

SOME FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR OUR LEADERS.....from an old man.....

Dear.... President.... Prime Minister....

How does a mouse that wants to roar make the most important leaders in the world, listen.

Simple. A bit of fear.

1. Remind these leaders that they themselves have a higher authority to look up to. For they are now personally responsible not only to Man but to God. And if you don't like the word god, what about 5 billion years' worth of creation on earth or the whole of nature, or 'all' life on earth.

Your responsibility has increased because your power has increased. Specifically, 'the bomb'. The modern tools of warfare no longer affect Man alone. They will wipe out the natural environment that has given us, and all living things, the miracle of life on our "one and only" living planet earth.

This you should know already. You also know that fighting is in our DNA. Ever since the beginning of civilised time we have witnessed brother killing brother, tribe killing tribe and nations killing other nations. We know that when survival is at stake our animal survival instincts will always overpower even the strongest codes of civilised human conduct. We cannot change the way we are made.

We also know, because of our natural make up, that 'human error' is constantly with us....(caramba.....think of how many errors I make in one game of chess..!)...and when you combine one other (political) kind of human error with one bomb, you can now do more damage to our blue planet than all the armies of all the world since the beginning of time.

The enormity of the gap between the 'bad' of one single "human being" error against all the "good" of the living planet we humans have been blessed with, is hard to think about.

So, I am sure the top and immediate priority today for you world leaders is to make sure no bomb is thrown. And as we know the bomb is only thrown when we fight each other, we know we have to stop the fighting. So how do we stop something that nature put in our DNA and we have been doing since the beginning of time.

Simple. We have to make a change that is equally draconian.

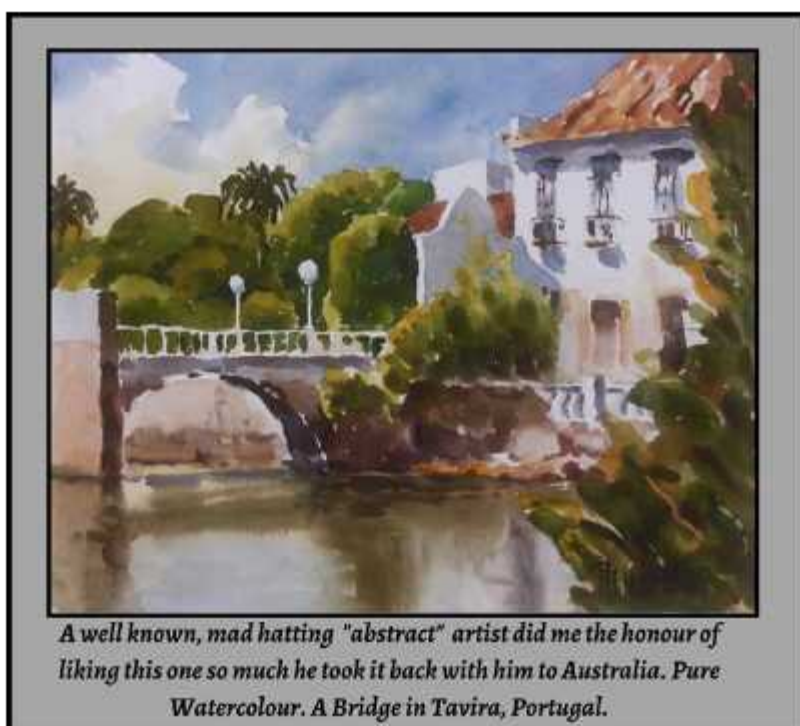
2. We have to do something that has never happened before. We have to get rid of our neighbours, because they are the ones we traditionally fight with. And in this modern age our 'neighbours' can exist way beyond that. So, to make them all disappear, we have to change the long history of Sovereign Nation States. All States will become neutral. Just like Switzerland. Which, if you think about it, will be no bad thing. Because over the centuries we have witnessed many individual leaders using their own countries as a tool to satisfy their own egos and lead their countries towards power and glory or death and destruction. Which again, we are now

realising, should never be allowed to happen, because, even if you win, you know you can now only lose.....because, with the bomb, our innocent bystander, the pitch, on which we all play our game of life, will also suffer death and destruction.

In order to make our neighbours disappear the big 4 power blocks have to get together. (...**just have a little think about what 4 good and sensible human beings could do for our planet....!!..**). And with other responsible nations and leaders, form one 'top table' that will have the power and authority to bring a bit of order and sensible discipline (a word everybody seems to hate today!) back into the totally confused and dangerous world we live in today. It will be like one sensible and strong head master being called back to bring peace and order into a prep school that has had a period of OTT freedom, which allowed all the pupils to become unruly and want their own selfish ways.



View from my Bathroom window, in Dedham.



A well known, mad hatting "abstract" artist did me the honour of liking this one so much he took it back with him to Australia. Pure Watercolour. A Bridge in Tavira, Portugal.



Dedham Church from Manningtree Road.

Think of the benefits...no more threat of major nuclear (end of world) warfare, no more proxy wars, no more neighbourly territorial squabbles, no more terrorism, no more unnatural mass migration, no more rogue states, no more religious wars, no more burning of forests, no more poaching and killing of wildlife.....

.....all possible with one responsible and strong "Headmaster" and/or one top table of responsible leaders. Whose main ruling guidelines will be, for the first time, what is beneficial for the environment, rather than what is good for Man. It can only be done successfully by "one unified source of power", that wields one very big stick. This has to happen, however draconian it appears, and it has to happen now. You can say that God has told us to do it, via his Creation, commonly known as our environment. For our environment, which includes our climate, has told us quite clearly that mankind is now in its 'last chance saloon', and our god given human rational brain has at last got that message loud and clear. So, we now know we must act....and why not right now.... everything else is going 'global' and we know one source of power or command can very easily reach into every single living room right around the world.

Let us treat this (late coming) revelation like an exciting new invention.... we know it is needed and will be beneficial, but how on earth do we put it into

practice.....?.....well, the following might help.....

3. The bonfire of the ISMS.....let us clear the air of all the various 'systems' that "oh so clever Man" has thought up over the last pinprick of civilised time...which may have seemed good for Man in the eyes of Man, but have not proved any good for Man in the eyes of God/and/or 'the greater common good'.

From the totally nihilistic communistic totalitarianism on the one side, which totally shut down 'life' (why bother to be born), to the total OTT freedom and democracy on the other side, which plays straight into the hands of those very strong animal instincts we all carry around of greed, selfishness, lust and aggression. The very things that civilised societies try to suppress.!

Ok you clever dick Mr. Mouse, you tell us what's the best system.

Well, why not go all the way back to the beginning and see how the human body 'naturally' acted. And then note very clearly how it (the body) had to be guided and restrained by some early sensible and good words from God, or simple laws of restraint, in order for human communities to get off the ground, prosper, and get us to where we are today.

That knowledge of the past is all we need to know to guide us into the future. Because as young Youval said, we are the same animals now as we were in the Stone Age. That knowledge of the past will work just as well today. It takes us straight into the fundamental **equation of civilisation**. The equation that balances '**the body**' against '**the soul**'.

The body has its own equation, which is all to do with winning against losing. We are all made and programmed to win because that is how we survive. And it is the using of all our abilities to the utmost that, win or lose, gives us "the meaning of life". The natural body is fulfilling the life it was naturally made for.

But, winning at all costs would mean humans exploiting humans to extinction, so that is why, in the very early days, the equation of the body had to be counterbalanced by the equation of the soul, which was all about goodness versus badness. The good and sensible words of god had to come along and introduce the rule book of restraint, backed by punishment, to discourage badness, as well as the good and sensible words encouraging Man to love his neighbour, to help promote goodness and honour.

So, all my young leaders, if you are looking for a simple, sensible and sustainable template to govern the actions of mankind on earth, you already have one. The Ancient Greeks (who else?) realised this first with their two main philosophies. "Arete", encouraging everybody to maximise their own virtues and talents, to win and gain full meaning out of their lives. Which had to be achieved within "Philotimo", or the rule book of the soul, which was all to do with restraint, goodness and honour for the sake of others. If you lost your honour, you lost everything. The only addition needed for modern times is to add the needs of the environment onto "the rule book of the soul".

A recap.....



Boats & Ropes



Old Barges at St. Osephs

(a).....the body...what is the NO.1 priority for anyone lucky enough to be blessed with 'the miracle of life on earth'...?....answer.....to achieve full meaning out of that life. (a fact that has been very much forgotten in modern times...!)

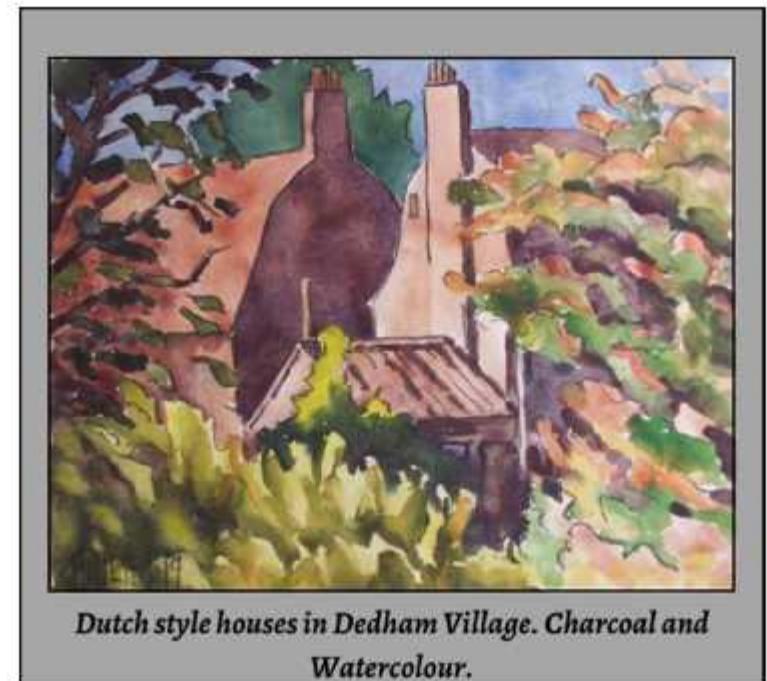
To get that meaning of life you have to join 'the game of life', otherwise known as the free enterprise system which has been with mankind ever since he took his first steps on earth. We are both joined at the hip. For in the 'game' you can use all your abilities and energies to the fullest to try and win, (acting in a way your natural body meant you to act) and move up your ladder of life, (and in doing so, guarantee the survival of the fittest). But even if you lose you still have achieved all the fulfilment of life you can. You have not sat on the bench in safety, boredom and frustration relying on other people to help you survive. The steam has been let out of the kettle and you are physically and spiritually content.

(b).....the soul.....this is the rule book that determines how the game is played....in days gone by it was mainly to do with the relationship of Man with Man.....good morality was all to do with being good mannered and restrained towards your fellow human

being. The environment wasn't even invented.! Only just yesterday we have woken up to the very important fact that we must be even more restrained and kind towards our environment, otherwise our good manners to our fellow humans will mean absolutely nothing. Because no one will be around anymore. And it will all have been our own fault. Try going to sleep with that on your mind.

(c).....and it is the interbalance between the two equations (Body v. Soul) at any one time that determines whether or not human civilisation and the environment will be sustainable.....as explained in my letter No. 9 to all the C of E and RC bishops.....

If you understand the common sense of what is written above (which involves nothing more than 'not' being in denial of our own bodies), then it will be much easier to put the two current, good looking and fashionable, but false and selfish gods of our time, freedom and democracy, under the microscope. To see if they are really worth all the limitless worshipping they are getting today....!?...**because these two gods are causing all the squabbling between the major power blocks in our world right now**.....and that is 'the immediate and critical' problem we have to solve....to stop the fighting.....



Dutch style houses in Dedham Village. Charcoal and Watercolour.

4. FREEDOM....how much is really needed.....???... from what we have said above, we know that we only need enough freedom to attain the main objective in life after being born. Which is to attain the true meaning out of our own life on earth. Letting the steam out of the

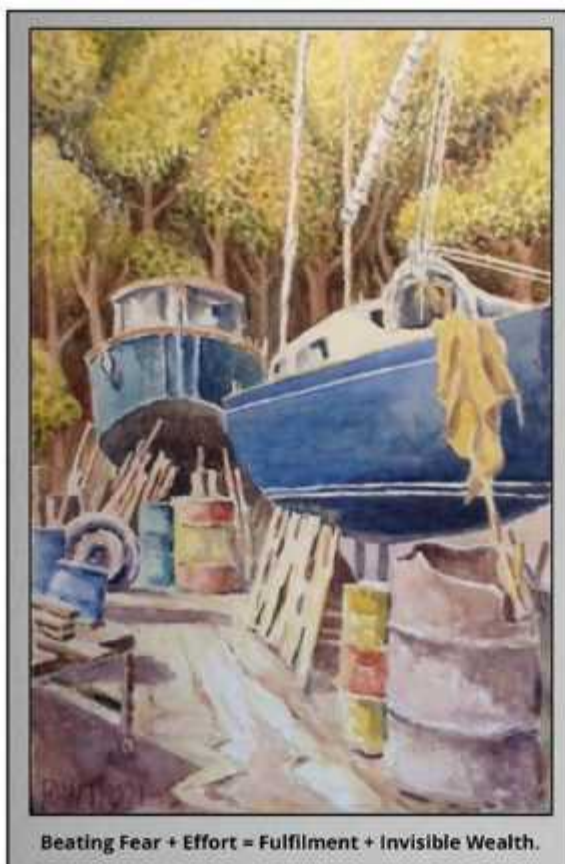
kettle. And that means, in today's world, having the freedom to compete in our modern "game of life" played on a level playing field. That gives you the opportunity to use all the abilities, initiatives, and energies nature has given you to win and go up your ladder of life. It is doing that which allows your body to act out what it has been made for, which in turn gives you true spiritual and physical fulfilment out of the miracle of life.

Your freedom is only limited by the rules of the game, (or the equation of the soul) which is there to make sure the game remains "sustainable". i.e., there must be enough goodness and restraint to allow human communities to live and prosper in peace. Those old rules are still perfectly good for today. We now simply have to add the environment into the equation.....and dare we suggest, give the environment even higher values than we humans have been giving ourselves recently...!?

Humans do have to put themselves in a sensible cage in order to practice sensible freedom. Unlimited freedom, given the natural bodies we live in, will lead straight to anarchy and confusion. We are already seeing that beginning to happen.

5. DEMOCRACY.

If we recognise that there is only one 'game of life', (the free enterprise economy) that jells perfectly with the body we live in, (or is actually part and parcel of that body), and



Beating Fear + Effort = Fulfilment + Invisible Wealth.

that that game gives us all the true meaning of life, by allowing the body to act in the way that it was made for, then why bother to try and change the game?



Crazy, isn't it. But as mentioned above, we are all human and always have, and always will, think we know best. Usually to our peril. And that is what happened over the last 300 years, when the "human power play" came along and knocked nature flat out for a count of ten. The humans became so confident in their own success that they began to mess around with the old equation of the soul. They thought they knew better than the old Headmaster and his rules of restraint that had brought mankind into civilisation. The new kids on the block began to airbrush out the rules of restraint and got rid of the punishments that made those rules work. They overloaded the world with freedom and claimed moral supremacy by introducing democracy, which allowed both the poor and the weak to have the same say in government as the rich and the powerful.....ever so fair.....!

But it is that same democracy that has brought us into the muddle we are in today. Because democracy guarantees (because of the makeup of our bodies) that all the new laws that are brought in can be seen as good for Man in the eyes of Man.....but are not necessarily good for Man in the eyes of God/and/or the 'greater good'. Recent democracy encourages people in their 'right to be given', (selfishness), and, at the

same time diminishes their responsibility 'to give' (goodness).

Basically, democracy has given far too much to mankind (featherbedding.). It has made 'the game' too easy to play. There is less zest and excitement in the game, as the difference between winning (hope) and losing (fear) diminishes. Further, because we don't have to try our hardest to survive, **the players in the game are slowly but surely becoming less able people than they were born to be.** Creation's law of 'survival of the fittest' is being turned on its head. Democracy has got the equation of the soul into a right muddle, because too many cooks are spoiling the broth and a lot of unnatural ingredients are being thrown into the pot. We no longer know what is good goodness and what is bad goodness.

6. What now.....very simple. Democracy, together its human partners, goes into 'the last chance saloon'. You can start this off right now, by having every nation holding one simple referendum.

——Is God's Creation, or the whole of Nature, more important than Mankind.....?

—— Is Mankind more important than God's Creation and the whole of Nature.....?

And then base your future legislation and philosophies accordingly. If new-born responsible democracy can make proper goodness (giving) overcome badness (taking), it, together with humanity and the environment, will survive. If not, humans, with their twin death threats of "inevitable fighting", and "persistent chasing of growth economies", will kill themselves off. Unless some sensible tyrant/saviour arrives and saves the day for them. As described above.

A reborn "responsible" democracy will mean a much tougher job for you leaders. Because no sensible leader will want to make false promises to their Maker, which will mean that from now on you cannot promise yet more giving and easy lifestyles and growth economies to your voters.....you will have to start taking away.....controlling, directing and encouraging year on year reducing economies.....for nature's benefit. And that will mainly mean controlling your own peoples because they won't like it. Your focus will be more 'inwards', towards your own peoples, than 'outwards' towards your neighbours. There will be new growth industries that come along to satisfy the greener demand, which you will be encouraging. The biggest of which will be to do with the repair and renewing of the environment, funded by an inexhaustible supply of truly green dollars and competed for by the fittest "working" forces from around the world.....

.....because from now on, lo and behold, humanity will wake up to the fact that, for the very first time since time began, they have a senior partner.



Over to you. Courage and humility will be necessary. And you may even have to change your own job descriptions.

Good luck.....

Philip Arundell.

