

PUNISHMENT MUST HURT. NATURE TELLS US SO.

Let us all, from five to ninety five years old, think of our hands - complete with fingers and thumbs - a really vital part of our body. We can hammer in nails, chop down trees, stoke up a furnace and dice garlic with a sharp knife to spice up the rice. There are a million other things our hands do, consciously or unconsciously, on our behalf during the course of our lives.

Most of us, even in old age, will luckily still have undamaged hands that function properly which, when you consider how close our hands have been to danger all those years, is a miracle. Or is it simply good planning by nature?

How is it possible that our hands and dangling fingers have not been damaged by slamming car doors, chain saws, boiling water and sharp knives?

The answer is simple - PAIN - nature's simple way of preserving the body it has created.

Although our parents always tell us the 'do' and 'don'ts' of life, much more effective is 'once hurt, twice shy'. In other words, once your fingers have been scalded,

you suffer so much pain that you make very sure they are kept well away from boiling water for life!

Nature has put nerves in our bodies which cause us pain with the express purpose of helping our bodies survive. If we did not have pain we would be very careless with our hands, which would then be damaged - and without the use of our hands, our bodies will die.

Pain is a big part of nature that has helped all animals to survive and, when human societies began to form, the same principle was used to help those societies survive. We all know that for numbers of people to live together with a reasonable degree of order and safety, there have to be certain rules to tell you what you can and cannot do. If you disobeyed these rules you were punished 'with pain', and you probably did not disobey again.

Punishment with pain is naturally derived and therefore the best way of controlling human societies. It has evolved over many thousands of years and has been mainly responsible for bringing mankind to a civilised state, allowing great numbers of people to live together in towns with some degree of order.

That is until the last pinprick of time - roughly the last fifty years or so - when man, as he has done several times in the past, thinks he can do better than nature - and falls flat on his face.

For what our liberal and social politicians have done is to conduct the most enormously expensive surgical operation on our hands. They have had the audacity and stupidity to challenge nature herself. They have told nature that pain 'is not a good idea', and are therefore operating on our hands to remove the nerves - because suffering pain is an affront to the 'individual rights' of people in a civilised society!!

But our dear politicians cannot see beyond their noses for, in taking away pain, they are taking away the one thing that over thousands of years has caused societies to be civilised. Civilised societies are not grown on trees. They take thousands of years to evolve, and to develop the basic codes of behaviour or manners - conscious or unconscious - which form the invisible fabric that holds society together.

By taking pain out of punishment, you are taking away one of the cornerstones on which successful civilised societies have grown.

And look at the cost of this operation - to remove pain from society. It is both astronomical and counter-productive.

Let's just take one tiny part of it - how we deal with truant children. Because the old world practice of 'spare the rod and spoil the child' is passé, we now have

government schemes to re-educate parents, government money to cover counselling sessions with police, social workers, education officers, probation officers and all. And after all of this, at the end of the day, you still will have a thoroughly spoilt and bad mannered youth who wouldn't survive two weeks in the real world.

In a nutshell, what the liberal politicians have done over the last fifty years is to pass the 'real message' to society that people can act in an uncivilised way because, no matter what they do, they will not be properly punished. The surgeon has taken the nerves out of our hands so that we can play with fire and not be hurt. And that is the beginning of the end.

For as we know, if the hands lose their function, then the body will die. What should be equally obvious is that if you take pain out of punishment you are accelerating the breakdown of civilised behaviour, and societies will die.

Natural laws have been built up over many thousands of years based on natural human nature. By turning these laws upside down over the last fifty years, the liberal politicians will cause the beginning of the end of normal civilised behaviour. For, without the fear of pain to guard against bad manners, societies will not survive.