



Chronicles of Diversity

A cheap plot

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When you think of a cheap plot, what comes to your mind?

A poorly written movie, or TV show?

I had a dream this morning about a pastor that at one time recommended cheap cemetery plots to the families of the deceased. Then he gained worldly writing success, which kept him from truly telling the story as it was written.

When I began this series, I was wondering how I could describe the applications of natural law and common grace, (as evidenced in creation) to those who think getting back to nature is spending the night in a motor home in a full service campground.

As grace would have it, over these last couple of months, what has been happening in the world and especially America, could not give me a better script, actually too many scripts to develop the plots comprehensively.

Death is the reality of this world, and it makes no difference what size your cemetery plot and how impressive the headstone. What has been happening in the War on Terror and in the American elections, has made many ponder their future as nothing in the recent past has been successful in doing.

In the great State of Washington however, we have been able to surpass the rest of the world with our ability to find a higher level of nothingness in a crazy world.

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What I am talking about of course, is our governor's election. Out of a little more than 2.8 million votes cast, and after the mandatory recount, Republican Dino Rossi led Democrat Christine Gregoire by just 42 votes. This election was certified by the state on Tuesday November 30th.

In recent year's elections, we have learned that the process of voting is not a perfect operation. Errors can be introduced by a whole host of causes and effects. Most of the time those errors are insignificant compared to the difference in the number of votes cast for each candidate. This time however, and with present numbers, Rossi has received 48.8717%, to Gregoire's 48.8702%. Ruth Bennett, the Libertarian candidate has received 2.2581%.

Washington State University uses the slogan "World Class, Face to Face." During my time at this utter university, I had the opportunity to take a class in Cellular Physiology (like tissue cells, not phones) from one of these world class professors.

One of his world class duties outside the university, was to serve as an editor for the world of cellular physiology literature. Sometime during the semester he was ask the question, "With all the scientific papers you must peruse, how do you determine which ones might have merit and which ones don't?"

His response was, "Two significant figures." He went on to explain that when he received a paper for review, the first thing he did was look at the numbers reported in the tables of the articles. If the paper reported more than two significant figures, the paper graduated into the cheap circular cemetery plot beneath his desk.

Furthermore, in natural processes, anything more than two significant figures, showed an inherit arrogance in the author and a lack of understanding of the true nature of life. Did I mention he said that, in natural processes, anything more than two significant figures, showed an inherit arrogance in the author and a lack of understanding of the true nature of life.

How can nature be so imprecise? Nature (natural law and common grace) doesn't seem to have a problem, the problem is with our measurements skills and our desire for all of life to be predictable to billions of significant figures.

In our governor's race we see how the 42 votes translates to six significant figures in percentage, out of the seven in the total number of votes cast. Now in a perfect world, all these numbers would speak of truth and we could rest in that assurance.

However, figuring all the variables in the election process, chances are that the best we could ever hope for is an accuracy of 99.99% (four significant figures). Realistically, that error is probably closer to three significant figures. But using four significant figures we find that the accuracy of the election is about one thousand votes.

This translates into the real world by the following. We can take the two counts we have now in which Rossi won, and could save the statewide about \$700,000 (one significant figure) for a manual recount, or furthermore we could recount till all the cows come home and are turned into hamburger, and still not know for sure who really won. The fact, is people don't or can't follow the voting instructions even though they think they are voting, and all voting tabulations are subject to physical and other problems.

Democrats will probably challenge these results by Friday, on the basis that all votes should be counted, when in fact all the votes that should have been counted, as accurately as humanly and institutionally possible, twice. What they are really saying is that they don't want to live in any real world of significance where they don't win. Move on, or move.

So we see, despite all our wishful thinking we are still stuck with the truth of death and taxes. Elections surely don't qualify.

So what does this all mean? Well, it should help you and/or your relatives determine the price of the cemetery plot you will be buried in. Or more in line with my empirical evidence from my survey of Washington voters, they just want it over, to move on with their lives.

Society, or culture is theoretically designed to give us peace and security. Especially in the United States, this has pretty much been a given for a long period of time. But in recent years these absolutes are being eroded by circumstances beyond our control.

While we would like both our peace and security to be constantly linked, we have begun to understand that even in the land of personal freedom, we sometimes have to make a choice as to which is most important.

For the most part, humanity chooses immediate peace over long term security. This, to a certain extent, showed the interest in John Kerry over George Bush in the urban areas, in which urbane culture is the prime method of providing for these needs.

Along with this development of institutions which are theoretically the sources of our cultural desires, we have also followed a path of increasing size at the expense of any sort of diversity. Big is good, meaning peace and security, small is bad, meaning less peace and security.

This can be easily shown in the recent merger of AT&T Wireless, with Cingular. We are told that this is good because the increased size will give us better service. However, we are not at all allowed to question the concept that along with this possible immediate gain in service peace, we lose the long term opportunity for economic choice security.

As long as we keep business divorced from our personal and political life, we find that mergers give us that peace of a large eternal structure to our lives. However, if we broaden the context and integrate the political spectrum with our economic interests, we can see that big politics, in the form of our two party system has given us candidates, at all levels of government, which may not represent the majority of the people.

To get the party nomination, you need to be either a left wing liberal, or a right wing conservative to apply. There is absolutely no room on the political spectrum, for right wing liberals, left wing conservatives, or people with independent thought.

We really don't have fair and balanced anything anymore. What we have is the chaos of fundamental extremism, for both the right, the left, and the religious. All this will naturally degrade individual, God given rights, to fascism and slavery. Of course, this is only true of the other guy(s).

But from politics alone the future of the nation does not grow. Education is also an increasingly cheap plot of ground. In California, a school principal has forbidden, on the basis of the doctrine of separation of church and state, the teaching of parts of the Declaration of Independence and two other historical Revolutionary period documents, because they reference God.

As we referenced the Declaration of Independence in an earlier article of this series, the context (the valuable plot) is a reference to natural law, a series of natural absolutes by which all of man's (personkind) culture rests. The Deist Jefferson links this Nature's Law with Nature's God and eventually with a Creator, all which can be deduced by common grace.

Now in our present time, we can choose to believe that Nature's Law shows us the grand evolutionary process. But we will argue until the cow's hamburger waste as been processed in the sewage treatment plant, that all we have done is changed the form of nature's god and the creator, from the deist construct, to the atheist's religious construct.

What we see in this process of two significant figures, is another natural law that sometimes overrides our desire for peace and security. That is the principle of flight or fight. This teacher has chosen to fight this ruling on the grounds of his own personal choice and independence. This is exactly what Jefferson was writing about when he authored, "In the Course of human events."

Phylogenesis is the process by which diversity is accomplished within the natural world. It is not rocket science, or physics, it is the creative process of natural law and common grace working in all life.

In human culture, it is the process of overcoming slavery with personal independence and accountability. We like the personal independence part, and it is fostered by the big educational plantation, to which the state says we must support with our sweat equity.

All of us who want to live in the big manor house must realize that there is a civil war just over the horizon. That civil war is the natural law to be accountable to ourselves and to a higher power.

Martin Luther, in his own defense of his work during the Reformation stated, "Here I stand, I can not do otherwise." Where will you make a stand?

If there truly is a Creator, as Nature's God, He wired us to choose to be accountable to our own personality, and ultimately to Him. We are created to be free and to find that freedom in God alone. But we believe that our choice frees us from the bondage of the will, when in fact we are only free in God alone, Who, by grace alone sets us free from ourselves and that bondage to death.

Two unique human personalities made choices in California, both moving to that desire for individual significance, whether they understand it or not.

This is the freedom that made Luther stand firm, in the face of the wrath of the political and religious establishment. He died, not in the fires of persecution, but in his sleep.

Along the way, he was joined with others who were also set free, by the power of God. Through their community work, the basis for an American state grounded in individual personal freedom, would one day be established.

We said last week, this power ultimately comes from God's love for His creation, and His personalities, created in His image.

As Joshua and the Jewish people were about to enter the promised land, there is a statement by God concerning His leading and our following by faith: *Yet there shall be a space between you and it (the ark of the covenant), about two thousand cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.*” **Joshua 3:4**

For the most part, all of western culture, and especially the United States, has for some years lived in the land of cheap cemetery plots. We have been fooled into believing they have value because we and our freedom are buried there, and our wealth and prestige have been willed to others.

But the ultimate truth is that we and our freedom are not buried there at all, only our bones that will one day be reunited with our eternal personality. The true cost of this freedom was born by another, who was the first fruits of Resurrection. Our role is to follow that route we have not passed before, knowing that the crossing is the ultimate prize.

However, on this path we remain alive to show that abstraction, in the world of natural law and common grace. The natural revelation is to be transformed into the eternal specific revelation, in the midst of the fallen creation, so that all humanity can evaluate their choices and their freedoms. Therefore, in this world, Christians have been given a purpose, beyond temporal value, even if we seem more fit to continually drive into the ditches on either side of the path.

The point of Phylogenesis is not in the eternal reward, but in the conquering of the natural promised land, not by might, or by power, but by the Spirit of God's love for His people, that all humanity may be free in this life from the power of human slavery.

God's power is expressed in the love of God that does not force people into molds, but frees them from themselves, to see God's glory in others. That is the true essence of the Chronicles of Diversity and ultimately the Phylogenesis of human society.

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