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The Price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance

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BRITISH CHRISTIAN CHURCHES: DOSTOEVSKY WAS RIGHT By Richard Miller

It is difficult to see what of our former institutions is the most decayed. Is it the universities, or the churches? How does one decide in the face of stories like this one: worcesterobserver.co.uk/news/church-leaders-backing-bid-for-new-city-mosque

"CHURCH leaders across Worcester have lent their support to an ambitious £3million Worcester Muslim Welfare Association bid to build a new mosque in the heart of the city. Members of the Church of England clergy in Worcester East Deanery backed the bid for the contemporary building on Stanley Road in a letter to association general secretary Mohammed Iqbal. Rev Paul Honniball and Rev Kalantha Brewis attended the interfaith Iftar at the mosque on Monday evening to present the letter and were invited to read it out to those gathered just before the Ramadan fast was broken. Under the ground-breaking proposals, the association wants to build the mosque on the old Stanley Road School car park and move from its current site on Tallow Hill to cater for its growing number of worshippers. The charity also intends to build apartments and a new sports centre at the site. Senior figures from St Nicholas Church, St Barnabas with Christ Church, St Martin's, St John the Baptist in Claines and All Saints Worcester are among those lending their names to the cross-faith show of support."

(Do Muslims support the advancement of the Christian faith? Just asking.) It was the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881), who was to observe that the movement to secularisation would ultimately lead to total anarchy. But, the story is more complex now, in that secularisation itself, with its white humanist values of liberalism and universalism, which we saw in the church example above, is leading to the rise and dominance of Islam, something the globalists and the Left fully support. Rather than allowing a critical examination of this, or addressing public concerns, the system uses the iron fist of the law to shut down any debate about this. This in turn will lead to increasing numbers of people seeing the system itself as corrupt and in need of replacement, especially when the police were so reluctant to pursue migrant rape grooming gangs, on the grounds of political correctness.

HONOUR AND MANLINESS By John Steele

There is a new book by an academic philosopher giving a defence of the value of honour: Tamler Sommers, *Why Honor Matters*, (Basic Books, New York, 2018). The core argument, which runs contrary to what little treatment has been given to this topic by analytic style philosophers – not to ignore the worthy history of ideas treatment delivered by Harvey Mansfield in *Manliness*, (Yale University press, New haven, 2007) is simply, that honour matters, and has a place in the moral society, even today.

In *Why Honor Matters*, Sommers bravely stands against the tide of liberal philosophy in the United States, which must be even more crushing than it is here in Australia, and takes the classic position that without honour societies degenerate into swamps of the cowardly, shameless and selfish. A sense of honour is a moral compass that guides a person to do that which is right and just, for the common wealth and good. It is a kind of moral conscience that regulates moral behaviour, standing behind the ends means rationality and utilitarian calculations that have come to dominate modern life.

However, one should not get too excited. The author still operates within the liberal-globalist framework, defending liberal immigration policies and openness to "refugees," that is illegals. As the above review details, while making a case for the existence of honour, the author does not go very far at all, still clinging to a decaying liberal philosophical framework. A philosophy which is, in general, very oestrogenic, not testosteronic. ***

ETHICS OF MATHEMATICS By Dr John Jensen

University of Exeter Professor, Paul Ernest, published a paper as a chapter in a 2018 textbook he edited called *The Philosophy of Mathematics Education Today*.

Here is the paper's abstract:

"In this chapter I challenge the idea that mathematics is an unqualified force for good. Instead I show the harm that learning mathematics can inadvertently cause unless it is taught and applied carefully. I acknowledge that mathematics is a widespread force for good but make the novel case that there is significant collateral damage caused by learning mathematics. I describe three ways in which mathematics causes collateral damage. First, the nature of pure of mathematics itself leads to styles of thinking that can be damaging when applied beyond mathematics to social and human issues. Second the applications of mathematics in society can be deleterious to our humanity unless very carefully monitored and checked. Third, the personal impact of learning mathematics on learners' thinking and life chances can be negative for a minority of less successful students, as well as potentially harmful for successful students. I end with a recommendation for the inclusion of the philosophy and ethics of mathematics alongside its teaching (for-ed) all stages from school to university, to attempt to reduce or obviate the harm caused; the collateral damage of learning mathematics." https://www.zerohedge.com/ news/2018-06-20/professor-blames-mathematics-global-disparities-wealth

On this line of post-modern, sociology of knowledge reasoning, mathematics harms the dumbest by making them feel inadequate, and conditions the very capable to ignore "ethical" values and do research with the military, or whatever is bad this week.

Who in the real sciences cannot but dislike sociology? Any subject, including sociology, could make those intellectually challenged feel bad about themselves — but so what? And, as for the promotion of ethical ignorance, that is not limited to mathematics, but is found in all sciences, where monetary value over-rides the disinterested search for truth. Mathematics itself is nothing special, and probably the least utilitarian

of the sciences, compared to physics and biology, and pharmacology. It would be more constructive for eager sociologists of knowledge to focus on where the real power is.

Postscript: No sooner had I put the finishing touches on this magnificent essay then I saw yet another attempt to Social Justice Warriorise mathematics:

"A professor at the University of Illinois-Chicago is encouraging others to teach "math for social justice" to help fight the "oppressive status quo" in the United States. Professor Eric Gutstein, who writes in a new textbook that the time is nigh for social justice math considering the "racist and sexist billionaire in the White House." "How does one shift contexts from ostensibly apolitical ones to those that are explicitly political (assuming one's mathematics teaching is contextualized at all)?" He argues that teaching "critical mathematics" isn't an option for math teachers, but rather, a "responsibility to our future." "We are in an historical period that challenges us to action in ways that we probably cannot fully understand," Gutstein asserts.

"Teaching in critical ways is not optional in the present juncture. We have a responsibility to our future and our planet, to life and all species," he adds. "What we do in the classroom matters, for today and tomorrow, and the myriad possibilities for resistance and transformation are inextricably and dialectically related to the intensity of the crises we face."

Reflecting on his longstanding commitment to social justice, Gutstein laments that he has had difficulties converting other math teachers into vectors of "social justice pedagogies" to promote "revolutionary" and "radical" teachings.

Traditional mathematics education, he complains, "is not sufficient and does not address many issues" necessary to "critical mathematics."

So, you see nothing is safe from the ravages of the Left. There is little point arguing with them, for they are attempting to deconstruct "rationality." We need to recognise that this is a political battle for nothing short than the survival of the West and Christendom.

THE ILLEGALS WILL JUST KEEP ON COMING By Tom North

Yet another wave of illegal migrants, again mainly healthy young males, heading to cucked, weak, libtard Europe:

"Countries along a new Balkan migrant route have pledged to work together to prevent a repetition of the 2015 influx that brought more than a million refugees into Europe from North Africa and the Middle East. Security and police officials from the region met in Bosnia to discuss their response to growing traffic along a new smuggling route from Greece through

Albania, Montenegro and Bosnia to Croatia and Western Europe. More than 5,500 refugees and migrants from Asia and North Africa have entered Bosnia this year using the route. The situation is still under control, but it requires stronger cooperation among police agencies in all countries..."

The key target should be the people smugglers, 80% of whom come from the region. Hopefully, the Eastern Europeans are not as weak as the Western Europeans, since the end of World War II.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH By Mrs Vera West

The following link is to an excellent video by Dr Michael Greger, "How Not to Die," running for 1 hour and about 21 minutes, but well worth your time. The focus is upon how diet, primarily by eating a vegetable-based anti-oxidant rich diet, can aid in reducing, and in many cases reversing, the diseases of civilisation such as cardiovascular disease.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=129&v=7rNY7xKyGCQ

Dr Greer also has a book on this, that I have not read, but I am sure would be immensely interesting and important, from the section that I could read for free at Amazon.com:

https://www.amazon.com/How-Not-Die-Discover-Scientifically/dp/1250066115

Here are some items that I was able to obtain without spending a cent:

Tooth decay is primarily a product of high sugar diets that have come relatively recently in Western history: P. Stoy, "Dental Disease and Civilisation," *Ulster Medical Journal*, vol. 20, 1951, pp. 144-158:

"Although it has been frequently stated that primitive uncivilised man did not suffer from dental disease, a careful examination of skulls reveals that the condition was not unknown, for in the remains of the primitive Rhodesian man, the age of which is estimated at 250,000 years, there is decay in most of the upper teeth. This, however, was apparently an exception for such remote times, for an extensive survey held in 1919 revealed that European human skulls before the Neolithic period were free from caries. Besides the evidence of bony remains there is also that of literature. The oldest literature in existence dates back to 3000 B.C. and is Babylonian; it is in the form of bricks on which characters are inscribed, and it is significant that these contain descriptions of dental disease. In those remote days worms were thought to be the cause of many morbid conditions and in one description such a worm is supposed to be speaking. It says "set me amid the teeth and let me dwell in the gums, that I may destroy the-blood of the teeth and of the gums chew the marrow." The extensive Egyptian remains, which include large numbers of skulls and mummies, are of the greatest interest in tracing the development of dental troubles, because they cover a period of several thousands of years. Before 3000 B.C. caries was rare; in the age of the Pyramids it became more prevalent, particularly in lower Egypt, while by the time of Anthony and Cleopatra an examination of about one hundred skulls showed over 40 per cent. to be affected. In addition, there is evidence of very widespread pyorrhcea which, in spite of some accounts to the contrary, does not appear to have received any proper treatment. The Etruscans, on the other hand, were more advanced-dentally; they not only suffered from pyorrhoea, but also treated it.

Specimens have been found (dated 800 B.C.) in which gold wire was twisted round loose teeth binding them to their neighbours, and Dr. Lindsay states in her *History of Dentistry* that no such work or any attempt at treatment of caries is found in any of the thousands of mummies that have been examined. In Ancient Greece there is ample evidence of dental disease. Hippocrates refers to extractions both when the teeth are decayed and when they are loose. In Roman literature of the Imperial era there are also many references-to black teeth, loose teeth, and even to artificial teeth."

There is also extensive evidence that cardiovascular disease can be reversed in some people, primarily by turning to a plant-based diet: C. B. Esselystyn (et al.), "A Way to Reverse CAD?" *Journal of Family Practice, vol.* 63, 2014, pp. 356-364b; M. A. Kadoch, "The Power of Nutrition as Medicine," *Preventive Medicine, vol.* 55, 2012.

A similar story can be told for dealing with cancer as well, and remember, it is better late than never.

On a related point, there is a remarkable book by Dr Jill Bolte Taylor, *My Stroke of Insight*, (Hodder and Stoughton, 2008), which tells the personal story of how Dr Taylor, who had a brilliant career as a brain scientist, but unfortunately suffered a rare type of stroke. This virtually destroyed her brain's capacity to process information, not only of the higher cognitive functions, but also simple things such as walking. The book describes the events leading up to the stroke on the day it occurred and the warning signs. Apparently, it may be possible to lessen the effects if the coming of the stroke can be detected and urgent neurological treatment sought. Of course, we all get headaches, but Dr Taylor describes a sense of dissociation as being the first warning sign.

It would make good sense to talk about this with a good doctor and get a set of points to check for. Even though Dr Taylor was a brain scientist, it took some hours before she realised that she was having a stroke. It may be possible, if one lives in stroke-awareness mode, to cut this time down and maybe prevent some damage by getting to hospital quickly. Anyway, the book makes frightening reading, as Dr Taylor, living alone tries to work out how to get help, while her cognitive functions rapidly deteriorate.

The hopeful part of the book is the rehabilitation section, which shows that within limits, the human brain has regenerative capacities, and where it does not, there is redundancy built in that enables other parts to take over functions, within limits. In general, strategies for reducing cardiovascular disease by diet will help in stroke prevention, so long as one does not smoke cigarettes.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR - CRITERIA FOR VOTING AT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Most South Australian Councils will have advised residents of the elections due in November this year and they likely included criteria for joining the voting roll. All Australian citizens over 18 years of age are on the State or Federal electoral roll and automatically entitled to vote at Council polls. To my surprise and I am sure to many; voting at SA Council elections is also available to "non-Australian citizens" who have resided at an address within the Council for one month or more.

There is a fundamental error here. Even in a sporting club, voting is restricted to full members. Part time or associate members may not vote. Voting should be considered a privilege and not taken lightly and to offer a vote to any non- member, like a non-Australian, is inviting a distorted election outcome. For instance, a group of backpacker seasonal workers who were resident for a few weeks could easily influence an election outcome which may differ from the preference of local residents. Residents desiring a vote are encouraged to firstly become Australian citizens.

In the interest of genuine accountable government, I believe SA Council elections need to be consistent with State and Federal requirements. SA State MP's need to be asked to ensure such consistency.

-- Ken Grundy, Naracoorte

ACTION TARGET

Readers from South Australia are encouraged to lead the battle to restore some sensible rules applying to eligibility for voting in Council elections. The letter above has the salient points which need to be raised with SA and other State MP's. You will not find one person to agree with the ridiculous current rule. Ask the SA MP's to make the rules for voting to be consistent for all levels of government. Apart from your local MP; remember the Legislative Councillors and minor party Members. Stress that "only the eligibility to vote for Council in South Australia" is in dispute, and not the voluntary voting which applies elsewhere. Readers in other States would be wise to make sure the unfortunate situation in South Australia is not repeated in their State. Send interesting results to our Head Office in SA. - ND

CANCER AND THE GUT By Mrs Vera West

I have been fascinated, to the limits of my understanding of biology, to learn about the gut, and how it has a "mind" of its own, literally, something I covered in other articles. Apart from the intrinsic interest in this, many of us are worried about mental deterioration, heart disease, and most of all, cancer. There is relevance here to the last of these medical horsemen of the apocalypse:

"Previous studies have shown certain gut bacteria quell inflammation, which is an underlying factor in virtually all cancers, whereas others promote it. As noted in a recent article in Nature, "bacteria have been associated with cancer initiation and progression. Some of these microbes activate inflammatory responses and disrupt the mucus layers that protect the body from outside invaders, creating an environment that supports tumor growth." Certain cancers have also been found to have infectious underpinnings. For example, Heliobacter pylori (H. pylori) has been linked to gastric cancer. Interestingly, H. pylori has also been linked to a reduced risk of esophageal adenocarcinoma, demonstrating the complexity involved and the organ-specific effects microbes can have when it comes to their impact on cancer. Similarly, hepatitis C virus has been shown to play a role in hepatocellular carcinoma, chronic Salmonella enterica infection has been linked to gallbladder cancer, and Haemophilus influenza and Candida albicans have been identified in lower respiratory tract tumors. Gut microbes have also been found to influence the effectiveness of cancer treatment." https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2018/06/11/gut-microbiome-

game-changer.aspx

There is, of course, much more to this. But, the take home message for those of us increasingly concerned about our health is to put off the suffering a bit, by proper care of our gut health.

For your interest, some more material on gut health is available at the link below:

articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2013/01/24/healthy-microbiome.aspx (Very enlightening was Dr Mercola's interview with Dietrich Klinghardt –Ed) ***



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