

ON REASON AND THE STATE

The Root Causes of anti-Social
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Whoever it was who said "The Only True Revolutionary is The Brigand," clearly had never been to prison, or ever met any brigands for that matter. The Lumpenproletariat, as far as I can tell are a class obsessed with revenge. Imagine my shock, coming to jail for the first time at 17 expecting to find those who like myself had overruled all the tyrannical whims of Family and State only to find people all too eager to be all that family and state wanted them to be. The lesson is easy enough to understand with a brief illustration. One time my friend Sarah and I got caught stealing something, something of such trifling importance I cannot remember what, from our school. When we got caught Sarah's mother reacted here, wisely, to keep her mouth shut and not co-operate in anyway, whereas my mother gave me a 6 hour lecture extolling the virtues of mitching. Now, neither Sarah nor myself capitulated but the point of motivation not action, after all, it is the thought that counts. What I mean is, for Sarah it was easy not to tell, she had every incentive not to, worst comes to worst she gets suspended for 3 days from the school she doesn't want to go to anyway and stay at home for half a week getting high with her mother. Worst comes to worst for me I get suspended from the school where I enjoy learning and my mother picks my ass. For me keeping my mouth shut had only moral not material rewards, for me it was an act of conscience as I did not think it meet or

Just to betray a friend for my own benefit. What
 for her, I strongly suspect that if she or most anyone
 else were in my position they would have done
 as family expected and switched. The arbitrary
 values that have for youth the force of law are
 alone a cogent argument for the abolition of the
 family unit as such and the superiority of the
 collective guardianship of children, but enough of
 this digression. It remains for me to explain
 in what way the conduct of an outlaw ~~is~~ has
 the approbation of state. It seems to me that every
 state cleans up a small part of the mess it makes and
 in doing so disguises its most abject failures as great
 successes. Take school shootings for an arbitrary
 example. Who is it, that in the first place that a
 bullied student is required to attend class daily, but
 that state who makes education compulsory? And how
 many teachers i.e. state employees made excuses for the abusers
 before the victim of state sponsored torment decided on a
 violent way out? It is precisely at these times of state
 sponsored crises that we are fooled into saying "Thank
 God for Government", because the cops show up and "prevent"
 more lives from being taken, and it never occurs to us
 that if there were no cops, no school, no state - no lives would
 have been taken in the very first place! The example of
 sex offenders is perhaps even more instructive. There
 are not, as many people suppose, thousands of predators
 roaming about seeking the ruin of women and children,
 and the statistics bear me out on this. Yet in these
 rare cases when in our nation of 300 million a single
 predator kidnaps, rapes and kills a single child the
 expectation is made to seem the world and again we
 thank God for Government, the same Government that
 created the problem, told of me and it seems to say, I say this for the same reason

Thomas Moore some 500 years ago advocated abolition of harsh sentences such as the Death Penalty for crimes such as armed robbery and theft - precisely because it was causing more not less crime. Just as the medieval highwaymen were encouraged not discouraged from escalating from robbery to murder in order to eliminate witnesses seeing as the punishment would be the same in either event, so too are some people driven to the rare ~~and~~ clandestine predation where a woman or child is murdered, by the draconian sentences we impose on our shadow selves. Again the statistics leave me out for it is a rarity & rarity that a predator who has not been in prison and is not already on the registry commits such a heinous crime. This again, strongly, strongly, suggests that our punishments are making people worse, not better, and strange as it sounds, we might be better off doing nothing at all. This is at the heart of why my view of the average convict, low and disapproving as it is has made me more, not less of a revolutionary ~~and~~ ~~right~~ ~~and~~ contrary to what you might expect. This is at the heart of why I make up in my own person, all that I find lacking in the conscience and even in the passions of my neighbors. I have seen decent, tolerant, rational people reduced to racist, sexist homophobic brutes after years in prison. Whereas on the contrary if we were releasing men of high ideals to the public I should have to admit this to be a just and efficient rehabilitation! But this is far from the case. Now in both these cases

Both the baffled student, and the victim of deviant
 passion, the Entity which drove them to their criminality
~~Somehow~~ Somehow believe the honor of having reduced or
 stopped a crime. But I do not mean to suggest ~~that~~
 that this is some sort of collateral damage incidental to
 a well-governed state. I do not mean to say, even, that a
 badly governed state is bound to make mistakes of this nature.
 What I am saying is that a state exploits and mistreats
 people by definition (by state you mean an entity with
 a monopoly on the legitimate use of violence) and in
 order to persuade people that the contrary is true, it must,
 in order to continue, put a disproportionate amount of blame
 on the people it fails the worst, and this is done with
 Machiavellian cunning. I like to think of this as a
 sublimated form of the human sacrifice practiced by
 agricultural, neolithic peoples. If someone ~~in~~ in a
 Neolithic culture feels the gods were angered by his sin
 it is the blood of some innocent creature not his own
 that will flow for his iniquities. When human sacrifice
 was banned in some parts of West Africa some of the tribes
 affected thought it was the next best thing to atone for
 adultery and promiscuity not by punishing the culpable parties,
 no, but by condemning the children of these unions to a
 life of total chastity and unskilled manual labor! And
 if the living sacrifice were to violate his forced vow of chastity
 worse punishments awaited him/her still. To me this seems
 analogous, not the same, but analogous to turning a blind eye
 to the more common form of sexual abuse perpetrated by teachers,
 clowns, uncles, aunts ~~and~~ babysitters and even rock stars who
 commit statutory rape with impunity and appeasing our
 conscience by imputing to the rare predator we mentioned, all
 the crimes we refuse to punish more respected members of society
 for, because to do so would be to admit our institutions, family
 civil society and every thing else protected by the state, leads to hurt

us more than help us. It's much easier to make some
 random pedophile our sacrificial lamb. And in
 case you're wondering - no I'm not a sex offender,
 and I have no ulterior motive for anything
 I've just said. Other than it seems to me to be
 true, objectively true, contrary to all the predictions
 and prejudices inculcated in us since birth.
 Going back to our hypothetical school shooter yet
 another way of explaining the same thing occurred to
 me. If the state is by definition a monopoly on
 violence, the implicit inference we all make,
 simply from living in a state is that might makes
 right. ~~It's a wonder at all that people~~
 what I mean is this - Think back to when
 you asked an authority figure the reason for
 one of the arbitrary rules you were forced to
 follow in your youth. If your mother was
 anything like mine she tried to reason for about
 30 seconds and when that failed the true
 reason was forced to divulge itself... "Because I said
 so" - i.e. Because I can, Because it's convenient
 for me, Because you can't stop me. All of these
 are synonyms, the familial equivalent of might
 makes right. Police on the other hand, won't
 even give you the courtesy of ~~trying~~ attempting a
 deductive syllogism for half a minute and
 "Because it's the law" comes out of ~~me~~
~~their~~ their moral bedrock pretty quickly, just
 like it was for the Nazis. In fact the police
 are in the habit, consciously or unconsciously I know
 not, of asking a series of ~~stupid~~ questions to stupid
 to answer immediately upon encountering a suspect
 at all. They are latent upon disarming reason and
 would prefer to deal with a person irrationally

and violent. And if violence is the basis for the state why wouldn't they? Dialogue, I mean ~~without dialogue~~ ~~the purpose~~ dispassionate rational dialogue devoid of opinion as if being taken to enemy territory from their perspective, a place without the home field advantage. They'll ask "What are you doing here?"

"Going to a friend's house"

"Why?"

"To hang out"

"Why are you hanging out?"

See how desamning it is to reason, the Supreme ~~enemy~~ ~~of the state~~ and basis for any truly just society to be asked a self-explanatory question? It's much harder to answer than an intelligent question. I bring all this up simply to show what enmity there is between reason and the state on one hand and what affinity there is between the state and violence, ~~and the state is the enemy~~ on the other. It is the state that teaches us to be violent, just like it taught our fictional school shooter by legislating 9 months of torment a year for however many years, and then adds insult to injury when he learns his lesson all too well. And this, finally, is the spectacle which I say the average convict is the prototype of the very government ~~that it opposes~~ ~~that it believes itself~~ in opposition to. It is government that teaches us might makes right and we should do at least as much as we think we can get away with. It is government that dispenses with reason and conscience as the Supreme Guide for our behavior, and then covers its tracks by taking us up ~~to hell~~ ~~to hell~~ just as if it is not ~~the~~ angels who torment us in hell but the very demons who tempted us in the first place.

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The State.

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