



Chronicles of Diversity

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Yesterday, the United States of America, following the precepts written in her constitution, elected another president of the republic. As of this morning, if current results hold in all the states, George W. Bush will win the election with 286 electoral votes to 252 for John Kerry, and the popular vote by a margin of 51% to 48%.

When the dust has finally settled however, “reasonable people” will continue to be just as adamant about their choice and the future direction of the country. I heard the results of one pre-election poll that said only 4% of the people would not be “very disappointed” if the other guy won.

Polarization of her people has taken place in America these last few years in a way unprecedented since the civil war. I have even heard a number of liberals of highly divergent backgrounds say, “If (that) George is reelected the country will face civil war.”

Being a reasonable man and not seeking to start the first battle right there and then, I never asked, “Who’s going to fight this war, on what grounds, and how are they going to attract fellow soldiers?” Definitely, this will not be a war fought by those who think we should pull out of Iraq immediately and leave the Iraqi people on their own. Then again, that may be the civil war they have volunteered to join, I hear enlistments are down and we may need a draft again.

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Also, it seems to me, that reasonable people should reasonably assess the consequences of their actions, before they pontificate their opinions. And perhaps I should add, enumerate all the costs of their potential actions, to see if they really have the will to be the person they claim to be, before they attempt to carry out the gifts of their degenerate intellect.

Good and evil, or good versus evil, is it that simple? Well not really, when just as beauty and ugly, we have left it all to the eye of the beholder. In a world and a country with no universal absolutes, absolutely the only truth is the rapid descent into the entropy of chaos. That also not being what reasonable people would call beautiful.

So is society ascending from chaos, like the evolution of man in the popular National Geographic drawing, or are we descending into chaos according to the Second Law of Thermodynamics? How about, universal laws are universal laws, drawings are drawings. But what truth is missing from the picture of monkeys to modern man?

Do we “Inherit the Wind,” if we consider theatrics (art) the ultimate source of truth? Perhaps there is no better analogy of our present political society than that represented in the context of the “Scopes Monkey Trial” and made even more illustrious in the play “Inherit the Wind” and its subsequent renditions. A link to some information on this evolutionary process can be found at: <http://xroads.virginia.edu/~UG97/inherit/intro.html>

The title for the play comes from Proverbs. 11:29a: *He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind,*

b: *And the fool will be servant to the wise of heart.*

For those who are even aware of this picture of American contrasts, it is assumed that Scopes won and evolution secured its place as true “science,” against the bigotry of Christian Protestant Fundamentalism. When in reality all that was, and has been determined, is the truth of Proverbs 11:29b. The question that was then, and has never even been challenged, is who truly is the fool, and who is the wise heart?

The Bible is either the Word of God, Divinely inspired and the source of ultimate absolute truth, or it is a written collection of oral renditions of ancient historic fables and myths. The truth of your wisdom, and the foolishness of those fools, depends on your faith. Ultimately it is faith in man’s ascendent intellect, or God’s sovereignty.

The problem with Fundamental Protestant Christianity is that it has always wanted to assume it’s beliefs were in some way the most logical, and has therefore been willing to think that they can out reason, the most reasonable men, on the basis of fundamental arguments. How the elect of God, who say they live by faith, can make such a blunder in logic, shows not the truth of the rema (revealed) word, but the truth of the total depravity of the human spirit.

There are many varied reasons for this anathema, well beyond this article, but much of it stems from inductive biblical reasoning rather than a deductive approach. It is an attempt to make God understandable to us, rather than taking Him at is word. In other words, the so called sinners prayer based on Romans 10: 9,10; ignores the context of verses 5-8.

Fear not however, there are still distinctive differences between God’s people and their polar opposites that can be easily deduced from the Biblical text, even if the educational systems of both parties (political and in the trial) stem from the same worldly wisdom.

This different understanding of the way the world works was really why so many people in yesterday’s election were so enamored with the concept of, “Anyone but that baboon Bush.” The scope of this trial however, did not take place in some small town in Tennessee, but on a national stage.

This fundamental difference between these two groups, tribes, or sides, relates to their understanding of the phylogeny of the energetics of chaos. We also give these tribes reservations, blue and red states. We could further divide the land into blue and red counties and the land influence would be even more pronounced. An unanswered question for this week, which we will deal with in a later article, “Does the land itself contribute to this tribalism?”

Both George Bush and John Kerry were ideal symbols of each group, even though both probably had no idea that they were playing out a role much larger than a 2004 American political election.

In the beginning God, or the Big Bang created chaos. Depending upon your religious paradigm, from there you proceed down totally divergent scientific paths to our present world, order? One path is based of religious myths and fabrications of intellect, the other is based upon truth. But how do you determine which religion you will follow, or which is the religion of real truth? Maybe, we all just play our role in the script in the play.

The Bible, in the Book of Genesis lays out the two roles quite specifically.

Rational man lays out roles with no such understanding, only the need to fabricate a god to overcome the potential limitations of human intellect. This could include, if necessary, alien beings bringing life to this unique world, once all other courses of action are eliminated as being unsuitable. Before we get too far on this trail however, we find ourselves in a Primal Slough of Despair, not knowing for sure where we came from, or where we are going.

The Bible states that from the chaos of the beginning, design created the world as we know it. In essence the Bible states that God is not limited by the laws of thermodynamics. In this story of the creation of the world and the entry of sin and death into this life plan, revealed in Chapters 1-3, we do see a concept at work however. That concept generally proceeds from the universal to the specific, or from the cosmos to the individual.

Furthermore, after a significant intervention of time and a global wide flood to start over again, the Bible also explains an agenda for the development of a dangerous human society. This plan is so dangerous to God that at Babel, in Chapter 11, God comes down and confuses the language of humanity, thereby forcing the human population to expand over the whole world.

What we see in this Babel plan for development is, in man's own words (Genesis 11:4): *"Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth."*

This again is no more than a more contemporary version of the words used by Satan in Genesis 3:4,5: *Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

Over this ensuing period of time from then to the present, man believes that he has truly become the master of his own destiny. "I don't need any God, nor any Devil to direct my life, if it isn't natural, it isn't real. Working together there is nothing we can't achieve."

Before we continue however, look carefully at how this paradigm functions. It functions from the individual to the cosmos. In direct opposition to the general paradigm of God's development described in Genesis Chapters 1,2. The Bible adding in Genesis Chapter 3 the First and Second Laws of Thermodynamics and also the concept of individual choice.

Could it be at the deepest level of the human personality, that gift of God that truly separates us from the other animals, we all continually express the unconscious application of that choice we have made. Do we somewhat follow the ways of God, or follow the ways of man, even though we don't even realize many of the symptoms?

Within the pages of the Bible, that eternal choice concept becomes much more complicated. And over time, theologians and other religious personalities have made the difficult, utterly impossible to understand. To most people, the comprehension of individual choice is a personal soap box, or it is just a bunch of babel. But if God's word truly is truth, this babel is just a result of a need for God, that we cannot begin to fathom, especially because of our dependence upon our individual rationality.

"We need God because we are hopeless without Him." That is truth, or truth is the corollary, "We are just hopeless."

With God we can hope in Him. Without the personal witness of God in our lives, we must hope in man, knowing full well that we can not maintain any hope at all, if we seriously analyze the total aspect of our individual life, or the community of man in total. With God we can set a course knowing that He will get us to the goal. Without a reliance on God we must continually seek to find consensus even in the most irrational circumstances.

For years I have been looking for a practical application of the differences between the concept of how God works in the world and how man develops his culture. This truth is apparent not only in the creation story, but in the world we now live in.

God works from the cosmos (universal), to the individual (specific).

Man works from the individual specifics, to the greater good of the universal.

It just so happens over the last year or so we have been thoroughly nauseated with politically divergent rhetoric from two men from each path.

Remember, if you can, just a few days ago, how George W. Bush continually spoke of individual freedom and choices. In a way unheard of in perhaps a thousand years, he speaks of a crusade to make people politically free. That is a scary concept, because it speaks of conflict with oppressive people and nations.

In contrast, you heard from John Kerry, the need to bring people together in consensus at the expense of individual freedom and choice, for the greater good of all mankind. Is the statement, "Working together there is nothing we can't achieve." really have any basis in real reality, or is it just some hopeless babel trying to stem the acceleration of our demise into social chaos?

Yesterday, November 2, 2004, the choice in America was not about George W. Bush and John Kerry, the choice was between a man who hopes to do the will of God, and a man who hopes to do the will of the people. They are very different goals, different roles, with completely divergent outcomes. What no one was willing to say directly, was what we were really facing was a religious choice, that pretty much half the population of this country and because of America's global influence, much of the rest of the world, will have to live with for at least the next four years.

No matter our religious persuasion, what no one openly analyzed, was the possibility it really wasn't our choice at all, but something called the Sovereignty of God working through man's free agency and the bondage of the sinful human will. That truth should make us all stop and ponder the true consequences of this election and the opportunities it has created, as part of God's continual design of time. It isn't about winning and losing it is about obedience:

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Romans 13:1

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