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ABANDONED AND BETRAYED BY THE CHURCH By Peter West

As a cradle Catholic, and now an ex-Catholic, I described myself as abandoned and betrayed by the Church. Almost every week the third world Pope comes out with a new politically correct announcement to make the elite happy. I am not the only one feeling this way:

<http://www.breitbart.com/national-security/2018/06/27/former-vatican-doctrinal-chief-many-catholics-feel-abandoned-and-betrayed-by-shepherds/>

“Cardinal Gerhard Müller said this week that many bishops today are involved in “a blatant process of Protestantizing” the Catholic Church, leaving many of the faithful confused and disoriented. In a powerful interview published Tuesday in *Catholic World Report*, the former prefect of the *Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith* had particularly strong words for his fellow German bishops. A group of these bishops, led by the president of the *German Bishops’ Conference*, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, “see themselves as trendsetters of the Catholic Church on the march into modernity,” Müller warned. These German bishops “consider the secularization and de-Christianization of Europe as an irreversible development,” he said, and for this reason have abandoned the “New Evangelization,” since it is in their view “a battle against the objective course of history, resembling Don Quixote’s battle against the windmills.”

Having succumbed to modernity and defeatism, these German bishops believe that “all the doctrines of the faith that are opposed to the ‘mainstream,’ the societal consensus, must be reformed,” he added. The doctrines requiring reform encompass blessing for homosexual couples, intercommunion with Protestants, relativizing the indissolubility of sacramental marriage, the abolition of priestly celibacy, and approval for sexual relations before and outside of marriage, he said. Meanwhile, “the faithful who take Catholic doctrine seriously are branded as conservative and pushed out of the Church, and exposed to the defamation campaign of the liberal and anti-Catholic media,” he said.

The same crisis of faith is also felt in Australia, even if we are a little behind the wave of history. But, it is inevitable that this process of de-Christianisation will continue as long as the toxic politically correct culture of the present regime continues. The answer, of course, is to end the rule of the decadent elites and their poisonous waste products. That is the real problem we face, which flows through almost everything today. ***

THE COST OF IMMIGRATION By James Reed

The immigration lobby tell us that immigration always has net economic benefits. Really?

“In contrast to what was told, migrants are far from economically beneficial for society. Research by mathematician Jan van Beek shows that admitting non-western asylum seekers into the country, results in high net costs for Dutch society, *WNL* reports. In his research Van Beek tries to make a distinction between asylum seekers and migrants that come to work or study in the Netherlands. He sees a high dependence on benefits in the asylum seeking group. “You can calculate what people during their lifetimes contribute to government finances and what they receive in benefits and pensions,” van Beek says. According to him, the cost for non-western asylum seekers are “a few hundred thousand euros”, which is much higher than the fifty to one hundred thousand euros that a 2003 statistical report showed. Van Beek’s calculation shows that while the average non-western asylum seeker costs 250,000 euros during his lifetime, the costs become higher by family reunification and getting kids. The result is that just one asylum seeker could cost Dutch society not 250,000 but 4 x 250,000; because family reunification and children have to be incorporated in the costs for society as well.” <https://gellerreport.com/2018/06/migrants-costing-billions.html/> ***

DIETRICH ON STRONG AI AND HUMAN REPLACEMENT By Chris Knight

Through surfing the net in my full body rubber suit, I came across this article by philosopher Eric Dietrich, who argues this:

https://philosophynow.org/issues/61/After_The_Humans_Are_Gone

“Recently on the History Channel, artificial intelligence (AI) was singled out, with much wringing of hands, as one of the seven possible causes of the end of human life. I will argue that this wringing of hands is quite inappropriate: the best thing that could happen to humans, and to the rest of life on planet Earth, would be for us to develop intelligent machines and then usher in our own extinction.”

No matter what is proposed, there is always a philosopher to champion it, unless it is some prescribed sacred politically correct doctrine, in which case they will be as silent as mice hiding from a hungry cat. Anyway, let’s look at the philosopher’s arguments, since arguments are their big thing.

Dietrich’s argument against humanity is that humans commit evil acts, child abuse, rape and environmental destruction are his examples. I was hoping that he might plug in “racism,” but that list will do.

However, he does not then go on to show that these negatives vastly outweigh the positives, which he also accepts exist, such as art and science. In fact, even on the child abuse issue, his argument fails since the great majority of children are not abused. Most women, at least in homogeneous societies, are not raped, but that is changing by design.

Nevertheless, don’t let all of this get in the way of proposing that AI replace humans!

“Humankind shouldn’t just go extinct. There are things about us worth preserving: art and science to name two. Some might think that these good parts of humanity justify our continued existence. This conclusion no doubt used to be warranted, before AI became a real possibility. But now it no longer is. If we could implement the better angels of our nature in machines, then morally we should; and then we should exit, stage left. So let’s build a race of machines – Homo sapiens 2.0 – that incorporate only what is good about humanity, that do not feel any evolutionary tug to commit certain evils against others of their own kind, and that let the rest of the world live in peace. And then let us – the humans – exit, leaving behind a planet populated with nice machines, who, while not perfect angels, will nevertheless be a vast moral improvement over us. One way to do this would be to implement in the machines our best moral theories, in such a way that the machines do not draw invidious distinctions for example. These best theories see morality as comprising universal truths, applying fairly to all beings. One such truth is that it is normally wrong to harm another being.

(I say ‘normally’ because even in a better, machine society, it is likely there will be bad or defective machines, and these must be dealt with.) What are the prospects for building such a race of robots? They seem moderately good to me. The theories and technologies for building a human-level robot seriously elude us at the present, but we already have, I think, the correct foundational theory – computationalism (I have argued for this many times in various places; see Dietrich, *Thinking Computers and Virtual Persons*, and Dietrich and Markman, *Cognitive Dynamics*). Assuming that computationalism is correct, then it is only a matter of time before we figure out which algorithms govern the human mind. Once we know this, we could, with careful diligence, remove at least some of the parts responsible for us behaving abominably. Then after building such a race of machines, perhaps we could bow out with some dignity – with the thought that we had finally done the best we could do.”

Details on the bowing out, though are conveniently omitted. In all good philosophy fairy tales there is also a bad guy, and the counter-argument considered is this:

“With such a hard-nosed view of their world and their place in it, the machines won’t feel any angst, nor awe and wonder. Lacking these states (it is not that they can’t feel awe and wonder, it is that they don’t), they will not be driven to do art and science. They will not take risks. Since they can’t be cowards, they won’t be heroes. Something incalculably important will be lost, therefore, if we replace ourselves with these machines. No matter how good they are, no matter how much better for the other life on planet Earth, if we engineer these creatures and then embrace our own extinction, we will be extinguishing something profound, beautiful, and important.”

He then sets out to refute that. But, there is a better argument against this whole scheme, and that is, that flawed humans are attempting to bootstrap their superiors. Who says that this will work? Surely it is more probable than not that if humanity is as flawed as Dietrich says it is, that their ultimate creation could be even worse than them! Perhaps an evil robot like Ultron, as seen in *The Avengers* movie would be created, one hostile to all life, that sets out to destroy everything, even plants and micro-organisms.

Clearly, this transhuman agenda is flawed because it has a blind faith in the goodness of technology. There is utterly no reason to believe that this is true. In fact, perhaps inconsistently, Dietrich has a book with V. G. Hardcastle, *Sisyphus’s Boulder: Consciousness and the Limits of the Knowable*, (2005), which argues for intrinsic limits to human knowledge as part of the human cognitive condition.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OVERDRIVE; THE NEXT LEVEL By Chris Knight

No doubt, there is a new wave of affirmative action just around the corner for Australia, since we are but a few (*months-ed*) behind the US, so it is wise to keep a worried eye on all that is happening over the stagnant pond:

“The thing about being a ‘progressive’ is that sooner or later, you discover you’re never quite radical enough to keep up with the ‘diversity’ demands that dictate Leftist policies. Harvard Medical School, for example, has just announced it is ashamed of its white graduates who become doctors, and the school is in the process of removing photos of white doctors solely because they are people with white skin.

“Dr. Betsy Nabel, the hospital’s president, told *The Boston Globe* last week that “the portraits do not reflect the diversity of students at the medical school,” reports *Campus Reform*. [she] suggested that “so many portraits of white males may make medical students uncomfortable”. The solution? Eliminate white doctors

from the halls of the school. The new priority for Harvard Medical School, its president now admits, is “putting people of color in power”. This means, of course, granting scholarships, raises and professorships to people based solely on the color of their skin rather than the merit of their actions. In other words, Harvard Medical School is now openly admitting it’s going to start producing waves of doctors who aren’t the most qualified. But they will possess certain superficial qualities — skin color, sexual orientation, gender, etc. — that qualify as ‘diversity’ in the minds of Harvard overlords.”

www.naturalnews.com/2018-06-20-harvard-medical-school-white-doctors-not-welcome-here-anymore-school-to-focus-on-putting-people-of-color-in-power.html

Forget about medical merits, simply pursue political correctness wherever it leads. My opinion is that it will not lead to a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, but more likely to an end of medicine, or at least conventional medicine. ***

FUNDING OUR OWN DEMISE: HOW THE UNIVERSITIES BETRAY AUSTRALIA (AND THE WEST) BY JAMES REED

Imagine my excitement when I read the article by Janet Albrechtsen, arguing this. Let the magic not be spoilt by my words:

“We are funding our own demise. A country that is the product of Western civilisation has a death wish when it sends billions of taxpayer dollars to a swag of fancy universities, few of which teach students the tenets of Western civilisation. Each year the federal government — meaning we taxpayers — sends \$16.8 billion to universities because educating the next generation is a fine way to spend our money. Except for this: a detailed history audit conducted last year by the Institute of Public Affairs found that few Australian universities teach the core subjects about the history of Western civilisation. More university subjects cover the history of film than democracy, more focus on identity than the Enlightenment. ...

Using the most recent available data, the five Australian universities ranked worst in the history audit received \$1.6bn from taxpayers in 2016. La Trobe University receives \$465m from taxpayers and students can study *Food for Thought: Discovering the World Through Commodities*. But of the 20 most significant topics in the history of Western civilisation, La Trobe offers students just one. When universities draw the public teat to teach humanities yet do not teach the basic foundations of Western civilisation, it is, frankly, a two-fingered salute to taxpayers, to our history and to our future. ... Summing up these dismal numbers, we are not getting bang for our buck from our universities. And it became a teachable moment when the ANU turned down money to teach the great

books of Western civilisation but readily takes money from the United Arab Emirates, Iran and Turkey to fund a Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies.”

<https://www.campusreform.org/?ID=11022>

This is all a good start for a conservative, coming to level one in the understanding of the corruptness of the universities. But, there is no solution offered because none can be offered. Remember, the academic socialist never learn because the university ivory tower, and their massive tax payer salaries, shelter them from the harsh realities of their communist dreams.

Then we have the utter madness of academics co-authoring academic research papers with their pet warning - ‘take comfort-break’ before reading:

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1077800418784321>
“We recognized the urgency of our shared multispecies inquiry, with the recent death of one of the cats, Amelie. In the intense singularity of death, we became very aware of how we tune and tend together— everyday practices in which humans (themselves animals) and animals live and perceive together—and how these practices shape our everyday lives. These practices are acts of multispecies survival in which we learn how to live and die together. We weave our multispecies living—dying together with the theories of Haraway and Rautio. Writing together as we disrupt the categories between humans and animals, human-centered philosophical concepts, and human-centered narrative inquiry. In so doing, we offer an evocative multispecies narrative that tells a different story, a becoming with multiple species in naturecultures.” ***

HOME SCHOOLING THE FUTURE By Mrs Vera West

It is a growing trend in the US, which is in a more advanced state of decay than Australia, (*but our own safe school and other indoctrination campaigns that starts so early in life will soon make us catch up-ed*):

“Homeschooling rates are skyrocketing as parents are continually getting more and more upset at the leftist social engineering taking place in public schools. The indoctrination is getting so bad, that some parents are even concerned about liberal violence against those who reject the brainwashing. According to *The Washington Times*, the recent school shooting at Parkland, Florida, was the last straw for scores of parents. “When the Parkland shooting happened, our phone calls and emails exploded,” said Home Schooling coalition president Tim Lambert. “In the last couple of months, our numbers have doubled.” But according to *Natural News*, it **isn't** just the rampant violence worrying some parents. That's just the tip of the collectivist agenda iceberg. Parents are fed up with ‘the violence, the bullying, the unsafe

environments’. Many parents are also disturbed by the social engineering, which amounts to brainwashing and indoctrination that goes on in a public school. For example, a Minnesota public school is forcing Kindergarten students to study ‘white privilege’. Brian D. Ray, who heads up the National Home Education Research Institute, in Salem, Oregon, who's conducted homeschooling research for 33 years, told *The Times* that concern over school curriculum has reached the top of the charts for most parents. Ray said the top three reasons that parents choose homeschooling are a desire to provide religious instruction or different values than those offered in public schools; dissatisfaction with the academic curriculum, and worries about the school environment.”

That should ring a bell for Australian Christian parents. It would probably be best to downscale one's lifestyle, and have mum return home from her alienating job, and perform the infinitely more important task, that of preparing the next generation for life. ***

THE LEGACY OF THE PLANNED DESTRUCTION OF MANHOOD By James Reed

We have heard it all before, and liberals fall over themselves in excitement about the displacement of men from the workforce, and an older book dealing with this is Hanna Rosin, *The End of Men and the Rise of Women*, (Riverhead books, 2012). Like that triggering title? Even under patriarchy, there was never a “ha ha” gotcha type of approach to things.

http://www.shtfplan.com/headline-news/females-are-outperforming-males-on-every-educational-level-and-that-has-staggering-implications-for-the-future-of-our-society_06212018

“Dr. Michael Thompson told *CBS News*, all across America girls are outperforming boys at every educational level... “Girls outperform boys in elementary school, middle school, high school, and college, and graduate school,” says Dr. Michael Thompson, a school psychologist who writes about the academic problems of boys in his book, *Raising Cain*. He says that after decades of special attention, girls are soaring, while boys are stagnating.

“Girls are being told, ‘Go for it, you can do it. Go for it, you can do it.’ They are getting an immense amount of support,” he says. “Boys hear that the way to shine is athletically. And boys get a lot of mixed messages about what it means to be masculine and what it means to be a student. Does being a good student make you a real man? I don't think so... It is not cool.”

Perhaps one of the big reasons why young males are so drawn to sports is because it allows them to do the sorts of things that come naturally to males. Sporting events allow young males to engage in battle, to hunt and to conquer. Yes, it is a simulated environment, but sporting events really do bring out something primal in young boys.”

The elites, in their ‘wisdom’, have decided that their agenda is best served by the ‘end of men’, and the ‘rise of women’. But, as usual, they have not thought this all through to the final, bitter, logical conclusion, or anticipated all possible consequences. For example, what if men in large enough numbers really did stop caring about the system, seeing it as putrid and rotten beyond repair, and decided to ‘tools down’, to sit back and ‘enjoy the decline’.

It would all fall apart faster than you could point a stick or whatever the appropriate metaphor is. ***



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