

The American Irony

There is an unchanging scientific law: for every action there is a reaction, or in a more archaic moral proverb: what you sow, you reap. The American Irony that is now being played out before our eyes proves the truth of the law and proverb.

My generation was the hippie, yuppie, never trust authority, spit in the eye of any and all Victorian morality, lets party and no one has the right to tell me what to do generation. We cheered when the Roe vs. Wade edict was made. We tried to throw off as many restraints as we could. Marriage was just a piece of paper and gender roles were just a "social construct". Fathers were un-necessary when all you needed was a sperm bank. Pleasure was the only real purpose in life. Weekends were endless party times. The feminists told us marriage was just another form of slavery. We were going to do our own thing and do not try to stop us. Many of us used drugs and most drank to excess. We slept with whoever we felt like. We were told by our consciousness-less secular humanist teachers they did not see the difference between a good book and an orgy.

Then the law and proverb began to take over. Pleasure was ruled by the law of dimensioning returns. The more we sought it, the less it satisfied us. We were adrift on a sea of moral confusion and relativism. All we thought was the path to really living began to leave us very dissatisfied and longing for something solid and satisfying. But like most people our pride got in the way of admitting our foolishness. So we ran to the psychologist or psychiatrist, we were given some Prozac to give a drug lift to our mental state and kept right on looking for the good times.

Now that we are older, we crave the preservation of our youth. So we buy age defying creams, vitamins, Viagra, face lifts, tummy tucks, breast lifts, hair dye, Botox, and what ever else we are told will keep us from aging. We run, go to the gym, become vegetarians, buy ab machines and are a sucker for every product that says it will keep us buff. But the proverb still rules.

We get old. We can not escape the consequences of our life style and our self centered world view. We have families that are scarred by the actions, or better, sins of our younger years. Children embittered by self-centered parents whose example they followed and became even more self-centered as we spoiled them with abundance of material goods and pleasures. We said we lived for the kids but now they barely speak civilly to us. The disrespect we had for parents, God and authority is now directed our way. The sting of heartless indifference for many of us is a daily experience.

What is even more diabolical is these kids are now ruling our society. The infamous philosophy of Governor Dick Lamm of Colorado in 1984 that, "Old people need to die and get out of the way for the younger people," is now the secret credo of our masters in Washington. Witness the \$500 Billion cut in Medicare under the guise of getting rid of waste. Witness the End of Life counseling required by the new healthcare law that has been labeled "Death Panels" by the more astute among us who understand the entire context of such current actions. This is the American Irony: Those who rejoiced at Roe vs. Wade may now be the victims of the devaluing of Human life that began with Roe. The recent change in policy by those who decide who gets a kidney transplant from: *whoever is first on the waiting list gets the first available kidney to one of: even if a person was on the list first, if they are over a certain age they will be skipped over in favor of the younger person.* The new principle of Quality of Life vs. Sanctity of Life has opened the door for further cruelty to the older human being.

What is even a greater American Irony is today the only hope my generation has to be treated with compassion not cruelty; justly and not criminally is the people who believe in the very God we spit in the eye of. The God who created all men equal and endowed them with unalienable (never to be violated or taken from) rights among which are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We who cruelly aborted babies are about to suffer the same inhuman treatment we so glibly did to others. God is not spit on without reacting; He will make sure we reap what we have sown. If we do not repent of these sins we may all likewise perish at the hands of the cruel generation we sired. If we do not stop the educational and governmental elitists who would inflict upon us the same cruelty they have told us to do to others, do not expect they will show us any mercy or compassion. What you sow you reap! Do not ever forget it!