

POEM OF THE WEEK

WHAT IS “EVIL”?

Dualism, Dadaism & Dyspepsia

BELIEF

It is my hypothesis, that is tempered by,
refined and redefined by experience
,leads to the ascent of Reason:
the acceptance of, and positive and constructive
interaction with the people and the world around us.

REASON,

when applied in an empathetic, humble
and constructive way, leads to enlightenment.
Reason (or the application of “Reason”), devoid of emotion and empathy,
can be stark and dark, and at worst, lead to cynicism and detachment.

CYNICAL

and cold detachment leads inexorably to
the acceptance of the grotesque and abhorrent as “normal”.
Worse than cynicism, in the extreme, is casual indifference;
WTF! Can’t do anything, just gotta accept it.

“LIFE’S a bitch and then you die.”

This is not acceptance, it is abdication.

It is not a choice, it is laziness. Life is not a bitch, she

(if you wish to apply a gender) is a mystery:

written on pages of a book you have yet to read.

THE NATURE OF EVIL?

It is, I believe, the deliberate choice and decision

to embrace and adopt such a brutal detachment;

to choose, by proxy, the easy way out;

big monstrosities are built on little lies.

LOVE,

philanthropy and the sharing of care and resource

in a time of adversity and need is instinctive;

the predisposition to greed, limited self interest

and Evil is an abdication of choice.

“Acceptance is implicit in action”

IN THE AFTERMATH

of the Christchurch Earthquake,

the sense of community and sharing was strong,

support came from throughout New Zealand, and around the World..

As the years have passed, memories fade, empathy wanes

and fear creeps in like a dull grey mist,
comes the profiteering, the exorbitant rental demands
in a limited housing situation: this is more
than just “demand and supply”.

**“Supply and demand breaks down when
That which we need to be human is not produced
By being non-profitable; like a sunny afternoon
In the sun with others: no profit in that”**

THE EQUATION

is simple.

We need each other to achieve our respective humanity,
individually and collectively. Celebrate it.

We need, consciously and actively, to make the choice.

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