

Civilizations

In every civilization, there are explorers, pioneers and settlers. There are leaders and those to whom others defer, persons in positions of power or influence, change agents, practitioners, providers of goods and services, workers, laborers, soldiers, artisans, clergy and thieves.

Some will have more wealth than others, some, not enough.

One's life may be important to another to be used for their benefit and remains so as long as it does so.

We are each unique with different wherewithal, that is, inherent physical and intellectual capabilities and circumstantially acquired knowledge and skills and a sense of self.

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History suggests we exist to evolve.

The human reproduction process is random within a context, aptly characterized as "let's try this and see what happens".

Evolution is predicated upon one striving to be the best they can be in which only those whose best is good enough, that is, are able to live self-sustainably, are intended to survive to procreate the next generation. For some, their best is not good enough.

An adult is expected to live in community self-sustainably, harmoniously and responsibly.

In living so defines one's morality.

Parents are expected to prepare their children to do so and, to help them learn how to learn and to guide them in developing their sense of self.

Why would one want a neighbor who didn't? If not by the parents then by whom?

Some are better prepared than others, some inadequately so.

The first several years of a child's life are their formative years.

A child experiences self-recognition around 2-3 years age from which they begin developing a sense of self.

One cannot be held responsible for whatever over which they have no control.

A community or government is not responsible for those who do not have sufficient wherewithal or wealth, whose best is not good enough, or whose parents did not prepare them adequately.

A government is expected to create and maintain an infrastructure to enable commerce, to create and maintain educational facilities to enable one to be the best that they can be, to administer the system of laws addressing when one does to another without the other's consent and to secure the country and its citizenry from external forces.

The cost to operate the government is borne by the citizenry through a system of taxation. Recognizing that the direction and destination of a rowboat is determined by the helmsman and oarsmen as employed by the paying passengers, the direction of a government should be determined by those paying taxes.

To meet its responsibilities, governments create processes and systems. There are those who play these systems for their personal financial benefit.

It is natural for those having a position of power or influence to exercise their influence. Some are greedier than others. Some recognize those who enable their position.

The concept of supply versus demand governs commerce.

When the supply of a product or service exceeds the demand for it, the cost to acquire it decreases.

When the demand exceeds the supply, the cost to acquire it increases.

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Some seeking financial wealth seek to have an ever increasing population. Their objectives are to decrease the cost for labor and to increase the profit on products and services.

In 1950, the world population was about 2-1/2 billion persons. In 2050, it is predicted to be 10 billion. Current history suggests that planet Earth has a limit to the population that it can support.

Every person has two carbon footprints, their individual one in living life and a portion of that spent by others to enable and support their living of it.

We have natural, unalienable rights.

One can believe, choose and do what they will to their body and life and do to another what the other has given their consent.

One can terminate their life, ingest what they will, and, if a woman pregnant, can terminate her pregnancy.

No acceptable way has yet been found to legislatively manage population growth and distribution.

What is an adult's responsibility if they are unable to live self-sustainably?

What is a woman's responsibility if she is unable to prepare her child to live self-sustainably when an adult?

Consider:

Should not an adult, unable to live self-sustainably, be able to terminate their life conveniently, safely and with dignity? Should not a woman pregnant, unable to prepare her child to be able to live self-sustainably as an adult, be able to terminate her pregnancy conveniently, safely and with dignity? Should not one who has legal responsibility for another be able to let their charge expire naturally if it is readily obvious that they cannot or will not be able to live self-sustainably as an adult? Should one intervene to extend the life of another in a life-threatening situation if it is readily obvious that they will be unable to live self-sufficiently? When should nature be allowed to take its natural course?

It is recognized that an individual can choose to accept responsibility for another who is unable to live self-sustainably. One can choose what they will. That is their natural right. One who believes that an organization including the government should be responsible holds an inconsistent belief. To strive to impose that belief creates social entropic disorder.

Gods and religions are a product of civilizations.

From our knowledge of the American Indians, early Man looked into the night sky and felt that there was something greater than them. He looked at the diversity of life that surrounded him and could not explain it. The concept of a Great Spirit emerged. Man sought favor from it. A clergy emerged to give structure to that quest. Over time, in early cultures, deities were created to give form to a Great Spirit. Later mythologies were created to give human traits to Gods. Learned men came forth to help peoples understand about living life in their communities. Clergy co-opted the spirit of those men and presented them as Gods. Clergy created religions to support and guide people in their struggle in living life. There will always be some who struggle with living life. There will always be a need for clergy.

Some religions teach beliefs that are now recognized as being inconsistent with the natural world.

In every civilization are those in position of power and influence and those to whom others defer.

Over time, some have usurped religions for their own benefit, for example, some religions teach that their God works through those in positions of authority.