

# POEM OF THE WEEK

## MORALS AND ETHICS ARE SYNONYMS

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Civilisation? Synonymous? I don't think so  
When is a civilisation civil to those who comprise  
Its population? Are there different rules for war?

Are they the same, in principle, as they are for peace?  
Are they thrown out with the dead? There you are, I've said  
it. I've brought it into the light and the conversation  
How're you feeling now? Civilisations have the potential

To be supportive of morals and ethics. The temptations,  
it seems are too strong: ambition (by definition, without limit)  
Is greed for riches and the sordid displays of power too strong?  
To be brief, morals and ethics are synonyms

STOP tapping me on the shoulder  
And whispering "hmm hmhmhmhm"  
into my ear. Yes, I know, you're there  
"Potential", "they evolve", and "get less barbaric"

"Science advances" (they have new ways  
Of destruction), "has new cures. The Collective  
Becomes more accepting and inclusive"  
(Small advances washed in the blood of the rebels)

My previous question  
About the principles  
Of peace and war  
"They're context-bound"

We're still waiting for  
its manifestations  
Moral and ethics  
To make an appearance

At governmental level  
To those who voted for  
The Orange Man and his ilk  
(You know who you are)

T'aint civilised, no, no, no  
T'aint logical; no, no, no  
T'aint healthy; no, no, no  
T'aint civilised!

Bah, Humbug!  
It's like putting a child  
In charge of a country  
Hear about Nero?  
That didn't work out  
well either

Leslie D. Bush  
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