

Civilization – What Went Wrong?

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Remember, Civilization is the process of the winners of conflicts between enemy Groups, molding the losers into their image. If we are to take the Old Testament's treatment of the Canaanites, and Athens's treatment of Sparta at face value – before Civilization took hold, there was the more Dracianian *Kill them all!* aspect of the tread of human history. There was nobody left standing to civilize. If you are in favor of a *live and let live* philosophy, Civilization was a definite improvement over the bloody policy of totally decimating your enemy. "Leave no stone standing upon another stone!" He sayeth. With Civilization, the winners are definitely the ones to write the History – but at least the vanquished are still around to read it.

Another step along the way was killing all the men and taking the women and children, and absorbing them into your Society. Slavery probably came as the next discernable gradient in the Civilization process. In this scenario the defeated men also got to continue living – although their accommodations left much to be desired.

Fast forward to modern times – *Fighting for the hearts and minds of the Enemy*, is the new mantra as we rain fire and death down upon hapless commuters on their way to work. The good news is that all this while, the common men and women of the planet – dutifully paying their taxes to support their Governments' wars – have been learning more and more about *Them* – the Enemy of the day. The basic goodness of Man's Human Nature has been asserting itself, and the more we learn of others around the world, the more we recognize the commonality of Man – no matter a person's color, language, beliefs, etc. With the advancement of time, being viewed as a Stranger is no longer an automatic death sentence. It is no longer politically correct to see a Stranger – even an Enemy – as a non-Human.

As we have seen, it is Human Nature to treat one's own with at least a caring respect as we associate on a daily basis. And as we recognize more and more that every man and every woman is indeed one of us – the Age of Aquarius is just around the corner. We all long for World Peace – all but a few of us, that is.

The fact that people in the modern Credit Card Societies know that we are all basically Brothers and Sisters of the Greater Human Family, has made the work of our Criminal Leaders more and more difficult. But let me point out that as difficult as it may be, Criminal Leaders have as of yet not broken stride, and the butchering of Them – the Strangers – goes on apace.

I live in Costa Rica – a nation without an Army! But even though Costa Ricans have not actually shot any Strangers in a long while, they nonetheless have blood dripping from their hands for their complicity in the recent Operation Iraqi Liberty. The People of Costa Rica collectively joined with the United States, and a few other self-righteous nations in the decimation of a People whose only crime was to have a vicious Leader of their own, Saddam Hussein, plus lots of oil under the ground. Costa Rica signed on as one of the *Coalition of the Willing* in declaring war on Iraq. As a lapdog of the US, they showed their fangs, and joined the pack which fell upon the innocent Iraqi People. *Shock and Awe* makes for great theater to watch on TV, but unfortunately for the recipients of those *Smart Bombs*, they, their families, and their neighborhoods are all laid waste.

It is instructive to note that even the most overtly peace-loving People of Costa Rica could so easily be duped into giving their support to the savage attack on a People much like themselves. "Si Dios quiere," ends almost every statement regarding the future here, and that is a direct translation of the Iraqi "xxx Alah": "If it is God's will."

But there are Criminal Leaders of Governments who give only lip service to the possibility of God, and even less attention to what His will might be. They want the oil, or the gold, or the water, or the drugs, or the purse, or the wallet of their latest victim – and they don't care how much they have to lie to, steal from, enslave, or kill others to get what they want. These are the same folks who want you to obediently follow them into the gentle embrace of the New World Order. "We're from the Government; we're here to help you. Please look into the camera, and step this way..."