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Divide and Conquer By Neville Archibald

To divide and conquer, a tactic used on large groups of people who might otherwise show a united front against a common enemy.

When we consider what we have been through these past years, and the various governments we have had, we see a common theme emerging. At this point I believe it has become hard not to see it, change is happening at a pace that does not allow for anywhere near as much subtly as before. Dividing our communities under false concerns seems to be speeding up, as people are instinctively awakening to the stench of something rotten.

Most of the policies being pushed now, are to pander to an imagined or petty problem, that in most cases already has laws to deal with it. Many are 'Nanny State' concerns that our Government has no business dabbling in, they are societal problems or hiccups that only we, with time, will solve. Like a family dispute over Christmas, it gets solved or we live with it! We still manage to get together despite what we see as differences, because they are family, we shrug and say, 'that is just Uncle Joe' You let it go, knowing the characteristic is simply him being him.

In that same way we are a family called society. Made up of differing characters and oddball outliers, we exist in some form of peace because we share a common vision – enough to unite as one group we call our country. This is what makes us strong. We know we differ, but we also know we have enough in common to have each others' backs. Australia was built on the concept of a fair go for all, we have seen countless examples of communities rising to protect the rights of others.

This concept has been under attack by the hostile forces who would see us become a subservient Nation to a One World Agenda. It has become too hard not to see, every new policy contains some form of One World concern or One World speak. A language of fear, and controls to make us adapt to their vision – not ours. It is a rare thing these days to be asked for our vision!

It is in this vein of thought that I have written a discussion piece that focuses on one way - divide and conquer is used to separate us for a seemingly noble cause. The One World-ers, let us call them who they are, are adept at Dialectics. The art of using words that say one thing but actually do the other. Consider this as an example, one of many ways we are continually divided where we should be united. Think hard where else this is occurring.

If we want our country to be united and strong, going forward to a better place, it is up to us to make this change. To recognise where we are being conned and then to remove those who conn us and turn us around. When you see the conn being played, speak out, point to the Emperor who is naked now to your eyes and help others see him warts and all.

Forcing Change

I had a conversation recently about many things, but it came around to equality. For years many people have been fighting/lobbying/searching for equality in some form or other. The one that stands out at the moment is still probably gender equality. In the past it was racial. What it will be in the future is anyone's guess. Each group in society that feels ignored, underappreciated or isolated yearns for a feeling of inclusion, equal-ness, to be treated like what they see as 'the others', and sadly is often portrayed as those who have it 'better' for want of a term to represent this. 'These others have it better because ...' The wish to be like or as equal a part of society as another group.

This desire is usually from a minority or group that sees themselves as on the outer. This is a complex topic that has me thinking about reasons and impacts.

I know as a person I am automatically included in a 'grouping' by many people. To some I am 'older', to some 'younger'. To some I am 'white', to others 'anglo'. Then of course to some I am 'male', and as a 'married family man' automatically 'hetero'. The list of designations goes on. I have been a concreter, a removalist, also a labourer. I have been a laboratory worker studying chemistry and food science, so an educated technical worker. I could go on into the realms of art and culture, history even. Over my life I have had too many labels to mention, (including 'get out of the way you slow bastard!', when I owned an old van).

In all these myriad identities, I have yet to be offended seriously by them. I have not felt the need to complain or to push to be recognised by someone else, let alone another grouping. I am comfortable with who I am.

There are of course those who will point out that I am part of the 'privileged old white man' grouping, I am therefore negated in my opinions, I am not affected by this 'equality problem'. I am of the ruling class.

I am sorry some see me this way, but it is not for a moment true to me, I am an Individual first and foremost. Perhaps the 'equality' impact has not been as severe for me as someone who is truly outside our societies definition of normal, for the

area we live in. (Although I'm fairly sure no one has ever really accused me of 'being' normal).

I have had my inequality moments, and again, the irate 'we are not becoming equal fast enough' mob would call me out as complaining of first world problems if I said I was being discriminated against. 'oh, boo hoo, it is not so bad for you'.

I am reminded here of the Monty Python skit of the four Welshmen, where each is telling the others just how bad they had it as kids. All the while sipping cocktails in a ritzy club – an, 'I had it tough', competition. This light-hearted skit can be expanded out to all of our equality woes. Each is vying for the rewards of being the biggest victim. This mentality alone is destructive to society. It fragments and can isolate people more, as demands are made to force change within a generation. Change that has always taken time. When it comes down to the psychology of attitude change, this has always been generational. Are we that much improved now that we can believe it will be instantaneous? Those born who see the greatest change are often the hardest to convince, many are set in their ways and cannot be forced without causing backlash or upset. Those who grow up with this change can still take on some of their parents resistance without really knowing they are doing so. This is why, as I said, this sort of change is generational, unless those pushing it are willing to see division and upset across society because it serves to camouflage their other intentions

Equality or personal recognition?

Having just looked at this change in the name of equality, it is time to discuss what we actually mean by it. We hear the word regularly. All the different 'groupings' that make up society seem to find time trot it out when they feel offended or threatened. Our Government has commissions or inquiries into it, to appease or enact change to deal with it. Do they see votes in it? Is it their job?

Before I answer this, I think the actual term itself needs to be addressed. Equal, as stated in the pocket oxford dictionary, is listed as: 'The same in number, size, degree, merit, &c.' and equality, is: being equal.

Looking at the first (the same in number) we see the reason for the push for being equally represented in the workplace, for that is the usual area of concern.

If we did a statistical analysis of our society and placed people in all their different groupings, then made a pie chart, we would get some form of equal employment profile. If the object is to make all groups equally represented as they appear in society, where would you stop? Which groups are more important than other groups. Who gets included in this round of 'inclusivity'.

In a group of one hundred employees you may approximate these statistics, but then are you not looking for other factors too? The ones that truly matter for your business?

In a perfect world where everyone is truly equal I guess it wouldn't matter, but then there would be no truly outstanding! There would be no reason to pick one over another! Where then does the other part of equal come in, that of merit? If all are of

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equal merit, then how are we to advance. Selection dependent on artificial restriction is limiting and contrary to what we are trying to achieve, which I would say is: personal recognition of ability, despite our 'grouping'.

Equality is a difficult concept to come to terms with when it is being used in this way. As individuals we are all striving to be better than the others to get that job, or in our field of endeavour, to be the best. That is what makes us grow, the fact that we are all individuals.

The Marxist, or Communist, philosophy would have us 'all the same', a 'collective', with no real space for the individual. Standing out or being different in the countries that espouse these doctrines is dangerous. I believe it is this concept that is behind the push for our government's definition of equality. A subtle knocking down of tall poppies before they develop into leaders who might oppose this doctrine. They say it is a noble thing, that it is fair in a just society. In another breath they are preaching to us not to discriminate. Another word that is taking on an opposite meaning. If we were not discriminating we would be hiring on a first come first served basis, no looking at references or skills, probably not even an interview, for that would be the ultimate outcome. That we do check these things is sensible, I don't believe there are many in this country who would disagree.

What is meant then when we use these words. What is the true intention behind this program as the public see it?

Usually, it is the removal of prejudice on the basis of colour, race and sex. People think they see others turned away because someone doesn't like them for a biased reason, they believe that is wrong. Everyone deserves a chance. They see employment or acceptance as a battleground to fight this bias.

Of those one hundred employees mentioned earlier, should the population chart be a factor, when picking who gets the job? A list of androgynous names with no identification as to sex, race or other, could well be used and only reference material scrutinised; but then, that would cause those whose writing skills are not up to scratch to be deselected. Those who could pay someone else to help them, would be at the top of the list and those who could not afford this would miss out. Where does it stop?

There is no equal, when hiring for a job, you want the best; however you define it. You also want harmony in the workplace, ability to do the job required. Are you the individual they are looking for!

If we go back once again to those one hundred job seekers, if the sex quota is not met, do we then advertise for one sex only? Is that fair? What about the actual population looking for work in that area? If the available persons to fill the positions are predominantly one sex only, is that a local ratio to be observed when hiring too? What a bureaucratic can of worms this opens up, especially if all other groupings are taken into account locally as well. Do we need regional surveys taken on a regular basis to account for this? If you think I am being facetious, I probably am.

To what extent do we legislate this stuff? do we even need to? Sadly there are

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people with doctorates or PhD's in this area, who want to put it to use, to force this change. I agree that it is good to ponder, question and discuss, but to mould or make it fit under threat of legislation with fines or punishment, can only be divisive.

I believe it is societies' responsibility to grow up. We have seen this gradual awakening, it has been occurring. Has it happened overnight? No! Advancement on many levels in society is generational, pushed quietly by fair minded people as they get to know one another. We accuse ourselves of being intolerant, homophobic, sexist, racist and all the other -ics and -ists. Are we? If we look back through history we have come so far, we have slowly accepted individualism, for that is what it truly boils down to. All those -ics and -ists are, if not individual choices, then individual traits or characteristics (oh looky, an ist and an ic in one appropriate word) which make up an individual.

When hiring in the workplace or selecting for some other - it is, in the end the individual we hire, this should be the endpoint.

That brings us to society. In all other interactions, society works these things out for themselves. We see those two nasty words maligned, Equality and Discrimination. One assumes they are two sides of a coin. Do we have equality, or do we have discrimination? Are they bad for us?

Discrimination was once a word synonymous with having good judgement, the ability to discern between a fine wine and a not so fine wine. Being able to pick good friends from bad. Equality was the same, great if you were looking for consistency, not so good if you were looking for the exceptional.

If a class was all equal in exam scores at the end of the year, I would be worried that many did not reach their full potential. The idea of dux or top score is to be outside that of equal. Above the rest! The potential to do great things, to make new discoveries, to push the known boundaries. **Striving for equality in this regard is a death sentence on advancement.**

If what we are looking for is recognition of the individual, despite outward appearance, then regulating sameness is the antithesis of that. You are asking for selection to be made on purely appearance grounds.

All the groupings clamouring for this acceptance, I would suggest, would be horrified to think that less qualified people got the job ahead of them, purely based on grouping not ability. This in itself is a pre-conceived set of notions.

As I see it, and I have had this discussion with many people, any judgement should be of the individual, not the grouping someone thinks they belong to. In a colour-blind world (and it fits all groupings not just colour) the skin should not matter. The biggest of all is qualification, not just academic but can they do the work required? do they fit in with those around them? Ultimately are they suitable over the distinct range of needs the job, or the selection, entails?

Over the years I have had successful interaction with many 'groups' of people. I have also had some less than successful dealings, as I am sure we all have. That is what society is.

This brings me to my last point, that of pre-conceived bias, cautionary distinctions that we make. This is a built-in survival trait; we can no more turn it off than we can breathing. We can become aware of it and should try to do so where it is seen, but there are reasons for it. If you have had bad experience with bald men, does this rub off on your further interactions, or your ability to relate with other bald men? There are many traits that we automatically select or deselect for, depending on experience and conditioning. One of the biggest conditioning interactions we have is that Bloody TV in the corner. It pumps out biased films and experiences non-stop, everything has a slant especially advertisements. A 'false experience machine', it is one we really need to study for it's effects on our lives. It conditions our responses to things. Yes, it does. It takes conscious effort to change these traits whether real or imagined, they are survival characteristics. We are conditioned to be aware, those are automatic responses, only broken down by time and experience. To hurry it along by compulsion, causes angst and a push back. Again, we see two opposing forces at work. One making bias, the other threatening to punish if we take those biases on board. Divide us first, then come down on us for being divided.

We had a world that was freer and had more open interaction occurring before all this compulsion to change was introduced. The travel by young people, of many countries world-wide had started this ball rolling and was continuing apace. This interaction alone fostered goodwill and recognition that differences were to be celebrated and seen for what they were - other people's lifestyles. If they were not to your liking, it was not up to you to change it, just recognise it and move on, if the other groups wanted to, they would sort themselves out, or not.

We will never be friends with everyone, to imagine this is nice, but naive. We do not have to be enemies at each other's throats, surely we can live in separate societies and progress at our own rate. If indeed the push to mix us up is too great, then enemies we will become, as we clash cultures and identities. Division is stirred up far too often, cultures who differ are being forced to mingle world wide. This cannot be anything other than destructive in the long term.

Society grows at its own pace, too slow for some, too quick for others. To force it is to alienate and foster division. This is what we are seeing.

Meeting is Everything! By Neville Archibald

Here I am alone at my typewriter, actually it is a computer, with plenty of bells and whistles (many of which I still struggle to use effectively). The point is - I am here! Sadly, this alone is not the answer. If I were but Captain Picard, on the Enterprise (Star Trek) only to mutter the words, "Make it so!" as they sail off into a new horizon. Mixed metaphors there folks, sorry. I don't believe they do sail in space, or that they have a horizon, but the picture works for me.

Unlike Picard, I have not that power of command. Nor in fact, do I want it. The very concept is not only foreign, but abhorrent to my way of thinking. I enjoy discussion and working out a direction forward to do things, but imagine a golf course planned

just by me, to be played just by me! No exciting challenge, I would have prepared the lot and know its lay.

Imagine an Art Gallery. All the works done by me! I traipse through it's illustrious halls looking for something new to stimulate and inspire! All I see, is me, looking back at myself!

Why these thoughts you ask? I am thinking of man. Man in all his glory. As it comes up to Christmas my thoughts are more and more on what it all means. Apart from the usual mad rush of preparations for company that will visit, there is also the self questioning, of what I have done this year. People will ask me. People I see mainly only at this time of family (for that is how we see it). We are a family of like minded souls. To my mind it becomes a microcosm of the world around us. We are not all strictly family, for anyone is welcomed, but we treat each other as such. We are not all in agreement, we all have our opinions (some very strong ones that can clash) which we generally tone down for the duration for the sake of harmony. Differing views on things have always been a part of gatherings and add to the spice of life. Taken as they are meant to be, there is no animosity, and it is rare to walk away the worse off. What's more, we all do it again next year. (It is not just the food, well ...)

Are we meant to be in agreement: all the time? Are we always to pull together for one single direction? I don't believe so. Who would go out and explore? Who would create something radically new? A departure from the known! We would stagnate and die. A common agreement to go out into the world, not to become antagonists on our return; but, to be welcomed back like the long lost son with new tales and lessons learned to share. For mankind's common good.

What do I mean by this? I must go to my upbringing to explain, for that is my basis, the fundamental repository of my knowledge. That of Christianity! Whether you are religious or not, and who it is that you look for guidance from, is immaterial. There are rules we all live by, that have stood the test of time. These are the things any society should consider from time to time, for if we do not, we drift at the mercy of others. These rules are fundamental to how we live our lives and how successful and harmonious our society can be.

"How should we then live" by Francis Schaeffer is recommended reading. https://www.amazon.com.au/How-Should-Then-Live-Repackage/dp/1433576910
God gave man free will, he created us in his image; but, he gave us free will. We are to be the masters of our universe, our world, our country, our homes. Not someone else. We were not to hand over this control to others, to abdicate our responsibilities. It was shown again when Christ was taken up to a high place and all the world presented before him, it could be his for the asking. He rejected that, showing that mankind was to have control over themselves. It also showed that Christ rejected the principle of a benign dictator, of doing good whether people wanted it or not. The rejection of Idol worship was one and the same to my mind, a rigid set of rules centred on one premise with unthinking devotion has been put to us in many forms

over history and is repeated in the bible many times with the consequences always being destruction and chaos over time. So unlike Captain Picard, we cannot issue this order alone, it must come from society itself. It is society that must grow up and advance in the direction it takes.

What were the lessons from Christ? How was it, that he wished to change the world?

He said, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Matthew 16:19. He also said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: ...". John 14:6. He gave us the basic rules to live by and preached by example. He wandered about promoting his vision of the world. He selected twelve apostles to wander with him, to learn his dream and to carry out, in his absence, his vision. After his crucifixion, the message was thus sent out through the world as a suggestion of how to live, how to awaken that 'Kingdom of Heaven' that is within. The awakening of man's free will, his spirit to advance to create his own paradise within God's template.

If I am getting too religious for many, so be it, it is what it is. A way of living for me.

Others will be able to see a similar message if they are not blinded by my references to religion. It has become "old fashioned' to believe in a deity for many, and I understand this. What does not; however, become 'old fashioned' is the way the world works. Like gravity, societal rules or laws are also absolute. Defy them and chaos will come. A benign dictator dies and leaves a son or a protege who may not be so benign and the descent begins. Our vision forward must include recognition of our foibles (our sins) and ways to avoid falling into them. Our guidebooks through life, (if not the New Testament), for living together are our Constitutions and laws (which are based on these). That are not in themselves unchangeable and they should never be unknowable. Advancement means altering our perception of the world and of society as we discover these truths. What doesn't work must be discarded, what does must be included. We must also be astute enough to recognise that both the Bible and our previous two thousand years of development, have much to offer us in this journey. To reject these examples is to throw out the baby with the bathwater, to cut off our noses to spite our face. We have learned from previous generations and we can learn from coming ones, if we care to.

So we come back to me, at my computer, typing this stuff. Am I effective? I will not know until I venture out from my comfortable cocoon of family and enter the wider world around me. It is in this mindset that I began these considerations. A meeting of one is ineffective. Likewise, one on Facebook (for want of a better example, it could be any form of social media) is also ineffective. No matter how many people 'Like' or respond, the message is fleeting, with little impact other than a feel good release. What lasting impact has been achieved with those few words? I suggest it is like a protest rally. You should be able to see by now the futility of many of these, in that resultant actions have been limited or non-existent. The

biggest bonus coming from them has been the friendships and contacts made, the meaningful discussions and educations of all involved. One must look at the bright side of any failures and take whatever beneficial outcome is offered.

Like a golf club or a gallery, it is numbers of participants who make the variety, who improve the course. This is the advantage of association. Together, we achieve far more than what we can do as one alone.

If you wish to turn our society's direction around, and I know there are many out there who do, we must come together: around the kitchen tables, around the fireplaces or campsites, not just big meetings where one or two hold sway. In little groups, effective groups, ones that allow all to speak and all to hear. Like a ripple in a pond these groups will then spread out to cause the waves of change.

Christ did this with just twelve, and although it took two thousand years to get to the 'here and now', we have the ground work already done! We have been able to stand on the shoulders of many great people since, and must continue to do so. We cannot do it alone, we must be united to take advantage of that increment of association, to drive our visions into the wider community, where I know it will be accepted. Good always flourishes in bad times. People are looking for good news and a better way. In our favour is the fact that we are looking for truth and if sincere, we have every hope of finding it.

As an end note, the League offers advice and material to do these things. We are a service group who has long held the views expressed above. They have come from a genuine desire to counter the direction we now see the world moving in. We have been much maligned over the years, mainly because we address the problems that our "opposition", the one world-ers, wish to keep hidden from you. Our website is free to use and the information in books to purchase, or to download as pdfs. There is no paywall, unlike other users of the web, for we have nothing to hide and much to gain. We seek no power other than that of your own empowerment. It is this, the grassroots of this country that will get us out of the mess we are in, once they realise they do have the power in them to do so. We also offer speakers to address and discuss the fundamentals of what is before you in your endeavours. If you want someone to visit and start the process of regeneration in your area, even small kitchen table meetings of like minds, please contact us. There is no speaking fee or exorbitant cost for freedom of thought and exchange of ideas. We cover our expenses by donation as we go, food, fuel and a bed as we need, for we are all in this together. Only by becoming a society that relies on itself to fix problems, will we become what we were originally heading for.

Merry Christmas, and may the Kingdom of God and what it represents be in you all. *Neville Archibald*.

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What Can I Give? By Neville Archibald

I've done my right of passage I've seen how others live and now I've come back home to ask what I can give.

No more standing on the sidelines letting others make their mark I like my country as it is not divided and in the dark.

We have a unique heritage one that set us free allowed us to be individuals and I like just being me.

Other countries like us do things much the same but their character is different when you get off of the plane.

Our easy going nature our respect for fair play, not foul is remarked on it's endurance we've not yet, thrown in the towel.

I've been to many countries where corruption is expected there's no real fight against it it can hardly be detected.

They've grown up thinking of it as just a part of life and willing they accept it with all it's inherent strife

there are those, of course, who disagree and look for other places to raise their own, their families they are our newest faces. I welcome all who share this dream of rule by grassroots of the nation but like us they need to be vocal when corruption mans that station.

I know we've got the best place here it fills me with elation so I'll do my damnedest to keep us free and a proud progressive nation.

The common love I have for land should not set me apart from our original inhabitants who wanted this from the start.

For we who look after our land because it is our future true farmers and custodians joined together with a suture.

A suture that should help heal the wound that is right across the land instead of fighting tooth and nail we should be hand in hand.

Who forces this destruction? Environmental degradation, 'tis not the lowly farmer nor his supporting near relation.

Corporate greed and money woes sins and artificial exchange ruin our lives and planet and it's this that we must change.

I've seen the sins when these occur in other places I have been behind the Iron Curtain these things we all have seen. We've not taken them as lessons of what to do or not it seems we've closed our eyes to this or simply, we've forgot.

Bigger is not always better and a small bloke just like me has little chance to change it we must associate to be free.

Associate with those like minds who wish to see the best who wish to be sustainable who will fight without a rest.

It all starts off with money that we all indeed must use to swap all of <u>our</u> excesses to interact as we do choose.

It is for <u>our</u> own benefit it belongs to <u>us</u> alone the banks are merely book-keepers and money they shouldn't own

It comes to life as debt that can never be repaid the interest component that - is never made.

It is the crucial tie we all use it from the start if it is not <u>ours</u> alone then like shylock, they'll take a part.

A part that is not theirs one that has never been it's not the debt that <u>we</u> owe <u>them</u> that is something that should be seen.

If we look around the world I've travelled the debt just keeps getting bigger the whole world now owes someone an enormous bloody figure. If this doesn't make you question to whom this sum is owed then I don't know just what to do you could say, "well I'll be blowed".

Have we really lost this ability to see the truth stare in our face to ask the hardest questions of those people, in that place.

The place where our representatives go to make themselves heard they are supposed to be asking <u>us</u> you know it is meant to be <u>our</u> word.

So we need to make a change and soon get them back on our side to bring back this once free country to a place where we have pride.

So stand with me and make a shout look for ways to be effective most of all you need to act and be a lot more selective.

Pick your representatives from people that you know, not those who come from parties we know how their votes go.

Avoid those who lead and tell you, pick a servant with your views whip up those in your electorate for this is who you choose.

Someone to ask your vision someone to tell it straight to reel in all these bureaucrats and remake our nation great.

Please join in, I'm asking you forget all the petty fuss if we want this nation a better place it is always up to <u>us</u>.

League Objectives

- (a) To promote loyalty to the Christian concept of God, to the Crown, and to the Country.
- (b) To advocate genuine competitive individual enterprise and personal initiative.
- (c) To defend private ownership and advocate its extension in order that individual freedom with security shall be available to all.
- (d) To attack and expose government-by regulation and bureaucratic interference with economic and social activities.
- (e) To take steps designed to secure to the individual very definite rights which no government can take away, and especially steps which defend the written constitution.
- (f) To defend the Rule of law which makes all equal before the Law.
- (g) To stress the value of our system of Common Law, originally built up in Great Britain, to protect the rights of the individual; and to that end, to expose corruption and partiality in all their forms.
- (h) To expose the manner in which the safe guards of individual rights and liberties are being destroyed.
- (I) To emphasise the value of the Senate and of Legislative Councils.
- (j) To expose and oppose all anti-British propaganda and actions, irrespective of their origin.
- (h) To take such other actions as may be deemed desirable to promote the policy of the League.

BASIC FUND

The Basic Fund for this financial years is now open. I am making a special call to all those who have planned to make a donation but maybe have over-looked doing so. The fund did not fill this past year so it will be wonderful if we can make a special effort with new donations. As always, we appreciate your contributions, no matter how large or small. Each donation is really a vote of thanks for the work of the League and a tribute to the dedicated effort of those in the 'engine room'.

BEQUESTS

Apart from the Basic Fund, the League is also a recipient of bequests from supporters who remember us in their Will. These extra dollars help a lot and while we are grateful, it is unfortunate that on those occasions we are unable to personally express our thanks.

Best details for establishing a bequest are available from Head Office. - ND