THIS IS QUALITY INSANITY!

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Is it just me that thinks so, or is our world really getting crazier by the minute? There seems to be a complete breakdown of not only law and order, not only of common manners and decency, but also of common sense.

When I went to school we called our teachers "Mr" or "Mrs" or "Miss" or "Sir". Step out of line and you got the "cuts", a decent whack with the cane. No student dared to back-chat. And if you went home and complained your dad would give you another "hiding" because you had run foul of the teacher and brought disgrace to the family name.

But these days, it's the kids who beat up the teachers! Just this week it was revealed that in Australia 1 in every 3 high school <u>principals</u> has been assaulted! (It's probably much higher than this reported number.) Today, if the teacher tries to discipline and correct a student, it's the parents who are the first who come knocking on the school door to complain that "Little Johnny/Suzie" has been victimised and their self-esteem has been bruised!

What's going on?

HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ANIMALS

And did you read about the court in Argentina that made history when it granted an *orangutan* some legal rights traditionally only reserved for humans? The BBC reported that Lawyers for Argentina's Association of Professional Lawyers for Animal Rights (Afada) said, "Sandra" was "a person" in the philosophical, not

biological sense. The court argued that "Sandra" the orangutan had been placed in a situation of illegal deprivation of freedom as a "non-human person".

It was noted that the BBC did not include a comment from "Sandra" expressing her thoughts about her newfound legal rights!?!¹

And can you believe the kind of *quality* insanity that is even proposing "rights" for robots? I kid you not. There is talk of legislating protections for Artificial Intelligences!²

In May of 2016 the European Parliament on Legal Affairs Committee issued a draft report stating that soon "intelligent machines" may become self-aware and perhaps should be at least partially responsible for their actions or omissions!



Should these machines thus have the status of "electronic persons with specific rights and obligations"?

What's going on? This is not just insanity, it's quality insanity!

So, why shouldn't animals and robots have at least some rights that we human beings have? Perhaps the reason is because they are not people! No matter how intelligent or skilful they may be, according to the Bible, it is only humans who are created in the image of the Creator God. It is only humans who bear His divine

¹ "Should Animals be given "Human Rights"? by Lita Cosner in Creation.com (Creation Ministries International) as published January 2015.

² "Should Robots Have Rights?" by Dominic Statham in Creation .com (Creation Ministries International) as published December 2017.

likeness. It is only humans who must give and will give an account to the God of the Universe for their moral choices and actions.

But the irony of our insanity is seen in that, at the same time we are legislating animal and robot "rights", we are denying the rights of some human beings. For instance, It has now become law in certain Western states that *full-term* babies may be aborted. This is infanticide. This is murder of innocent blood by whatever other euphemism it might be called. Full-termers!

And notice I did not call them "fetuses". Ask any expectant couple what they are having, and they will not say, "We are having a boy fetus!" And when a woman is looking at the scans *in-utero* she is looking at a girl "fetus" to be born. "Look at your baby" she is joyfully told.

MOTHER TERESA was the Keynote speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994. Present were President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore and their wives Hillary Clinton and Tipper Gore. Mother Teresa's topic? *The Evil of Abortion.*

Mother Teresa did not mince her words. And the Clintons sat there stoney faced, when she said, "By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. Abortion is really a war against the child, and I hate the killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself. And if we accept that the mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

She continued: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love one another, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." Was Mother Teresa overstating things?

Perhaps she had a real insight into the fact that by stripping our unborn babies of their right to life we are in the process stripping away our own humanity? Are we not evolving into barbarians and being dehumanised in this process? Why are we so quick to talk about "womens' reproductive rights" all the while being blind to the rights of the unborn? Can we not see what damage we are doing to our own souls in the process? For by aborting our babies are we not defacing God's image in our very souls? As another rightly said, "Our humanity is thrown in the trash along with all the body parts." ³

Indeed. What kind of *quality* insanity are we as a society participating in, when we fail to not only admit the horrific barbarity of abortion on the unborn, but also fail to see that we are killing *ourselves* --- our God-given humanity --- in the process? Are we not destroying God's special God-breathed creation?

And it's just a logical hop-step-and-jump to suicide and assisted suicide. Devalue one member of society (and the weakest of all are our unborn) and no part of human life is left sacred. But what cannot be disputed --- to again quote Mother Teresa is that;

Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers."

Yes, if we have fallen this far in the last couple of decades, what will it look like to our children's children in another few decades?

After all ---

Who would have thought even 20 years ago that "same sex marriage" would not only be seriously contemplated, but legislated in countries that only a generation ago designated homosexual behaviour as a prosecutable crime? (Not that I agree homosexuals should be treated as criminals.)

Who would have thought "Gender Identity" (or better" Gender Bending") would have been funded by Federal and State Governments to be sanctioned and taught in our schools. Children as young as 5 years old are being

³ See Dr Michael Brown in AskDrBrown posted Mar 5th 2019, "We're Trashing Our Humanity as We Trash Baby Parts".

taught to question their gender and that they might not be what they were born biologically to be? Where will such "gender dysphoria" land our society in another 20 to 30 years time?

Who would have thought that laws would be passed to erase one's sex at birth from their birth certificates? Or that regulations would be enacted making it an offence to call someone by a pronoun that reflects their biological sex when that person prefers "other" gender pronouns, or even non-gender pronouns?

What's going on?

WHAT IS THE ROOT CAUSE OF THIS QUALITY INSANITY?

These things are symptoms of societies that have snubbed God, turned their backs on God our Creator. Says <u>Romans 1:18–21</u>;

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, *but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Mark God's words here. When people abandon the knowledge of God, He gives them over to futile thinking. And we see it all around us today as we have increasingly abandoned the revelation of the God of the Bible. The *quality of the insanity* (I speak with irony) is simply breathtaking. We have become irrational, illogical, futile in our thinking. Our foolish hearts are groping in the dark of our own self-inflicted wisdom!

As another wrote:

If we are a product of a random process, an explosion of nothing to produce everything (the 'big bang'), where our brains are the product of billions of chance mutations, why should we trust our thoughts to be rational? And then there is no such thing as truth and we have the 'postmodern' outlook that judges according to feelings and hurts, rather than any objective truth. ⁴

Sanity will only return to our society when, as the same author continues, we remember ---

That God made us in His image (<u>Genesis 1:26</u>), so human life is 'sacred'. Thus, Christians throughout history have cared for the unloved and the unlovable. It was Christians who adopted orphans and started hospitals, etc. Today, who are the forgotten, uncared for? For a start, think of the millions of innocent babies with their lives snuffed out in abortion.

That God made us male and female (<u>Genesis 1:27</u>), not an alphabet soup of genders. The modern gender bending ideology is ultimately an attack on God's plan and purpose for us and for human flourishing.

That we are fallen creatures (<u>Genesis 3</u>), and so we need redemption through what the Lord Jesus Christ has done. Our fallen-ness manifests itself in all manner of deviations (sin) from God's perfect purposes for us, but we have a wonderful hope available in Christ. That hope is expressed like this:

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (<u>2</u> <u>Corinthians 5:17</u>). Let us pray for Godly sanity to return before it's too late --- if it's not already!

⁴ Don Batten in *Whence the Craziness Enveloping the Once Christian 'West' in* Creation.com, March 5th 2019.