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A Glimpse of Eternity

common purpose. It was part of the rhythm of life that seems so far far away right now. I feel like I've been stuck in isolation working alone at a computer for a lifetime; that time has stopped and will never start again. We are in a state of suspension, chaos in slow motion, balanced on a tightrope between hope and fear.

This morning I gazed upon the sunrise beyond the eucalypts at the back of my house. Sky diffused with faint pink streaks, dark trees silhouetted. Pink now slowly brighter, deeper, rippling the clouds, until it paints the whole sky, a crescendo of fiery orange. Then imperceptibly, the sky is a bright morning blue, the leaves on the trees are sparkling; the air is clear and sharp, it nearly glows. Isn't God amazing? He makes that happen every morning. How can anyone look upon that and not see the splendour and glory of God?

In the sunrise I glimpse the eternity of God. We are here for such a short time. Eternity is hard to

Last night I was lying in bed, thinking wistfully of times past. A particular time, before Covid impinged on our liberty, our life, our thoughts, our fears. I was remembering an ordinary, routine day at work with my workmates. It seemed so mundane then, but now it had taken on an extra glow. Working together, banter, being annoyed with each other, frustrated with the demands of work, but still fitting together, working for a

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Western Tolerance Masks Arrogant Ignorance

How the stabbing of a Christian Woman at Speaker's Corner highlights the Cowardice of Western Tolerance.

place. Funnily enough that place is the same secular humanist position they all share. This nonsense about all religions leading to secular humanism creates their intellectual arrogance. For if every religion leads to your position, then you are intellectually superior because you have already arrived at the true and enlightened position. Others are just catching up. And furthermore you don't have to learn anything about other religions or world-views, as they are all coming to you anyway.

Religious and historical ignorance rewards progressives. They do not want to understand the differences between religions, because if they don't lead to same enlightenment humanism - their intellectual position - then they are wrong. This is the dirty little secret of western tolerance, it is not tolerance at all. It is apathetic ignorance shielding the stupidity of their own position. And progressives will go to great lengths to hide their intellectual dishonesty, even from themselves.

The stabbing that occurred at Speaker's Corner in London this week is just another example of this lazy ignorance. How has the progressive media responded to the attack on a Christian woman in the bastion of Free Speech in London? Crickets! The progressive media displays the complete intellectual bankruptcy of the so-called tolerant left through their silence.

Progressives are arrogant ignorant

know-nothings when it comes to the world's religions. The major differences that exist between Christianity, Islam and Judaism are portrayed as irrelevant. And these are just the mono-theistic religions, that is not including the major differences existing between them and all the other world religions. Their so-called tolerance masks their arrogant intolerance. But by the grace of the universe, the society's collective ignorance serves the myth of their tolerance. And they use their self proclaimed intellectual superiority as a shield against any criticism, all-the-while arrogantly looking down their noses at the religions of the world.

"For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear."

(2 Timothy 4:3)

Their tolerance is not about caring for minorities - it is a club to silence the differences amongst the religions. They want to hide the truth that all religions don't lead to the same place from the public discourse for their own selfish reasons. And that is the real truth that terrifies them - showing they are little more than cowards and bullies who care only for themselves!

left, whatever you want to call them, contribute to this stabbing? The

progressive worldview rests on atheistic intellectual assumptions that fuel Western tolerance. Yet they do not understand how their worldview signals the end of western culture. The self-serving, self-righteous virtue-signalling belief in the equality of all world-views or religions is as dangerous as it is stupid.

Progressives generally believe that all religions at their heart are basically the same. Yes they will accept each religion has differences at the fringes, but in the end they believe all religions lead to same

Western tolerance masks the arrogant ignorance endemic within western society. The relativity of all world-views is not a symbol of progressive enlightenment, instead it is nothing short of lazy self-righteous virtue-signalling. This lazy virtue-signalling creates atmospheres where events like the stabbing of Christian woman in London (pictured above) will continue.

How does the worldview of progressives, leftists or the 'woke'

by Adam Richards

grasp from our perspective.

It's like looking up at a skyscraper of infinite height, and wondering what the view from the top looks like. The sun is ancient. It has risen and set every day since God created it. Adam felt that same sun upon his skin, as he and Eve dressed themselves for the first time. Moses and the Israelites saw it rise and set every day, as they trudged wearily through the desert for forty years. I am sure those forty years felt like an eternity to them. Jesus felt it as he hung on the cross. Did the Son of Man experience his own agonising eternity in those hours he suffered on the cross

– those hours that changed the course of our eternity? The sun will continue as long as the world turns, long after we are in our graves; unless Jesus returns before then.

Compared to eternity the sun's timespan is short too. Our own earthly lives are closer to the sun's timespan than we know.

God is eternal. His love is eternal.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39

God will love us and protect us,

as long as the sun rises and sets, and beyond.

"There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever"
Revelation 22:5

Nothing can touch that. Covid can't touch it. Lockdowns can't touch it. It is ours as surely as the sun rose this morning. Hold onto that certainty. Hold onto it with all the strength you have through Jesus. Hold it in your heart. Hold it in what you say, what you think, how you feel and what you do. God is certainly holding onto you. He will never let you go.

My cup runs over.

Find-A-Word

Agonise	Enlightened	Intellectual	Religion
Christianity	Experience	Lamp	Righteousness
Collective	Furthermore	Life	Sun
Criticism	Height	Myth	Superiority
Difference	Ignorance	Progressive	Tolerance

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PRAYER POINTS



- Pray for church and those who are sick or goign through medical procedures at this time. Pray for comfort and protection and a speedy recovery.
- Pray for the lonley as the effects of the lockdown continue. Pray that people will place their trust in Jesus more and more as they continue to sit at home.