should put aside our religious and ideological differences and focus on the great problems of our time i.e. saving humanity from itself.

In the past empires and civilisations collapsed due to economic, religious and ecological factors in addition to military failures. Such collapses were localised not systemic, but now we no longer have the luxury of repeating the mistakes of human history. If we continue down a path of violence, destruction, vast inequality and intolerance then there is little hope for humanity. History has proven that times of peace, cooperation and toleration are possible. If we can overcome our differences, while there is still time, and truly work together in cooperation to transform our societies then we at least have a chance to save humanity from an avoidable tragedy. <sup>\*8</sup>

"Words mean nothing to liberals. They say whatever will help advance their cause at the moment, switch talking points in a heartbeat, and then act indignant if anyone uses the exact same argument they were using five minutes ago." —*Ann Coulter*

"It is not recognized in the full amplitude of the word that all freedom is essentially self-liberation—that I can have only so much freedom as I procure for myself by my ownness." —*Max Stirner*

"A genius is someone who aims at a target no one else can see—and hits it!" —*Anthony Quinn*

"Don't look for big things, just do small things with great love." —*Mother Teresa*

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ABOVE: CARTOON MICHAEL RAMIREZ — 'DISGUIISING THE TRUE MEANING OF THINGS BY DECEPTION, OBFUSCATION, EVIL INTENTIONS' \*9

## ... How Globalist Elites Run America for Their Own Interests

[Quoting from a Guardian article, referring to Wikileaks' release of campaign manager, John Podesta's emails]

This genre of Podesta email, in which people try to arrange jobs for themselves or their kids, points us toward the most fundamental thing we know about the people at the top of this class: their loyalty to one another and the way it overrides everything else. Of course Hillary Clinton staffed her state department with investment bankers and then did speaking engagements for investment banks as soon as she was done at the state department. Of course she appears to think that any kind of bank reform should "come from the industry itself". And of course no elite bankers were ever prosecuted by the Obama administration. Read these emails and you understand, with a start, that the people at the top tier of American life all know each other. They are all engaged in promoting one another's careers, constantly.

Everything blurs into everything else in this world. The state department, the banks, Silicon Valley, the nonprofits, the "Global CEO Advisory Firm" that appears to have solicited donations for the Clinton Foundation. Executives here go from foundation to government to think tank to startup. There are honors. Venture capital. Foundation grants. Endowed chairs. Advanced degrees. For them the door revolves. The friends all succeed. They break every boundary.

But the One Big Boundary remains. Yes, it's all supposed to be a meritocracy. But if you aren't part of this happy, prosperous in-group—if you don't have John Podesta's email address—you're out. \*10

# Trump the Politician

“Though this be madness, yet there is method in’t.” So said Polonius, one of the most famous political advisors in the Shakespearean canon. If Polonius, who was rather silly, could see this about Prince Hamlet, why can’t our most seasoned political commentators and practitioners see that the same thing could be said about Donald J. Trump?

The conventional critics of the president—and even some of his conventionally-minded friends—accuse him of conducting his political career haphazardly, like the proverbial bull in a china shop. He is impulsive. He speaks without sufficient reflection, and as a result he causes all manner of public relations fiascos for himself and for his party. So runs the usual indictment of Trump as a politician.

Such criticism is not entirely wrong. Trump probably is more verbally impulsive than most politicians, and certainly more so than most presidents. Nevertheless, this critique overlooks something important: Trump *is* disciplined in his approach to politics in certain ways, just not in the ways to which most political observers are accustomed. The model he follows differs from what many Americans have learned to expect from politics.

In modern times, most presidential campaigns, and indeed most presidencies, have operated according to the following tried and true political model: Win the news cycle, daily and weekly, and then repeat the process continually. Have a plan to do and say things to win good press coverage today, and tomorrow, and for the whole week. This will create a positive impression with the voting public and will therefore generate high polling numbers. If a candidate does this over a long period of time, he or she will at least be in a position to compete on election day. And if a president does this over a long period of time, he will keep his public approval numbers high enough to keep the Congress cooperative and to contend for re-election.

Donald Trump, needless to say, has shown very little interest in doing any of this. Instead, he seems to have concluded a long time ago that such a model would be impossible for him. He is not going to win any news cycles, because the media and the political “experts” they consult are overwhelmingly opposed to the issues he raised as a candidate and the things he wants to do as president.

Trump has a different model: Occupy positions that are popular with a sufficient number of voters, although they are unpopular with the media and the political class—positions such as skepticism about immigration, existing trade arrangements, and a foreign policy that seems to require America to act as a self-sacrificing good Samaritan to the world. And hammer those positions so forcefully and so continually that nobody can forget your association with them.

The downside of Trump’s model is that it guarantees that he won’t win any news cycles. But the upside is that it means he *does not need to* win any news cycles. As long as he remains firm in these positions, and in the others on the basis of which he has assembled his coalition (such as lower taxes and deregulation, respect for traditional religion, and conservative judges), his fundamental position remains strong, or at least strong enough that he cannot be politically incapacitated and instead can compete to win. Trump, in other words, does not have to be a good tactician because he is such a good strategist.

Indeed, losing news cycles is not only not necessary to Trump. It is actually helpful to him. When he gets trashed by the media, it simply reminds his core voters that he is remaining true to the platform that won their support in the first place.



Although our expert political commentators cannot, for the most part, seem to credit Trump for successfully implementing this model, it is worth noting that it has some advantages, both for Trump and for the country. The advantage for Trump is obvious—it works for him. It got him the Republican nomination, the presidency, and the implementation of enough of his agenda that his administration cannot so far be judged a failure.

The advantage for the country is that Trump's political model offers a more purely republican form of leadership. It is based upon a direct appeal to voters—to their interests and beliefs—unmediated by the role of, and therefore conceding nothing to the power of, an unelected and unrepresentative press and broadcasting establishment. Even Trump's critics ought to be able to see the value of that, and even his rivals might do well to try it themselves.<sup>\*11</sup>



## ‘Separation of Church and State’ Not What You Think

An early Baptist dissenter who died in London's Newgate Prison was Thomas Helwys, who wrote in 1612: "The King is a mortal man, and not God, therefore he hath no power over the mortal soul of his subjects to make laws and ordinances for them and to set spiritual Lords over them."



Thomas Helwys founded the Baptist faith in England with John Smyth and John Murton. He wrote in "A Short Declaration of the Mystery of Iniquity": "If the Kings people be obedient and true subjects, obeying all humane lawes made by the King, our Lord the King can require no more: for men's religion to God is betwixt God and themselves; the King shall not answer for it, neither may the King be judge between God and man."

Baptist John Murton was thrown in the Newgate Prison where his opinions were censored for being against the government agenda. Roger Williams referred to him in "The Bloody Tenet of Persecution For Conscience Sake": "The author of these arguments against persecution ... being committed (a) prisoner to Newgate for the witness of some truths of Jesus, and having not use of pen and ink, wrote these arguments in milk, in sheets of paper brought to him by the woman, his keeper, from a friend in London as the stopples (ie. cork) of his milk bottle. ... In such paper, written with milk, nothing will appear; but the way of reading by fire being known to this friend who received the papers, he transcribed and kept together the papers, although the author himself could not correct nor view what himself had written. ... It was in milk, tending to soul nourishment, even for babes and sucklings in Christ ... the word of truth ... testify against ... slaughtering each other for their several respective religions and consciences."

Roger Williams himself was found guilty of preaching religious liberty in England and fled to Boston on Feb. 5, 1631. He pastored briefly before being banished in 1636 by the Puritan leader John Cotton, who himself had been persecuted by Anglicans in England. Befriended by the Indians of Narragansett, Roger Williams founded Providence Plantation, Rhode Island—the first place where church government was not controlled by state government. In 1639, Roger Williams, with Dr. John Clarke, organized the first Baptist church in America.

Soon other dissenters arrived in the colony, such as Anne Hutchinson, William Coddington, and Philip Sherman. Dissident Minister Rev. John Wheelwright fled Massachusetts and founded Exeter, New Hampshire.

"Notorious disagreements" with Puritan leader John Cotton over the Massachusetts General Court censoring his religious speech led Roger Williams to publish "The Bloody Tenet of Persecution for Conscience Sake" and "Mr. Cotton's Letter Lately Printed, Examined and Answered" in 1644.

In it, Roger Williams first mentioned his now famous phrase, "Wall of separation": "Mr. Cotton ... hath not duly considered these following particulars. First, the faithful labors of many witnesses of Jesus Christ, existing in the world, abundantly proving, that the Church of the Jews under the Old Testament in the type and the Church of the Christians under the New Testament in the anti-type, were both separate from the world; and that when they have opened a gap in the hedge, or wall of separation, between the garden of the Church and the wilderness of the world, God hath ever broken down the wall itself, removed the candlestick ... and made his garden a wilderness, as at this day.

"And that therefore if He will ever please to restore His garden and paradise again, it must of necessity be walled in peculiarly unto Himself from the world, and that all that shall be saved out of the world are to be transplanted out of the wilderness of the world and added unto His Church or garden... a separation of Holy from unHoly, penitent from impenitent, Godly from unGodly."

Rev. Roger Williams was alluding to Isaiah 5:1-7, that when God's people sin, He judges them by allowing his vineyard to be trampled by an ungodly government: "My well-beloved hath a vineyard. ... And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine ... and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem ... judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. ... When I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes? ... I will tell you what I will

do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down. ... For the vineyard ... is house of Israel ... and he looked for judgment, but found oppression."

Roger Williams' understanding was that if God's people sin, God will let the government trample the religious rights of the church, in the same way that when Israel sinned, God let the surrounding nations invade and trample them. This is seen in the Book of Revelations' warning to the church at Ephesus, "Repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

But Roger Williams stated that if God's people do repent, "He will restore His garden" protecting it as "walled in peculiarly unto Himself from the world." This became a foundational Baptist tenet that government should be kept out of the church.

Baptist churches began in other colonies. James Madison wrote to Robert Walsh, March 2, 1819: "The English church was originally the established religion. ... Of other sects there were but few adherents, except the Presbyterians who predominated on the west side of the Blue Mountains. A little time previous to the Revolutionary struggle, the Baptists sprang up, and made very rapid progress. ... At present the population is divided ... among the Protestant Episcopalians, the Presbyterians, the Baptists and the Methodists."

Baptist minister John Leland, who helped start Baptist churches in Connecticut, wrote in "Rights of Conscience Inalienable," 1791: "Every man must give account of himself to God, and therefore every man ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that he can best reconcile to his conscience. If government can answer for individuals at the day of judgment, let men be controlled by it in religious matters; otherwise, let men be free."

Connecticut had established the Congregational Christian denomination as its official state church from 1639 to 1818. Prior to the 1947 Everson case, religion was under each individual states' jurisdiction.

On Oct. 7, 1801, the Danbury Baptist Association complained to President Jefferson of their second-class status in the Congregationalist state of Connecticut: "Sir ... Our Sentiments are uniformly on the side of Religious Liberty: That religion is at all times and places a matter between God and Individuals; that no man ought to suffer in name, person or effects on account of his religious opinions; that the legitimate power of civil Government extends no further than to punish the man who works ill to his neighbor: But Sir ... our ancient charter (in Connecticut), together with the Laws made coincident therewith ... are; that ... what religious privileges we enjoy (as Baptists) ... we enjoy as favors granted, and not as inalienable rights. ...

"Sir, we are sensible that the president of the united States is not the national Legislator & also sensible that the national government cannot destroy the Laws of each State; but our hopes are strong that the sentiments of our beloved President, which have had such genial Effect already, like the radiant beams of the Sun, will shine & prevail through all these States and all the world till Hierarchy and Tyranny be destroyed from the Earth. Sir ... we have reason to believe that America's God has raised you up to fill the chair of State. ... May God strengthen you for the arduous task which Providence & the voice of the people have called you. ... And may the Lord preserve you safe from every evil and bring you at last to his Heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ our Glorious Mediator."

On Jan. 1, 1802, Jefferson wrote back agreeing with the Baptists: "Gentlemen ... Believing with you: that religion is a matter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for faith or his worship, that the legislative powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with solemn reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should 'make no law respecting an

establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between church and state.

"Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation in behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore man to all his natural rights. ... I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of man."

In his second inaugural address, March 4, 1805, President Thomas Jefferson stated: "In matters of religion I have considered that its free exercise is placed by the Constitution independent of the powers of the General Government. I have therefore undertaken, on no occasion, to prescribe the religious exercise suited to it; but have left them, as the Constitution found them, under the direction and discipline of state and church authorities by the several religious societies."

Jefferson wrote to Samuel Miller, Jan. 23, 1808: "I consider the government of the United States as interdicted by the Constitution from inter-meddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, discipline, or exercises. This results not only from the provision that no law shall be made respecting the establishment or free exercise of religion, but from that also which reserves to the states the powers not delegated to the United States. ..."

Jefferson continued: "Certainly no power to prescribe any religious exercise, or to assume authority in religious discipline, has been delegated to the General government. It must then rest with the States as far as it can be in any human authority. ... I do not believe it is for the interest of religion to invite the civil magistrate to direct its exercises, its discipline, or its doctrines. ... Every religious society has a right to determine for itself the times for these exercises, and the objects proper for them, according to their own particular tenets." \*12



# The Unusual Benefit of Being World's Dirtiest Man



Next time you tell your mud-caked, possibly sweaty child to go take a bath or don't touch that—because the object of their fascination is filthy and might make them deathly ill—consider the wisdom of Haji, the Iranian octogenarian who firmly believes that cleanliness brings him sickness ... apparently inside and out. According to PPCorn...

Haji claims to have suffered “emotional setbacks” in his youth, which eventually led to his decision to live the way he does.

“Who can go wrong with a diet of rotten porcupine meat?” said nobody ever. Haji scavenges for dead animals to keep up his lifestyle of filth. We've never had porcupine, let alone rotting porcupine, but it doesn't sound too appetizing.

Though it might not sound so comfortable, Haji lives in a hole within an isolated part of Iran's Dejgah village. The village is located in the southern part of Iran. Described as “grave-like,” the hole partially shelters him from the weather.

Though he calls his hole home, he also has the option of a small brick shack for shelter.

Instead of the standard method, Haji cuts his hair by burning it off with fire.

Claiming that cleanliness will bring him sickness, Haji hasn't showered in 60 years since he was 20.

Though he is prone to smoke five cigarettes at a time, Haji also smokes animal feces.

Whatever one may think of Haji, he is a man who lives by what he believes. He is also over eighty years old and, by all accounts, happy. So maybe the secret here is to live in accordance with one's beliefs. <sup>\*15</sup>

## **INTERESTING OBSERVATION**

- 1. The sport of choice for the urban poor is BASKETBALL.**
- 2. The sport of choice for maintenance level employees is BOWLING.**
- 3. The sport of choice for front-line workers is FOOTBALL.**
- 4. The sport of choice for supervisors is BASEBALL.**
- 5. The sport of choice for middle management is TENNIS. And...**
- 6. The sport of choice for corporate executives and officers is GOLF.**

### **THE amazing facts are,**

**The higher you go in the corporate structure,  
the smaller your balls become.**

**There must be a boat load of people in  
Washington playing marbles.**



# [Former President Obama's] White House Blames White Male Resentment For Obama Failures On Guns, Race

It is perfectly emblematic of the empty, hashtagging political era that the primary role of government after a mass murder would be as a semiotic interpreter for the nation.

As governor of Arkansas, **Bill Clinton** celebrated his state's Confederate heritage with a special star in his state's flag. Now his wife is running for president as an ardent foe of Confederate remembrance. The GOP consensus of 20 years ago was that the display of the Confederate battle flag was up to the ones displaying it. Now they are falling over each other to denounce its public display.

None of it makes much difference in the lives of Americans or on the question of good governance.

These are things that politicians do not as part of leadership but of followership—public cues intended to show voters that a candidate is “one of them.” But they do not do much to shape outcomes. Quite the opposite. These are things you do when you can't do anything real.

Is racism a problem in America? Not nearly what it was, but of course it is. Is it something that the federal government is going to be able to remedy? Not a chance. Are mass killings, regardless of the ideological fixation of the killer, an ongoing problem? America ranks fourth in the world for mass-shooting fatalities, so there's certainly a problem. Is it likely to be fixed by legislation? Almost certainly not.

So what's with all the focus on the flag?

We get an insight into the thinking of the president and his party from a WaPo piece on his many frustrations with his administration's failures on gun control and race relations:

“If you are a white man in America, this country is changing dramatically. You have always been in charge,’ said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity [to] be candid. ‘So there is something to white men feeling like something has been taken away from them.”

Not one in 1,000 white males cares about the presence of a Confederate war monument on the grounds of the South Carolina statehouse. Not one in 1 million would share the racist worldview of the Charleston killer. The overwhelming majority are focused on keeping themselves and their families afloat in the face of enormous challenges.

But focusing on them as villains is revealing and attributing the resistance to gun control and other issues as a personal response to Obama's African heritage is an unintentionally damning revelation.

There's nothing the president can do about the real issues, so finding and blaming a boogeyman becomes job one.

“This generation seems to excel at inventing controversies, weighing in on those invented controversies, and then patting itself on the back for being so courageous and open-minded.” —*The Federalist's Mollie Hemingway...*<sup>\*17</sup>

# Trump: White Savior to Black America

President Donald Trump has issued a blunt warning to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel about his city's out-of-control violence: "If the city doesn't fix the horrible carnage going on, I'll send the feds!"

Trump's words sent shockwaves across the country.

Donald Trump—a white man whom the press has tried to paint as a racist—is ironically giving black America hope. What seemed like an impossible problem plaguing our inner cities now seems solvable.

But what's wrong with black men that they can't stop the carnage?

For eight years, Barack Obama had the full authority and resources of the United States government to deal with the gangs, drugs and violence afflicting his adopted hometown of Chicago, but all he did was posture. He supported his corrupt former Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel as mayor, and they pandered to black "activists," blamed guns and called for more spending.

Chicago is home to Jesse Jackson, Louis Farrakhan, Jeremiah Wright Jr. and countless black mega churches, yet these so-called "leaders" have failed to speak honestly about the root cause of the violence and take action to curb the rising death toll (4,000-plus shooting deaths in the last eight years).

Those of you who read my columns know that for the past 27 years I have run a nonprofit, BOND, dedicated to "Rebuilding the Family by Rebuilding the Man." I work with all men, but the primary focus has been to get black men to drop their anger so God can guide them, and they can lead their families in the right way.

Men are supposed to represent Jesus Christ on earth; the man is the Christ in the family. But the black community is nearly devoid of men who truly exemplify Christ.

Black men were not like this prior to the 1960s. They believed in God and took care of themselves and their families. But after Lyndon B. Johnson signed the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Democrats seduced blacks away from God and the Republican Party with "programs." They've "owned" blacks ever since.

Democrats empowered black liberal politicians to run cities like Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Atlanta, Baltimore and Memphis. They left these cities in worse shape than when they took office, but the media refused to hold them accountable because of their color and political affiliation.

Coleman Young ran Detroit for 20 years. He was racially divisive and allowed the city to be ruined by drugs and crime. A succession of black Democrats followed, including Kwame Kilpatrick, who was sentenced to 28 years in federal prison for mail fraud, wire fraud and racketeering.

Democrat Willie Herenton was the first black mayor of Memphis, Tennessee (1991-2008). His administration was dogged with allegations of fraud and financial mismanagement. Crime and violence skyrocketed. When he was criticized he stated, "No mayor in any American city can solve the crime problem."

Democrat Cory Booker was mayor of Newark, New Jersey, from 2006 to 2013. Murder, violent crime, unemployment and taxes all rose dramatically, yet he used Newark as a stepping stone to the U.S. Senate.

Dozens of Congressional Black Caucus members have been in Congress for decades and they've enriched themselves, but they haven't lifted a finger to save their districts.

Donald Trump is going to make these people clean up the mess so that decent black people can live in peace. Why couldn't Obama and these black politicians do the same?

We know that a radical feminist mother who hated her own race raised Obama; he no doubt resented her, and, therefore, thinks and acts just like her. I've never seen a man so committed to promoting abortion and the LGBT agenda. Yet Obama doesn't care about blacks. He only talked about black issues when he wanted to stoke black anger and intimidate his Republican critics.

Liberal blacks argue that it's unfair to expect Obama would stop the violence in "just" eight years. Some said it would be an infringement on freedoms. Yet blacks living in dangerous neighborhoods already feel like prisoners in their own homes.

Comedians Conan O'Brien, Trevor Noah and Seth Meyers mocked Trump for threatening to send in the feds. But it's no laughing matter for black families trapped in dangerous neighborhoods. These people wouldn't be joking if LGBT or Muslims were being slaughtered.

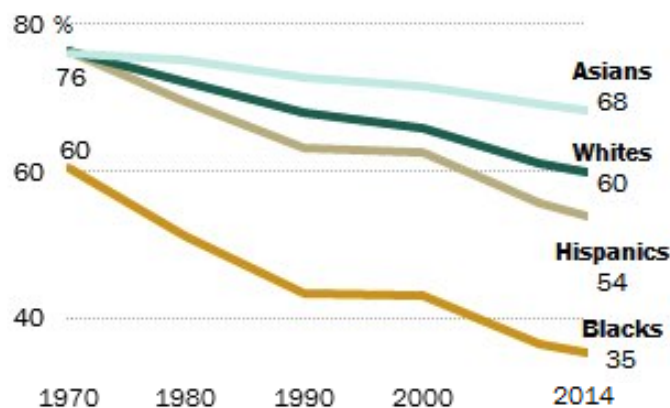
Trump is going to reinstate law and order because he loves all Americans. His father was his role model. When men and women love their fathers, it's like loving God, and they have real love and a desire to help people.

Still, many blacks hate Trump even though he is trying to save them. It reminds me of how Jesus Christ made it possible for us to return to the Father, and yet he was hated for that.

To help himself and his family, the black man must recognize that Donald Trump and whites aren't the enemy. The black man's anger was first caused by his impatient mother and grandmother who raised him (the father is rarely in the home). When the black man understands this and repents of his anger, he will be set free. He can then help himself, his family and his community. <sup>\*18</sup>

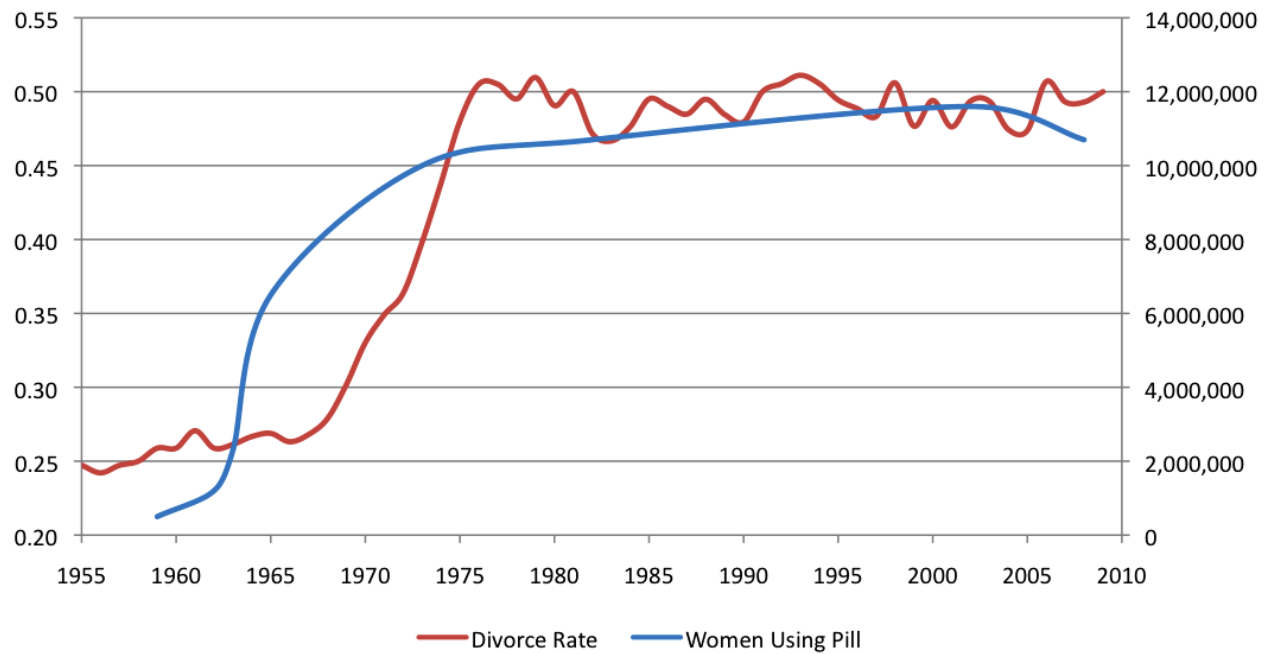
## Marriage on the decline for all groups; biggest drop among blacks

*% of U.S. adults ages 25 and older who are married*



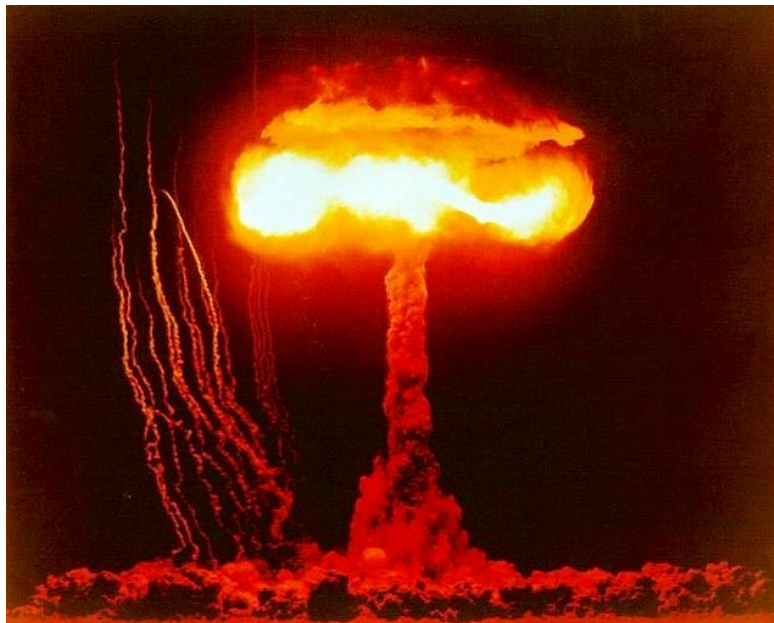
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## Divorce Rate and Oral Contraceptive Use



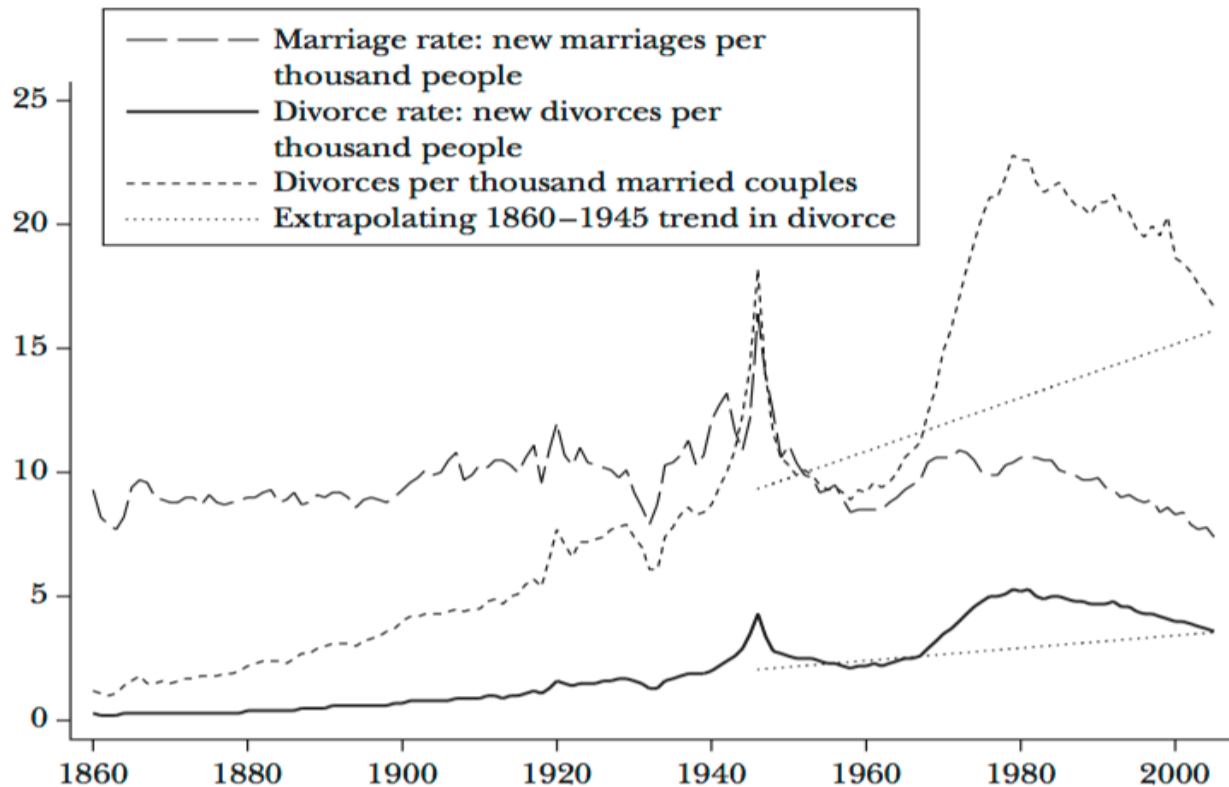
ABOVE: CHART BY MIRIAM MARCÉN (2015) DIVORCE AND THE BIRTH CONTROL PILL IN THE US, 1950–85, FEMINIST ECONOMICS... \*20

When a woman is using any type of birth control, she has control. She has control over whether another human enters this world. Tying this information back to the original argument, the reason that birth control can lead to divorce is because of the fact that women have the upper hand. For instance, if a husband wants children, it is completely up to the woman on whether or not she wants this. This surge of power often times leaves men feeling less than a man, or feelings of incompetence come about, eventually leading to the end. It is not directly the pill that defines an impending divorce, but rather how the birth control makes the woman feel... *[Empowered]* \*21

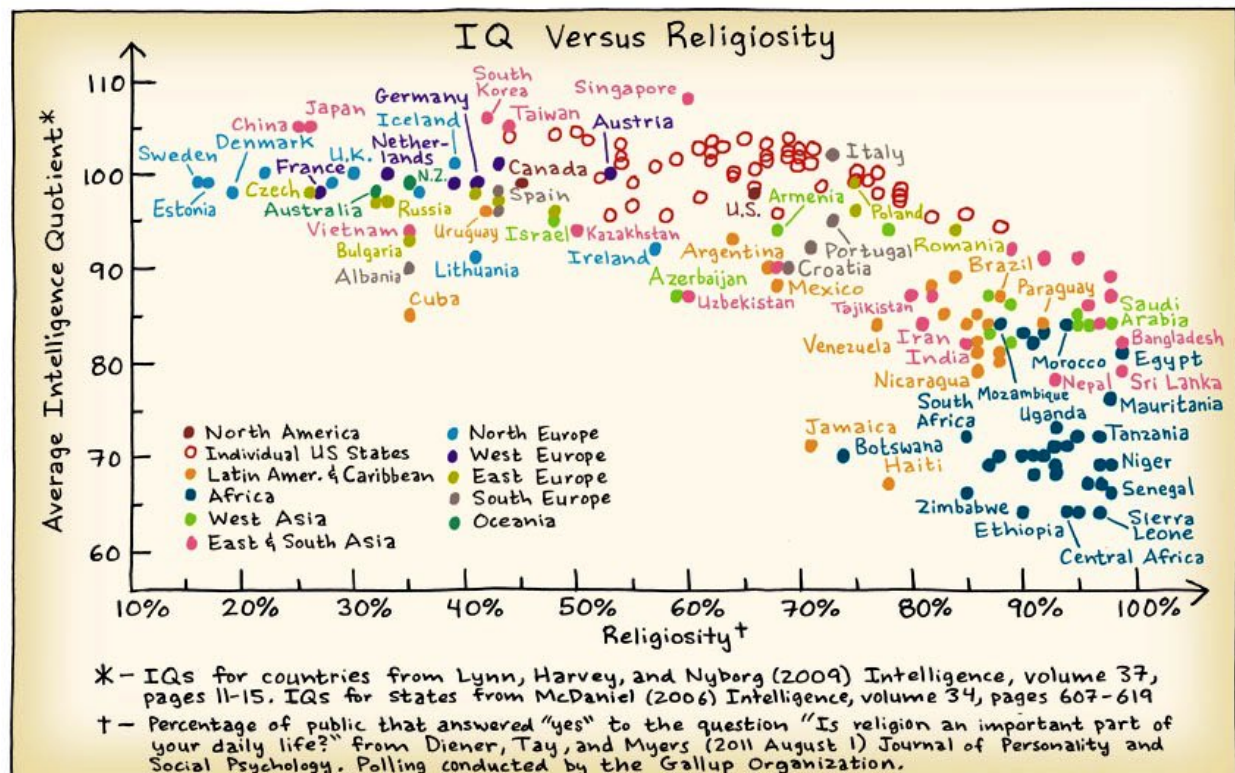


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## Marriages and Divorces per Thousand People, United States 1860–2005



ABOVE: GRAPH FROM "MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE: CHANGES AND THEIR DRIVING FORCES," A STUDY BY BETSEY STEVENSON AND JUSTIN WOLFERS — "THE DIVORCE RATE... ACTUALLY PEAKED IN 1981, AND HAS BEEN DECLINING OVER THE ENSUING QUARTER CENTURY" \*23





“How can so much wealth and poverty coexist? This is the *California paradox*. It was not always this way. California used to be home to America’s largest and most affluent middle class. Now it is a playground for the rich and a prison for the poor...” —*Spencer P. Morrison*

## **Come Clean, Comrade Corbyn: Socialism is Always a Disaster**

Have you heard the good news?

Jeremy Corbyn loves you, and wants you to love him. He offers you peace and joy and a fulfilled life. So sayeth Monsieur Zen: “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” And his disciples said unto him: “oooh, Jeremy Corbyn!”

The incredibly self-satisfied Labour leader now believes that he will be Prime Minister in six months. The far left is on the march and cannot be stopped, at least according to the narrative that the Corbyn movement is so adept at controlling.

However, it seems clear to me that the foundations of this ascendancy are hollow and will crumble under scrutiny—much like the vapid speech Corbyn delivered this weekend.

The Conservatives ran a terrible campaign—but they still won

With the benefit of hindsight, it’s not difficult to see why a drab Conservative election campaign based on sloganeering failed. It was vacuous and insulting to the electorate.

The far left instigated a battle of ideas and Theresa May ducked the fight. She failed to defend the Conservatives’ governing record or champion any bold ideas to tackle Britain’s problems (except on social care, which she quickly retreated from). It was a dreadful campaign and a terrible manifesto that appealed to literally no one, void of any selling points.

And yet the Conservative still have 55 more seats than Labour.

Even with the total failure of leadership, policy and communication by a party that has been in power for seven years, the Labour party lost its third election in a row. Labour’s vote share surpassed expectations and did indeed prove many pundits wrong, but Corbyn supporters are setting themselves up for a fall by acting like they won.

### **Beware utopia peddlers**

I can understand why so many people leant their vote to a man promising to turn the table over and change everything. When you want things to get better, “strong and stable” just isn’t going to cut it.

But, young Corbynistas, beware anyone who tries to sell you dreams and tells you, as Corbyn told the cheering crowds at Glastonbury this weekend, that “another world is possible”. Engage your sceptical mind, because utopianism is the most corrupt and dangerous element of political ideology.

It isn't enough to attack the dubious personalities, rank hypocrisy and immoral affiliations of the people now in charge of the Labour party. Playing the man failed; we must now play the ball. Under Corbyn's leadership, plain old socialism has been rebranded for a new generation, so it's time to fight the battle of ideas.

Really, it should be a no contest.

The Corbynite believe that the power of the state can bring hope to the masses and solve our social ills. They are dogmatically devoted to the notion of the planned economy, where the state controls industry and alleviates poverty by issuing diktats and clamping down on wealth creators. Corbyn's Labour isn't offering anything new. It has all been tried before and the evidence is in: it does not work.

### **Socialism fails every time**

At best, socialism leads to an economic disaster. Beyond that it's a social catastrophe; at the end of line you'll find oppression and labour camps every time.

Nobody believes Corbyn is going to impose a tyranny on Britain or commit mass murder, but nonetheless nowhere on the socialist spectrum is there prosperity, opportunity or happiness.

Socialist demagogues always promise to heal social ills and improve the fortunes of the poor. Every single time the opposite happens. Capitalism always wins. This is easily proven by observing where the dividing lines are clearest.

The socialist half of Germany was an oppressive and impoverished basket case, while the capitalist side prospered. Those claiming unemployment benefit in West Germany had a better income than the average wage in East Germany.

Socialist North Korea rapidly collapsed into abject poverty and mass starvation and has never recovered. The capitalist South is highly developed, wealthy and ranks as the 11th largest economy in the world.

Former Communist countries in Europe are still scarred socially and recovering economically. They still require aid from their wealthier European neighbours that thrived thanks to capitalism.

Venezuela was the latest beacon of hope for British socialists. The country is now a failing state.

Because the aims of socialism are never achieved, its advocates often point to this as evidence that "true" socialism has not yet been tried. Nonsense. It has been tried repeatedly. Its aims are never achieved because it is a failed ideology.

The far left is unflinching in defending its ideas and its foot soldiers may have economic liberals on the back foot; but their ideas are bad, demonstrably so... <sup>\*24</sup>

"The birth of TV was a magical event foreshadowing its satanic significance. The first commercial broadcast was aired on Walpurgisnacht, April 30th, 1939, at the New York World's Fair. Since then, TV's infiltration has been so gradual, so complete that no one even noticed. People don't need to go to church any more; they get their morality plays on television." —*Anton LaVey, The Devil's Notebook*

# Words of Wisdom from a (Former) Ardent Communist

The Vietnam War Memorial was dedicated Nov. 13, 1982, honoring 58,000 American troops who died.

U.S. forces inflicted over a million enemy fatalities, yet involvement by politicians thwarted victory. North Vietnamese colonel, Bui Tin, received the unconditional surrender of South Vietnam on April 30, 1975.

Bui Tin called the American “anti-war peace movement” essential to the Communist cause: “Every day our leadership would listen to world news over the radio at 9 a.m. to follow the growth of the American antiwar movement. Visits to Hanoi by people like Jane Fonda and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark and ministers gave us confidence that we should hold on in the face of battlefield reverses. We were elated when Jane Fonda, wearing a red Vietnamese dress, said at a press conference that she was ashamed of American actions in the war and that she would struggle along with us.”

After the war, Bui Tin became vice chief editor of the Communist Party’s official newspaper in Vietnam, People’s Daily, but he grew disillusioned with Communist corruption and, in 1990, fled to Paris.

In an interview, Bui Tin stated: “The roots of the Vietnam War—its all-encompassing and underlying nature—lie in a confrontation between two ideological worlds: socialism versus capitalism ... totalitarianism versus democracy. ... The conscience of America was part of its war-making capability, and we were turning that power in our favor. America lost because of its democracy; through dissent and protest it lost the ability to mobilize a will to win.”

Commenting on this dangerous trend is retired Major General Patrick Brady, considered the most decorated living veteran. A Medal of Honor recipient, he flew over 2,500 combat missions in Vietnam, rescuing over 5,000 wounded. As told in his book, “Dead Men Flying,” he once rescued 51 wounded in one day, flying three different helicopters which were shot up with over 400 holes from enemy fire and explosions.

Major General Patrick Brady wrote, June 4, 2013... : “The greatest danger ... the feminization, emasculation and dismantling of our military. The two most important elements of national survival are the media and the military. ... We know the media are failing—God help us if the military does also. ... Let’s begin with Benghazi. It is incomprehensible that any commander, let alone the commander in chief, would go AWOL during a crisis such as Benghazi, but he was. ... Unprecedented rates of suicide. ... Cut benefits to veterans. ... Quad-sexual military with all the health, readiness and moral issues that come with exalting sodomy. ... Sexual assault. ... Women will be tasked to lead bayonet charges. ... Billions of defense dollars are unaccounted for. ... Christianity is under military attack, and Bibles have been burned to appease Muslims. ... Just as the way forward for America is a return to the morality and values of the past, so too must the military return to the readiness standards and common sense of the past.”

A first-hand account of the Vietnam War is from Marine Sergeant George Hutchings in his book, “Combat Survival—Life Stories from a Purple Heart.” George Hutchings wrote that on Oct. 12, 1967, during Operation Medina, Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Division, was ambushed by North Vietnamese in the Hai Lang jungle: “Thirteen men were killed in front of me and countless more behind me. I was in shock; never had I heard such noise or saw so many dead. Nevertheless, I returned fire and my M-16 jammed. ... We had walked into an ambush of an enemy four times our size. ...”

Pinned down in the jungle on top of a hill, George Hutchings continued: “We slowly crawled ... to see who was alive. ... The next morning ... the captain ordered me to water detail. ... I cursed about the order and Corporal Bice said,

‘George, I’ll go for you.’ ... Just after he left, a sniper battle erupted. ... By the time our perimeter was cleared, several hours passed, and I went to check on Corporal Bice. I found him—head and boots. We knew his boots because they bore his signature. He had been hit in the chest with a light anti-tank weapon. My inner voice said, ‘He died for you; Christ died for you. ...’”

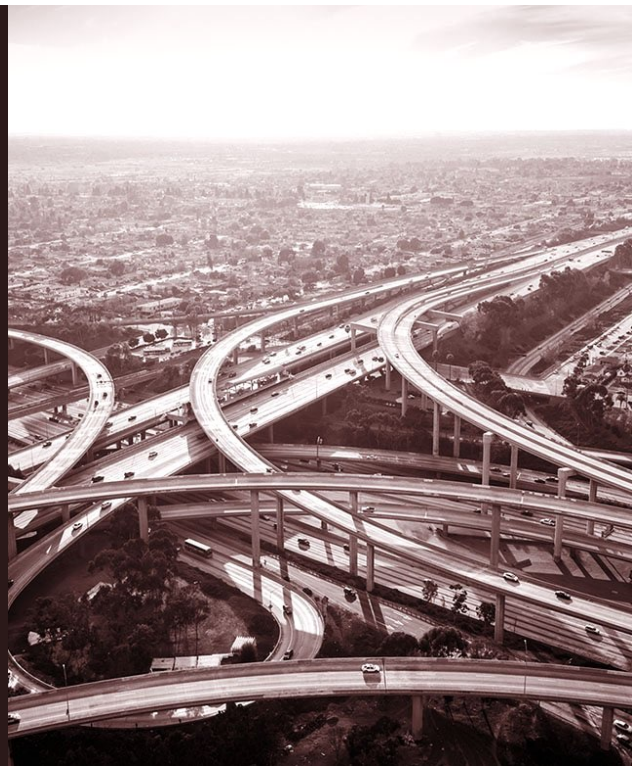
In 1968, George Hutchings was shot three times, bayoneted and left for dead, as he wrote: “On March 14th I stepped on a puny stick. Luckily ... it went through the bottom of my boot and out the side. ... March 18th ... shot rang from the right rear. I hit the dirt. Was I shot? ... Remembering my training, I didn’t look at the wound, If you look ... you might go into shock. I felt my hip with my hand and it came back bloody. ... I was better off than the two men who had been directly in front of me. They lay dead. ... Corporal Ed Grant ... crawled over to me ... with a shotgun ... ‘If you get overrun, you’ll need this,’ he said. ... Laying there with no cover, a machine gun battle raged just over my helmet. ... ‘Oh God, get me out of here and I’ll live for you the rest of my life.’”

Of the Vietnam Memorial, George Hutchings said: “On that wall is the name of Corporal Quinton Bice, who was hit in the chest with a rocket while running a patrol in my place. A Christian, Corporal Bice had shared the Gospel with me, but I didn’t understand it till he gave his life in my place.” <sup>25</sup>

“Humanity lives by trial and error, sometimes committing errors of monumental scale. Architectural and urbanist modernism belong—like communism—to a class of errors from which there is little or nothing to learn or gain. They are ideologies which literally blind even the most intelligent and sensitive people to unacceptable wastes, risks, and dangers. Modernism’s fundamental error, however, is to propose itself as a universal (i.e. unavoidable and necessary) phenomenon, legitimately replacing and excluding traditional solutions.”

— Léon Krier

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“Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.” — *St. Augustine*

“Without God America is Just a Nation Under” —*Bumper Sticker*

“All that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom.” —*Albert Einstein*

# What You're Supposed To Think vs. What You Think

I could trace my 30 years of investigative reporting as one long project emanating from what people are supposed to think.

What they're supposed to think about nuclear weapons, pesticides, medical drugs, vaccines, presidential elections, major media, the CIA, US foreign policy, mega-corporations, brain research, collectivism, surveillance, psychiatry, immigration...

In each case, there are a set of messages broadcast to the population. These messages are projected to replace what people would think on their own, if left to their own devices.

And in many cases, these messages have the same underlying theme: feel unlimited sympathy.

Feel unlimited sympathy or else.

In the area of immigration, for example, people are supposed to welcome endless numbers of refugees to their shores and cities and towns.

If they don't put out the welcome sign, they're evil, they're cold, they're "capitalists," they're unloving, they're cruel, inhumane.

They're immune to proper feelings of guilt and shame.

There is also an interesting guilty "we" attached to the issue. "We" invaded other countries, "we" bombed populations, imposed devastating economic sanctions, launched corporate takeovers—and therefore "we" should now open our doors to these refugees.

The government didn't do these things. The State didn't do these things. "We" did.

"We" is a very, very popular collectivist concept. It assigns massive guilt, while somehow exonerating the political leaders of the collective.

"We" is a great cheese glob that envelops all of us. "We" is a metaphysical construct that replaces "I." There is no "I."

Therefore, what some "deluded individual" might think and decide and determine on his own—which could very well run counter to the "we"—is irrelevant.

When it's time to undertake wars on a grand scale, there is a George Bush who announces what the "we" wants. And when it's time for the guilt and the sympathy and the bleeding heart, there is an Obama who announces what the "we" wants.

In general, the "we" is there to convince the individual that he is useless and powerless against the advancing cheese glob. He need not bother thinking what he really thinks, because it would make zero difference. Much better to become part of the "huddled mass," waiting for instructions on how best to serve humanity.



Logic, rational consideration, the ability to analyze a line of thought and find flaws and gaps and deceptions? An outmoded concept that doesn't apply to the "we."

You see, the "we" is something quite different. It proceeds by a) committed aggression or b) endless sympathy, depending on what is called for by our leaders.

It moves like inexorable lava slowly leaking away from a volcano. The glob.

It needs no individual intelligence. Making distinctions is unnecessary.

And, one thinks, perhaps the solution to this wretched state of affairs is finding a different "we" to belong to. That will solve the whole problem.

But the underlying solution, as formidable as it may seem, is: dismantle the whole "we." Expose it for what it is. And reinstate the individual and what he does think, as opposed to what he should think.

The cheese glob, the lava glob, the advancing fungus is the false construct. It was put there and massaged and stimulated to engage the individual and make him think he was excessively "privileged." He was an outsider who couldn't see the need and the joy of "belonging."

He was behaving like a criminal, even a terrorist. He was detracting from the power and the warmth and the humanity of the collective hearth.

What most people take to be Reality is actually invented for the "we."

And to take all this a step further, Reality is meant to distract the individual from discovering the depth of his own power, which is to say, creative power.

Every organized religion, every State, every so-called spiritual system and philosophy is built to derail the individual in this way.

After all, Reality points to itself. Reality says, "Look at this. Look at me. Understand me. This is what you need to focus on. This is all there is."

And so it seems the main attribute of the individual is "perceiving what is." Perceiving Reality.

However, detaching one's self from that prescription reveals another opportunity, vast in its possibilities:

The ability to analyze the "we" and its many messages and discover what they are and how they are designed—and the capacity to imagine and invent new independent realities without end.

The scope and range of what the individual can do, in this regard, is limited only by: what he can imagine.

The psyop of all psyops seeks to bury this fact. \*26

# Chopping Wood Builds My Spirit

One year ago, I retired after nearly 26 years of working as a prison guard. My sanity was under siege. I was emotionally exhausted. I had been through two marriages and two divorces. I desperately needed to regain my sense of self.

I grew up out in the country so I felt a pull to return to the rural life. This led me to a small town in the mountains of Eastern Oregon where I found a small log cabin which sat on one-and-a-half acres and borders the national forest. I immediately fell in love with it.

I moved in and began to prepare for winter. The main source of heat is a wood burning stove. My buddies and I cut firewood and piled it in the driveway. I have always loved cutting firewood... been doing it since I was a boy. And there's nothing quite as cozy as wood heat. The deep radiant heat will completely warm you on a cold winter's day.

## Chord Wood Dreams

One of my goals was to obtain at least 15 cords of wood. (One cord of wood measures 4 feet high x 4 feet wide x 8 feet long). The reason: Should I get sick or hurt and can't cut wood, I will still have plenty on hand.

First, I cut the trees on my property that were blocking a magnificent view of the mountains. The rest I had to find in the forest. My method was to go out early, cut a dead tree, bring it home, split and stack it. I would usually have the job completed by mid afternoon. I would then go out and do it again the next day.

Cutting firewood provides a lot of personal satisfaction and fulfillment on many levels. The first is becoming stronger. Operating a chainsaw and lifting 80 pound tree stumps all day will build a lot of muscle and make you "farmer strong".

I also feel like a man because I am providing for myself with my own two hands. There's nothing quite as satisfying as producing something directly related to your survival. Canning my own food is another such activity.

My granddad and great-granddad were loggers when they were young men. Gathering wood in the forest gives me a unique, almost spiritual, connection to my ancestral roots. I'm pretty sure that I can hear them cheering with each tree I topple over.

When I do simple tasks that don't require a lot of concentration, such as splitting and stacking wood, my mind wanders. I solve the world's problems and plan my next project. I think about my friends and family and wonder what they're doing. It's also great therapy as I work on my own personal struggles.

Pine trees release a substance called a-pinene. A-pinene is an anti-inflammatory which opens up your airway passages. Have you ever noticed that while walking in the warm air of a forest, you seem to breathe better and just feel better? That's the a-pinene. I think this is what John Denver meant when he wrote Rocky Mountain High. I experience this "high" and a wonderful sense of well-being every time I cut wood.

But the best feeling of all is the feeling of pride I have when I look at that big stack of wood. Not only does it represent my hard work, sore muscles, mashed fingers, cuts, scratches, slivers, sweat and accomplishment but it's also an amazing work of art ....if I do say so myself! \*27



ABOVE: PHOTOGRAPH BY PHIL MOORE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES, "A MAN POSES WITH A WOODEN RIFLE IN THE MUSAGA NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI ON MAY 5, 2015. BURUNDI, WHERE A 13-YEAR CIVIL WAR BETWEEN TUTSIS AND HUTUS ENDED ONLY IN 2006, HAS BEEN ROCKED BY VIOLENT PROTESTS SINCE THE RULING PARTY DESIGNATED PRESIDENT PIERRE NKURUNZIZA TO RUN IN ELECTIONS FOR A THIRD TERM, IN APPARENT DEFIANCE OF THE CONSTITUTION AND THE ARUSHA ACCORDS WHICH ENDED THE WAR" \*28



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# Being a Smart President vs. Being a Stupid One

**People argue that Trump is a moron and Obama was a genius. Does smart depend on perspective? Everyone is capable of doing stupid things, but few can achieve great things. What have Trump and Obama done to earn them titles of being the greatest?**

What is your definition of intelligence? Is it someone with a high IQ? Someone who knows more than you? Someone who thinks fast? Someone who is more successful than you? Someone who understands people better than you? Or is it someone who can solve problems? Is it someone who can convince others to follow them? Is a leader someone who can show others a better way to achieve, or someone who can dupe others into giving him power?

Shortly after joining MENSA I found out from their monthly newsletter that having a high IQ did not make people automatically intelligent. Just like computers, if you don't have a hard drive filled with information then it won't produce anything useful. Or if you have junk programs that are flawed they produce erroneous results. It's garbage in, garbage out. That is the definition of liberalism. Liberalism is born of ignorance and bred on immorality. That means that liberals don't know much about how anything works, but are so arrogant they think they have all the correct answers on how to make them work better. Ignorance is not stupidity. Ignorance is just a lack of knowledge that can be overcome through education. Stupidity cannot be overcome. The immorality is not sexual or criminal, it's just the hubris of believing oneself to be superior with no basis for that assumption. It is believing a lie by living in denial of the truth and most people would rather live with their illusions than face reality.

In a lifetime of living and learning I have come to the conclusion that the single most important quality that will lead to living a better life is understanding the motivations of others and realizing that most people will lie to get ahead. They will lie to get a promotion over others who are better able to do a job. They will lie to keep someone who performs better than themselves from being elevated beyond them. They will lie to get more for less when they have not earned it and don't deserve it. They will lie, cheat, steal, and even kill. Lying can be gray lies concealing the truth, or black lies deliberately deceiving others. Cheating can be not being honest in reporting or in actually changing the numbers to break the rules. Stealing can be done by hook, fooling others into giving up what they have, or by crook, forcing them. And killing can be anything from destroying someone else's reputation through lies to actually ending their life through murder.

## **Trump vs. Obama—the smart president vs. the stupid one**

Much as the Left wishes to make Trump out to be a buffoon they cannot so blithely smear someone as unintelligent who built a billion dollar business empire and became President of the United States despite all the forces arrayed against him. Much as they wish to make Obama out to be a genius they cannot overcome his complete lack of knowledge or experience of how American business operates profitably, nor can they white wash his malicious regulations that kept businesses suppressed during his reign. The leftwing media has been apoplectic for a two years trying to smear Trump and all he says and does to turn the people against him and he has run rings around them like the Road Runner baiting Wile E. Coyote into destroying himself over and over. They despise Trump's genius so they must denigrate him as being childish and demented.

The agendas of these two men are as opposite as night and day. Anyone who believes Barack Obama's purpose was to make the American economy better by regulating it under Democrat's iron boot is just stupid. If one understands that putting more people on the Democrat's welfare voter rolls made them more powerful and then say they believe

in a strong American economy that is a lie. Anyone who believes Donald Trump removing those regulations is going to destroy the planet and kill people is just galactically stupid. If you understand that Trump is pulling the rug out from under the Democrats in their attempt to subvert America then you have opened your eyes to the truth. Rush Limbaugh made the comparison of smart vs. stupid in the actions of Trump, whom the liberal media is smearing as a dunce, a reprobate, and a mental defective, versus the action of Obama whom they praise to Allah as their righteous man. Just read it for yourself and see how the truth and lies are exposed for all to see. As Rush said, these people don't realize how they have exposed themselves by stripping away their façade of claiming to be objective journalists reporting on events, and revealing themselves to be propagandists attempting to manipulate public opinion to shape events.

*"Everybody's learning that these people don't wear underwear. Once you lift the dress, they're all naked and nude under there."*

Ronaldus Magnus made two great errors during his presidency. One was facing the threat of Islam's Jihad with an insufficient force and retreating from Lebanon as they destroyed it. The second was amnesty giving citizenship to millions of illegal aliens. Democrats blame every policy they enact that damages America on Republicans while concealing the damage they did under Carter, Clinton, and Obama. They concealed the economic and foreign diplomacy disasters of Carter. They blamed Reagan for the deficit they created in Congress. They blamed Bush 41 for the taxes they raised. They gave Clinton credit for Newt Gingrich balancing the budget and continuing the Reagan economic boom. They blamed Bush for bin Laden. And they gave Obama credit for saving America as he managed her decline. Is duping ignorant people a sign of genius in the liberal media?

Donald Trump is arguably a genius at building things by producing results and this is what the leftist media is striving to hide from public view. He built a billion dollar empire before becoming a celebrity, while Obama is arguably a genius at duping the ignorant who became president by playing off on his celebrity as a clean, articulate black man surreptitiously promoting socialist Islamism over Americanism. Oprah shows all the qualities of being able to do the same, but if she goes up Trump who builds great things her fame will only carry her so far. Like Obama she has built nothing, only made herself rich by fostering the Cult of Oprah. Being a true believer in liberal Democrat ideology requires being so two-faced that they can simultaneously believe in the Russian collusion fraud that Trump stole the election and the Wolff book lie that Trump didn't want to win. It's psychotic to think that Trump cheated to become president when he didn't want the job. If he did it for ego then why is he still there powerfully enacting the best of conservative policies that Republicans have been afraid to do for fear of inciting the media against them? Between the Left and the Right, Trump and the media, which group is suffering from delusion and derangement and which is rational? Who is it that is suffering from dementia and an extreme lack of rational thinking? The Left did the same thing to Reagan and Bush who were simultaneously diabolically ingenious and complete dunces. It's what happens to people whose schemes are thwarted by those who are far more brilliant than they. The only ways in which one can come to both conclusions simultaneously is to either be a complete fool, an absolutely irrational thinker, or so pathological that they believe their own lies. Obama will certainly go down in history as the greatest con of all time convincing 70 million Americans to elect him to enact his anti-American agenda. Trump may go down in history as the greatest businessman who saved America. <sup>\*30</sup>

*"It is easier to find men who will volunteer to die, than to find those who are willing to endure pain with patience."  
—Julius Caesar*

*"We are perishing for want of wonder, not for want of wonders." — G. K. Chesterton*





ABOVE: MEME BY UNKNOWN — 'BASED ON SAINT GEORGE AND THE DRAGON, A PAINTING BY VENETIAN ARTIST JACOBO TINTORETTO' \*31

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