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Dear Tom: Thanks for yours of 12 SEP 08. Dr. Goebbels said that a worldview should be stated in as few words as possible, to help people remember, so maxims & slogans are best for condensing ideas. As you say, they should be sharp, so as to waken the recipient, perhaps so he will use his mind. Slogans can be profound or absurd, as well as provocative. In "1984", Big Brother's slogans were absurdities: "War is Peace;" "Freedom is slavery;" "Ignorance is Strength." Unfortunately, U.S. slogans more & more resemble those Orwellian absurdities. During the phony Cold War era, a social critic cum comedian, Lenny Bruce, coined the slogan: "Kill a Commie for Christ." Bruce, who was a Jew, often brought conventional thinking into collision with itself, to show us that we needed to get our thinking sorted out. For those who considered themselves Christians, the idea of killing was disconcerting, as it should have been, to jar Christians out of their zombiehood, even for a brief instant.

As you say, sheeple tend to believe that which is illusory & dangerous to the believer. Bertrand Russell said that most people "eat the cake of convention," rather than making the effort of preparing their own menu of life. Sheeple "go along to get along," "doing in Rome as the Romans do." In his book, "The Lonely Crowd," Riesman called such types "other-directed" individuals, who practiced "situational ethics." He had two other categories of personality: Inner-Directed & Tradition-Directed, this latter being tribal in nature. Inner-directed people learned their values early in life, usually from strong parents.

The credo that "man is the measure of all things" seemed arrogant to me, at first, but on consideration it is obvious that man can only sense within the limitations of his 5 senses, or even 6, as some allege. In other words, man is the measure of all things of which man is aware. This credo gave rise to a school of philosophy enunciated by Bishop Berkeley as "To be is to be perceived." I objected to this credo in philosophy class by saying that there are things which exist & events which occur when man is totally ignorant thereof. As an example, I used that of an image recorded on undeveloped film. No one can see it, but it is still there, as immersing the film in developer will reveal. Most men agree that there is an image, albeit invisible, on exposed, but undeveloped film. There are sounds beyond the range of human hearing & things too small for us to see, or too far away. Yet, we can see & hear such things with the aid of microphones, telescopes & microscopes. The fact that we cannot perceive them, unaided, does not mean they are nonexistent. The philosophy professor said that he'd get back to me on that, but I'm still waiting, so far, for 1/2 a century.

I used to believe in 'progress' when I was very young. No one told me that such a thing existed, so I don't know where I adopted the error. As a child, I encountered World War I vets with missing limbs & bad lungs from exposure to poison gas. Since that war was over, I figured that succeeding generations would have the correct number of limbs, with properly functioning lungs. This was at the beginning of World War II. I was cured of this illusion in 1967 or 1968 when I walked across the Presidio of San Francisco on my way to Sausalito, across the Golden Gate Bridge. That's when I saw dozens of young Vietnam vets in their wheelchairs on the sunporch of the Army hospital, who lacked various limbs. These men were younger than I. Hence, my illusion of progress evaporated faster than the morning dew. In other words, I sobered up, thinking: When will they ever learn?

The Jew bankster scam in which money is created out of nothing, then lent into existence at interest has been going on for several thousand years, so one would think that the Goyim would have caught on by now. Unfortunately, P.T. Barnum was right, that there's a sucker born every minute. Most of us are wilfully ignorant of important things in life, such as freedom or slavery. My maxims are: Inflation is theft. Deflation is sabotage. Debt is slavery. My advice to Goyim is: Shun TV & stay debt-free, which we can do ourselves. The achievement of freedom from debt-bondage would truly be progress.

All the best, as always. DOWZ! ORION!

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