

Controversial Articles Revisited

Don Pridmore touched upon very crucial subject in his Criticism of Controversial Articles. I won't attempt to cut him to shreds as he suspects might be the likelihood, merely some things he said.

In his comments upon educational institutions and systems he claims the reason for the untenability of the "liberal doctrine" is its unrealistic assessment of man's character. Besides presenting this supposed viewpoint in a somewhat belittling way, he appeals to our inner acknowledgement that man's character, in spite of what liberals claim, is "obviously" not good, implying it's on the bad side. One could point out the fact that man has managed to kill 110 million of just his own kind in this century alone (thus far), making it appear that mankind is hopelessly homicidal, suicidal and terricidal. Yet the question to me is not one of hazy ambiguities such as "good" or "bad", or even of character or nature.

This subject is hopelessly complex for one article, yet it provides the key for a whole host of perplexing social and individual ills which seem to defy understanding or remedies. This is due, I may suggest, to a tendency to isolate a phenomenon and study it in itself. Or, daring to see it as a part of a system or systems, take it to arbitrarily selected bounds (usually based upon convenience). This lends to a simplicity, but also to false solutions. In this particular case, the conclusions popular for the observation of man's horrendous talent is, as Don Pridmore suggests, in a non-specific character of man; or, as Konrad Lorenz suggests, in an instinctive aggressive nature of man. However, beyond superficial appraisal, this tells us nothing nor offers us any solution to a pressing need.

If one takes the problem of man's dominant tendency to destroy and follows it

to it's logical limits, and relates its various manifestations (crime, social decay, advancing weaponry and death technologies, personal ag-

gressions, etc.), one senses an underlying unity to them. And this includes the subject of education and the apparent NEED to externally motivate and instruct one needing to learn. This unfortunately leads me to a somewhat technical discussion. Science and technology holds in its possibilities not only Franksteins, but a crucial tool for our survival. The possible key to our problem is to be found in physics, or the theory of entropy. This theory states simply that any (isolated) system tends to greater disorder over time. The complex reverts to the simple, and more and more energy becomes less and less unstable. This is why a clock runs down, why objects loose

heat, why etc. Yet standing this "law" organisms obviously prefer the simple from disorder. The mechanism of this is a called evolution executed by instinct. never thinking and being mice and cats never living a life this way to copy procedure unhindered consciousness point of business and instinct were "glider", directive plane, has Now it becomes once again of entropy. It can rise and soar or plunge spiral down out behavior to keep it

Dalton Still Off Track

As usual Stan, you have taken a pretty broad swipe at Capitalism, the Education System and Christianity. You have attempted to link these into an all pervasive evil that is attacking our individuality and creativity.

You may be right in that if you take away Capitalism, Education and Christianity you will find that our society has nothing left. If then we have lost our individuality and creativity then some of the blame may lie with the above systems.

In your attack you state as fact that the "U.S. bleeds every nation it lays

hands to." Find me another super power that doesn't. I deplore the situation, however, there is to date no alternative. In this country we have one of the most free societies that has ever existed. Freedom of speech, witnessed by your repeated attacks on capitalism in this paper is supported by the capitalist system. Eight capitalist business provided a large proportion of your revenue to produce this paper. How many similar organizations would support you to attack the Marxist or Communist sys-

tem in Russia, China, Cuba or for that matter to attack the Roman empire while living at 100 BC in Rome. I could write at length on this but my point is now clear.

The Educational system is far from perfect, however, almost all of us are a product of it. The range of diversity in values on this campus puts the lie to your steeping in capitalist values. We have our share of blind capitalists, maybe I am one but we also have people who have rejected this system, like yourself and

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No, Place To Sit

(The space at the University of Sussex is a room surrounded with Chaplaincy offices, and small meditation rooms. The central area has few fixtures of a permanent area with the most notable item being a number of carpet covered boxes utilized as chairs or as a stage or in any other configuration desired for the particular use the room is being put to at the time

The pews have been sold to a local church and the University Administration is in the process of deciding the best way in which to use the present chapel. The feeling is that the traditional format of the chapel was not in conformance with

the needs of the university community.

To date no decision has been made as to where the new "chapel" will be located, however, when located it will be more in tune with the needs of the chaplaincy and the students of the university.

The removal of the pews was a sad occasion for some faculty and staff. Some of those who have been associated with the university for many years remarked on the changes that have come about in the last few years. To others however, it marks a step toward a greater unity between students giving a location where students can not only worship together but discuss their problems in

a more informal atmosphere.

The thought that strikes ones mind is that a church or chapel is not a building or furnishings, but the thoughts and beliefs of its members.

Any move to encourage thoughts and beliefs is to be encouraged and applauded.

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