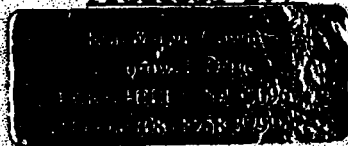


THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

A Handbook on the Dangers of Humanism

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(REVELATION 16)

(Attitudes of Madness)

14 "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

15 "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Rev. 16:14-16

The Early Evidence of HUMANISM

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inherent and inalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The American Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776)

Seeing THE ENEMY

The humanist philosophy appeals to the vanity of the natural man, and its freedom of thought encourages its tentacles to spread far and wide, into corners that can sometimes take us by surprise. Very often people find themselves in the humanist position without deliberately having taken that stance; in fact, they may be in the humanist tradition without ever having subscribed in their minds to the basic "man is on his own, and this life is all".

We must seriously ask ourselves whether we, as Christadelphians, have not been so busy warding off Church giants that we have failed to notice that offensive little man, always with us, who seems so reasonable and charming.

The Bible Student
Humanism—The subtle decision

GOD'S VALUES DON'T CHANGE!

'I am Yahweh ... I change not.' Mal 3v6

'Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (Isa 5v20-21)

... Yea he that departeth from evil is accounted mad... (Isa 59v15 mg)





THE GODDESS OF REASON

Throwing aside every restraint, the people of France repudiated all that pertained to God, and glorified human reason.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION



THE GODDESS OF REASON

TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES

v. 12 And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold

Greek "Aenomia" - evident lawlessness
Definite article in the Greek. Weymouth "the great majority"
Greek "psucho" to cool by blowing

ROTHERHAM

v. 12 And because of lawlessness being brought to the full, the love of the many will grow cold

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v. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold

v. 13 But he that shall endure unto the end shall be saved

"To bear up courageously under suffering".

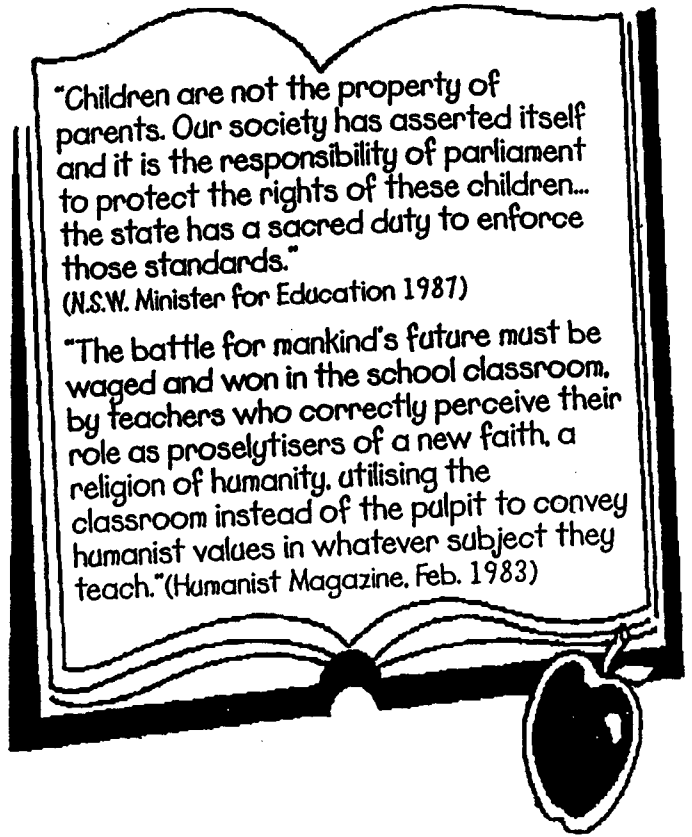
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TEACH DILIGENTLY THY CHILDREN

"And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous"

Genesis 18:17-20

THE CLASSROOM TAKEOVER



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BE YE TRANSFORMED

I entreat you, therefore, Brethren, by the **TENDER COMPASSIONS** of GOD, to present your **BODIES** a living sacrifice holy, well-pleasing to GOD - your **RATIONAL** religious service. And do not conform yourselves to this **AGE**, but transform yourselves by the **RENOVATION** of your **MIND**, that you may **ASCERTAIN** what is the **WILL** of GOD, - the **GOOD** and well-pleasing, and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2
Emphatic Diaglott

VIPERS IN THE CLASSROOM

THE METHOD

- Moral Dilemmas
- Situational ethics
- Values Clarification
- Moral Biographies
- Personal Development Courses
- Man-A Course Of Studies' (MACOS)
- Values Voting

THE TACTIC

EXPRESS - CHALLENGE - CHANGE

"A great contribution of values clarification is its confrontation with the traditional and authoritarian approaches to moral education."

(Feel Value Act - Teacher's Edition, pg. 11.)

"...we hope that through this course children will come to understand that what we regard as acceptable behaviour is a product of our culture."

(MACOS - Talks To Teachers, pg. 4.)

Children's sport and the Equal Opportunity Act

• Or it may be that, for a time, girls will need to be given the chance to win places on merit in traditionally "boys" teams, even though boys are not given the same chance to break into traditionally "girls" teams. The argument in this case is that because boys have years of advantage in learning and practising skills, fitness and competitive behaviour, they would simply swamp girls' teams, leaving girls worse off than before.

Therefore girls' opportunities in sport must be preserved and fostered during the "catch-up" time when special measures programs will cancel out the differences between the two groups.

In a situation such as boys wishing to play in "girls' teams" as a first step a school would begin by fielding a mixed team, with members chosen on ability.

But, if in practice, this came to mean that girls were pushed out of the teams by boys, then the school would need to consider adopting, as a special measure, the creation of a girls-only team.

This would be based on the point of view that the girls' apparent inability to hold their own against the boys reflected their lesser opportunities in the past to learn and practise the relevant skills and competitive tactics.

The Principles on which the Equal Opportunity Act is based

The South Australian Equal Opportunity Act, the Commonwealth Sex Discrimination Act, and the equal opportunity policies and statements of such organisations as the Education Department, the Department of Recreation and Sport and the Independent Schools Board are all based on the same principle, the principle of social justice for all. In relation to sport for girls and boys at primary school level, "social justice for all" can be measured in terms of results.

Girls and boys, given the same chances to develop their physical potential, should reach similar levels of fitness, and should maintain similar interest in physical activities.

Presently, there are measurable differences in both, with girls on average dropping out of physical activities earlier and in greater numbers than boys.

Equal opportunity laws and policies are based on redressing this imbalance: on helping girls improve in fitness and stay involved in physical activity, and also on providing both girls and boys with opportunities to be involved in physical activities that previously have been denied them.



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"I am convinced that the battle for humankind's future must be waged and won in the public classroom by teachers who correctly perceive their role as the proselytisers of a new faith: a religion of humanity that recognises and respects the spark of divinity in every human being. These teachers must embody the same dedication as the most rabid fundamentalist preachers, for they will be ministers of another sort, utilising the classroom instead of the pulpit to convey Humanist values..."

"The classroom must and will become an arena of conflict between the old and the new - the rotting corpse of Christianity, and the new faith of Humanism."

J. Dunphy, *The Humanist*, Jan./Feb. 1983

HUMANISM'S FOUNDATIONS

- (1) Man is not natively depraved;
- (2) The end of life is life itself, the good life on earth instead of the beautiful life after death;
- (3) Man is capable, guided solely by the light of reason and experience, of perfecting the good life on earth;
- (4) The first and essential condition of the good life on earth is the freeing of men's minds from the bonds of ignorance and superstition, and their bodies from the arbitrary oppression of the constituted social authorities.

"The Heavenly City of the 18th Century Philosophers" page 102.

HUMANISM DEFINED

"Humanism is the effort of men to think, to feel, and to act for themselves, and to abide by the logic of results. In each case a new method is suddenly apprehended, tested, and carried firmly to its conclusion. Authority, habit, orthodoxy, are disregarded or defied. The argument is pragmatic, realistic, human. The question, "Has this new thing a value?", is decided directly by the individual in the court of his experience; and there is no appeal. That is good which is seen to satisfy the human test, and to have brought an enlargement of human power.

(The Architecture of Humanism
by Geoffrey Scott, p.191 London:
Constable, reprinted 1947)

HUMANISM & THE INDIVIDUAL

The preciousness and dignity of the individual person is a central humanist value. Individuals should be encouraged to realise their own creative talents and desires. We reject all religious, ideological, or moral codes that denigrate the individual, suppress freedom, dull intellect, dehumanize personality.

We believe in maximum individual autonomy consonant with social responsibility. Although science can account for the causes of behaviour, the possibilities of individual freedom of choice exist in human life and should be increased.

HUMANIST ETHICS

"We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational, needing no theological or ideological sanction. Ethics stems from human need and interest. To deny this distorts the whole basis of life. Human life has meaning because we create and develop our futures.

Happiness and the creative realisation of human needs and desires, individually and in shared enjoyment, are continuous themes of humanism. We strive for the good life, here and now. The goal is to pursue life's enrichment despite debasing forces of vulgarization, commercialization, bureaucratization, and dehumanization."

HUMANISM & FAITH

"A humanist is more than just an unbeliever. The consequences of his unbelief are that man is alone in the universe, without a God and without an after-life; that if man is to survive he not only can but must accept responsibility for his own destiny; and that only by making full use of the arts and sciences, of the genius of individuals, and of the best resources of social co-operation, can man hope to overcome the evils of ignorance, poverty and disease, and the hazards of war and the population explosion. If a humanist is prepared to shoulder the consequences of his unbelief, he becomes personally committed to the solution of the problems of mankind."

*-Ian Edwards in A Humanist View,
p. XIV & XV*

KEEPERS AT HOME?

"No woman should be authorised to stay at home to raise her children. Women should not have that choice, precisely because if they do have that choice, too many will make that one. We think that every individual, women as well as men, should work outside and have the possibility of either communal living, collective or another way of organizing the family and child care.

In my opinion as long as the family and the myth of maternity and maternal instinct are not destroyed women will still be oppressed."

Simone De Beauvoir (Feminist)
Closing Summary Address
World Plan Of Action
1975 United Nations Women's Year

FAITH OVERCOMES THE WORLD

The Lord Jesus did not pray that his disciples should be taken out of the world, but that they might be shielded from harm, and remain faithful to their trust, though living in a faithless age. When men or women attempt to isolate themselves from the world in order to cultivate a special spirituality, they are not acting in harmony with the Master's teaching, and they do not develop a genuine piety. Their virtues are only of a negative kind, and perhaps not far removed from positive vice.

A blind man cannot be said to have overcome the lust of the eye, neither can a dumb man be praised because he speaks no evil. But a man in full possession of all his faculties may live in the world, yet not be of it, and by his positive efforts attest his faith in such a way as to find forgiveness for his failings. In that great picture of the judgement seat presented to us by the Lord Jesus Christ, the righteous are commended for their positive virtues, and the wicked are condemned for their sins of omission.

ISLIP COLLYER
Conviction and Conduct, pg.167.

HUMANISM & CHRIST

"Now Christ as a human personality is an enigma, but as a standard and pattern there is no doubt or obscurity about him: he is the archetype of unqualified submission and obedience to the will of God, the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. It is impossible to follow Christ on any other terms, and the humanist finds acceptance of such terms a violation of himself and his whole experience. His rejection of Christ is therefore categorical: he can do no other.

There is no supreme exemplar of humanist ethics, because, on humanist assumptions, there is no summum bonum, no chief end of all action, no far-off crowning event to which all things move and for which all things exist. Thus there are many patterns of good living, which can be exemplified, and none that is best or comprehensively or exhaustively good ..."

H. J. Blackham, Director of the
British Humanist Association.

The Humanist View of GOD

I am a Humanist

I believe that traditional dogmatic and authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species.

We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of the survival and fulfilment of the human race.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

Humanism and RELIGION

Traditional religions often offer solace to humans, but as often, they inhibit humans from helping themselves or experiencing their full potentialities. Too often traditional faiths encourage dependence rather than independence.

We can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species. While there is much we do now know, humans are responsible for what we are and will become. No diety will save us: we must save ourselves.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

The Humanist and THE FUTURE

Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns, from self-actualization, and from rectifying injustices.

Science affirms that the humans species is an emergence from natural evolutionary forces.

There is no credible evidence that life survives the death of the body. We continue to exist in our progeny and in the way that our lives have influenced others in our culture.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

Humanism and SCIENCE

Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments that humankind possesses. There is no substitute: neither faith nor passion suffices in itself. The controlled use of scientific methods, which have transformed the natural and social sciences since the Renaissance, must be extended further in the solution of human problems.

But reason must be tempered by humility, since no group has a monopoly of wisdom or virtue. Nor is there any guarantee that all problems can be solved or all questions answered.

Yet critical intelligence, infused by a sense of human caring is the best method that humanity has for resolving problems.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

Solving the World's PROBLEMS

"Unlimited shared responsibility for creating the conditions for all of a life worthy to be called human, a human providence, is the colossal undertaking to be shouldered by man without God.

Men face together the common problems of mankind, the classical evils of ignorance, poverty, and disease, the spectre of insecurity, the characteristic weaknesses of human beings, the population nightmare; on their side they have the arts and sciences and the vast resources of social co-operation."

H J Blackham—Humanist Association

Humanism and ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Children are being taught, with the best of motives, often by concerned and caring people, that it is up to *us* to save our world. The humanist approach is taken as axiomatic.

EXAMPLES

In the volume *The Greenhouse Effect* children are told: "it is vital to all of us that we fully understand the complex relationship between the atmosphere and the earth."

How Green are you? The title page invites children to "use the Friendly Whale's action plan to make the earth a better place for us all." On the back cover it asks, "Can you help to save the world?" Yes, you can, if you're 6 years old or more. You can save energy, protect wildlife, join in...etc". The book ends by saying "...now its up to you."

Humanism and SEXUALITY

In the area of sexuality, we believe that intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct. The right to birth control, abortion and divorce should be recognised.

While we do not approve of exploitive, degrading forms of sexual expression, neither do we wish to prohibit, by law or social sanction, sexual behaviour between consenting adults. The many varieties of sexual exploration should not in themselves be considered "evil".

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

The Humanist and AUTHORITY

As a humanist I am not coerced into sharing others beliefs. My thoughts and actions are not determined for me by some organisation or "authority".

Within Humanist Societies and groups, differences of opinion are expected and encouraged. We believe in gaining change through action rather than persuasion. The aim is that such action should be the result of reaching a consensus based on evidence, tolerance and open to the need for constant modification as the future unfolds.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

The Humanist and CIVIL LIBERTIES

To enhance freedom and dignity the individual must experience a full range of **civil liberties** in all societies. This includes freedom of speech and the press, political democracy, the legal right of opposition to governmental policies, fair judicial process, religious liberty, freedom of association, and artistic, scientific, and cultural freedom.

It also includes a recognition of an individual's right to die with dignity, euthanasia, and the right to suicide. We oppose the increasing invasion of privacy, by whatever means, in both totalitarian and Democratic societies.

We would safeguard, extend, and implement the principles of human freedom evolved from **Magna Carta** to the **Bill of Rights**, the **Rights of Man**, and the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights**.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

Humanists on DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

We are committed to an open and democratic society. We must extend participatory democracy in its true sense to the economy, the school, the family, the workplace, and voluntary associations. Decision-making must be decentralised to include widespread involvement of people at all levels — social, political, and economic.

All persons should have a voice in developing the values and goals that determine their lives. Institutions should be responsive to expressed desires and needs. The conditions of work, education, devotion and play should be humanised.

Alienating forces should be modified or eradicated and bureaucratic structures should be held to a minimum. People are more important than decalogues, rulers, prescriptions, or regulations.

The Humanist Manifesto (1973)

The churches have caved in to the humanist's hatred of fundamentalism - or what is a "Thus saith the Lord" approach. Note this incredible statement from the Anglican Archbishop of Adelaide.

Archbishop urges reason in Bible study

By NADINE WILLIAMS

Adelaide's Anglican Archbishop, Dr Ian George, has rejected the notion that the Bible was literally the word of God in his Synod 1994 pastoral address.

At the opening service for the annual diocesan synod at St Peter's Cathedral last Thursday night, he strongly criticised the fundamentalist approach to biblical interpretation.

The Bible was "in some way, the gift of God", he said.

And it was also the primary source of Judaeo-Christian tradition and recorded the purpose and meaning of God for life.

But Dr George said it was important to have the "best critical intelligence and contemporary information" was brought to bear on the scripture's text.

He said the fundamentalists held the view "God only speaks through scripture and has spoken once and for all".

"It gives little attention to intuition or the importance of seeing the role of the God-given intelligence in interpreting scripture," he said.

"True Anglicanism, I believe, is committed to a balance of reason, tradition and scripture. Fundamentalism leaves reason out."



IN THE CHURCHES

Church seen as 'out of touch'

The church is seen as out of touch and opposed to the good life by many young people, the Anglican Primate of Australia, Dr Keith Rayner, said in his Easter Sunday sermon yesterday.

Dr Rayner said worshippers at Melbourne's St Paul's Cathedral that Christmas sometimes became so obsessed with the things the church opposed, such as policies that caused unemployment and increased the gap between rich and poor, that they made the church seem distant and the gospel sound negative.

The positive and joyful nature of Easter offered a chance to correct such negativity, he said.

"To be honest, for many — probably the majority — of young people in Australia today, the image of the church and its message is quite negative," he said. "The church is seen to be out of touch, often in opposition to what is thought to be the good life."

"That image contrasts strongly with the picture the New Testament gives us of the early church."

"It was made up largely of young people, think how young Jesus was himself and his band of disciples. It was a revolutionary movement, not in any overt political sense, but in calling into question the underlying frame of thinking of the day."

Dr Rayner's warning came after the Victorian Premier, Mr Jeff Kennett, claimed last year that churches were losing followers faster than any other organisation. "Their flock has flown; they are not there," the Premier said.

His comments were a low point in a year of poor relations between the churches and Mr Kennett over issues such as poverty and the "indio culture", themes Dr Rayner continued yesterday when he denounced church opposition to policies increasing poverty.

Dr Rayner, the leader of the Anglican



Dr Rayner: the image of the church can be "quite negative".

Church of Australia, compared the church to a contemporary conservation movement: saying "yes" to a positive way of life also involved saying "no" to what destroyed that way of life.

For instance, it opposed materialism, which saw everything in terms of money and profit, because it believed in the importance of things spiritual.

Also, it opposed policies that fostered unemployment and led to a growing gap between rich and poor, because it saw all people as children of God.

It opposed sexual exploitation, pornography and promiscuity. They cheapened sex, but the church recognised human dignity and the beauty and purpose of sexuality.

"Because we believe in God's special concern for the weak and disadvantaged, we have to be negative towards systems which exploit the poor and minority groups in favor of the rich and powerful," Dr Rayner said.



4. RULERS FROM THE GRAVE

A) *Seven Rulers From the Grave*

Seven Men Who Rule the World from the Grave



This book written by Dave Breese, published by Moody Press, is available from religious book shops. It examines the influence of seven men who were particularly successful in changing societies' values. All of these men had one thing in common - they preached fine sounding values but were mostly all morally bankrupt.

Those men who today rule from their graves certainly do not do so because they presented great truths, impeccable arguments, or unfalsifiable syllogisms. Rather, the first explanation for their influence is that they gave people an excuse to be what they truly are.

- BIOLOGICAL SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST
- NATURAL SELECTION-EVOLUTION



A second reason for the success of the ideologists of the past is that they perceived and responded to the current forces of their history. In the days of Darwin people were looking for new layers of insulation between themselves and God. The spirit of the age was bent toward the Enlightenment, and therefore the sacred was offered on the altar of the secular.

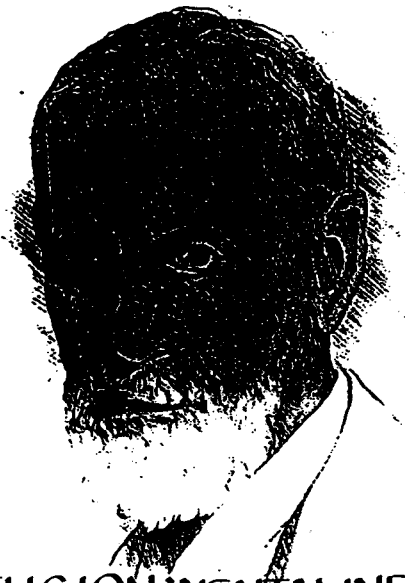
DARWIN

- Undermined religion
- Society is always improving
- Laws of this world - not of God

- MINIMAL DIVINE INVOLVEMENT
- SECULARISATION OF SOCIETY
- SOCIAL DARWINISM - SOCIETY MOVING UPWARD

SIGMUND FREUD

- JEWISH PSYCHOANALYST



Let us also suggest that the success of these ideas occurred because of the absence of a timely and forceful rebuttal. On a thousand occasions in history, a foolish idea has prevailed because, figuratively speaking, no one stood up to say that the emperor had no clothes. †

FREUD

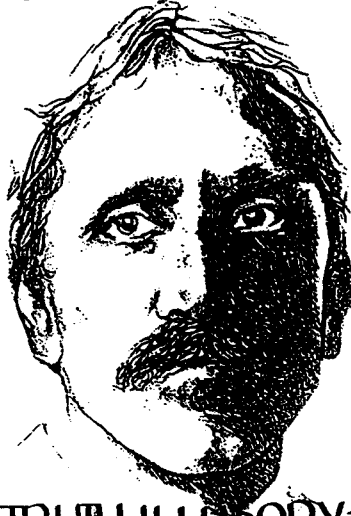
- Your past is the reason for behaviour
- Your ego must be tapped
- Highly permissive life

- RELIGION: MENTAL INFANTILISM
- PRESENTED A BASE OF HUMAN MOTIVATION
- AN UNDERLYING CONTRIBUTION TO THE PERMISSIVE SOCIETY
- OPPOSITION TO FREUD - A SIGN OF INSANITY (CP. SOVIETS)

JOHN DEWEY

B. 1859

PHILOSOPHER AND EDUCATOR



When speaking about any form of religion, Dewey again and again inveighed against religion's hardening itself into dogma. Being dogmatic about anything was anathema to Dewey. Especially was this true with regard to anything having to do with religion.

For him, nothing was constant, given, or finally true, rather all things were pragmatic, adaptable, and subject to whatever reinterpretation seemed appropriate for the day and hour.

DEWEY

- No absolute truth
- State is responsible to educate

- FINAL TRUTH ILLEGIBLY CONCERN OURSELVES WITH MEANING
- DE-EMPHASIZED THE 3R'S
- SOCIAL CHANGE THROUGH SCHOOLS
- RELIGION MUST RECOGNISE THE SPIRITUAL IMPORT OF SCIENCE AND DEMOCRACY
- NOTHING IS OBJECTIVELY TRUE OR VALUABLE

KARL MARX

DEVELOPED AND ADVOCATED THE NOTION OF MODERN COMMUNISM



MARX

- Man can solve problems

- COMMUNISM THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE
- COMMUNISM THE STABLE SOLUTION TO THE POLITICAL TURMOIL OF HISTORY
- NO GOD
- ECONOMIC SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST
- PERSONAL POSSESSIONS THE GREATEST EVIL

GERMAN RATIONALIST THEOLOGIAN



- BIBLE COULD NOT BE TRUSTED
- BIBLE A SUBLIME COLLECTION OF HUMAN DOCUMENTS
- HIGHER CRITICISM OF O.T
- RELIGIOUS LIBERALISM

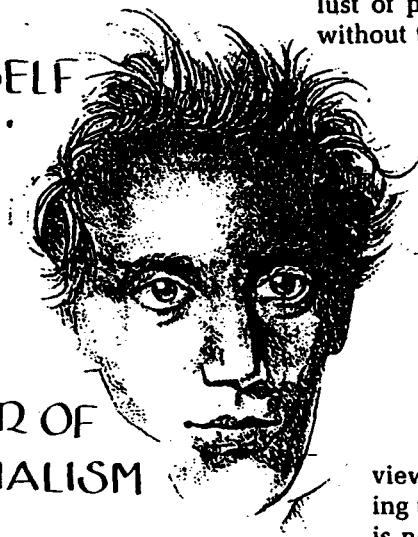
SØREN KIERKGAARD

B. 1813

"I CONCEIVED IT AS MY TASK TO
CREATE DIFFICULTIES EVERYWHERE"

• FIND YOURSELF
MENTALITY'

• SUPPORTER OF
EXISTENTIALISM



The existentialists have done the same, pandering to the lust of people, preaching to them the doctrine of fornication without tears. **KIERKGAARD**

- Existentialism - "man is free and responsible for his behaviour"
- Never worked in his life
- Question everything
- Challenge values by exceptions

Existentialism is different. It is not simply another point of view but rather is a denial of all points of view. Far from redefining truth, existentialism announces that there is no truth. There is neither final truth nor intermediate truth. There is only this one moment, without causes and without consequences.

But there is an astonishing thing about existentialism. While composed minds would agree that it is a form of insanity, it has become the most pervasive philosophy of our time. There is virtually no philosophy department in any major university in Western civilization that is not built on an existentialist base. There are few college students among the millions on university campuses who have not been infected by the permissiveness and the poison of existentialism.

and produced a colossal change within the church by presenting to the Christian community a new, and he would say better, way of understanding the Bible.

Before Wellhausen came on the scene the Bible was generally accepted as the revealed, true, and inerrant Word of God. Christians everywhere believed that all of Scripture was given by inspiration of God; it was breathed by the Lord Himself and was therefore totally dependable and useful for all matters of doctrine, reproof, correction, and instruction in righteousness. In the Bible we had a book we could trust. Man's reason may be incorrect at certain points, but the Bible was infallible.

Wellhausen, along with other German rationalist theologians, turned all of that around. He held instead that human reason was totally dependable and insisted that it was the Bible that could not seriously be trusted. He presented the idea that the Bible, far from being the Word of God, was in fact a sublime collection of human documents.

WELLHAUSEN

- Father of higher critics
- Religion must move with the times
- Undermined Bible

•ECONOMIST
•HIS THEORY CURED GREAT DEPRESSION



Keynesian economics preaches the doctrine that the government is the final resource. It can answer every problem; it can create something out of nothing, namely, prosperity. What can this mean except that the government is God?

The government is God! That is Keynesian economics.

The idea that the government can do it all was the unspoken concept behind Keynesian economics. That assumption allowed Keynes to produce immediately satisfying, short-term solutions. Someone is reported to have asked Keynes, "Yes, this appears to work in the short term, but what about the long-term consequences?" Keynes's famous answer was, "In the long term, we are all dead."

- GOVERNMENT SPENDING TO BE THE GOLDEN PANACEA
 - GOVERNMENT SHOULD SPEND, CREATE JOBS - BORROW MONEY IF NECESSARY TO DO IT.
 - THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALL THE ANSWERS - EXPECTATION
 - THEORY WORKED IN SHORT TERM (LONG TERM - ALL DEAD)
 - STAGGERING NATIONAL DEBT
- KEYNES

- Government takes all responsibility
- Keep borrowing

These ideas have taken root in the last 100 years because they are attractive to the flesh.

The seven in this book ruled the world more permanently because they and their ideas became gods of the mind rather than masters of real estate. For them, the battle for the minds of men was the ultimate thing.

Their ideas, and successive corruptions of those ideas, have been taught in our schools, promoted in the media, and preached from our pulpits to the point that they are now largely unquestioned and unrefuted, having become the conventional wisdom.

So diverse have become the basic ideas about life that the notion has emerged that there is no final idea, no absolute truth. Our generation is beset with this notion of the absence of finality. "Who is to say who is right?" is the question of dismissal in many a conversation.

What can we do ?

- Prepare! Don't despair!
- Look at our *own* lives
- Provide loving, Godly home environment
- Don't accept world's values in our homes
- Teach children to love God & His Word

What can we do ?

- Read the Word of God *everyday*
- Involve ourselves & our families in the ecclesia
- Talk *with* our children
 - show interest
 - listen
 - instruct
- Don't dodge issues!
- Pray

What can we do ?

- Be aware of what is happening at school
- Prepare our children for environment at school
- High School
 - care with subject choices
 - prioritise, balance time

Living as Children of Light

"So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. "They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. "Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.

EPHESIANS 4 (NIV)

FABIAN SOCIALISM

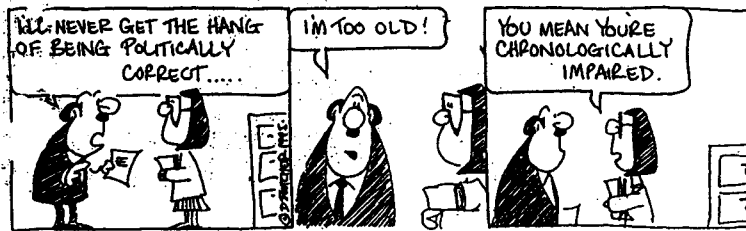
- Named after Quintus Fabius Maximus Verrucosus. He being called 'Cunctator', (Lat., = delayer). The Fabian Society was founded in 1884 - adopting the tactics of Fabius who was famous for elusive gradual tactics securing victory over superior forces. He avoided head on confrontation but worked on the principle of gradualness.
- "Children want a right to sexual freedom and education, and protection from the influence of Christianity."
(Sen. Gareth Evans, 1976)
- "My party is committed to the international humanist values of the U.N.O. ..."
(Sen. Gareth Evans
Evatt Memorial Lecture, 1985)
- "...the classic concept of Fabianism, the inevitability of gradualness, ... represents an unchanging truth and a fixed principle of the Labour Party. I gladly acknowledge the debt my Government owes to Fabianism."

(Bob Hawke, 1984)

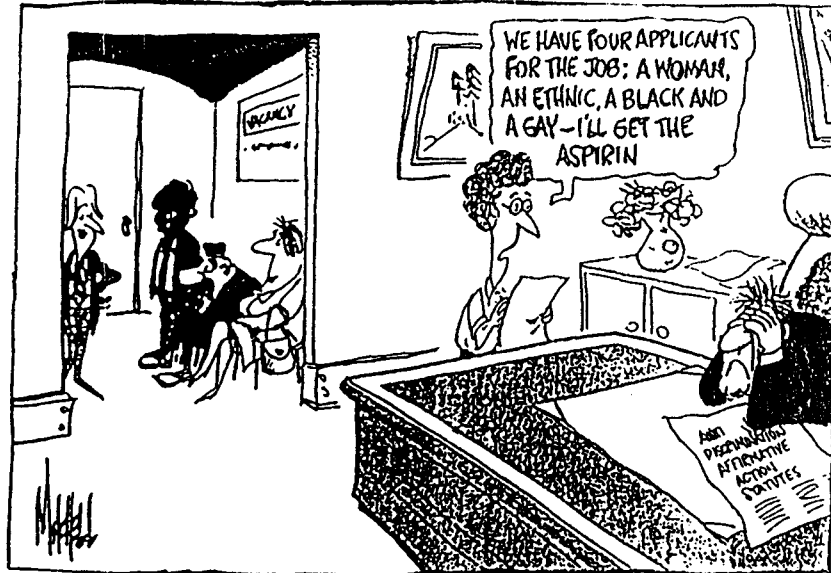
D) Political Correctness

All levels of government and business are now impacted by the regulation of humanistic concepts. All terms deemed to be discriminating or demeaning are banned and replaced by euphemisms.

The Politician



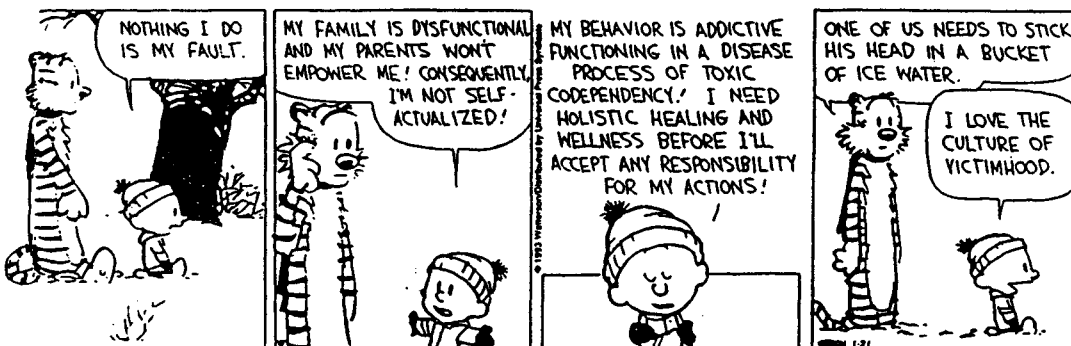
Recruitment laws enshrine the rights of all people on an equal basis, regardless of moral values.



E) Victim Culture

The push for equality, rights and freedom has created a victim culture. People do not take responsibility for their own actions.

Calvin and Hobbes



C) Impact on Society Values

The world has accepted 'tolerance' as the greatest value, not obedience to God. Even religious intolerance is declining.

Intolerance of religions 'declining'

By CHARLES MIRANDA
in Canberra

Australians are becoming more tolerant of religious minorities with the nation now one of the most religiously plural in the world, according to a new study.

And while Catholics are more accepted than ever before, Jehovah Witnesses are the least accepted of the eight religious groups studied.

The study, *Religious Tolerance in Australia*, released yesterday shows Australians were more positive toward

people from ethnic religious groups. This "understanding" has particularly been growing since the Gulf War and events in Bosnia.

About 75 per cent of Australians believed it was "very important" that no one should be disadvantaged because of race while only 4 per cent considered it to be unimportant.

According to the report, the popularity of Catholics has grown considerably, particularly since the 1960s, with the end of the mistreatment of Catholics by the Protestant establishment.

Almost 80 per cent of respondents said they would accept a Catholic as a family member followed by Orthodox, born-again Christians, Jew, Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim and Jehovah Witness.

About 17 per cent of respondents said Jehovahs were "unwelcome".

The study was commissioned by the World Conference on Religion and Peace and was based on a change of attitude since a national 1988 survey.

The Ethnic Affairs Minister, Senator Bolte, said he was pleased to see a much higher level of religious tolerance than found in 1988.

"One of the consequences of Australia's 50 years of planned post-war migration is that we are now one of the most religiously plural societies in the world," Senator Bolte said.

But there was still work to be done - and "last week's attack on Jewish grave sites is a stark reminder of that".

Killer driver loses appeals

A man who overrode a stolen car to strike a cyclist in western Sydney lost appeals yesterday against his 17-year conviction and 17-year minimum sentence.

David Colin Winner was found guilty in the New South Wales Supreme Court in November, 1982, of murder. The Court of Criminal Appeal unanimously dismissed his appeal against conviction and, in a majority decision, rejected his appeal against the severity of sentence.

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Gay seminar delegates on full pay

By PHILLIP COOREY

A group of public servants will discuss gay and lesbian issues and de facto relationships at a seminar this month - on full pay.

Organised by the Public Service Association and the Community and Public Sector Union, the seminar has been described as a "blatant political exercise".

Liberal MLC Mr Angus Redford said yesterday it had nothing to do with workplace safety or improving industrial relations.

Mr Redford has called on the Premier, Mr Brown, to investigate the need for having the seminar, at the PSA/CPU headquarters in Pirie St, on August 21.

He said that in 1985 the Federated Clerks Union argued in the Industrial Commission for awards to allow days off to attend training courses on occupational health and safety issues.

"The decision to grant the award... made it clear the leave was to be for genuine purposes only - associated with improving industrial relations and productivity in the workplace be-

New church mission 'symbol of tolerance'

Religion

A new inter-church mission was hailed by the Governor-General, Sir William Deane, yesterday as a symbol of the tolerance and co-operation that characterise Australia.

In an obvious reference to the race debate, Sir William said that to defy the tolerant attitude of our multicultural society is to defy "the essence of our nation".

He was opening the Seaford Ecumenical Mission, a joint initiative of five churches and the Noarlunga Health Service, aimed at meeting the worship and health needs of the rapidly growing Seaford area.

The \$2 million mission was built with a combination of church and government funds and is the first centre of its kind in Australia and one of the first in the world.

In his keynote address, Sir William said the centre, which features worship spaces for the Uniting, Anglican, Catholic, Church of Christ and Lutheran churches, was testimony to the increasing co-operation between Christians at these times.



Nick Smart

speeches from an elder of the Kaurna people, Georgina Williams, and the Premier, Mr Brown.

The Premier paid tribute to the director of the mission, the Reverend Dr Tom Atherton, for his efforts in establishing the centre.

"The eyes of the churches of Australia and indeed the eyes of the churches of the world are on this project," he said.

After the opening ceremony, a religious service was conducted featuring clergy from the mission and the building was blessed by the heads of the churches involved.

Churches to be united in health centre



Effort: Reverends Trevor Keller (Lutheran), left, Rick Sercombe (Church of Christ), Bernice Elford (Uniting), Roy Richardson (Cath-

B) The Impact on the Church

Unable to resist the tide of humanism the church has tried to please the modern world.

Look at these examples of capitulation:

A thoroughly modern God

By CHARLES LAURENCE
in New York

Sexism, racism and any sense of offence to left-handed people have been removed from a politically correct version of the Bible about to be released worldwide.

In the Oxford University Press edition, God loses His gender to become "Our Father-Mother in heaven", while the Son of Man becomes "the human one".

The publishers say *The New Testament and the Psalms: An Inclusive Version* is designed to "respond to the new climate of language".

It deletes references to "the right hand of God" to avoid stigmatising the left-handed, avoids equating "darkness" with evil out of racial sensitivity and removes all references to Jews as the killers of Christ.

The 23rd Psalm no longer begins "The Lord is my shepherd", because the word lord implies old-fashioned and inappropriate social status.

Instead, the line has been changed to "God is my shepherd".

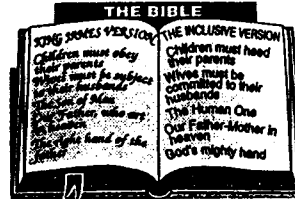
The word "he" has also been studiously removed from the psalm, because it is a sexist word.

Children should now "heed" their parents rather than "obey" them, while wives will be "committed" to their husbands rather than "subject" to them.

South Australian churches contacted yesterday would not comment on the new version until they had seen it.

The Catholic Archbishop, the Most Reverend Leonard Faulkner, said it was not natural for the Bible to evolve.

Terms like "leper", "slave" and "the blind" have also been modified in the new version because they are held to "dehumanise" the sufferer. But the team of six editors and translators stopped short of the term "differently abled", in favor of referring to "the person who



has leprosy". Mr Mark Trauber, of the firm's marketing department for Bibles, said: "We wanted to name them first as a person."

"We are not thinking of this as a politically correct Bible: it is a scholarly adaptation responding to a need within the religious community and also the climate of language."

"The God language is a metaphor. The editors believe that God is a spirit."

The new Bible will be released in Australia on September 25 and will retail for \$27.95.

Church leader's outburst

Anti-gays 'spitting on Christ'

By KYLIE HANSEN
in Melbourne

Homosexuals must be accepted into the church and those who reject them are "spitting on Christ", according to a high-ranking Uniting Church figure.

And he also has spoken out against sexual abuse by clergy.

In a passionate plea, the church's Victorian moderator, the Reverend Dr Warren Bartlett, urged the State synod yesterday to embrace gay and lesbian parishioners.

"Any congregation or church member refusing to welcome a known homosexual person into the company of those who seek to follow Christ is doing what Pilate's soldiers did at the crucifixion - they are spitting on Christ," he said.

His comments have received tacit support from the Uniting Church in South Australia.

Dr Bartlett said the question of whether the Victorian synod would approve the ordination of homosexuals would be "on the agenda" of the Uniting Church's national synod in 1997.

While refusing to support homosexual ordination, Dr Bartlett condemned

Uniting Church leaders who prevented homosexuals from being involved in congregations.

"I have heard of a lay leader in one of our congregations who is alleged to have said that all gays should be lined up against a wall and shot," he said.

"If true, it is a shocking statement which is on a par with the ways in which Nazis treated homosexuals in the Third Reich."

Dr Bartlett also said it was no longer possible for the church to dictate the rules of sexual conduct. He said sexual behavior was now a more personal decision and that marriage was not always the best alternative.

"Marriage is so often the scene of terrible violence and oppression, as all counsellors know," he said.

In a wide-ranging speech, he also warned sexual abuse of parishioners by clergy had the potential - through associated litigation - to financially cripple churches.

"It is astounding that some male ministers can delude themselves into believing that engaging in genital behavior or other forms of sexualized behavior - such as mouth-to-mouth kissing or intrusive hugging with a parishioner - is a legitimate expression of pastoral care," Dr Bartlett said.

He also defended the Uniting Church's recent pro-active political campaigns, acknowledging its stance had divided congregations and caused some followers to abandon the church.

"But we have also gained people - people who are sleepers within the life of the church have been awakened and come back and said you are talking our kind of language," Dr Bartlett said.

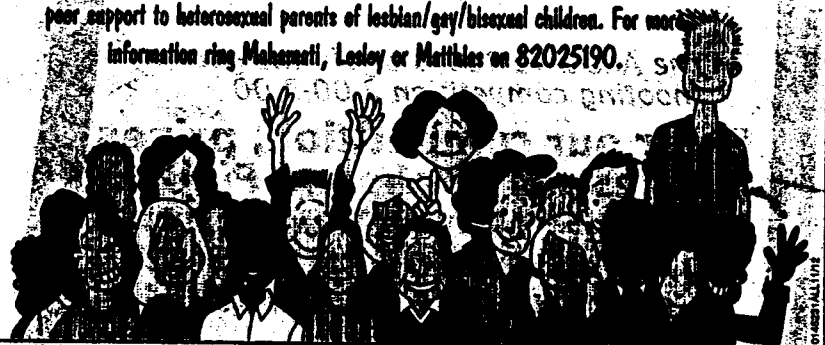
In Adelaide, the State moderator of the Uniting Church, the Reverend Dr Dean Brooker, said SA's current position was that "we seek to minister to all kinds of people".

"We want to reach out in love and care to those of a homosexual inclination," he said.

Are you the PROUD parent of a GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL child?

Not all parents cope well with the "coming out" of their child. It helps to talk things over with other parents who are dealing with a similar situation - could you be one of them?

The Adelaide Central Mission's Befriend Project is looking for volunteers to offer peer support to heterosexual parents of lesbian/gay/bisexual children. For more information ring Maheswari, Lesley or Matthews on 82025190.



Guns seized after

domestic dispute

A cache of five rifles and a handgun was seized by police yesterday after a violent domestic dispute at a farmhouse near Tallinn Bend.

A man, 49, was arrested after giving himself up to police at the farmhouse, 6km east of Tallinn Bend, at 2.40pm.

His wife, 44, escaped from the farmhouse about 12.44.

Rex Jory



Resist the moral revival

I FEAR Australia is being swept up in some sort of moral revival. I choose the words "I fear" quite deliberately. Subtle pressures are mounting for a tougher, more conservative approach to issues involving sex, gambling, drinking, race, personal protection, television programs and criminal punishment.

At the risk of offending the revivalists, I believe this is an evil and destructive trend. It must be resisted. As the road signs say: Wrong Way. Go Back.

Moral revival leads inevitably to the removal of personal liberties. It means a return to unjust and inappropriate community retribution against people the moral crusaders regard as offensive.

Some random examples.

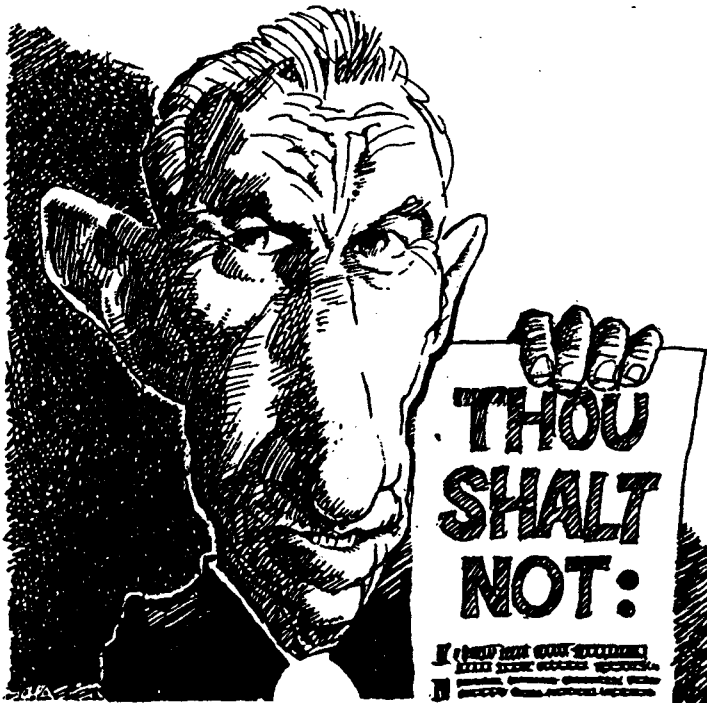
Network Ten this week scrapped its soft-porn infotainment program *Sex/Life* following persistent complaints from Tasmanian Independent senator and morals campaigner Brian Harradine.

I've never watched a full program of *Sex/Life* but from the little I have seen it was harmless enough and possibly helped people with relationship or health problems.

For 25 years, *The Advertiser* has published a Family Forum column which deals bluntly and factually with a range of personal and relationship problems.

Family Forum is written by a panel of experts in a variety of medical and social areas. Many queries are answered privately but a selection receive replies in a discreet question and answer column.

One recently published reply dealt unemotionally with a sexual problem and we received letters criticising *The Advertiser* for publishing such "filth". We do not



intend censoring Family Forum to protect the minority but that was the intent of the criticism.

In Queensland, there is a move for a referendum on the return of capital punishment. I'll bet a similar referendum in South Australia would be approved.

Yet capital punishment is a barbaric and obnoxious community response to crime. If society supports capital punishment, it diminishes the value of life.

There is a growing community acceptance of people being allowed to use violence, including guns, to protect their family and property. As a last resort, I probably agree, but we are encouraging

an American-style society where the rule is shoot first and ask questions later.

There has been an almost irrational community backlash against gambling, particularly poker machines. Gambling is a personal decision.

Why should one group of people who choose not to gamble impose their will on the people who like to have a flutter?

The moral crusaders, having effectively exiled smokers to laneways and public toilets, are now turning their attention to alcohol and fast foods.

Already in the United States, wine labels are festooned with

warnings about the vile impact of alcohol. Fast foods are being hounded because of their limited nutritional value, high fat and salt content and the byproduct of litter.

Beer and wine drinking and fast foods are fundamentals of our culture but brace yourself, the same thing will happen here.

The decision to refuse visa applications from Indonesian travellers demonstrates a bureaucratic racial paranoia. Racism in Australia is so close to the surface you can touch it without getting your fingers wet.

But these are only a few random and recent examples of the moralist revival.

We are seeing a return of racial jokes, not Pauline Hanson jokes. We are hearing a mounting rumble of resentment about homosexuals.

THIS rise of public intolerance towards people and activities which do not conform to the strictest moral criteria is alarming.

People should have the broadest range of choice about what they do. Provided their activities do not directly impinge on other people, let them be.

If this unhealthy trend giving moral crusaders too much influence continues, people's fundamental rights will be eroded. Crackdowns on moral activities inevitably mean police intrusion into the lives of law-abiding citizens. You quickly end up with a frightened and harassed community.

Within the broadest parameters of the law, let people be free.

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Teaching Math in 1950:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1960:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is 4/5 of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

Teaching Math in 1980:

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. Her cost of production is \$80 and her profit is \$20. Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

Teaching Math in 1990: *NON SENSE*

By cutting down beautiful forest trees, the logger makes \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living? Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the forest birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down the trees? There are no wrong answers.

is an appropriate
Mr Gates to contemplate
rules which he believes
students are not taught at school.
The rules were included in his
new book, *Business @ The Speed
of Thought*.
Mr Gates says these are the

rules students do not learn at high school or college, but should. He argues that today's feel-good, politically correct teachings have created a generation of kids with no concept of reality and who are set up for failure in the real world.

His 11 rules are:

1. Life is not fair: get used to it.
 2. The world won't care about your self-esteem. The world will expect you to accomplish something before you feel good about yourself.
 3. You will not make \$40,000 a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice-president with a car phone until you earn it.
 4. If you think your teacher is tough, wait 'til you get a boss. Bosses don't have tenure.
 5. Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger-flipping. They called it opportunity.
 6. If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes - learn from them.
 7. Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rainforest from the parasites of your parents' generation, try delousing the clothing in your room.
 8. Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades; they will let you try as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to anything in real life.
 9. Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that in your own time.
 10. Television is not real life. In real life, people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to their jobs.
 11. Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.
- Perhaps Mr Gates forgot rule 12. If you are going to ignore America's anti-trust laws, don't get caught.