

THE DEMON THAT WILL CONSUME AND DESTROY AUSTRALIAN



ated if a systemic change that fully incorporates all classes is implemented regardless of ethnicity or religion. Leaders must not live in denial and hope to suppress public needs forever, while showing allegiance to oppressive American moves in Muslim countries.

Our moral, cultural and spiritual ethos must be cultivated from a fair perspective, rather than a lofty, impractical one. A society that merely panders to economic activity (however defined) is inadequate. Extreme cut-throat competition and elitist notions of globalisation should be discouraged, as they have left a trail of destruction in its wake.

Modern business concepts have erased national borders and have acquired powers far beyond that of political influence. What the industrial revolution in Europe has bequeathed to the world is far removed from what could have been. Governments have unquestioningly embraced what seemed to be a successful model, and we see the tragic outcomes in countries ravaged by the rapacious needs of an economic beast (Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria) and we will see more to come.

The corporate media across the developed world recently experienced a mild panic attack due to the large migration of home-grown "Jihadists" to fight in Syria and Iraq, and have arrayed themselves in a defensive posture together with their political bedfellows. They have again been stunned by the ingratitude and spurning of a comfortable materialistic society for the rigours of "holy war".

Invariably as earlier in the aftermath of 9-11, when a Muslim succumbs to the "crime" of siding with "terrorists", his actions are portrayed as a threat to all of society, hyped up to required levels of hysteria by the media. In the face of mounting displeasure at the lack of democratic ideals in Middle Eastern politics, the radicalization of youth is hardly to be unexpected locally.

Puppet and tyrannical regimes are often tolerated by oppressed citizens in developing (third world) countries, but became a morass of dashed hopes and shattered dreams, for a generation of those at the brutal end of an imposed poverty living under the dictates of western agendas. The media-fuelled frenzy of public indignation when cities burst into flames were fanned by the complicit media, claiming everything from "feral" behaviour to undisciplined children whose parents had failed in their parental responsibilities, to "nothing but sheer criminality".

The rage that sparked off wanton acts of violence at Endeavour Hills in Victoria were certainly not "copy-cat" but a considered response of frustration, desperation and perceived helplessness against a system that had failed the marginalized poor youth of Muslim migrants. Meanwhile, the elite majority in their insular bubbles maintain a willful ignorance of the causes of radical violence.

The misguided members of our "middle classes" blindly repeat what the media tells them, and feel indignant and outraged when "anti-terror" police are attacked, and do not utter a syllable when an entire youth generation's sense of justice is looted wholesale in pursuance of yet more indifferent denial of facts.

The largely poor migrants have always had economic violence inflicted on them from

birth. To add insult to injury, these youth are repeatedly shown that they are of no value without the trappings of wealth, a notion fed via the consumerist ideology. It is clear that consumerism has deprived these people of their basic dignity, and unsurprisingly, they failed to continue to show deference to the privileged during the uprisings in devastated



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Syria and Iraq.

The mass media continues to smother us with breathlessly emotional narratives of the events in the UK beheading of an old woman, connecting that to "plans" for similar local street executions. They highlight and reiterate anecdotal accounts while a reflective analysis is almost non-existent. This trend was visible when "terror" was the dirty word after 9-11, as no account of the terrorists' grievances were ever aired first hand.

The media ensures that the public continues to rage against the symptoms of neo-liberalism rather than the causes that created the disease. We, who express opposing opinions, are cast as apologists for violence and civil disorder in societies which lecture the developing world about equal opportunity and democracy.

As a reader of a popular newspaper commented recently, the leaders of the Levant and Syria should convene a UN Security Council meeting and pass a resolution for humanitarian intervention in Britain to help the rebels to overthrow the regime that oppresses them. He did not rule out military intervention to usher in democracy...

We know from experience that the rich are more likely to be selfish in terms of economic success related to political outcomes, where personal gain is paramount. Social behaviour in the study of empathy and compassion overwhelmingly suggest that those who know suffering are more likely to recognise and empathise, than those who don't.

It is a fact that over the past decade, the gap between rich and poor has expanded in both developed and less developed countries. Hegemonic agendas flourish in the burning fires of Middle Eastern countries.

Unlike the rich countries, the poor depend on the former more centrally than vice versa.

Hence, we can deduce that the violent social structure of imposed poverty breeds violent social unrest. The 'lawless' youth in Australian suburbs spoke with their actions, of the extreme social subjugation, rampant inequality and injustice in a system that had always promoted the interests of the privileged.

Violence in any form is to be abhorred. Yet, the systemic violence perpetrated on an entire generation of youth far outweighs the loss of public security and damage to public utilities. A healthy society can only be cre-

The hideously evil monster that wreaked havoc during both world wars and the recent wars of choice will ultimately devour its creators and everything else in its path, if saner minds do not prevail at the helm.

Do we have the courage to make bold decisions that upset the status quo? Has not Social Darwinism (survival of the fittest) undermined human society? Multinational business interests of the US and EU must not interfere with the Australian government. Civic society must encourage a free spiritual and cultural life, not at the whim of corporate needs. Humanity is first and foremost, empathy and compassion, love for all sentient beings and moderation. Greed must not be allowed to destroy this planet anymore.

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