

DEVOLUTION - A PARABLE

(Devolution is the title of an anonymous paper that appeared on the back pages of the 2005th issue of the Journal Of Historical Anomalies.)

A primitive audio-visual device with recorded material was found on the third planet of an obscure solar system in the Milky Way. It was deciphered by a group of Andromedan archaeologists who thought that we, who specialize in the histories of distant solar systems, would find it of interest. Through voice and the written word, a number of items contained in the device gave a rather sketchy but revealing history of a one time powerful planetary socio-political-economic settlement. Here are two items providing the gist of what we have learnt, although much remains a mystery.

- 1) The following feature taken from 'The World', a newspaper whose name had been changed to the 'The Bestial Reader', is of an address given by the beloved World Prime Minister, Adolpho Zundelbreit, to the inmates of the Trans-National Institute For Mental Deviates. It was first delivered thirty years previously when he was their founding representative to the new Institute of Lupine Philosophic Development. It was repeated on the same day of the year for the next fifty years. The work leading up to the revelations in the oration was accomplished with the assistance of a major Ford-Rockefeller-Disney-Microsoft grant.

"My Fellow Inmates! Today I have for you a message of the utmost importance, one that will shake the foundations of our corrupt society, one that will provide a new meaning and direction for our social and political structures by liberating us from the strictures of the so-called civilized behaviour and one that will put to rest the myths and lies that a conspiracy of bleeding heart liberals have propagated for the last 150 years under the guise of 'Science'.

In particular, I am referring to the very erroneous interpretation given to Darwin's Theory of Evolution by most of its proponents when they assert that human kind is, at this moment in history, the most benign, civilized, creative and thus the highest form of animal life that ever existed. They suggest that evolution is a process of change that is characterized by a very euphemistic term, namely, 'progress'. According to this view, we have evolved from lower living forms to our current state which, they assert, must be of the highest order. In other words, they ascribe to evolution, a vector that is a direction and a purpose, with accompanying moral and ethical aspects and it is this they call progress.

What I have discovered and strongly maintain, is that there are no lower or higher positions on the evolutionary scale. Evolution can be likened to a road where every place on it is of equal value, therefore of no value, and one which wanders aimlessly through a barren landscape. Evolutionary theory is really quite similar to Relativity theory: the latter insists that space does not have a here or there, an up or down, or a now and then and neither does the Theory of Evolution. Depending upon a variety of conditions, evolution is nothing more than a series of random changes with no specific purpose other than favoring those transmutations enhancing the survival of the life form that experienced them due to the particular ecological circumstances of the time. However, today's successful organism can easily become extinct, or regress to a so-called more primitive state at any time because of new random

genetic mutations or because of disastrous environmental fluctuations. Again, as with Relativity, time is no longer a factor with direction: a vector quantity in which progress or anything else can be measured. In other words, there is no such thing as progress. Progress and regress are two aspects of the same thing, somewhat like matter and energy or like the liquid and solid phases of the same material.

Now my comrades, you may well ask what all this has to do with the coming of the new day I promised. Please bear with me. To march successfully into the new era, the new dawn, the new day, we must do so with scientific certitude. We must be sure and we must assure the skeptics that not only do we have right and might on our side but that the truth parades along with us overthrowing all the lies that we have been impregnated with, to our misfortune. Please let me continue.

What is the evidence for these radical postulates? Well, it springs from the legends and myths of our past and the very infrequent presence of individuals who have reverted to a now extinct species of humanoids who were far more creative and benevolent than contemporary humans. All the evidence that characterizes us today indicates that we are primal, carnal, materialistic and violent creatures driven by insatiable desires to control others and our environment and to eliminate by ethnic and racial cleansing all who differ from us. We appear to be a throwback to our ancestral animal origins, with one important difference. Most animals, while they incessantly fight amongst themselves, seldom resort to killing other than their prey for the purposes of food. Not only do we murder our plant and animal cohabitants ceaselessly for supposed economic gain, we slay our own kind unrelentingly for reasons that are not fully understood. They must be of biologic origin. We are natural born killers and we must be free to let our nature exercise itself. Otherwise, we will become extinct.

Was it always so? There is much to show that we are descendants of and for awhile, co-existed, as a minority, with a high minded race of people who tolerated our foibles and didn't recognize the threat we represented. They were the Gods of Norse, Greek, Teutonic and Roman mythology as well as those found in the New and Old Testaments of the Bible and in the Koran.

Surviving vestiges of this charitable, highly creative and intellectual race were, for example, personages such as Buddha, Confucius, Moses, Socrates, Jesus, Mohammed, Galileo, Newton, Mozart, Beethoven, Gauss, Freud, Einstein, and Mother Theresa. Some early representatives of the new order were Attila the Hun, Hannibal, Ghengis Khan, Alexander the Great, Caesar, Cortez, Napoleon, Hitler, Stalin, Hussein and all those who blindly and obediently heeded them by spouting the rhetoric of hatred, racial superiority, social darwinism and when necessary murdered, raped, pillaged and looted to achieve racial and ethnic cleansing. While this is not yet recognized by our laws and by a diminishing number of bleeding hearts as the norm of human behaviour, a cursory examination of what is transpiring in the world strongly suggests that this so-called anti-social behaviour is simply the long accepted means to establish control over others and our environment. Successful nations, organized religions, and corporate entities have engaged in such practices from time immemorial. They simply have masked these propensities behind high toned morality and patriotism.

*While we are not, as yet, a majority, we are on the march, and we will most certainly win the day. Our past leaders failed because their rhetoric and actions appealed to our romantic and emotional character. They failed to realize that romantics are easily swayed: highly supportive in one instance, they can become quite antagonistic the next. I do not make this error. Behind my words and hopefully future actions is a cool, rational and scientific appraisal of our biological history, our psychological make-up and our potential for mayhem and destruction, which is infinite in scope and depth. It is our true nature, our bestial disposition, that will allow us to eliminate our enemies whoever they are, and then and only then will we achieve true freedom. Comrades, I propose our slogan: **MURDER UBER ALLES - THE SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST.**"*

The transcripts do not indicate how Zundelbreit and his cohorts won the day. We can only speculate and shudder as to what transpired. That they achieved a pyrrhic victory of sorts is evident by a brief newspaper account that next appeared on the audio-visual device. It is the second of the items.

- 2) *"This article gives a summary description of the society of the time. A dynamic sociological stasis, one where the power structure remained the same but in which the actors were constantly changing: and one with a bizarre form of social and economic equilibrium, where wealth and power were relatively constant but forever changing hands due to the force behind the dynamic which was the morality of the time: kill your opponent of any stripe before he or she kills you and absconds with your means. By then the poor, the sick, the disadvantaged, the migrants and the different had been nearly eliminated. After all, they had been fair game. This produced a society, which by certain considerations, was pretty healthy and vigorous. Those with any creative skills were co-opted by the powerful just as they had been during the 16th to 18th centuries of their calendar.*

*The stasis just referred to had been relatively easy to maintain during the period of **ELIMINATION OF THE UNWANTED.** All with the means were just too busy enjoying the freedom of the kill. After a period of time, the number of such vulnerable subjects diminished. Attempts to encourage immigration to refill the coffers of subjects failed when potential immigrants learned what was in store for them. A crisis was in the making, until an innovative bureaucrat suggested going to war, providing, it was believed, a plentiful supply of new victims. It did. However, even this supply was finite and in time disappeared. The inevitable ensued. The population of the planet was rapidly lessening despite all efforts to revive it, and the rich and powerful had no choice but to begin fighting more ruthlessly than ever before amongst themselves.*

The re-emergence of feudal fiefdoms headed by violent Lords of the manor ensued. It appears that in a previous feudal epoch, wars and bloodshed were carried out by more primitive and less lethal technologies. Further, the warring parties of those earlier times were not as imbued with murderous tendencies. Because the blood lust had become so strong, the strife between them was mostly inspired by a primordial urge for slaughter. There was no viable defence against the sophisticated weapons available. The most vulnerable, that is, the young and fecund females, became the most valued of possessions because of their rapidly growing scarcity. Once they and the inevitable sycophants and vassals were eliminated, the rulers had no one else to kill but themselves. They had no choice."

It is assumed that once this onslaught started, it could not be stopped and the end of humankind on this planet was brutally quick.

The Andromedan archaeologists noted in their report that Herr Zundelbreit had been correct after all. Following the disappearance of humans, the planet evolved or perhaps devolved into one of the lushest places with the widest variety of fauna and flora, ever seen in any one place in all the known universe.

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