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“To make damn sure that even the historically naïve and entirely unselfaware reader got the point, I appended a phony critical analysis of Lord of the Swastika, in which the psychopathology of Hitler’s saga was spelled out by a tendentious pedant in words of one syllable. Almost everyone got the point....

And yet one review appeared in a fanzine that really gave me pause. ‘This is a rousing adventure story and I really enjoyed it,’ the gist of it went. ‘Why did Spinrad have to spoil the fun with all this muck about Hitler?’

And the American Nazi Party put the book on its recommended reading list. They really liked the upbeat ending.

Apparently the appeal of The Emperor of Everything to the longings of power within all of us, save the true Bodhisattva, is so powerful that some readers can get off on it, even when it means reveling in genocide and identifying with Adolph Hitler. This is admittedly as extreme as an example of the phenomenon can get, and the overwhelming majority of the readers of The Iron Dream did get the point.”

– Norman Spinrad, Science Fiction in the Real World (1990), p. 158 ¹

Elder Race: Racism and racial supremacy are entirely dependent upon which race you identify with; for example, white supremacists (species: *Hostis humani generis*) identify only with those whose ancestors originated in Europe, mainly central and western Europe, which they regard as congruent in the sense of being identical in form; coinciding exactly when superimposed with the human race to the exclusion of others whose ancestors originated from other parts of the world.

If you listen to white supremacists arguments, eventually you will be asked the rhetorical question of why technology, science, and ‘advanced civilization’ did not develop in Africa. The implied pseudo-intellectual answer lends support to the assertion that people of European descent are somehow superior to other people in the world.

- ✓ When race supremacist – of any kind – offer what they think are arguments or empirical evidence in support of their arguments (rather than the usual assertions), they do so only because others criticize and lampoon them for their beliefs. They are not actually interested in evidence as most people consider it, nor are they interested in arguments. They have already formed their conclusion and nothing rational will deter them or change their minds; they do not need evidence or arguments except for the outsiders. This they share with practitioners of religion and astrology, and all three work on unshakable ‘faith’ because they serve the most basic human needs.

The race question is intellectual poison (thanks in part to Runyard Kipling’s “The White Man’s Burden” (1899)) in that any attempt to rigorously investigate and answer such a question would automatically be considered racism as any answer, no matter how enlightening or well meaning, would be construed as an attempt to prove the ‘superiority’ of European descended peoples.

This argument is as absurd as claiming that an analysis of the lopsided Chinese loss in the First and Second Opium Wars is somehow racist. Wikipedia has three very well-written pages on the Opium Wars including significant analysis and it does not appear that any person has attempted to distort the discussion by calling it racist. If analysis and expert discussion of historical events

were commonly derided as racist attempts to justify history, then there could be no discussion of, for example, why the Spanish defeated the Aztecs, why the Greeks defeated the Persians, why Caesar defeated the Britons, any discussion of the Crusades, why the Taiping Rebellion first succeeded but eventually fell before the Qing Dynasty, why the forces of the Prophet won the Battle of the Trench, why the Goths defeated the Romans at Adrianople or the Bulgars defeated the Crusaders at Adrianople, or a million other wars, battles, conflicts that make up human history.

- ✓ In the same vein, neuroscience that studies the differences between male and female brains runs the instant risk of being labeled misandry or, quite more likely, misogyny. Articles, such as Lise Elliot, “Neurosexism: the myth that men and women have different brains,” (Nature, February 27, 2019) decry it as a ‘scientific myth.’ The difference from the race question is that neuroscience has the aegis of medical science. And all of the screaming about neurosexual myths are limited to publications aimed at the intellectual and educated; neuroscience researchers don’t get trolled on the net.

There are then, certain types of legitimate inquiries that intellectuals are discouraged from pursuing out of political correctness.

- ✓ “Again, specifics definitely matter, and I presume we’ll get them soon, but I strongly suspect that this is a case where Anderson, who is black, used a word that is historically acceptable when used by and among black people and always unacceptable when used by non-black people. If that is the case, MLB has thrown itself into the insanely controversial and likely indefensible position of presuming that it can and should police a black person’s use of that term. I hope I’m wrong about this, but I feel like I’m not.” – Craig Calcaterra, “MLB suspended Tim Anderson for using a ‘racially-charged word’” MSN Sports, April 19, 2019.²
- Bare-Knuckle Max Weber: And thus we arrive at Max Weber, who is considered to be one of the founders of modern sociology. There is a colorable argument that Weber’s works, especially the analysis of the relationship between religion and economic performance (i.e. the ‘Protestant historical coincidence’; he coined the term ‘Protestant work ethic’), and especially when the analysis is extended to regions outside of Europe, and regardless of their intellectual value, were – unintentionally perhaps – a backdoor justification of 19th Century European ‘superiority’ and colonial imperialism. As noted in 2 Constructural Elements, EN 6, p. 201, *supra*, in regards to Ibn Khaldun’s ‘asabiyyah,’ apparent justification attempts can be also a warning to the future when those conditions are absent from civilization.

The question that Max Weber addressed regarding the ‘historical coincidence’ of the prosperity of nations that adopted Protestantism is similar enough to the question asked by white supremacists to draw such a comparison. GGDM started with an entirely different, non-historical question, but arrived in a similar place.

- ✓ The same or similar argument might be made regarding GGDM in that it is, undoubtedly, modeled on the Western ideals of civilization which may not be considered applicable to civilization views in other parts of the world. For example, GGDM could be used to make a convincing argument about why the Native Americans were overrun (e.g., see Population Density, 4 Diplomacy, p. 1146, *supra* and other places in GGDM); some would consider this a racist argument and GGDM an attempt to prove the superiority of Western civilizations. Others might see it more neutrally as a historical argument or deductive argument of civilizations. For the record, and for what

it's worth, the author of this work does not have a racist agenda, and does not consider himself a racist.³ Rather, GGDM sometimes serves intellectually sober, bare-knuckled profundity to the adult table (many, however, will likely dismiss me as post-modern absurdity, and my attempted profundity as deepity⁴ or pseudoprofundity, see further discussion, FALLACIES, 2 Fallen to Earth, p. 1513 *et seq.*, *supra*). Pangloss does not visit here often.

While it should not happen, there is no way to guarantee that real world racism, extremism, and nationalism will not invade the game. Only complete anonymity – because if you know nothing at all about the other players, it would be hard for racism or nationalism to play a part in reactions to others – would free the game from real irrational prejudices. But anonymity is neither practical nor desirable in GGDM game play, rather, the opposite should occur; players should get to know each other and share their experiences, expertise, and culture; gaming with humans is a social activity. Fortunately, it is unlikely that overtly racist and nationalist persons, or persons who are religious or ideological extremist, would have any interest in GGDM or our conversation about civilization.

- Real Racism: Racism always requires a level of willful ignorance (see Willful Ignorance discussion, 2 Information, p. 1353, *infra*). I have seen YouTube videos where posters try to make racist comments (sometimes disguised as bad humor or bad attempts at humor) only to be shown in replies to be factually wrong as to place, historical facts, and other minor details that everyone but the poster seems to know. Willful ignorance allows for distortion into which racism fits.
 - ✓ [Interview] “Of course, the horrors, of which I heard in connection of the Nuremberg trials; the fate of the 6 million Jews, their killing and those of many others who represented different races and creeds, shocked me greatly, but, at that time, I could not see any connection between these things and my own past. I was only happy that I had not personally been guilty of these things and that I had not been aware of the scale of these things. However, one day, I walked past a plaque on the Franz-Joseph Straße (in Munich), on the wall in memory of Sophie Scholl. I could see that she had been born the same year as I, and that she had been executed the same year I entered into Hitler’s service. And, at that moment, I really realised that it was no excuse that I had been so young. I could perhaps have tried to find out about things.” – Gertraud “Traudl” Junge (d. 2002), Hitler’s last personal secretary, interview at the end of the 2004 movie Downfall.
- Pan-Galactic People: Many, if not most, people on Earth agree that the world would benefit greatly if we all regarded ourselves as part of an inclusive “human race” regardless of geographic origin of our ancestors.⁵ You already know who would not agree. However, when humanity is moved to an interstellar or space-opera setting, a type of speciesism supremacy often again creeps into the literature because aliens, even if humanoid in form, are reproductively incompatible with humans because they evolved in a different ecology.⁶
 - ✓ Merriam-Webster online dictionary at *speciesism*: **1**: prejudice or discrimination based on species; especially: discrimination against animals, **2**: the assumption of human superiority on which speciesism is based. The word was first used in 1973.
 - ✓ Reproductive compatibility between two living organisms is one of the core elements making those two organisms the same species, for example, Merriam-Webster online

dictionary at *species*: **d(1)** ... comprising related organisms or populations potentially capable of interbreeding. That is, the production of viable offspring – including possible xenogenesis, the Census Power in GGDM.

- See also crossbreeding discussion, Pan-Galactic Pornography, 5 Beginnings, p. 53, *supra*.

As they are distinctly different species from us, at what point would humanity identify itself as part of a ‘pan-galactic race’?

- ✓ “The Pythagoreans and their successors held the peculiar notion that the Earth was tainted, somehow nasty while the heavens were pristine and divine. So the fundamental idea that the Earth is a planet, that we’re citizens of the universe, was rejected and forgotten.” – Carl Sagan, *Cosmos*, Episode 7.

Suppose that in order to join the pan-galactic race, humanity must be altered to join a hive mind (e.g., the Overmind in *Childhood’s End* (1953),⁷ Galaxia-Gaia in the *Foundation’s Edge* (1982) and *Foundation and Earth* (1986)) or to become eusocial with other intelligent alien species; it would be fair to assume that any pan-galactic race would be a condition of *alterity* to humanity. Such a situation might oddly suggest that for the pan-galactic race, the universe is a valuable food source/nest or hive that must be defended against those outside the universe:

- ✓ “The new examples of eusociality hint that the nature of an animal’s home may hold the answer. As more eusocial species come to light, researchers note that a common thread is that of living inside a ‘valuable resource,’ like a hive or nest, that has taken much labor to build and maintain, and is valuable enough to die for.... Similarly, eusocial aphids, like those discovered by Dr. Nancy Moran, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Arizona at Tucson, patrol and defend the tiny galls they have formed on the cottonwood trees of Arizona; *the galls are both a home and a source of food....* Many questions remain for researchers about the origins of eusociality. In particular, the naked mole-rat has kept biologists asking why no other mammal, including humans, has evolved sterile, worker castes.” – Carol Kaesuk Yoon, “Social Castes Found to be Not So Rare in Nature,” *New York Times Archives*, 1993 (emphasis added).⁸
 - See also excerpt of Chaki Kobayashi, “What is a Tree,” *Persistence of Existence*, *supra*.

- ✓ Although only vaguely eusocial, Robert Sheckley’s cute 1953 First Contact short story “Specialist” is based on the idea of a starship formed from creatures of different planets that all serve as natural components of what we’d expect on a starship: Walls, Engines, Communications, Navigator. When the ship’s Pusher dies, they discover Earth, where humanity is a race of primitive Pushers (which is offered offhand as an explanation for warfare, science, sovereignty, human supremacy over nature, greed and hatred, interpersonal conflicts – all because we are Pushers with nothing to Push). With some difficulty, the alien starship kidnaps an army private on furlough in the wilderness and convinces him to join their cooperative starship as their Pusher. The role of the Pusher is to accelerate the ship to FTL speeds, which only the Pusher can do mentally. Robert Sheckley’s story, published in *Galaxy Magazine*, May 1953⁹ is

the only example I know of a non-cybernetic, alien-human eusocial relationship. The story provides just enough details to work while leaving huge looming unanswered questions.

“Those who aren’t quite as familiar with the internet slang definition of ‘troll’ or ‘trolling’ might automatically think of the mythical creature from Scandinavian folklore. The mythological troll is known to be an ugly, dirty, angry creature that lives in dark places, like caves or underneath bridges, waiting to snatch up anything that passed by for a quick meal. The internet troll is a modern version of the mythological version. They hide behind their computer screens, and actively go out of their way to cause trouble on the internet. Like the mythological troll, the internet troll is angry and disruptive in every possible way – often for no real reason at all.”

– Elise Moreau, “Internet Trolling: How Do You Spot a Real Troll?” Lifewire, July 20, 2019 ¹⁰

The Diamond Problem: A quick Google search for “Jared Diamond racist” (on June 22, 2017) instantly provides two pages of hits from articles and forums arguing about whether Jared Diamond’s works, particularly the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Guns, Germs and Steel* (1997), are racist.

- ✓ “A naive outsider might imagine that Diamond’s ideas would go down equally well with the left-leaning anthropology establishment. After all, they are explicitly a retort to racism; he denies Eurasian societies any grounds for pride at ending up on top, exposing the geographic privilege on which their success relied. But he found himself accused of ‘geographic determinism’: in his critics’ opinion, his arguments squeeze out any role for human agency and decision-making, thereby sparing history’s colonisers – and today’s elites – any responsibility for having created our grotesquely unjust world. As one writer put it, after the book was adapted for the US TV network PBS, his stance means that ‘a PBS donor can sit in his Connecticut estate feeling no guilt since it was, after all, only an accident of geography that made him rich and the Bolivians poor.’ Jason Antrosio, an anthropologist, wrote: ‘Jared Diamond has done a huge disservice to the telling of human history.’” – Oliver Burkeman, “Interview: Jared Diamond: ‘Humans, 150,000 years ago, wouldn’t figure on a list of the five most interesting species on Earth’” The Guardian, October 24, 2014.

For his part, Mr. Diamond, the champion of “environmental and geographical determinism,” (a term he contests) maintains that his work is anti-racist, that it shows that the Europeans were just lucky in where their civilization grew and are not inherently or genetically superior in any way:

- ✓ “Diamond himself has been accused of racism, particularly by anthropologists, who have questioned his work with indigenous people in New Guinea, where he has conducted extensive field research. It is ironic because in *Guns, Germs, and Steel* Diamond explicitly sets out to refute racial readings of history, arguing that the reason Europe became globally dominant was to do with geographical advantages.

One anthropologist published an academic paper entitled F**k Jared Diamond, in which he accused the genteel American of disguised ‘racism’ and ‘environmental de-

terminism' which served to normalise colonialism. Why, I ask him, is he so resentful? Diamond puts it down to his success and the popular style in which he writes. What about his politics? Although he refuses to be drawn on the subject, it is clear that he resides somewhere on the conservative wing of liberalism.

'I don't think that's the reason because the reality is that I'm a mixed bag. My views about immigration do not coincide at all with extreme liberal American views about immigration, but I would be praised by anthropologists for my views on the intelligence of New Guineans compared to the intelligence of Europeans.'" – Andrew Anthony, "Interview: Jared Diamond: So how do states recover from crisis? The same way people do." The Guardian, April 21, 2019.

But many people see his work as a racist justification for European conquest and colonization. Just as they might see Weber's attempts to extend and apply his analysis of the Protestant historical coincidence (and the Protestant work ethic) to non-European, non-Christian peoples as racist and/or a justification for European colonialism. In fact, a Google search on the same date, for "Max Weber racist" yields similar results, except that, due to his position as one of the preeminent founders of modern sociology, he is also accused of – variously – being a social Darwinist, imperialist, nationalist, racist, and most importantly, that the sociology he created is tainted with, a tool of, or a justification for 'genteel white racism.'

- ✓ Norman Spinrad has also charged (in relation to The Iron Dream (1972)) that much of science-fiction literature borders on Nazism, is very close to Nazi ideals, and that future science-fiction stories rarely show people or times much better than our own.¹¹ Notably, for whatever reasons you may believe are true, most science-fiction literature is written by 'white men' (and sometimes women, e.g., Pauline Gedge, Julian May) and feature white characters or characters of undetermined 'race' or 'ethnicity' who are most likely 'whites' from modern Western civilizations. Thus, Spinrad was making the same charge of mainstream science-fiction literature as has been made against sociology, both products of 19th and early 20th century western civilization, science-fiction literature often contains elements of sociology.

The trolls (and some academics) who carelessly or maliciously called Jared Diamond a racist are missing the point as usual: There is a well-established history (i.e. facts) that must be accounted for (proximate and ultimate causes); the history of 500 years of European domination are imprinted on our current world, every one of us, every culture, every institution.¹² It is the same imperative, not less, but probably more, that lead the Founding Fathers to explain and declare to the world their reasons for rebelling against England. It cannot be wished away, there is no reset. The only difference is that the two are on opposite sides of the divide of identity politics. I have never heard of a troll complaining about the U.S. Declaration of Independence.

- ✓ Which is also more or less the same reason we have creation myths: We feel that we could not have always existed and must account for our beginnings, and the beginning of everything that *matters* to us. It fills the nothingness before our birth with a suggestion that for all practical purposes, everything has always been here (and will continue even after death) and creates meaning in the Void. See The Happy Hurkle, Meta Aspect and Be Fruitful, 4 Culture, pp. 409-410, *supra* and Douglas Adams quote in 1 Technology, pp. 694-695, *supra*.

Fundamental realities are things we feel compelled to explain, see Jared Diamond quote, 3 Con-structural Elements, p. 210, *supra*. Having rationally dismissed in the last century all pseudoscientific arguments claiming European mystical, moral, mental or physical superiority – these claims are now considered by definition *racist* – another type of explanation must be offered, something outside of any attempt to claim a ‘rightful’ superiority (which again, is *racism*).

Mr. Diamond offered such an explanation, a compelling one based solely on the happy accident of geography. For this, he is called a racist by those who refuse to understand the problem he is solving; it is unlikely that these people are trying to deny or pretend the history doesn’t exist (and many of them actually are rather proud of it) – because if it didn’t exist, they would have no reason to call anyone a racist!

- ✓ “This general charge – that Diamond offers a hugely oversimplified, morally exculpatory account of history – is the only thing that punctures his politesse. ‘Whenever I hear the phrase ‘geographic determinism,’ he says, ‘I know I’m about to waste time discussing with someone who has no right to be discussing [how human societies developed]. Because the fact is that geography has a strong influence on humans. It doesn’t determine everything, but it has a strong influence.’ Certain anthropologists – the kind he calls ‘not scientists’ – may insist that, say, Aboriginal Australians made a cultural choice not to develop agriculture, but the fact is they simply lacked the domesticable crops or animals to do so.” – Oliver Burkeman, “Interview: Jared Diamond: ‘Humans, 150,000 years ago, wouldn’t figure on a list of the five most interesting species on Earth’” *The Guardian*, October 24, 2014.¹³

These same sorts will likely refuse also to understand the ‘problem’ addressed by GGDM and instead choose to distort the discussion by careless accusation and name calling. It is so easy to call anyone a racists nowadays, closely followed by sexist, misogynous, and even use pejorative terms for liberals (e.g., ‘snowflakes’) and conservatives (e.g., ‘conspiritard’).

- ✓ What, if anything I have added to Jared Diamond’s work was to point out the funneling effect of Western Europe on the Great Migration and the circumambulation. I don’t think that is particularly genius on my part; I am sure it has been mentioned before (but I have not seen it anywhere before), but it is important to the population density issue, which also suggests that in addition to natural resources, Europe had social and mental resources as well. In the movie, *The Man from Earth* (2007), John said that in the early days, he just followed the sun...

The Diamond Problem is not Professor Diamond, but mass human willful ignorance, those who miss the point, jump the gun, refuse to understand and learn, whose thinking is limited to name calling and trolling, and “the level of thought that goes into 140 characters” (Sen. Jeff Flake). This is different from scholarly and academic criticisms of his work, his offered evidence. But that’s not what trolls are about. Even the academic kind.

- ✓ Jared Diamond’s theory seems to apply and adapt Edward Soja’s spatial injustice theory on a macro-historical scale to describe the reason for 500 years of European global colonialism and superiority (similar perhaps to the way absurdism has been generalized in GGDM into a macrosocial metaphysics of human civilizations). Edward Soja, who is barely known outside the elite circles of postmodern social theory (i.e. no Today Show or GMA appearances), has probably never been called a racist, and is of no interest to the internet chattering class or trolls.

“During the Nazi era, German authorities reintroduced the Jewish badge as a key element in their plan to persecute and eventually to destroy the Jewish population of Europe. They used the badge not only to stigmatize and humiliate Jews but also to segregate them and to watch and control their movements. The badge also facilitated deportation.

Nazi propaganda minister Josef Goebbels was the first to suggest a ‘general distinguishing mark’ for German Jews in a memorandum in May 1938. Security Police chief Reinhard Heydrich reiterated the idea at a November 12, 1938, meeting convened by Herman Göring following Kristallnacht. In both cases no immediate action was taken.”

– from “Jewish Badge: During the Nazi Era,” Holocaust Encyclopedia
(United States Holocaust Museum) ¹⁴

Toyland: The thinness of racist arguments continues to be exposed over and over. The 2009 Oscar-winning live short film “Toyland” (YouTube, 14 minutes) does this at two critical points in the story. A lady with a young boy is neighbors with a Jewish couple who has a young boy of the same age, in Nazi-controlled Germany. The boys are friends, called themselves “blood brothers” in the film. Aware that the Jewish neighbors might soon be taken away, the mother tells her son that the neighbors are going on a trip to ‘Toyland’; he wants to go with them, but she (obviously) says no because she knows she is lying. She struggles to keep up the fiction. The Nazis round up the Jewish family and ransack their apartment, the boy tries to run away, to get in the van with them to go to ‘Toyland.’ The Jewish boy yells to him that there is no ‘Toyland’ as the guards knock the runaway boy to the ground and close the prison van doors.

When the frantic mother arrives at the deportation train station, believing her runaway son (whom she has not yet found) is on the train with the Jewish family, she is called a “Jewish bitch” by the guards, who ask why she isn’t wearing the required Star of David, until she produces papers showing she is not ‘Jewish,’ then their demeanor instantly changes to gentlemanly.

When they open the train box car where the Jewish families are imprisoned, she sees the Jewish boy and pretends that it is her son so that he is removed from the train and given to her care. The Nazi officer comments on how he “looks just like his mother,” despite the fact that he is wearing a Jewish star on his jacket lapel. The Jewish parents keep quiet and the Jewish boy does not object, but goes home with his new ‘mother’ while his parents are sent to a camp.

She then raises two ‘sons.’

- ✓ So, yes, the film is a work of fiction. And some would say then that makes it a less powerful example for the argument. But the events in the film are plausible and based on well-documented historical precedent; one could easily say it could have happened that way once or a thousand times. And if the Jewish people were in any way distinguishable from the ‘German people’ there would have been no need for them to wear, by legal decree, the Star of David on their lapel (or one might ask, ‘why were they required to wear a Star of David?’). They did not do so before being required to and few seemed to notice their Jewish neighbors before the Nazis made it a top political issue. Without the star on their lapel, they were indistinguishable.
- ✓ “The persecution of the Jews began systematically almost as soon as Hitler came to power. The Nazis established many new anti-Jewish laws. These were introduced slowly at first, so that the civilian population would not realise the extent of the Nazi

party's anti-Semitism. ... It is uncertain whether Hitler planned to murder the Jews when he came to power. Originally it seems he intended to force them out of Germany but this eventually led to a plan to exterminate the Jews.” – “Anti-Jewish Decrees,” British Library (<https://www.bl.uk/learning/histcitizen/voices/info/decrees/decrees.html>).

“Humans did this. Hundreds of thousands of babies cradled by mothers grew up through millions of unique experiences only to find themselves all at Jerusalem, each of their stories worthy of its own novel unraveled one way or another over these three months, and have, through the great filter of history, been reduced to a reference in this very sentence. I don't think you or I or our species has the capacity to truly understand this. In the end, perhaps, all we can do is take the time to pause and reflect.

As we do this, we can in a way, commune with our ancestors who did the same; at Carthage, for instance, it is said that Scipio Aemilianus weepingly looked over the flames which engulfed the city, imagining that one day, such flames would be seen over Rome itself. At Jerusalem, we can imagine that Titus was also seized by similar thoughts. Today, I am sure, we can also bow our heads humbly and reflect up on the destruction we reap across the world which may one day, return to our own homes.”

– closing narration from “The Siege of Jerusalem (70 AD) – The Great Jewish Revolt [FULL DOCUMENTARY]” by YouTube channel Invicta, August 11, 2019

The Inge Process: William Ralph Inge, born in 1860, was an Anglican priest and the Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in London from 1911 to 1934. He was, as expected, a very educated man, a Fellow of the British Academy, a Knight of the Royal Victorian Order, Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, a church politician. He was a prolific author of books and articles, thoughtful and well-spoken, his lines are frequently eloquent in a way that we only look back upon with longing. He is quotable, Wikiquote has a page of fine quotes from his works, usually of one sentence, currently there are sixteen quotes there attributed to William Ralph Inge, with links for some to various works on Google Books and the Gutenberg Project (most of his writings are in the public domain).

However, an examination of the works linked to the Wikiquote page demonstrates that they were cherry picked, very carefully cherry picked. While he said some fine insightful things that are at once worthy, profound thoughts on various subjects, many of his works have racist undertones, he (like many of his time) conflated nationalism and race (*gee*, not much has changed there), and other comments in his works are distasteful because he was a late 19th and early 20th Century cleric (e.g., his comments on evolution and science), an English aristocrat (e.g., vaguely derogatory comments about the United States, or consumerism or unionization of labor), or because he was a politician playing to his base (a common charge even nowadays).

- ✓ I have understood from other readings that the ‘special relationship’ between the United States and England – sort of a GGDM Shared Meaning (see *The Commonality*, 3 Diplomacy, p. 1131, *supra*) – dates mainly from World War II and that prior to England being flooded with U.S. servicemen (and equipment) who then flooded across the Channel and through France and Germany, England aristocratically looked down upon the United States as a lesser cousin and had a slightly adversarial attitude toward the U.S., even after World War I. England thought the United States did little in WWI because the United States joined late.

Sometimes, his insightful, quotable lines seem to contradict other works that have distasteful comments or undertones, e.g., his 1948 (he was 88 years old) comment, “A nation is a society united by a delusion about its ancestry and by a common hatred of its neighbours”¹⁵ seems to contradict the very title (not to mention substance) of his 1919 Galton Lecture (he was 59 years old) called “The Future of the English Race”,¹⁶ this is probably a human process representing a difference in views after World War I and World War II and the beginning of the Cold War fear. He also was realistic in many senses, and sometimes his comments are near prescient, as for example, about South Africa or hinting at the future dissolution of the English colonial empire.

He was a man of his times. We expect outstanding intellects *to be humans beyond their times, to be heroic in an intellectual sense*, and we celebrate that, but often they are not, often they must play to the tune and politics of their time (e.g., Socrates and the Thirty Tyrants or Cicero’s joy at Caesar’s assassination in the Senate), or are trapped in their existential realities (which makes their works useful as historical record of the attitudes and thoughts of a time). The same argument is made of American writer Robert E. Howard, whose short life is encompassed by the period of time (approximately) that Robert Inge was Dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral and most prolific as a writer; Robert E. Howard has been called a racist, but arguably not especially racist by the standards of his time.¹⁷

So, we cherry-pick; Wikiquote cherry-picks, whether consciously or unconsciously. Aristotle made statements that seem to support Ionian slavery (e.g., “for he that can foresee with his mind is naturally ruler and naturally master, and he that can do these things with his body is subject and naturally a slave.” (Politics, 1:2, 2)) that were ignored perhaps until Carl Sagan pointed it out in Cosmos, Episode 7, in his discussion of the Ionian revolution and descent into mysticism. Aristotle’s statements in support of slavery are not commonly found on the internet quotes sites, rather, the Aristotle and Plato quotes found are the ones used in books and taught in colleges or repeated in business psychology seminars. They are the quotes we find palatable and insightful.

Wikiquote is part of a long-term *socio-intellectual Bowdlerization process*.¹⁸ The cherry-picked quotes on Wikiquote will be repeated in school papers and other works, the ones that are distasteful, dated, or in discord with our current worldview will be ignored and read only by those who read original works, do historical research, and understand the times (i.e. scholars, deep blue thinkers). Perhaps this is part of a topical truth function in our civilization; each generation cherry-picks quotes and ignores others, the sum result is that after many, many generations have cherry-picked thoughts and insights from authors and chewed over their works, what remains is the rough pit of thoughts that might be regarded as human truths.¹⁹

However, we do ourselves a disservice by politically correcting or ignoring quotes of famous people that don’t sit well now; we forget – and we probably want to forget except for moments of self-puffery, self-congratulation and romantic narcissism – that the world wasn’t always with the current sensibilities. Without that, we are small people, a tiny point in time, having lost the sense of all other times in our history, being deprived of their collective wisdom.

- ✓ This is an argument made from facts: 1) William Inge was... 2) William Inge is quoted favorably on the internet... 3) His writings are often in discord with or distasteful to moderns... 4) Therefore the internet quotes are cherry-picked. 5) Aristotle, Robert E. Howard, and many others were also racist by our standards, or endorsed slavery, or said disagreeable or outdated things and are also widely quoted on the internet and elsewhere... 6) therefore their quotes are cherry-picked like those of Wil-

- liam Inge. 7) cherry-picked quotes are repeated and disseminated in our society, carried from generation to generation... 8) the original texts and sources remain for those who want to read and understand... 9) this process serves as a truth function, extracting and emphasizing the insightful and thought-provoking prose of famous authors into universal human truths or observations, and suppressing the trivial, distasteful or dated, leaving those to the scholars and historians in the preserved original works.
- ✓ There is a similar intellectual process that runs in other parts of our civilization, certain books, short stories, and literary ideas are made into movies and TV shows, giving them an outsized influence, shows and movies are ‘reimagined’ or remade or rebooted several times, each interpretation learning from the previous mistakes and criticisms, giving them extended legacy. In 2020, we will see our third generation of Dune movies (1984, 2000, 2020). Like our history, our entertainment is pragmatic.
- Cherry-Picking Inge: “We may surmise that the European man, the fiercest of all beasts of prey, is not likely to abandon the weapons which have made him the lord and the bully of the planet. He has no other superiority to the races which he arrogantly despises. Under a régime of peace the Asiatic would probably be his master.” – Dean William Ralph Inge, Outspoken Essays, “The Future of the English Race” (The Galton Lecture, 1919), available for free on the Gutenberg Project.
- ✓ I wonder if the use of “bully” by Dean Inge above was a coy double entendre? A modern reader pictures immediately one with a big stick and that certainly is colorable following the use of the word “lord,” but bully also meant *excellent, wonderful* as an adjective: My mother used to say, “Well bully for you!” when she wasn’t buying my excuses for whatever careless, thoughtless thing I did in my youth that I was in trouble for just then. All of the dictionary meanings of ‘bully’ were in the language, according to Merriam-Webster online dictionary at the time Inge used the term.
 - ✓ It may be surmised from this quote above that Dean Inge was an anti-colonialist, pacifist in some sense, and possibly anti-racist (of some sort); the date is also interesting: 1919, the post-WWI milieu. I think Jared Diamond would agree with his quote. Unlike many of the late 19th and early 20th Century intellectuals cited, Dean Inge lived to see WWII and the Bomb. He was 85 years old in 1945, he lived to age 93.
 - ✓ However, later in the *same essay*, he supports “racial survival” by colonization, which the way the Europeans did it, required them to be the “bully of the planet”: “Emigration, as we have seen, does not diminish the home population by a single unit; and so, while there are empty lands available for colonisation, it is by far the best method of adding to the numbers of our race.” *Terra nullis*. After genocide.
 - In this, he echoes Thomas Malthus, see quote, 1 Taxation & Census, p. 297, *supra*. This point is also not dissimilar to the point made by Joseph Tainter in The Collapse of Complex Societies (1988), pp. 171-172.
 - ✓ But it is clear that in 1919 (based on the above quotes), Dean Inge *did not believe* in any *mystical, moral, or intellectual* superiority of Europeans over the rest of humanity; he was not guilty of Western sanctimony in that sense at least. He would not have said, based on the quoted public lecture above, that any European was smarter than a person from Africa, or morally superior to a person from China, for example. He recognized the European unwarranted sense of entitlement and lack of sense of obligation to the rest of the world (see Arrears in Aristos, 2 Entropy, p. 234, *supra*).

- In this, he says much the same as modern anthropology has said, see Oliver Burkeman quote, p. 1158, *ut supra*.
- ✓ Note also that this was apparently the discussion and language of the time, e.g., consider this following:
 - “When asked what was the greatest political fact of modern times, [Otto von] Bismarck is reported to have responded, that it was ‘the inherited and permanent fact that North America speaks English.’ Whether the saying be authentic or not, the remark is certainly worthy of its reputed author’s keen insight into political fundamentals.” – George Louis Beer, The English-Speaking Peoples, Their Future Relations and Joint International Obligations (1917), p. 186. Note the title, style of the work and the date.

➤ The Voltaire Case: Voltaire’s opinions offended nearly everyone, we tend to do that. The record is clear that in his early years, he was anti-Islam (e.g., his 1736 tragedy, “Fanaticism, or Mahomet the Prophet”), but that his opinions, like Dean Inge, evolved over time. The implications would be frightening if they didn’t; the 20th century has no shortage of examples, especially linked to dominance and power.

Voltaire’s opinion of Islam is still an issue of discussion on the internet, e.g., a thread on the Historium forums (<https://historium.com/threads/voltaire-on-islam.127989/>), started by JoanOfArc007 on June 12, 2017 titled, “Voltaire on Islam” discussing a Muslim World League site that (backhandedly) rationalized Voltaire’s early criticism of Islam and praised him as a later defender of The Prophet.

- ✓ “In his Essay on the Manners and Spirit of Nations (published 1756) ... Voltaire highlighted the Arabian, Turkish courts, and conducts. Here he called Mohammed a ‘poet’, and stated that he was not an illiterate. As a ‘legislator’, he ‘changed the face of part of Europe [and] one half of Asia.’ In chapter VI, Voltaire finds similarities between Arabs and ancient Hebrews, that they both kept running to battle in the name of God, and sharing a passion for the spoils of war. Voltaire continues that, ‘It is to be believed that Mohammed, like all enthusiasts, violently struck by his ideas, first presented them in good faith, strengthened them with fantasy, fooled himself in fooling others, and supported through necessary deceptions a doctrine which he considered good.’ He thus compares ‘the genius of the Arab people’ with ‘the genius of the ancient Romans’” – from Wikipedia article, “Voltaire,” captured February 17, 2019.
 - Note that Essay on the Manners and Spirit of Nations was written 20 years after the anti-Islam tragedy play that he recommended to the Pope in 1745.

Voltaire continues to be quoted today, like Dean Inge, because in between, there are some revealing insights. For example Voltaire wrote:

- ✓ “It is to be believed that Mohammed, like all enthusiasts, violently struck by his ideas, first presented them in good faith, strengthened them with fantasy, fooled himself in fooling others, and supported through necessary deceptions a doctrine which he considered good.” *Id.* citing to David Allen Harvey, The French Enlightenment and Its Others: The Mandarin, the Savage, and the Invention of the Human Sciences (2012).

This humanistic treatment of Muhammed implies that what was true of Muhammed, would also be true of others of the same kind, thus was applicable to both the Church Fathers and to radical reformist in pre-Revolutionary France (a point proven perhaps by later events, e.g., The Reign of Terror). It was a way of criticizing current institutions and movements indirectly which is also what the Muslim World League article by Dr. Khalid Shaya argues.

To wit: If you accept Voltaire’s criticisms of or comments about Mohammed as valid, worthy observations (if not arguments), then when the same is pointed out to exist in Christianity, you cannot deny the same is true of Christianity, which is exactly the point. Voltaire’s description of Mohammed (*ut supra*) must just as easily apply to the famously prone-to-hallucinogenic-fantasy and violently-struck-by-his-own-ideas St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuit Order (and many other ‘Saints’), which had a huge impact on both the Counter-Reformation and on European missions to China, Japan, India, etc. *Ripples*.

Interestingly, Voltaire referred to both Jesus Christ and Muhammed (and Zoroaster) as ‘legislators’ in his A Philosophical Dictionary, Vol. 1 (1764) (available in searchable format on Google books, there were five hits for the word “legislator” in the volume) 30 years before Kantian ethics’ Categorical Imperatives. If these people were Legislators of Mankind, *they were elected after the fact by the religions that were erected on their names* (unlike secular legislators) and Kant is simply asking people to put themselves in that place before acting.

However, it is noted that Voltaire commented inconsistently on the Jewish people, to wit:

- ✓ “According to Orthodox rabbi Joseph Telushkin, the most significant Enlightenment hostility against Judaism was found in Voltaire; thirty of the 118 articles in his *Dictionnaire philosophique* dealt with Jews and described them in consistently negative ways. For example, in Voltaire’s A Philosophical Dictionary, he wrote of Jews: ‘In short, we find in them only an ignorant and barbarous people, who have long united the most sordid avarice with the most detestable superstition and the most invincible hatred for every people by whom they are tolerated and enriched.’ On the other hand, Peter Gay, a contemporary authority on the Enlightenment, also points to Voltaire’s remarks (for instance, that the Jews were more tolerant than the Christians) in the *Traité sur la tolérance* and surmises that ‘Voltaire struck at the Jews to strike at Christianity’. Whatever anti-Semitism Voltaire may have felt, Gay suggests, derived from negative personal experience. Bertram Schwarzbach’s far more detailed studies of Voltaire’s dealings with Jewish people throughout his life concluded that he was anti-biblical, not anti-Semitic. *His remarks on the Jews and their ‘superstitions’ were essentially no different from his remarks on Christians.*” – from Wikipedia article, “Voltaire,” captured February 17, 2019 (emphasis added).

“Being friends with anyone for 30 years is no easy task – people change, they drift apart, they move on.” – Alana Stewart

“In my life, there have been people that I was convinced would be around forever, and yet, somehow they managed to drift away after a couple of years. Likewise there have been people who have begun as casual acquaintances but become more important with each passing year.” – Alana Stewart

Drifting Off the Table: “Advanced Stellar Conquest” drifted off the game table, but GGDM has not yet hit the floor. Like the old computer advertisement with the water glass falling off the table in slow motion while the big voice tells you that their computer can perform millions of calculations before the glass hits the floor – GGDM is still calculating millions of thoughts and mastering the knack, like Arthur Dent, of flying into cyberspace. It’s all a matter of time, input, processing power and SQ and we are just a slight bit slow.

- ✓ “There is an art to flying, or rather a knack. The knack lies in learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss. ... Clearly, it is this second part, the missing, that presents the difficulties.” – Douglas Adams, Life, The Universe and Everything (1982).
 - “You have to have your attention suddenly distracted by something else then you’re halfway there, so that you are no longer thinking about falling, or about the ground, or about how much it’s going to hurt if you fail to miss it.” *Id.*
- **Continental Drift:** A position having a Shared Meaning with another may create and activate a one-time Special Writ based on that Shared Meaning. The Special Writ, when approved and activated by actualization of a Fuzzy Group, may operate to affect *either* 1) the Events in the Shared Meaning, *or* 2) the party position’s own civilization in reasonable relation to the Shared Meaning and the relationship overall of the two positions. Regular Meanings cannot be the basis of a Special Writ and cannot be affected by the Special Writ. The Writ must be based on the Diplomacy Power and follow a general form of the Writ (see Form of the Writ, 2 Writs, p. 438, *supra*), describing background and a reasonably-related effect.
 - ✓ The Concierge should give liberal interpretation (but not give into speciousness), bearing in mind the cost associated with forming the Fuzzy Group and activating the Special Writ. As discussed in The Commonality, 3 Diplomacy, p. 1131, *supra*, the Concierge will not provide pre-rulings or hypothetically discuss a Special Writ.
 - ✓ Each Special Writ must be unique, but there is no limit to the number of Special Writs that can be activated in relation to a Shared Meaning over the course of the game. The requirement of a Special Writ imposes a *cost* to modification.
 - “My husband recently made me try on a bikini. A bikini is not so much a garment as a cloth-based reminder that your parts have been migrating all these years. My waist, I realized that day in the dressing room, has completely disappeared beneath my rib cage, which now rests directly on my hips. I’m exhibiting continental drift in reverse.” – Mary Roach.
- **Earthquake Events:** A Special Writ that affects the Shared Meaning (#1 above) may *unilaterally* add, subtract or alter the wording of Events in the Shared Meaning. A Shared Meaning must always have at least one Event, there cannot be any empty Shared Meanings. Because the changes are unilateral, this can result in a bit of a tug-o-war back and forth – a bit of a *lover’s tussle* told in monologue narration like Katherine Ann Porter’s short story, “Rope” (1928) – but that would cost considerable Special Writ activations by the sides, distracting them from other priorities. Also because it is *unilateral*, there is no concurrent requirement to activate the Diplomacy Power by the other party, unlike forming the original Shared Meaning.
 - ✓ Without the use of Special Writs, Shared Meanings would be static, unchanging as they are formed, beneficial only in the formation, a burden afterward, and can only be destroyed by Event violations. This may not be a problem for some players. The use

of Special Writs however adds dynamics to the Shared Meanings and rewards positions with opportunities for keeping it.

- ✓ It is possible to form a Shared Meaning where one of the Events bars changes or any use of Special Writs, or even bars unilateral changes. It is up to the judgment of the Concierge whether or not to accept such a Shared Meaning – there may be some unimaginable situation where it is appropriate (just as one should be very careful about declaring anything absolutely impossible) – but generally, it probably should not be accepted by the Concierge.
- **Fault Lines:** The contents of the Special Writ are not shared with anyone when used to add, subtract, or change Events of a Shared Meaning; the other position should notice the changes without needing to read the Writ. *However*, when a Special Writ based on a Shared Meaning is used to alter a position’s civilization (i.e. #2 above), the partner to the Shared Meaning will – in the vein of the Expose’ News Event (see 4 Writs generally, *supra*) – receive a copy of the Special Writ. It will not be published as a News Event, but it’s not exactly secret either. The Special Writ is unilateral, so does not require the other’s approval, but the issuing position cannot control the information once it gets out. The effect of the Special Writ used in this way can be powerful, something just short of an actual Expose’ News Event, but must still be based on the Shared Meaning and the relationship between the two positions and must, of course, be in proper form and the reasoning and intent must be intelligible.
 - ✓ For example, one might use a Special Writ in relation to the Shared Meaning to either shield a Government Title for a Regular Turn from being Disrupted if the Conflict Checks would require a position to violate the Events of the Shared Meaning or in extreme cases, it might be used to rid a position of a Government Title whose Conflict Checks are in conflict with the Shared Meaning.
 - Publication of the Special Writ to the other position in the Shared Meaning may not seem very realistic in the game sense, but is a concession, like the Expose’ News Event, to storytelling in both exposure (learning about the other) and powerful game effects. It is perhaps a form of cohering between positions, even when their Shared Meanings are not ‘positive’ (like the cat and the bird). As discussed *ut supra*, Shared Meaning Events probably should not be allowed to bar sharing of the Special Writ when used in this way.
- **Subduction Zone:** Whenever a Special Writ is used in relation to the Shared Meaning for either purpose, one Monad is added to the Diplomatic Space between the two positions. It can be added randomly, or can be manually placed by the Concierge if the two positions can agree on placement; this is a good way to fill ‘holes’ in the Diplomatic Space. In either case, it is possible due to the wrap around nature of Diplomatic Spaces (like Public Spaces, see discussions *Over the Edge*, 1 *The Sidereal Stage*, p. 108, and *Shared Spaces*, 2 *Diplomacy*, p. 1118, *supra*, and *Built Spaces and Mental Spaces*, 3 *Reformation*, pp. 1401-1402, *infra*) for the insertion of a Monad to push adjacent things apart, or to push things from one edge to another. However, the First Spaces must be inviolate, they must remain on the original edges, directly opposite each other with space for at least one Monad between them, but otherwise can be moved farther and farther apart as Monads are inserted (see *First Space*, 2 *Diplomacy*, p. 1116, *supra*) or the Monads can be added around the sides to expand the space laterally.

- ✓ “My father was an entomologist who believed in continental drift. In the early ‘50s, that was regarded as nonsense. It was in the mid-’50s that it came back. Someone had thought of it 30 or 40 years earlier named Alfred Wegener, and he never got to see it come back.” – Geoffrey Hinton.

*“The Humans say, ‘The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.’ Why?
Do they think there is a shortage of bad ones?”*

– Opening quote from Andromeda, “Forced Perspective” (2001)

Endnotes.

¹ Citation: See Norman Spinrad ‘Emperor of Everything’ feature quote, 3 Constructural Elements, p. 205, *supra*.

² Citation & Commentary: This is by far the best statement of a sensitive issue – an apparent double standard – that has perplexed me and all reasonable adults in the United States for most of a century; I first noticed it when I was in about 2nd Grade in the early 1970s and I personally witnessed it daily when I began working in the early 1980s. I believe this is a language issue mainly in the U.S. as a result of the Civil War, Reconstruction, and the Civil Rights movement and not such a big deal elsewhere in the Anglosphere. The issue is usually raised when someone is defending themselves against a public outcry over racism; for example, I recall the loud offended howling when a famous New York City chef or restaurant owner, accused of racism, pointed out this nonsensical paradox. What would be said if Tim Anderson mentioned it to the press in argument against his suspension considering that other ‘non-black’ players may have been suspended for the same?

- ✓ This is not an argument in favor of anyone using the word: As President Obama said of the Confederate Battle Flag, the word in question here belongs in a museum and at this point, **no one** should be using it, both out of respect and self-respect. It is not a word that can be rehabilitated by neutral, non-pejorative use, nor does it have any meaning beyond the pejorative, no matter the speaker (it is considered non-subjective ‘hate speech’ not protected by the First Amendment). No one, I am certain (except perhaps the anti-PC camp), would argue that our language would be lessened by retiring that particular word (but you know it won’t happen), except where appropriate in accurate historical drama depiction.
- ✓ As to the anti-PC arguments I have heard over the years, I would suggest that a substance abuser might have the same reaction if told their life would be better without the substance abuse. The problem with anti-PC arguments generally is that it is hard to make such arguments without sounding like a closet racist, just as it is hard to make pro-Fundamentalist Christian arguments without sounding like a deluded fool.

³ Commentary: In fact, the irony is that if GGDM contained an outrageous, misogynistic, racist, homophobic, or atheist ranting screed or a detailed religious alien conspiracy theory or celebrity gossip or claimed extraterrestrial or extradimensional channeled wisdom, it would be more likely to be widely read (if only to laugh and troll me) than in its current state as a *levelheaded and profound philosophical and macrosocial simulation and argument*.

⁴ Citation & Commentary: “A deepity is a proposition that seems to be profound because it is actually logically ill-formed. It has (at least) two readings and balances precariously between them. On one reading it is true but trivial. And on another reading it is false, but would be earth-shattering if true.” – Daniel Dennett, “Evolution of Confusion” speech at the American Atheist International Conference, 2009; the video is available on YouTube via the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science channel.

- ✓ *Cf.* Merriam-Webster online dictionary at *paradox*: **2:a** a statement that is seemingly contradictory or opposed to common sense and yet is perhaps true.
- ✓ “Deepity” is a Dennett neologism used primarily and sparingly in Philosophy of the Mind, intellectual fraud, and theological discussion.

⁵ Commentary: It may seem a minor point, but it is huge, that in order to have Jackie Robinson Day, Major League Baseball has to first admit that there was a “color barrier” and second, that it was wrong. The second part is the most important because, historically, there can be no question that there was a color barrier, but as long as it is not thought to be wrong, arguments can be offered to justify and support the exclusion of African-Americans. Once something becomes a social or personal wrong, no further arguments can be offered in support or justification.

⁶ Commentary & Citation: Aliens are not necessary, mutants will do, as in Norman Spinrad’s The Iron Dream (1972), written by an alternate history Adolph Hitler who became a 1950s science-fiction writer instead of the historical monstrosity that we know well. The Iron Dream was written to demonstrate that science-fiction and fantasy literature are often very close to Nazi ideology.

⁷ Commentary: Is it perhaps possible that Arthur C. Clarke’s ‘Overmind’ is the modern science-fiction expression of Ibn Rushd’s (Latinized as Averros in the West) 12th century post-Aristotelian “unity of the intellect” theory?

⁸ Commentary: With special thanks to Ms. Yoon for supplying the link to this article.

⁹ Citation: Available at https://archive.org/stream/galaxymagazine-1953-05/Galaxy_1953_05#page/n69/mode/2up.

- ✓ The ‘pusher’ idea echoes wishfully every few years, e.g., the 2014 mini-series *Ascension* ends thus, as does the 2019 Canadian very low-budget indie movie *Project Ithaca*, by mental trans-dimensional portals.

¹⁰ Commentary & Citation: Demise of the Daily Stormer:

- ✓ “Neo-Nazi Andrew Anglin had encouraged trolls to target [Taylor] Dumpson after her historic win in May 2017 as the first African-American female student body president at American University in Washington. She was black, she was a woman and she was excelling at university – all things that white supremacists hate. Anglin did not respond to the lawsuit against him and his highly trafficked neo-Nazi Daily Stormer website, even when a \$725,000 judgment was entered against him, the site and another troll – money that Dumpson may never see. And no one was ever identified as the hanger of the lynched bananas around the AU campus, a clear hark back to America’s murderous racist past and an intimidation tactic. ... She hopes her tormentor and others like him stop their harassment for good. ‘Even though you’re a white supremacist, even though you’re a neo-Nazi, even though you think like this, I don’t think you’re always going to think like that,’ she said. ‘I don’t think that it has to be that way.’” – Sara Sidner and Mallory Simon, “He tweeted hate at her. She sued. Then she met him,” CNN, September 21, 2019.
- ✓ “A federal judge ruled Thursday that Andrew Anglin must pay \$14 million in damages to a Jewish woman who was subjected to a troll storm he organized. Tanya Gersh sued Andrew Anglin in 2017 after she and her family experienced years of harassment and intimidation because Anglin published her name and contact information on his website, the Daily Stormer, and urged readers to contact her. Gersh was named in a post that criticized her for becoming involved in a dispute with the mother of Richard Spencer, a white nationalist, and condemned her for being Jewish. ... The judge also approved a permanent injunction ordering Anglin to ‘permanently remove from his website the blog posts encouraging his readers to contact Plaintiff Tanya Gersh and Gersh’s family, including all photographs and images of the family and comment boards associated therewith...’ The Southern Poverty Law Center brought the case to court on Gersh’s behalf.” – Sara Sidner and Mallory Simon, “Neo-Nazi website founder ordered to pay \$14M for troll storm,” CNN, August 8, 2019.

These cases show the limits of civil restitution. According to his attorney, Anglin has fled the country. In any event, no one will ever collect their judgments and he can only be ordered to cease & desist on an individual case basis, unless the attorneys can get a class action suit against him. But he will just go somewhere else and keep doing the same as before. Preventing that is the role of criminal law. I have been aware of the Daily Stormer site in years past, I recall that they have been booted off of many different servers, I think it happened after the Charlottesville, VA situation. What he does on his site and blog is a violation of most service provider TOS, but there are service providers out there who welcome sites like the Daily Stormer.

- ✓ “The website for the Daily Stormer, the white supremacist, neo-Nazi and antisemitic racist group, has lost access to a critical piece of web infrastructure that allows the general public to access its hate propaganda easily. This infrastructure ensures the Stormer, the most read hate site in the world, attracts and maintains website readers and protects it from malicious attacks. But in a hectic 24 hours, Andrew Anglin, the website’s founder, took to Gab.com on Tuesday and told his readers the Stormer was down, and then somehow found an alternate way to keep the site going on the dark web.

The Stormer has lost its main access because it hasn’t paid for the service that allows audiences to view the content, Rob Monster, founder and CEO of Epik.com, told Hatewatch in an email. Epik.com runs BitMiti-gate, a content delivery network, or CDN, that ensures a site’s content becomes visible online.

‘As for Stormer, they actually never paid us a penny,’ Monster wrote. ‘In August we discontinued the free plans. Stormer, like any other client, had the opportunity to secure a paid plan. They chose to overlook those opportunities which were proactively presented with ample opportunity.’

Anglin could not be reached for comment. But on Gab.com, he made a desperate plea for support and noted that the Stormer website might not survive. He wrote he’s seeking \$11,000 in donations to fund continued access to BitMitigate.

‘We’re searching for a new CDN – Bitmitigate is no longer willing to put up with the level of attacks we bring on a budget we can afford. Daily Stormer is now under an unprecedented level of pressure and we’ll have trouble staying online for the future.’

Anglin apparently was referring to web-based attacks that can make the site inaccessible. He noted that the Stormer is still accessible through the Tor browser, a free program that routes users’ internet traffic through a system of servers as a means of offering increased anonymity. Tor is one of the easiest ways to access the dark web, where many extremist sites have set up shop after they’ve found increasing difficulty in staying on the open web.” – “Daily Stormer Website Goes Dark Amid Chaos,” Southern Poverty Law Center.

¹¹ Commentary: In a previous age, Norman Spinrad would have written this as a Thesis and nailed his Thesis to the door of the Library of Congress.

¹² Commentary: See the macro-historical process identified as the Columbian Exchange.

¹³ Commentary: This is not a difficult concept: The end result of most card games played by reasonable, experienced, average-skill players can be divided simply into players who got the cards they needed when they needed them, and those who did not. Inherent in any card game (or any game for that matter) are scarcity and randomness. Human choices and mistakes only move the division bar up or down slightly.

¹⁴ Citation & Commentary: “The biggest change I have seen is in the racial problem, the blacks. And some of it I regret very much. Quite the opposite of the Jews in the case of the Holocaust, the blacks seem not to want to be re-minded of history, seemed not to want – in this Disney project that was announced, we will show you what it was like to be a slave – but a great outcry went up, ‘we don’t want to see that kind of thing.’ Almost the opposite of the Jews having holocaust museums and all kinds of things. I regret that; I think they ought to celebrate their past the same way the Jews did about bondage in Egypt; they are not ashamed of it, they say, we came out of it, we conquered it. I wish there were more of that.” – Shelby Foote interview, Book TV C-Span 2, July 26, 1994 (YouTube).

✓ This is a profoundly interesting thought; I can see both sides of it: The ‘blacks’ may feel that being re-minded of slavery is *holding them back*, enforcing the view of their ‘minority’ status and racism. This is particularly interesting *when contrasted with* reception of the 1970s mini-series *Roots*.

¹⁵ Citation: Dean William Ralph Inge, The End of an Age: and other essays (1948), p. 127.

¹⁶ Citation: Dean William Ralph Inge, Outspoken Essays, “The Future of the English Race” (The Galton Lecture, 1919), available for free on the Gutenberg Project.

¹⁷ Commentary: Robert E. Howard was also called a feminist, and apparently admired by later female fantasy writers, yet, while his works contain strong women, the majority of women are slaves, concubines, and sex objects. For example, see <https://skullsinthestars.com/2011/03/28/what-did-robert-e-howard-think-of-women/>.

¹⁸ Citation: “Other languages will occasionally borrow words from each other. English lures other languages into dark alleyways, mugs them for vocabulary, and goes through their pockets for loose grammar.” – James Nicoll (quote posted on YouTube).

✓ *Cf.* “The problem with defending the purity of the English language is that English is about as pure as a cribhouse whore. We don’t just borrow words; on occasion, English has pursued other languages down alleyways to beat them unconscious and rifle their pockets for new vocabulary.” – James Nicoll (usenet post, 1990, cited in Wikipedia article and on Wikiquotes).

¹⁹ Commentary: Mmmm... so how did I come to this ‘Inge problem’? I was searching on Google on January 30, 2019 for quotes to use in 3 Kairotic Moments, *infra*, which I was rewriting; the search lead me to read the Wikipedia page about William Ralph Inge and then to the Wikiquotes page. I liked the quotes on the page, but then started reading the original works on Google Books and Gutenberg Project and was struck by the discord between the fine-sounding words on Wikiquote and some of what I read from his works online. His works contained many thoughtful, insightful and well written ideas, but frequently, there were comments or asides, or undertones that wrinkled my mental nose. I started to think about the subject, it kind of bothered me a little, and I adopted caution in using his quotes. I must have thought about it while sleeping and I read more of his writings the next morning, found wonderful quotes that were not on Wikiquotes, but also found my appreciation of his works dimming. It had snowed about an inch overnight and just after lunch (February 1, 2019), I went out and shoveled my walk and several neighbors’ walks (I have some elderly, retired neighbors) as the snowfall was tapering off, and while shoveling, I began thinking of the problem in a larger context. Sometime during my shoveling, I began composing this section in my head, and typed it after I came in from shoveling snow.

5 Diplomacy – Elder Races