

Insanity

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It is sad, but true, people who are incapable of thinking for themselves will always find someone else to think for them and not necessarily someone intelligent.

Instead of thinking about a topic for themselves and then drawing their own conclusions about a thing people choose instead to repeat verbatim the words and ideas of others, without even understanding the rationality (or lack of it) in what they are repeating.

People who do not think for themselves and who repeat verbatim what others have told them usually sound off rather loudly. Apparently, they are under the impression that the louder and more forceful they speak the more convincing they sound. True, this is not rational thinking, but neither is what they are saying.

We have an old saying, "might makes right." The way some people talk, we can compare to a physical beating. They pound and pound their words with shouting into the heads of those not strong enough or caring enough to fight back. Shouting or speaking forceful words and ideas only serves to indoctrinate those ideas into other weak minds. It says nothing about the validity or wisdom of what is spoken.

If the only way a message can be imparted is to shout it into the ears of its receivers, one must wonder from the start why it cannot be given over in any other way. Usually the message that is shouted and crammed down one's throat is a message irrational and wrong. If one were to stop for a moment to think, one would not listen to such garbage. So, rather than give one the chance to stop and think, just push it into them without giving them the opportunity to say no. This is a form a verbal violence. It is also the form used to convince people of political, religious and other philosophical ideas.

The people that yell and scream their ideas, forcing them into your heads, are violent and dangerous people. Usually they will not stop with forcing you to accept their words. Given the opportunity, they will also force you to accept their way of life in practice. Again, this is true of political philosophies and religions. Do you really believe, if given the chance, that the Liberal or Conservative political candidate elected into office will not doing everything in his/her power to mold society into his or her own image? This is history and this is the future. One who thinks about this will clearly recognize its truth.

We are living in the "end of days." This is not because G-d is about to intervene in human history to punish us, but rather because our society is so totally out of control and imbalanced, that there is no other choice for it but to come crashing down. Mind you, this is not the fault of the society; it is the fault of the people who make up society.

There is no such thing as a society; there are only groups of people who live in a certain way. Who they are and how they live is what defines a society. Therefore, when the people act with insanity, then we have an insane society. We recognize the danger that insane face to themselves and others. We endeavor to protect ourselves from such dangerous people. However, when we stop protecting ourselves and let the dangerous roam among us, shouting out their insanities for all to hear, they in turn influence the weak minded amongst us to follow them. Insanity thus grows and society suffers from a growing cancer (or two or three or more) that eventually ends in death.

No, forget about G-d bringing Judgment Day upon us. G-d does not have to lift a Divine Finger. We are bringing our own Judgment Day. Our society is self-destructing and it will continue to get worse and worse, until all that is left will be total anarchy and lawlessness. G-d will not bring this about, we will. This is the result of insanity run amuck.

Crazy people are all around us doing crazy things and the good and intelligent people have been shell-shocked into sitting in silence. Insanity is out of control, all the time that one does not stop to think rationally, then rise up, and take decisive action to expose insanity to reduce its influence. Mind you, speaking out against the insanity and against the insane is today a dangerous thing. You will be attacked and physical harmed if you speak up against the diatribes spoken by today's demigods.

We are told, "you gotta believe this," or "you gotta believe that." You cannot use these words, or believe these ideas and if you do, then you called every insulting name the shouter can think of. There is no more free speech, there is only dangerous speech; dangerous to you if you speak out the truth and dangerous to all if you sit in silence and allow insanity to become the new rationale.

As I sit here sharing these words, I am trying to think of some positive way to conclude this essay. Sorry, I cannot think of one. I have no wise solutions to offer. Yes, you should speak out, but I know you will be attacked for doing so. I do not want to set you up to get hurt. Yes, you must be aware of the insanity spewing forth from every television, radio, movie and video; you must be aware of the insanity spewing forth from our political and religious leaders, especially from those so-called leaders of individual interests groups, whose sole agenda in life is to mold society (and you) into their image. Yet, once we are aware and recognize these demigods for what they are, then what? I am still at a loss for words.

Yes, we are living in the "end of days," not because of G-d, but because of us. Because I cannot think of any rational solution to the cancer infecting and murdering our society today, I see no hope. Now, others, of course have hope, they have the answer and solutions for sure. One says if we all converted to their religion, then everything would be solved, the next group says the exact same, but we have to convert to their religion instead of that of the first group. Then the politicians chime in saying, vote for me and I will make chance, then the next one says, no only a vote for me will make chance, a vote for the other guarantees the same old thing.



I answer all the religious preachers and the political pontiffs all with the same words; *"meet the new boss, same as the old boss."* And we say *we won't get fooled again.*

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