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LITTLE GNOMES STAY IN THEIR HOMES ...

A diatribe prompted by an article by Joe Hildebrand called 'Message to the Lost Tribes of the Left', in August 2019.

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Well, its unfortunate, but everything Joe says is quite true. We who like to think of ourselves as the Left have become a useless and gutless lot. I'd go so far to say that there is no longer a true political Left. We that were once proudly on the Left have been cowed by the bombast of the Right, the centre, and we've only ourselves to blame. We have assumed too much privilege, we're too lazy, we hide in anonymity - and that is a real problem - hiding in anonymity. There is no longer a Left just the pretence of it. Its a reputation we reserve for dinner parties and secret cafe conversations among our like. I wonder how long this 'being left' reputation is still going to be something to take pride in .. after all everything we do other than hide behind our true selfs at dinner parties negates the worth of it. The ideals of what was once so important to the progress of man - Liberty, Equality and Fraternity - are now nothing more than the fluff of dreams.

The Left have been cowed by Political Correctness, shouted down by their so called peers and crushed under the jackboots of neoliberal complacency. We've become a nothing more than a vocal majority of keyboard warriors. Yes, I did say majority .. and yes, I did say keyboard warriors – anonymous cowards. There is no left worth the idea anymore. At the very best Left is a fence sitting centre. I perhaps shouldn't say 'true' Left, perhaps that is unfair, unjust. However, Joe's 'lost tribes' of the Left have never been true Left. They're the hoverers, opportunists - the corrupters of Socialist ideology, the chasers of reputation and the first to jump ship for a bribe, the first to grasp at the pettiest scraps of self interest and betray the ideals of Liberty, Equality & Fraternity. The first to say, 'too hard, too scared, too long'.

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Many years ago when my adopted home town - a town of artists and writers, pot smoking lesbians and rock climbers; easy going lefties - first fell victim to the false values of the NeoLiberal Nationalist Movement, to the lie that the best sense of self could be found in an ignorance of the wider world, and this, before the day of neo-yuppie political correctness and the cotton-wool millennial kids. Well, the day after the election that marked the turning point, the streets and cafes (all three of them) were full of people shaking their heads and saying, 'How did this happen? How could this happen *here*?' How could this happen in such a small town where we all know each other, party together, play together and work together? This was the early Naughtyies, the first few years of the new millennium, before the internet became the only form of communication before it became an anonymous little world of pockets in which one could create separate little lives of deceit and lies with which to fake reputations and carry out ones most selfish of dreams ... Well it

happened *there* because those very same people who valued the freedoms won for them by the Left, voted to protect their real world from the fears of what was then only perceived to be fascist creep. Of course, both before that election and after it one couldn't find a soul who would've admitted that they were either going to, as they obviously did, vote for that giant swing Right. They voted to protect their personal petty self-interest, and then wallowed about like garden gnomes dumbfounded in their first public taste of self-deceit. *Why? Because those things just couldn't happen anymore.*

You could say of course, that that is what its all about, as the current band of 'conservative progressives' say it is ... But the shock, the shock that you had secretly tarnished the reputation that your community had as one of Social Conscience & Enlightened Progress, that your petty little interests were so obviously shared by so many other shocked people was, well, it was a shock - and it was a real shock - that's not how we wanted to be seen, but more shocking still was that it wasn't how we wanted others to see us. We expected that we'd be able to have all the cake to ourselves and still maintain our reputations as enlightened freedom loving hippies of the Left. It was Johnny Howard's - that initial corrupter of true Australian values - third 'victory' over Democracy and the easy going people of the once lucky country. They were bad times that came at the beginning of the age of information which has become the age of fear and has ushered in the notion of safety in regressive isolation. It was the opening of a Pandora's Box of Fascist creep.

Now we are here, 15 years later, where the rule by fear of draconian law, by ministerial discretion and by the miracle of our purity in isolation is going to give us back the good old days. Where Left is now a only dinner party concept that has no place in our little kiddies lunchboxes. Why Left is even still seen to be a reputation worth having is beyond my understanding. Saying that however, there are still some of us out there for whom the concepts of social equity, humanitarian inclusiveness, enlightened education and Fraternity - Social Conscience, in simpler terms - are still the only ways for us to attain a peaceful inclusive future on a finite Earth. But we're scared. Complacency has built us a box that we find hard to fight our way out of. We have a world in which our children have been encouraged to build their own petty little bubbles of pop in. Our fear has allowed us to fall victim to all the things that we know cannot build responsible values in the future for our children and we've colluded in the corruption of democracy by our masters. We've colluded with Fascism in the censorship of free will, free thought, free speech, for a little bit of temporary fool's gold even though the smarter ones among us know that this is all a temporary situation and we know that our, supposedly, loved children are going to have to pay for our selfish sin. We know that our greed not only corrupts our children but that it limits their glorious futures. We know this, but our false fears and the criminally optimistic belief in the deceits of our progressively regressive and apparently wise rulers will somehow blanket the world for long enough for us not to see its disastrous result on our children and THEIR PLANET - our complacency in this wish for the ancient world of miracles is collusion in the oppression of our children. It bonds them to our deceit.

So this neoLeft, Joe's 'Lost Tribes', have succumbed to this false virtue, Political Correctness, and any of those that are not completely lost hide themselves in anonymity and shout loud abuse from the confines of their fragile bubbles ... because as they would say,

they love their children but don't want to frighten them further, and they don't want to draw retribution down upon them for the sins of social conscience. Instead, they draw retribution down on them by their complicity in censorship.

These are the great sins of these 'Lost Tribes'; censorship, complacency and conceit. Political Correctness is nothing more than censorship, its a diseased and jagged edged sword wielded by the Divine Right that has never had a place in the ideology of the true Left. Anonymity is base fear and as we all know, fear breeds fear and cowardice. And fear is the greatest weapon of Fascism. By pretending to P.C and hiding ourselves behind anonymity we collude in the corruption of Social Conscience - we become noisy bigots supporting the very ideals we say we abhor. We shut ourselves off to the honest and sincere questions that our children would ask if they didn't sense the cowardice in their parents. We put ourselves in a dangerous place that becomes harder and harder to fight our way out of and at the same time cow, not only our children, but also those who still believe that Social Conscience is the only peaceful means to destroy creeping fascism. We become not only our own enemies but the enemies of our children too.

What on earth has allowed P.C. to become a virtue and why has it become a value taken up so avidly as a supposed quality of these 'Lost Tribes' of the neoLeft ... these dinner party socialists colluding in Fascism? Fear? But, fear of what?

LIBERTY, EQUALITY AND FRATERNITY.

How on Earth did a country like Australia become scared of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity ...the very ideals that have made this country. The very ideals that only 25 years ago made us the envy of the world. Surely not a few inevitable collapses of the neoliberal system? Surely not the false fear induced by unrepresentative governments, this so called war on terrorism? This war we've brought upon ourselves by our insistence in moulding the rest of the world in our own image; we actually terrorise ourselves. How did this happen? It happened through noisy anonymity and because the ideals of the true Left are not those that can be pushed on others - at least not through force and coercion - because Social Conscience ceases to be a humanitarian value, it ceases to be either liberty, equality or fraternity if it must be forced on others. It ceases to be social conscience.

The noisy bigotry we've had pounded into us in the last 15 years has been the voice of a divine right elitism; Fascism. And we've colluded in it - all of us - by sitting back in our complacency and allowing our government to become both a ruler and a priest who 'knows what's best for us, and who, for our own good, acts in our own best interests' regardless of what we think they may be and who punishes us and bribes us with trinkets. We've corrupted Democracy and thrown away all the real progress man has made over the past few centuries. We've fallen to a belief that luck is good management. And because of a few reasonably farsighted and mildly progressive governments, a few good decades in the very short lives of mankind, we've allowed ourselves to be deceived that 'bad things can't happen anymore', that somehow technology will make all things good for *all the worlds people* - like we've been fooled into believing it has for us. And now that reality is biting back we're frantically searching for excuses outside of our selves instead of blaming our complacency and our collusion in the corruption of Democracy. We've soaked up the noisy

fears of our less scrupulous unprincipled masters and these noisy 'lost tribes', these cowards, and we now no longer *know of any other way to keep our reputations alive than by mirroring the methods of our masters.*

We've taken up new gods, false as we know they are, and said, 'these are the gods that you,' the world that hasn't fallen prey to petty fear and bribery like we of the dinner party left has, 'must obey.' And this neoLeft, these 'Lost Tribes', shout louder and louder in emulation of the good old empire. And this political correctness - this weapon of oppression - that has created a generation of loving parents who though they were brought up in an open and enlightened world have decided that they must suddenly close off this open, enlightened and inclusive world to their children and instead hope for miracles. A world that *their* parents had made a world of hope. A world that wasn't to repeat the sins of the past, a world that had made a virtue out of Social Conscience and for the first time in Man's history had the technology to make good things happen not just for closed off gated and isolated communities, but for all those that share the Earth with that lucky few of us on whom fortune has apparently smiled. A world of miracles.

What has made this lucky few decide that there isn't enough to go around and that our technology would be better off being used to separate us rather than to bring us together in peace as we'd grown up believing that it should, and that we'd been striving to ensure that it would? Trinkets, greed for fool's gold and comfort in our cheap fluffy garbage. What has made us believe that our peace and our children's welfare is best served by hurting others and denying them the rights we assume for ourselves - because that is the truth of the matter - we take from and condemn those who would follow our example and take too. What has made the neoLeft, these 'lost Tribes', collude in this *choice of false liberty* called neoliberalism? Fear, and the knowledge that we collude in the Earth's destruction and rather than to honestly admit our guilt we deflect it and make it the fault of those 'others' - we pass the buck as we say in Australia, and we watch our children watch us do it! And it produces such guilt in those who say they believe in social conscience that they invent this censorship called Political Correctness and use it as a weapon against those who still hold the true values of the Left and who don't hide from that very fact - those that would fight for the liberty, the equity and the justice of true democracy our forefathers bequeathed their children.

To assuage our guilt we dumb down, we limit, we censor our children's educations and we listen only to the continual pounding away at our fears by the noisy bigotry of the Right because it supports our guilt in the false belief that if it wasn't for those 'others' there would be more than enough for everyone. Its quite astounding that in this so called age of information we have sought to close off so much information to each other. In this age of communication we stifle communication with censorship.

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(I'm struggling not to admit to myself that the true cause of our fear is our greed. Because if greed guides our fears and greed is truly inherent in man; if it is a virtue and something to take pride in; if envy is a driving force, then that means that man is an evil being and I've known too many people who are most definitely not evil, they are not even greedy and

envious and many of them have been born under very lucky stars and still they don't fear those born under less lucky stars. History tells us that there are always good men, both lucky and unlucky, for whom greed and envy have no driving motivation. These men are those that have spread *apparent luck* around the world despite the obstacles of greed and envy and corrupting fear. ... but I digress ...)

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But we now have THE INTERNET, this communication platform that was designed to open up and enlighten man and to include more of man in Man's progress, this platform that was designed to tear down fences and not to build them, but that we have allowed to become the property of corporatives and colluding fascist governments ... We have been tricked into believing that this platform is in fact our real world; we've watched our children throw away their books and their libraries and discovered that we can keep them busy, entertained in a virtual reality that because its Technology we foolishly believe that its the future. Our laziness has forced another guilt upon us ... another box from which we can't find a way out. And because our children are now so addicted to this fantasy we've allowed to be pushed onto them by criminal corporative minorities whose sole purpose is greed and whom we must now emulate so as not to deprive our darling children, a world where greed for glittering garbage is good and the greatest virtue has become 'getting away with it' and the knowledge that 'others' are sometimes just not able to get away with anything has forced us into hiding reality from our children. And it makes us angry.

This internet, this open platform designed to be a repository of all the world's knowledge has become a prison to us, a virtual world of billions of self centred pockets all striving for a reward that comes at the expense of somebody else and when it should have been the opening up the of world to show us what *could & should be done* we've allowed it to become a monopoly of corporations and their divine right protectors, an advertising platform to sell greed and envy to our kids. And we of course, because we want *their interests to be guilt free* and to encourage them in their individuality we've seen it as in *our interests* to shut out the reality of the wider world and concentrate on the neoliberal gods of greed and envy and the falsely induced fears of unprincipled divine Right rulers. We notice however that all the ideals of our youth, all the promises we made to our children and all the benefits our parents have given us through their blood sweat and tears are the very ideals that we trample on for our children's benefit, *for their future*, and we box ourselves up in guilt and fear and we shout out and scream and abuse anyone who dares to point this out to us. To assuage our guilt at abandoning our children to Fascism we've retreated into little bubbles of anonymity in which we too can shut out the realities of a world that slaps us in the face with our cowardly pretences. Though, of course, at our dinner parties we hope, we pray, and we rely on miracles that we know can't happen. We optimistically hope that the lies of the divine Right will come true and that they won't be fulfilled at the expense of our children. But deep down we're angry and we deflect our guilt and assume the language of the 'lost tribes of the false Left; bombast and anonymous political correctness. We say that since the only true way to fight fascism is with the sword, and the sword is a violent thing

and that violence should no longer have a place in the world of our children, we must instead coerce it and coddle it through a miracle called legislated evolution ... And we call this supposedly peaceful legislation of ignorance, of cowardice, of fear; political correctness. And though it drags us into the mire of ignorance and complacency and coercion and the curtailment of our freedoms we give our support to the turning back of the clock to a another dark age where we must again have faith in miracles - because the belief in miracles is a coddling blanket for our guilt.

We've left ourselves no easy way out - we have in fact thrown it away - and all coddled away falsely in our protecting blankets of fluff we need it more and more and more, and because we still have a faint knowledge of what *we should be doing* and because we love our children so, we encourage them to wrap themselves up in the same blanket so they can share our guilty fears. The blanket of greed, envy, of false hope and fool's gold and fluff. This stuff of Fascist dreams. It's self perpetuating deceit and in order for us to feel good about it, about our knowledge that we are destroying the future of our children by protecting them from it, we must become what we say we aren't - Fascists, LOST TRIBES OF THE LEFT.

To maintain our reputations, excuse our collusion and to explain away our complacency we hide from ourselves the fact that the Right have no such qualms when it comes to the fluidity of principles, the use of deceit and violence and that through our collusion, for the first time in Australia's history the Far Right controls the means of both legislation and its enforcement and that they now control our fears. And this false virtue of the lost tribes, political correctness, ensures that Fascism with its one defining ideology, that Might is Right is our gift to our children's future. May they rest in peace for as has been said, "*The coward fears death, but that is all he fears.*"

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