

Every Day Human Decency instead of Grand Displays of Virtue

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Framework

Humans, Groups

Population

Humans, Groups, Individuals

Questions

- Why don't people understand things?

Initial Conditions

Individual, Group

Self reference

Individual, Group

Preamble

The Australian Government which is run by Greens/Labour group of politicians is making even more Draconian Legislation against Free Speech and words people use

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Bills_Legislation/bd/bd2425/25bd014

Communications Legislation Amendment (Combating Misinformation and Disinformation) Bill 2024

..” The purpose of the [Communications Legislation Amendment \(Combating Misinformation and Disinformation\) Bill 2024](#) (the Bill) is to reduce the spread of seriously harmful **misinformation** and **disinformation** on digital communications platforms. For the purposes of the Bill, this is information that is false, misleading or deceptive and is reasonably likely to cause or contribute to certain types of serious harm.”

By this means it will decide what the Truth is like a Ministry of truth and “Fact Checkers” as predicted by George Orwell in his novel 1984. This is from a group of people who endorse racial divisions (the Voice) in Australia, Mandated lockdowns in most states because of a virus, Destroyed Power and Energy producers, Lie about everything they can and are completely corrupt.

They donate Taxpayer money to terrorists in Gaza, bring terrorists into the country (ISIS Brides), Lie about lowering power bills - fully and completely corrupt and untrustworthy in every way and they want to now mandate what the truth is.

You cannot even read the legislation because the Site is down

https://parlinfo.aph.gov.au/parlInfo/search/display/display.w3p;query=Id%3A%22legislation%2Fbills%2Fr7239_first-reps%2F0000%22;rec=0

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What human scum these people are.

<https://ipa.org.au/publications-ipa/media-releases/revised-misinformation-laws-amp-up-assault-on-free-speech> “ A revised definition of ‘misinformation’ to mean content that is ‘verifiable as false, misleading or deceptive’ would create legal powers for politically biased fact-checkers to determine what is true and false (Clauses 13(1) and 13(2)).

It creates an unelected and unaccountable star chamber bureaucracy with the power to launch investigations and hearings to ensure compliance with censorship guidelines that can target mainstream Australians (Schedule 2, Clause 2).

A new definition of ‘serious harm’ is even broader than the first bill and can potentially capture any difference of opinion (Clause 14).” ..

““Under these laws **even the truth will be no defence**. If a citizen were to disseminate information which was factually true, but ACMA or a fact checker labelled it ‘misleading’ or ‘deceptive’ because it ‘lacked context’, then that information would fall within the scope of these laws,” said Mr Storey.”

Compare this to the time in Europe in 1600s and 1700s and people were developing their ideas, learning how to debate and standing up to tyrants, liars and criminals who were running things - from the English Revolutions and leading to the French Revolution. We are Now in a De-Enlightenment phase - a new “Dark Ages” of fear, hatred, tribalism and authoritarian Draconian Legislation - Soviet/Communist tyranny and dictatorship of out of control deluded narcissistic psychopaths grifting money from taxpayers for more public servants and stifling of free and open debate. Like the “Privacy” legislation - the politicians will be exempt from their own laws.

But I could get around the legislation by posing everything as a Question

“Is it True that you lie and steal money for you own purposes?”

but then they would change to law to **OUTLAW QUESTIONS THEMSELVES**, We already see this with that Serial Liar and Man hating tribal feminist Katy Gallagher “How Dare You!” No-one knew anything.

Torture was condemned in the 1500 to 1600s by many - yet torture is still practiced in many places by barbarians - especially in prisons and places like Guantanamo Bay by USA. They use torture to extract “The Truth”. John Howard and Alexander Downer were big supporters of these techniques of Torture to get “the Truth” - *whatever it takes to keep us safe*. **The ends justifies the means**.

[Catharine II. was anxious to establish a uniform\[33\] penal code, based on the liberal ideas of the time, which then found more favour in St. Petersburg than they did at Paris. For this purpose in 1767 she summoned to Moscow from all the provinces of Russia those 652 deputies who formed the nearest approach in the history of that country to a Russian Parliament. In the instructions that were read to this assembly, as the basis for the proposed codification of the laws, the principles propounded were couched not only in the spirit but often in the very words of the author of the ‘Crimes and Punishments.’ The following are examples:—](https://www.gutenberg.org/files/58700/58700-h/58700-h.htm#:~:text=The%20Project%20Gutenberg%20EBook%20of%20Crimes%20and%20Punishments,%20by%20James....Catharine%20II.%20was%20anxious%20to%20establish%20a%20uniform%20penal%20code,%20based%20on%20the%20liberal%20ideas%20of%20the%20time,%20which%20then%20found%20more%20favour%20in%20St.%20Petersburg%20than%20they%20did%20at%20Paris.%20For%20this%20purpose%20in%201767%20she%20summoned%20to%20Moscow%20from%20all%20the%20provinces%20of%20Russia%20those%20652%20deputies%20who%20formed%20the%20nearest%20approach%20in%20the%20history%20of%20that%20country%20to%20a%20Russian%20Parliament.%20In%20the%20instructions%20that%20were%20read%20to%20this%20assembly,%20as%20the%20basis%20for%20the%20proposed%20codification%20of%20the%20laws,%20the%20principles%20propounded%20were%20couched%20not%20only%20in%20the%20spirit%20but%20often%20in%20the%20very%20words%20of%20the%20author%20of%20the%20'Crimes%20and%20Punishments.')

- *Laws should only be considered as a means of conducting mankind to the greatest happiness.*
- *It is incomparably better to prevent crimes than to punish them.*
- *The aim of punishment is not to torment sensitive beings.*
- *All punishment is unjust that is unnecessary to the maintenance of public safety.*
- *In methods of trial the use of torture is contrary to sound reason. Humanity cries out against the practice and insists on its abolition.*
- *Judgment must be nothing but the precise text of the law, and the office of the judge is only to pronounce whether the action is contrary or conformable to it.*
- *In the ordinary state of society the death of a citizen is neither useful nor necessary.*

...“The most successful adoption of **Beccaria’s** principles of punishment occurred in Tuscany, under the **Grand Duke Leopold**. When he ascended the ducal throne, the Tuscans were the most abandoned people of all Italy. Robberies and murders were none the less frequent for all the gallows, wheels, and tortures which were employed to repress them. But Leopold in 1786 resolved to try Beccaria’s plan, for which purpose he published a code, **proportioning punishments to crimes, abolishing mutilation and torture, reducing the number of acts of treason, lessening confiscations, destroying the right of asylum, and above all abolishing capital punishment even for murder**. The result was, says a contemporary, that Tuscany, from having been the land of the greatest crimes and villanies, became ‘**the best ordered State of Europe**.’[22] During twenty years only five murders were committed in Tuscany, whilst at Rome, where death continued to be inflicted with great pomp, as[36] many as sixty were committed within the space of three months.”

We have politicians fully corrupt - lying, stealing, cheating, calling out the Mob - never telling the truth or planning to tell the truth about anything and tribally attacking anyone who questions. All parts of society are engaged in tribalism and tribal warfare with all the attendant corruption, nepotism, graft, etc that surrounds it. The ABC lies all the time - universities lie, schools lie and support tribalism, courts fully tribal and corrupt - the list is endless. Women, Blacks, Religious groups, Causists, Greens, etc - all corrupt and destroying everything they touch.

There is no decency left in our public figures or institutions - everything is tribal warfare and corruption. There is no veneer of civilization left.

Introduction

The shift in thinking in the late 1600s to focus on **infinity** - eternity - had become major theme in university studies and popular pamphlets and books. This shifted away from a preoccupation from the nihilist death cult ideas of living a godly life so you go to eternal heaven and started looking at exploring maths and other ideas about what infinity might look like. New things were being discovered in reality on Earth - not in an imagined place.

London(**Royal Society** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Society) and Paris (**French Academy of Sciences** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Academy_of_Sciences) scientific institutions sought and published papers from thinkers at the time and the salon culture in Paris and Coffee house culture in London had created more vigorous discussions and debate - rather than all out warfare - and lead to many pamphleteers arguing their positions in print. Daily News papers were starting to become popular - **The Tatler** and **The Spectator** started in London in the early 1700’s https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Addison followed by **The Guardian** and others.

Newton, Leibniz and others had explored the infinitesimals. Logic and maths were improving the ability to debate things and explain ideas. High level brain functions and cognitive reasoning functions were required to explore, explain and write things down in a logical order in books for other people to read. **Habits were being broken** and questioned.

Infinity was opening up the mind to infinite possibilities **but** at the same time people were arguing philosophically for a deterministic universe - Fatalism <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fatalism> and “God’s will”.

People were becoming **anxious** because their **certainties** were shifting.

While infinity had been largely accepted **even by** the religious - it is interesting to note that when Charles Darwin proposed Evolution and Geological time scales - there were many people who argued that the universe is only as old as the bible says - i.e. you can have "eternal life" but not an "eternal universe". For the bible believers the "Big Bang" was when God created everything some thousands of years ago and then infinity "Eternal life" got created. i.e. Infinity is **certainly** only as old as the Bible says it is. - because "God is certainty of everything".

Christian Wolff [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Wolff_\(philosopher\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Wolff_(philosopher)) was a popular university teacher who had explored widely - including the Chinese texts - and while teaching about human possibilities in the world he was also teaching a philosophy which tended to certainty and a deterministic universe. Wolff was investigating a **certainty method** - a certainty of learning everything using mathematical logic https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ars_inveniendi **Ars inveniendi**

He was ousted from his university position and threatened with death. This was a major scandal and widely reported.

The argument of the problem of the determinist universe is simple enough. If P then Q. It's a problem for the binaries and getting certainty - recursion and initial self reference are difficult ideas. This is a highly discussed topic even now. Regardless of the philosophical problem - to choose to describe choice and will as a delusion **has significant consequences for what happens around us in society**. As does asserting "God of certainty" is real and the "Prophets tell real truth and predict certainty".

Even though **Richard Dawkins** could be regarded as a thinker - he still believes that the universe is deterministic and that free will is a delusion. His basic premise is that what feels like free will as a decision has a **definite root cause (causal determinism)** - a **certain event P** which leads to the decision Q being made. A chain of events. Another argument people use is based on experiments on humans called **Neuroscience of free will**

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neuroscience_of_free_will .

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4887467/> ... "This is what has been called **Zombie Challenge**, "based on an amazing wealth of findings in recent cognitive science that demonstrate the surprising ways in which our everyday behavior is controlled by automatic processes that unfold in the complete absence of consciousness" (Vierkant et al., 2013)."

i.e. we are not conscious of our habitual choices and actions. Dan Dennett might call this an **intentional stance** idea - people adopt a position over time and then allow automatic processes to control their choices and actions ideas and options continually arise and are explored until decisions are made. **Friedrich Nietzsche** noticed an example of this intentional stance as **Resentment** which Max Scheller noted.

Ressentiment - Document[1913] Rank(20) Author(**Max Scheler**) Age(39) Keyword(Group Nation Acting) <https://hscif.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Max-Scheler-Ressentiment.pdf>
<https://philpapers.org/rec/SCHR-22> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ressentiment_\(Scheler\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ressentiment_(Scheler))

I notice this **habitual Intentional stance** as the **entitled victim narrative, passive aggressive** and the **rush to judgment** that women, blacks, religious fanatics, binaries and weak minded heroic men take.

Binaries and non thinkers tend to stay stuck in these habits. E.g. the habitual fish-wife, common scold, etc. I have also noted it as the **The Habitual Delusion of Entrenched Virtue** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/The-Habitual-Delusion-of-Entrenched-Virtue.pdf> that the smug self-satisfied (Greens/Labour, etc “We are Good”) and pious adopt.

This highlights some of the definitional issues with free will. There are inputs into the human all the time all manifesting in many ways and arising to actions. I assert that some of these inputs are **deeply chaotic by definition (Unable** to be certainly defined or absolutely measured e.g <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stochastic>) - some are more identifiable and can make their way to conscious internal or external brain discussions about what do to next - what action to take. People think this kind of **overt discussion** is free will - but it seems to me that this idea of “Thinking” at this level of decision making is very limited - hence the question “**What were you thinking?**” when you chose to do that action. In most cases people were not thinking at all - if free will was involved then it was operating at quite low levels in the brain and body. **Fear, Sex and Hunger** are good examples of that low level type “Free Will” which is less like “Conscious intention” and more like “Desperate Need” - “**I have decided to feel hungry**” says the brain/body continuum to itself. Some see this as the anamalistic state of humans or developing an **Animus** mind state which indulges the feelings. Progressively humans have been pushing thinking towards the PFC with overt language and debate rather reactive responses.

<https://notesfrombabel.wordpress.com/2009/04/25/richard-dawkins-on-free-will/> Many people believe in an **absolutely determinist universe**. i.e. that you do not have free will or choice and hence you have no responsibility for your actions - choice - the will to decide to act - is a delusion. This is a philosophical opinion - a position many take - an intentional stance - it is something which people assert which cannot and has not been proven. <https://richarddawkins.net/2016/05/theres-no-such-thing-as-free-will/> *There’s No Such Thing as Free Will News Article Religion Science May 17, 2016 By Stephen Cave* <https://whyevolutionistrue.com/2017/10/18/dawkins-and-krauss-on-free-will/>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compatibilism> **Compatibilism** - argues a permanent binary paradox that both free will and determinism operate at the same time. It also squibs on the fundamental issue by re-defining the meaning of the idea of “free will”.

*“Compatibilists often define an instance of “free will” as one in which the agent had the freedom to act according to their own [motivation](#). That is, the agent was not coerced or restrained. [Arthur Schopenhauer](#) famously said: “Man can do what he wills but he **cannot will what he wills.**”^[15] In other words, although an agent may often be free to act according to a motive, the nature of that motive is determined. **This definition of free will** does not rely on the truth or falsity of [causal determinism](#).^[3] This view also makes free will close to [autonomy](#), the ability to live according to one’s own rules, as opposed to being submitted to external domination.*

Schopenhauer uses **recursion** as an argument - which I can state like this <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Absolute-Certainty.pdf> “**One Thing I Know With Absolute Certainty Is Absolute Certainty Does Not Exist** “

The consequences of taking one side of a **binary extreme position** on **free will** or **determinism** is that no **one is responsible for any choices they make** - it is all “God’s will” or “Determined” and no-

one is responsible for anything. While Wolff was teaching this **Frederick William I of Prussia August 1688 – 31 May 1740** pointed out that this meant if a soldier deserted the army then he was not responsible for his choice and it had all been -pre-determined.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Wolff_\(philosopher\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_Wolff_(philosopher)) *In the follow-up, Wolff was accused by Francke of fatalism and atheism,[12] and ousted in 1723 from his first chair at Halle in one of the most celebrated academic dramas of the 18th century. His successors were Joachim Lange, a pietist, and his son, who had gained the ear of the king Frederick William I. (They claimed to the king if Wolff's determinism were recognized, no soldier who deserted could be punished as he would have acted only as it was necessarily predetermined that he should, which so enraged the king that he immediately deprived Wolff of his office, and ordered Wolff to leave Prussian territory within 48 hours or be hanged.)* https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frederick_William_I_of_Prussia *Born in Berlin, he was raised by the Huguenot governess Marthe de Roucoulle. His political awakening occurred during the Great Northern War's plague outbreak in Prussia, leading to his challenge against corruption and inefficiency in government. He initiated reforms, especially in the military, growing the Prussian Army significantly. A believer in absolute monarchy, he focused on state development and financial reorganization, imposing taxes and stringent regulations on public servants. He made efforts to reduce crime and centralized his authority during his 27 years' reign, cementing Prussia as a regional power.*

The Search For Certainty by logic

The **search for certainty** is on going - for example people now believe in “Artificial Intelligence” - back in the 1600s it was “**The Machinery of Learning**” or

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mathesis_universalis **Mathesis universalis** (from *Greek*: μάθησις, *mathesis* "science or learning", and *Latin*: universalis "universal") is a hypothetical **universal science** modelled on **mathematics** envisaged by **Descartes** and **Leibniz**, among a number of other 16th- and 17th-century philosophers and mathematicians. For Leibniz, it would be supported by a **calculus ratiocinator**. **John Wallis** invokes the name as title in his *Opera Mathematica*, a textbook on **arithmetic, algebra, and Cartesian geometry**.

The Methods of searching for certainty had improved gradually. The Greeks and Romans had developed philosophy. These ideas made their way from libraries in Alexandria, Constantinople, Rome and other places to Europe into Monasteries and Universities in Paris and England. Thinkers and learners kept improving their techniques and formally studied logic with studies into **Sic et non, Sentences** and **Buridan's Ass**. See **Gender Schemas** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Gender-Schemas.pdf>

Rene Descartes had posited the “**I Think Therefore I am**” and paired it with “**I have Doubt**” and included a mathematical logic structure **La Geometrie** which was then taken about by many mathematicians and explored and expanded. Many writers started structuring their written logic arguments with a series of statements.

1. Here is what I Think
2. Why do I think What I Think?
3. I have doubt about what I think

4. What can I have certainty about?

This 4 step method was on clear display with many of the authentic writers of the time combined with mathematical logic. People were authentically trying to explore the universe using some kind of structured authentic and public technique of debate and discussion. People had to learn also how to criticize other people's work without discouraging them from further thinking. Telling people their ideas were stupid is different to telling people they are stupid.

At this point I should note that western society has descended into Mobthink and Tribalism. The Exploration which was evident in the 1600 to 1700s and the ideas which were being explored then are not evident now. Logical argument has been replaced with tribal mob warfare, virtue signaling, greed, self centered narcissism and other corruptions that we see explored in Dante's Inferno.

Or to put it another way - people today do not have ideas they can display that they are willing to discuss or debate. They have groupthink, opinion and a narcissistic self possessed smug virtue. Not only the binary tribal types - women, blacks, religious zealots, binary extremists, causists and weak minded (heroic) men - but many others as well. See **The Habitual Delusion of Entrenched Virtue** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/The-Habitual-Delusion-of-Entrenched-Virtue.pdf>

The idea of debate has become corrupted - especially by media and politicians. E.g. 15 **Humanism – Corruption – Nation Choice – Virtue**, Version 1, date 03/04/2020 <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/15-Humanism-Corruption-Nation-Choice-Virtue.pdf> **Corruption – Extremists** <https://humanistman.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Corruption-Extremists-Feedback.pdf> and **many other articles** <https://humanistman.com/home/articles/>

Sic et Non - Document[1120] Rank(70) Author(**Peter Abelard**) Keyword(Group Religion Logic, Learning, Debate, Questioning) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sic_et_Non http://individual.utoronto.ca/pking/resources/abelard/Sic_et_non.txt

The Four Books of Sentences/Libri Quattuor Sententiarum - Document[1150] Rank(30) Author(**Peter Lombard**) Age(54) Keyword(Group Religion Dogma) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sentences> <http://www.franciscan-archive.org/lombardus/>

John Buridan/Jean Buridan - Lifespan[1301 to 1362] Born_Loc(Bethune, France) Rank(10) Keyword(Humanism, Philosophy, Education, Physics), Wikidata(Q180081) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jean_Buridan <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/buridan/> <https://stanford.library.sydney.edu.au/archives/spr2007/entries/buridan/>

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt/Introduction All the works, which Dolet wrote or printed, were burnt as heretical by the Parlement of Paris (February 14th, 1543), and himself hanged and burnt three years later (August 3rd, 1546), at the age of thirty-seven. The reason seems chiefly to have been Dolet's unsparing exposure of the immoralities of monks and priests, and of the plan of the Sorbonne to put down the art of printing in France.

Etienne Dolet - Lifespan[1509 to 1546] Born_Loc(Orleans, France) Rank(80) Keyword(Translator, Printer, Critic, Humanism), Wikidata(Q1248100) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89tienne_Dolet

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/Etienne-Dolet>

https://francearchives.fr/fr/pages_histoire/39484

La Geometrie - Document[1637] Rank(1) Author(**Rene Descartes**) Age(41) Keyword(Planet Science Maths) <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/26400> <https://archive.org/details/lagomtrie00descuoft> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/La_G%C3%A9om%C3%A9trie

We know **Peter Lombard** must have been teaching people to think because he books were condemned to be burned by **Pope Innocent II** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Innocent_III. https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt/Introduction "All the books of the famous Abelard were burnt by order of Pope Innocent II"

Have you ever noticed how people who are the most **brutally corrupt** call themselves names like "Innocent" "Magnificent" and "Good" like Anthony Albanese and Chris Bowen and the rest of Greens/Labour types who call themselves "Good" and on "the right side of history".

In other places in the world authentic thinkers used **Neti, Neti** and **White Horse** structures to help thinking https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neti_net https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Horse_Dialogue

Blaise Pascal had sarcastically noted the problem with **Causitry** - taking a specific instance and making great generalizations from it as some kind of logical proposition <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casuistry> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lettres_provinciales https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt/Introduction Pascal saw his famous **Lettres à un Provincial**, which made too free with the dignity of all authorities, secular and religious, twice burnt, once in French (1657), and once in Latin (1660), without himself incurring a similar penalty.

Henry More <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/henry-more/> had using mathematical reasoning and logic to **certainly** "prove" there was a God in his mind in **An Antidote to Atheism** (1653) <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A51284.0001.001?view=toc> https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/An_Antidote_Against_Atheism e.g. using the Anything Asserted must therefore possibly exist method:

"Chap. VIII. 1. **That the very Idea of God implies his necessary Existence.** 2. That his Existence is not hypothetically necessary, but absolutely, with the occasion noted of that slippery Evasion. 3. That to acknowledge God a Being necessarily Existent according to the true Notion of him, and yet to say he may not Exist, is a plain contradiction. 4. That Necessity is a Logical term, and implies an indissoluble connexion betwixt Subject and Prædicate, whence again this Axiome is necessarily and eternally true, God doth exist" and

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/An_Antidote_Against_Atheism/Book_I/Chapter_III

What he misses is of course many things - but **the prove yourself innocent argument** or **Prove my Allegation Wrong** logic is in full force.

And now having premised thus much, I shall come on nearer to my present designe. In prosecution whereof it will be requisite for me, first to define What God is, before I proceed to demonstration That he is. For it is obvious for Man's reason to finde Arguments for the impossibility, possibility,

probability, or necessity of the Existence of a thing, from the explication of the Essence thereof. And now I am come hither, I demand of any Atheist that denies there is a God, or of any that doubts whether there be one or no, what Idea or Notion they frame of that they deny or doubt of. If they will prove nice and squeamish, and profess they can frame no Notion of any such thing, I would gladly ask them, why they will then deny or doubt of they know not what. For it is necessary that he that would rationally doubt or deny a thing, should have some settled Notion of the thing he doubts of or denies. But if they profess that this is the very ground of their denying or doubting whether there be a God, because they can frame no Notion of him; I shall forthwith take away that Allegation, by offering them such a Notion as is as proper to God, as any Notion is proper to any thing else in the world.

2. I define God therefore thus, An Essence or Being fully and absolutely Perfect. I say fully and absolutely Perfect in counterdistinction to such Perfection as is not full and absolute, but the Perfection of this or that Species or Kind of finite Beings, suppose of a Lion, Horse, or Tree. But to be fully and absolutely Perfect is to be at least as Perfect as the apprehension of a man can conceive without a contradiction: for what is inconceivable or contradictory, is nothing at all to us, who are not now to wag one Atome beyond our Faculties; but what I have propounded is so far from being beyond our Faculties, that I dare appeal to any Atheist, that hath yet any command of Sense and reason left in him, if it be not very easy and intelligible at the first sight, and that if there be a God, he is to be deemed of us such as this Idea or Notion sets forth.

and

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Molyneux **William Molyneux** had tried the same in **Six metaphysical meditations wherein it is proved that there is a God and that mans mind is really distinct from his body / written originally in Latin by Renatus Des-Cartes ; hereunto are added the objections made aganst these meditations by Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury with the authors answers ; all faithfully translated into English with a short account of Des-Cartes's life by William Molyneux.** (1680) <https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/70091/pg70091-images.html>

*“Archimedes required but a point which was firm, and immoveable that he might move the whole Earth, so in the perfect undertaking Great things may be expected,[12] **if I can discover but the least thing that is true and indisputable.**”*

“Now will I shut my eyes, I will stop my ears, and withdraw all my senses, I will blot out the Images of corporeal things clearly from my mind, or (because that can scarce be accomplish'd) I will give no heed to them, as being vain and false, and by discoursing with my self, and prying more rightly into my own Nature, will endeavour to make my self by degrees more known and familiar to my self.

I am a Thinking Thing, that is to say, doubting, affirming, denying, understanding few things, ignorant of many things, willing, nilling, imagining also, and sensitive. For (as before I have noted) though perhaps whatever I imagine, or am sensible of, as without me, Is not; yet that manner[28] of thinking which I call sense and imagination (as they are only certain Modes of Thinking) I am certain are in Me. So that in these few Words I have mention'd whatever I know, or at least Whatever as yet I perceive my self to know.

Now will I look about me more carefully to see Whether there Be not some other Thing in Me, of Which I have not yet taken Notice. I am sure That I am a Thinking Thing, and therefore Do not I know what is Required to make certain of any Thing? I Answer, that in this My first knowledge 'tis Nothing but a clear, and distinct perception of What I affirm, Which would not be sufficient to make me certain of the Truth of a Thing, if it were Possible that any thing that I so clearly and distinctly Perceive should be false. Wherefore I may lay this Down as a Principle. Whatever I Clearly and Distinctly perceive is certainly True....

But Now, it is evident by the Light of Nature that there must be as much at least in the Total efficient Cause, as there is in the Effect of that Cause; For from Whence[37] can the effect have its Reallity, but from the Cause? and how can the Cause give it that Reallity, unless it self have it?

*And from hence it follows, that **neither a Thing can be made out of Nothing**, Neither a Thing which is more Perfect (that is, Which has in it self more Reallity) proceed from That Which is Less Perfect.*

Se we get the sequence recursions problem again - the initial self-reference idea - there **Has to Be Something is asserted**

There was no shortage of religious believers writing and publishing **certain** "proofs" of God to support their beliefs and trying to use maths to do it.

George Berkley was able to explore more of the ideas about perception and reality. Many of his ideas fit my plurality model - especially avoiding absolute certainty . What we "Know" and what we "Perceive" is an important distinction which is still debated. "Brain in a box" "Ghost in the Machine" - **Gilbert Ryle** <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ryle/> **Dan Dennett** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Daniel_Dennett

A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge - Document[1710] Rank(20)
Author(**George Berkeley**) Age(25) Keyword(Individual Philosophy Reality, Perception, Ideas)<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/4723/4723-h/4723-h.htm>
<https://archive.org/details/treatiseconcerni1935berk/page/n8>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quantum_entanglement Quantum research and theories have been pushing the boundaries of exploration of certainty for the last 70 years and have continued to produce interesting ideas. Ideas, hypothesis, measurement, observations, correlations and "rules" are not the same as "understanding" something - so while there is a lot of research and interesting ideas - there is no Grand Unified Theory and many questions still remain.

Certainty of Gambling

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Law_\(economist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Law_(economist)) maths, probability, monetary theory, speculation, reality, bubble, greed, delusions - gambling.

The Pursuit of Equality Destroys the Pursuit of Excellence

The west has been obsessed with **Diversity, Inclusion** and **Equity tribal mob groupthink** for decades now - very much driven by the Marxists Oppressor/Oppressed frame and the Entitled Victim Narrative. This has destroyed any desire to pursue excellence in any part of society to the extent that

most parts of society actively seek to reduce excellence and dumb down all parts of society. We now get on Aeroplanes and are told “We have a Black Women pilot flying the plane today”

I would rather be told “We have the best pilot in the world flying the plane today”

People confuse equal opportunity with equal outcomes or equity.

Imagine a childcare center with lots of different toys - dolls, block, crayons, balls, dirt, etc. Each child **should have to opportunity** to explore each toy but after that **children will prefer** some things over others and want to spend more time with those toys in an unequal way. Sharing then becomes 2 children who want the same toy taking turns with the toy that want to use the most.

The Recognition of Human Decency

Some religious historians might argue that the “Saint hood” idea was one of decency - but I would argue it was an idea of devout belief and **strength of belief** rather than decency. I would rather not go through all the angels, gods , etc that have been archetypically described

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_deities - I am generalizing. Saint Francis of Assisi was not decent - he was full of self love for his **belief of devout** generosity with other people’s money. He believed in being devout.

Francis of Assisi/Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone - Lifespan[1181 to 1226] Born_Loc(Assisi, Duchy of Spoleto, Holy Roman Empire) Rank(80) Keyword(Religion, Dogma, Austerity, Poverty), Wikidata(Q676555) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francis_of_Assisi <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Saint-Francis-of-Assisi>

Nor is being a Monk, Dali Lama or Buddah being decent - it is more about pursuit of knowledge and claiming to be special (while simultaneously claiming to be the same as everyone else). The Ottomans were thoroughly indecent and lavish with self indulgence at the brutal expense of others and Muslims were never decent - they are intensely violent tribal believers who proudly repeat dogma (Like women, blacks, greens and other binary self loving victim causists) and inhabit a nihilistic delusional mind state. The Art of War and Confucius drive the Chinese Tribe and the “ends justifies the means” - tyrannical certainty.

There is nothing very decent in practice with the history of religions - following mandated rules in Authoritarian societies and being “Devout” does not make you decent. Religion tends to corruption like anything which is strictly mandated allowing large powerful structures to develop and people to profit from their indulgences of indecency - like we see now with celebrities and other criminals who lie, steal, thief and act in the most debauched ways and then expect to be “blessed” by the population when they make grand displays of virtue (usually of the profits of the shameless crime and profit of their lives).

https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt/Chapter_1 **The Historie of Italie by William Thomas (1549)**, is sometimes said (on what authority I know not) to have been not merely burnt, but **burnt by the common hangman**, at this time. If so, it is the first that achieved a **distinction** which is generally claimed for Prynne's *Histriomastix* (1633). The fact of the mere burning is of itself likely enough, for Thomas wrote very freely of the clergy at Rome and of Pope Paul III.: "By report, Rome is not without 40, harlots, maintained for the most part by the clergy and their

followers." **"Oh! what a world it is to see the pride and abomination that the churchmen there maintain."** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Thomas_\(MP_for_Old_Sarum_and_Downton\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Thomas_(MP_for_Old_Sarum_and_Downton)) William Thomas (Q1344706) <https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A13726.0001.001?view=toc> The historie of Italie a booke excedyng profitable to be redde: because it intreateth of the astate of many and diuers common weales, how thei haue ben, [and] now be gouerned. [https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.\\$b192690&seq=7](https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uc1.$b192690&seq=7) "The History of Italy

Indeed, the Bishop for his own ordinary keepeth no great house, but his train exceedeth all that I have seen. For every cardinal and prelate keepeth house according to his ability, and some of them are so precise that if one of their retinue be missing when they go out of their doors, be it gentleman or other, he forfeiteth a certain piece of money, which he is constrained forthwith to pay. And lightly there is none of them without three or four pages trimmed like young princes, for what purpose I would be loath to tell.

If I should say that **under their long robes they hide the greatest pride of the world**, it might happen some men would believe it, but that **they are the vainest men** of all other their own acts do well declare. For their ordinary pastime is to disguise themselves, to go laugh at the courtesans' houses, and in the shroving time to ride masking about with them; which is the occasion that Rome wanteth no jolie dames, specially the street called Julia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Via_Giulia which is more than half a mile long, fair builded on both sides, in manner inhabited with none other but courtesans, some worth 10 and some worth 20,000 crowns, more or less, as their reputation is. And many times you shall see a courtesan ride into the country with ten or twelve horses waiting on her.

Briefly, by report Rome is not without **40,000 harlots, maintained for the most part by the clergy and their followers**. So that the Romans themselves suffer their wives to go seldom abroad, either to church or other place, and some of them scarcely to look out at a lattice window; whereof their proverb saith, *In Roma vale piu la putana che la moglie Romana*: that is to say, "In Rome the harlot hath a better life than she that is a Roman's wife."

In their apparel they are as gorgeous as may be and have in their going such a solemn pace as I never saw. In conclusion, to live in Rome is more costly than in any other place, but he that hath money may have there what him liketh. But now remaineth to speak of the new buildings."

I think the indecency in Rome at that time is the same as the corruption and indecency in any place where smug arrogance and wealth abound - where too much money and power is centralized - United Nations, etc.

Tyrannies tend to corruption.

Slaves could become free men in Greek and Roman times and then become **free to interact as responsible adults** with every free man. They were no longer slaves being protected as if they were children or property and having to be told what to do.

We are surrounded by people with the excessive salaries of executives and their hangers on in large organisations, the United Nations, Davos elites, Mega Rich, Qantas, Australian Banks, Town and Regional Councils, Media, the grifters - making grand virtue displays as if poor people who struggle in life are somehow less decent than they are because they cannot make the grand public displays of virtue - the virtue signaling to their Gods of Certainty. For example the media is a grand platform for

displays of virtue like we see in UK, USA and Australia where people at the ABC use their position to display their virtue every day and Peta Credlin at Sky proudly displays her love of the Causes of Women (her Tribe) on a regular basis.

Quiet virtue is not for this lot. The Australia Day Awards were some kind of recognition of the **decent Australian** working hard on issues for all Australians - but it has been take over by the tribal gangs - Blacks, Women, Trans, Gays, Migrants - all the self possessed tribal groups. Instead decent people are attacked for being recognized - Bettina Arndt was heavily attacked for being nominated by the Australian Senate , politicians and media all over the country for daring to work on issues which have been affecting men - yet the **entitled victim narrative** of women, blacks, muslims, refugees, etc is constantly held in great esteem. Recognition of the value of decency has gone replaced by tribal memes.

Every day decency is under constant attack and sneered at, demeaned and laughed at - while constant tribal victim narratives, virtue signaling, celebrity gossip, etc - inciting fear, hysteria and tribal responses dominate most media - not only the ABC and the Guardian - but most media, universities, schools and politics. Australian courts make grand displays of virtue for Blacks, Women and Migrants usually by attacking the “**perpetrator**” (the Drama Triangle) - the **Nation of Australia** which is constantly demeaned in media, the education systems and by Greens/Labour politicians, despoiled by Black Tribalism flags - or **White men** as a group who are attacked daily I with “Domestic Violence” allegations and other **perpetrator type slurs** in local and family courts and media. This is **Treachery** against Family and Nation - the bottom rung of Dante’s Hell - driven by tribal victim narratives and heroic virtue signaling.

The Silk Road traders had to **learn to be decent** as did the people in the cities - looking out for each other, helping each other, recognizing the problems - trying to make the journey as smoothly and safely as possible where everyone could receive a fair return and to protect themselves from thieves and murderers. Many times trader ships helped protect each other from pirates and travelled in convoys. The rules of sea and human decency to those stranded on islands have developed over time. Decency in War was even being developed over many centuries.

The places where various travelers stayed <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caravanserai> had to be decent as well -where any other worldly disputes were forgotten and people could be trusted to have a decent night’s sleep without everything being stolen. Fair trade was encouraged and enforced and unfair profits was discouraged. Lying, cheating, stealing, misrepresentation of goods, fudging the measurements and figures, manipulating the markets, cartels, etc - all of this was being learned about and kept in balance by **ideas of decency** - profit yes - but **decent profit** and not excessive corruption.

Marxism, Communism and various other constructed **Authoritarian social engineering models** - tend to use the Oppressed/Oppressor narrative and the “Equality” narrative - both are driven by binary thinkers who have little cognitive skills and are mostly uneducated or driven by the binary drama triangle. More than 70% of people are **binary extremists** in habits - many are also narcissists (level 1 - like babies and tantrum throwing children) . Less than 1% of the population regularly think at level 3 (non binary) and above.

The idea of **decent profit** for **decent work** has now been replaced by Sally McManus and other tribal victim types with “*Pay Women More Money*” - because they are women rather than for any value of the work they do as an individual or the profit generated. Unions types (**Tribal , groupthink, victim narrative**) are like that - Sally (and other union officials) pays herself an enormous wage yet cries “poor” for others who are less corrupt and less of a grifter than she is. The resentment of the unions is on full display now - war is brewing - class war, tribal war, **resentment of difference** - that some people do have more than some do have less - that **the world is not equal** and that if you have more **because you earned it decently** that does not make you the “Perpetrator” and if you earned less that does not make you the “Victim”. You do not have to import Muslim Extremists from Europe and other designated “Victims” nominated by the Papal Bull of the United Nations and feel guilty if you do not flood the country with more victims.

The message today is - **Don’t work harder or Smarter, Don’t Learn, educate yourself, invent, innovate and experiment** - but instead - **Complain more and claim the entitled victim narrative - Join into Tribal Mobs - Call Yourself a Black Women Victim** (USA vice presidents) - someone will give you a taxpayer funded hand out.

See **To Sir With Love** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/To_Sir,_with_Love

We have deluded dim-witted Greens/Labour politicians saying how “Good” they are - few of these people have done a **DECENT DAYS WORK** in their largely pampered lives - yet want to **furiously** claim virtuous Good - with all your taxpayer money while paying themselves large amounts of money, going on overseas trips and being “Good”. **“How Dare You!”** says Katy Gallagher.

The Dutch and English were learning human decency under a less oppressive religion - less dogma - less authoritarianism and more involvement of the every person as part of the discussion and part of the involvement in the economy. Maybe **Jonathan Swift, Daniel Defoe, Alexander Pope** were sometimes a bit harsh in their communication - some might say the same about me. England had established a less brutal way of arguing - of having symbols, effigies and books burned by the Hangman instead of the person. So ideas were burned rather than people. So if you could escape capture and physical punishment they could still burn your books as a message to everyone about “Right” and “Wrong”. People were allowed to change their mind over time (sometimes travel to another country for while to wait for things to simmer down) and learn new ideas rather than being killed for expressing an ill formed or controversial idea. *Introduction of Book Burning by the Hangman* <https://historyofinformation.com/detail.php?id=1464>
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt

Areopagitica - Document[1644] Rank(1) Author(**John Milton**) Age(36) Keyword(Group Freedom Choice) <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Areopagitica>
https://www.dartmouth.edu/~milton/reading_room/areopagitica/text.html
<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/608/608-h/608-h.htm>

“I deny not, but that it is of greatest concernment in the Church and Commonwealth, to have a vigilant eye how books demean themselves as well as men; and thereafter to confine, imprison, and do sharpest justice on them as malefactors. For books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul was whose progeny they are; nay, they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them. I know

*they are as lively, and as vigorously productive, as those fabulous dragon's teeth; and being sown up and down, may chance to spring up armed men. And yet, on the other hand, unless wariness be used, as good almost kill a man as kill a good book. Who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; **but he who destroys a good book, kills reason itself**, kills the image of God, as it were in the eye. Many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life. 'Tis true, no age can restore a life, whereof perhaps there is no great loss; and revolutions of ages do not oft recover the loss of a rejected truth, for the want of which whole nations fare the worse."*

There are many others in History who tried to debate - e.g.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Servetus **Michael Servetus** (29 September 1509 or 1511 – 27 October 1553) was killed for his ideas and willingness to debate . Many people now protect **John Calvin's** role in this particular episode in history <https://www.crossway.org/articles/5-myths-about-john-calvin/> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Calvin but Calvin had great power over people at the time and yet was not able to stop the killing.

Just because we were born into a hereditary position - did not mean that you, as an individual, **do not have to make your own way as an individual**. **Appreciation** and **gratitude** but not smug self satisfied virtue.

Openness and reality was more important - they idea of taking the knee to Catholic rituals and having to believe that Magic (Blood and Body of "Christ") was real and Miracles were real were being put aside - as in:

"You can believe what you like but don't kill me because I don't believe what you believe"

Some people call this an idea related to **tolerance**.

Having a conscience enables a man to develop some decency - you cannot torture a man to become decent <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2009-01724-005> <https://hyperessays.net/essays/on-conscience/> . <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3600> *The putting men to the rack is a dangerous invention, and seems to be rather a trial of patience than of truth. Both he who has the fortitude to endure it conceals the truth, and he who has not: for why should pain sooner make me confess what really is, than force me to say what is not? And, on the contrary, if he who is not guilty of that whereof he is accused, has the courage to undergo those torments, why should not he who is guilty have the same, so fair a reward as life being in his prospect? I believe the ground of this invention proceeds from the consideration of the force of conscience: for, to the guilty, it seems to assist the rack to make him confess his fault and to shake his resolution; and, on the other side, that it fortifies the innocent against the torture. But when all is done, 'tis, in plain truth, a trial full of uncertainty and danger what would not a man say, what would not a man do, to avoid so intolerable torments?*

Etiam innocentes cogit mentiri dolor.

Pain will make even the innocent lie

'Human decency is not derived from religion. It precedes it.' - Author(**Christopher Hitchens**)
Year[2007] Age(58) Source_Document(God is not great) Keyword(Religion Morality Individual)

<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/3442838-god-is-not-great-how-religion-poisons-everything>

Emile - Document[1762] Rank(20) Author(**Jean-Jacques Rousseau**) Age(50) Keyword(Group Development Learning, Education) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Emile,_or_On_Education <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/5427> <https://oll.libertyfund.org/title/rousseau-emile-or-education> *“When I freely express my opinion, I have so little idea of claiming authority that I always give my reasons, so that you may weigh and judge them for yourselves; but though I would not obstinately defend my ideas, I think it my duty to put them forward; for the principles with regard to which I differ from other writers are not matters of indifference; we must know whether they are true or false, for on them depends the happiness or the misery of mankind. People are always telling me to make PRACTICABLE suggestions. You might as well tell me to suggest what people are doing already, or at least to suggest improvements which may be incorporated with the wrong methods at present in use. There are matters with regard to which such a suggestion is far more chimerical than my own, for in such a connection the good is corrupted and the bad is none the better for it. I would rather follow exactly the established method than adopt a better method by halves. There would be fewer contradictions in the man; he cannot aim at one and the same time at two different objects.”*

The Puppet theatre of Virtue Delusion

Anthony Albanese and Women victim demonstrators at parliament house.

Who controls Anthony Albanese and the Women Victim Tribes - are they in a deadly binary embrace? Whose hand is pulling the strings - Women or Heroic Man?

Recent Investigations

Mid to late 1600s. Jonathan Swift and others.

Recent People

George A. Birmingham/James Owen Hannay - Lifespan[1865 to 1950] Born_Loc(Belfast, Ireland) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, Anthropology, Society, Ireland, Religion), Wikidata(Q5535927)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_A._Birmingham

<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/8765> <https://www.dib.ie/biography/hannay-james-owen-george-a-birmingham-a3791>

John Asgill - Lifespan[1659 to 1738] Born_Loc(Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, England) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, Politics, Finance, Bank, Law, Critic, Phamplet, Logic, Religion, Eternal Life), Wikidata(Q6219543) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Asgill <https://www.dib.ie/biography/asgill-john-a0238> https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Dictionary_of_National_Biography,_1885-1900/Asgill,_John

George Frideric Handel - Lifespan[1685 to 1759] Born_Loc(Halle, Duchy of Magdeburg, Brandenburg-Prussia) Rank(80) Keyword(Music, Composer, Baroque, Organ), Wikidata(Q7302)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Frideric_Handel

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/George-Frideric-Handel> <http://gfhandel.org/>

William Molyneux - Lifespan[1656 to 1698] Born_Loc(Dublin, The Pale, Kingdom of Ireland) Rank(80) Keyword(Logic, Philosophy, Argument, Politics, Optics, Dioptrics, Perception, Understanding), Wikidata(Q2096504) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Molyneux
<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A35750.0001.001?view=toc>
<https://www.lindahall.org/about/news/scientist-of-the-day/william-molyneux/>
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<https://quod.lib.umich.edu/e/eebo/A35750.0001.001/1:3?rgn=div1;view=fulltext> ***Six metaphysical meditations wherein it is proved that there is a God and that mans mind is really distinct from his body*** / written originally in Latin by Renatus Des-Cartes ; hereunto are added the objections made aganst these meditations by Thomas Hobbes of Malmesbury with the authors answers ; all faithfully translated into English with a short account of Des-Cartes's life by William Molyneux.

James Anson Farrer - Lifespan[1849 to 1925] Born_Loc(London) Rank(80) Keyword(History, Law, Society), Wikidata(Q18912584) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Anson_Farrer
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/author/35293>
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Author:James_Anson_Farrer
<https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/31520> **Books Condemned to be Burnt** by James Anson Farrer

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS *“To combine the maximum of perspicuity with the maximum of fidelity to the original has been the cardinal principle observed in the translation”*
<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/58700/58700-h/58700-h.htm> *‘How many condemnations have I seen more criminal than the crimes themselves!’—Montaigne.*

Cesare Bonesana di Beccaria, Marquis of Gualdrasco and Villareggio/**Cesare Beccaria** - Lifespan[1738 to 1794] Born_Loc(Milan, Duchy of Milan) Rank(50) Keyword(Jurist, Philosophy, Economist, Law, Torture, Crime, Punishment, Humanism), Wikidata(Q223723)
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesare_Beccaria <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Cesare-Beccaria> <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/58700/58700-h/58700-h.htm>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/On_Crimes_and_Punishments *Beccaria and the two brothers Pietro and Alessandro Verri started an important cultural reformist movement centered around their journal Il Caffè ('The Coffee House'), which ran from the summer of 1764 for about two years, and was inspired by Addison and Steele's literary magazine The Spectator and other such journals. Il Caffè represented an entirely new cultural moment in Northern Italy. With their Enlightenment rhetoric and their balance between topics of socio-political and literary interest, the anonymous contributors held the interest of the educated classes in Italy, introducing recent thought such as that of Voltaire and Denis Diderot.*

Denis Diderot - Lifespan[1713 to 1784] Born_Loc(N° 9 de la place dans le centre ville de Langres, Champagne, France) Rank(10) Keyword(Philosophy, Encyclopedias, Law, Novel, Librarian, Historian, Humanism), Wikidata(Q448) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denis_Diderot
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<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/15098/15098-h/15098-h.htm> **DIDEROT AND THE ENCYCLOPÆDISTS** BY JOHN MORLEY

Claude Adrien Helvetius - Lifespan[1715 to 1771] Born_Loc(Paris, France) Rank(60) Keyword(Philosophy, Mind/Body, Freemason, Utilitarianism, Education), Wikidata(Q190302) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Claude_Adrien_Helv%C3%A9tius <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Claude-Adrien-Helvetius> <https://oll.libertyfund.org/people/claude-adrien-helvetius>

Georges-Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon/Georges-Louis Leclerc - Lifespan[1707 to 1788] Born_Loc(Montbard, Burgundy, Kingdom of France) Rank(50) Keyword(Naturalist, Biology, Maths, Cosmology, Law, Medicine, Probability Theory, Natural History), Wikidata(Q229264) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georges-Louis_Leclerc,_Comte_de_Buffon <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Georges-Louis-Leclerc-comte-de-Buffon> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Histoire_Naturelle

Francesco Scipione Maffei - Lifespan[1675 to 1755] Born_Loc(Verona, Republic of Venice) Rank(80) Keyword(Philosophy, Humanism, History, Critic, Playwright, Diplomat, Antiquarian, Archaeology, Library), Wikidata(Q1587432) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Francesco_Scipione_Maffei

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'Human ideas of morality and virtue have only been produced in the course of many centuries and after much bloodshed, but slow and difficult as their growth has been, they are ever ready to disappear at the slightest breeze that blows against them.' - Author(**James Anson Farrer**) Year[1880] Age(31) Source_Document(**Crimes and Punishments**) Keyword(Development Learning Group) <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/58700/58700-h/58700-h.htm#:~:text=The%20Project%20Gutenberg%20EBook%20of%20Crimes%20and%20Punishments,%20by%20James> https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_Anson_Farrer

'No man can be judged a criminal until he be found guilty; nor can society take from him the public protection, until it have been proved that he has violated the conditions on which it was granted. What right, then, but that of power, can authorise the punishment of a citizen, so long as there remains any doubt of his guilt? The dilemma is frequent. Either he is guilty, or not guilty. If guilty, he should only suffer the punishment ordained by the laws, and torture becomes useless, as his confession is unnecessary. If he be not guilty, you torture the innocent; for, in the eye of the law, every man is innocent, whose crime has not been proved' - Author(**Cesare Bonesana di Beccaria, Marquis of Gualdrasco and Villareggio**) Year[1764] Age(26) Source_Document(*An Essay on Crimes and Punishments*) Keyword(Crime Law Group) <https://oll.libertyfund.org/quotes/cesare-beccaria-says-that-torture-is-cruel-and-barbaric-and-a-violation-of-the-principle-that-no-one-should-be-punished-until-proven-guilty-in-a-court-of-law-in-other-words-it-is-the-right-of-power-1764> <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/58700/58700-h/58700-h.htm>

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41. https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Books_Condemned_to_be_Burnt **BOOKS CONDEMNED TO BE BURNT.** BY JAMES ANSON FARRER. LONDON ELLIOT STOCK, 62, PATERNOSTER ROW 1892 .. *The custom I write about suggests some obvious reflections on the mutability of our national manners. Was the wisdom of our ancestors really so much greater than our own, as many profess to believe? If so, it is strange with how much of that wisdom we have learnt to dispense. One by one their old customs have fallen away from us, and I fancy that if any gentleman could come back to us from the seventeenth century, he would be less astonished by the novel sights he would see than by the old familiar sights he would miss. He would see no one standing in the pillory, no one being burnt at a stake, no one being "swum" for witchcraft, no one's veracity being tested by torture, and, above all, no hangman burning books at Cheapside, no unfortunate authors being flogged all the way from Fleet Street to Westminster. The absence of these things would probably strike him more than even the railways and the telegraph wires. Returning with his old-world ideas, he would wonder how life and property had survived the removal of their time-honoured props, or how, when all fear of punishment had been removed from the press, Church and State were still where he had left them. Reflecting on these things, he would recognise the fact that he himself had been living in an age of barbarism from which we, his posterity, were in process of gradual emergence. What vistas of still further improvement would not then be conjured up before his mind! We can hardly wonder at our ancestors burning books when we recollect their readiness to burn one another. It was not till the year 1790 that women ceased to be liable to be burnt alive for high or for petit treason, and Blackstone found nothing to say against it. He saw nothing unfair in burning a woman for coining, but in only hanging a man. "The punishment of petit treason," he says, "in a man is to be drawn and hanged, and in a woman to be drawn and burned; the idea of which latter punishment seems to have been handed down to us by the ancient Druids, which condemned a woman to be burnt for murdering her husband, and it is now the usual punishment for all sorts of treasons committed by those of the female sex." Not a suspicion seems to have crossed the great jurist's mind that the supposed barbarity of the Druids was not altogether a conclusive justification for the barbarity of his own contemporaries. So let us take warning from his example, and let the history of our practice of book-burning serve to help us to keep our minds open with regard to anomalies which may still exist amongst us, descended from as suspicious an origin, and as little supported by reason.*
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writers like [Voltaire](#) and [Jean-Jacques Rousseau](#). Brilliantly written by Pascal, the Provincial Letters would not have been possible without the work of theologians from Port-Royal; indeed, most of the arguments Pascal deployed were already to be found in Arnauld's *Théologie morale des Jésuites*,^[2] something which led the Jesuit [Nicolas Caussin](#) to reply to Pascal's perceived libel. Pascal's main source on Jesuit casuistry was [Antonio Escobar's](#) *Summula casuum conscientiae* (1627), several propositions of which would be later condemned by [Pope Innocent XI](#).

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https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Persian_Letters At his death the boast of vice succeeded to ostentatious devotion; the court like one man changed from Tartuffe into Don Juan. All things were discussed, examined, and torn to shreds. The intestine quarrels of the Church gave scoffers the opportunity they would have made. Dubois debauched politics; Law, finance; and the populace debauched themselves: for gaming, which had before been confined to people of quality, became the common amusement. Incest, too, was quite à la mode; and **those who could not be in the height of the fashion had to be satisfied with lesser vices**. The autocratic rule of the Grand Monarque gave place to the laissez-aller of Philip of Orleans, the “unbelieving Regent.” Hope, desire, speculation, knew no bounds, all things in heaven above and in the earth beneath having become common and unclean. It is this period that is reflected and criticized in the “Persian Letters.” .. By dint of suspecting everybody, people grow hard-hearted here. There are some Scotch members of parliament who can get only two hundred pounds for their votes, and who sell them at that price. **A minister thinks only of defeating the opposition; and to that end he would sell England – the whole world .Extraordinary things are done in England for money. The English do not even know the meaning of honor and virtue.**
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57. http://files.libertyfund.org/files/2193/Beccaria_1476_EBk_v6.0.pdf **Confession of sins** hath been authorised in all times and in all nations. The ancients accused themselves in the mysteries of Orpheus, of Isis, of Ceres, of Samothrace. The Jews confessed their sins on the day of solemn expiation, and still continue the same practice. Each penitent chuses his confessor, who becomes his penitent in turn, and each receives from his companion thirty-nine lashes whilst he is repeating, three times, the formulæ of confession, which consists only in thirteen words, and which consequently must be general. None of these confessions were particular, and consequently could never serve for a pretence to those secret consultations, under the shadow of which fanatical penitents think to sin with impunity; a pernicious practice, by which a salutary institution is corrupted. Confession, which was intended as a curb to iniquity, hath frequently, in times of confusion and seduction, **become an incentive to wickedness**. Probably it was for this reason, that so many Christian states have abolished a holy institution, which appeared to be as dangerous as useful.
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