

It's a Maddingly, MM-AA-DD World

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Once upon an always, in a land of everywhere, there was a beautiful world filled with wonderful people faced with marvelous delights and living their lives with peak moments of joy, surrounded by clear interludes of contemplation. It was a time and a place like many others, with human activities chosen by their doers to satisfy their most important values (consciously identified, or not, as the case might be).

... But unfortunately, conditions among humans did not stay as peaceful and pleasant as we might imagine that they might otherwise have been ... For, in the lands, there were three distinct choices of types of humans to be, and some chose unwisely:

- 1) The **AAs**: the **A**ggressive **A**uthoritarians, who sought to aggress against others in authoritarian ways, violating the others' individual rights, in order to coerce the other (as much as they could get by with) into working toward their goals and into achieving their values for them;
- 2) The **DDs**: **D**efensive **D**oers, who sought to defend their rights and to do with their lives exactly as they chose, without violating the equal rights of other individuals, of course; and finally,
- 3) The **MMs**: **M**anipulated **M**unchers, who mulled around grazing, being manipulated, and munching-away, when they were allowed, doing as they were told (mostly by the AAs), and "getting by". The MMs proudly didn't understand about individual rights, and they could not comprehend the motivations of the AAs or DDs. "What's all the fuss about?", they were apt to ask.

Now the AAs consistently advocated a very strong state, ruled by the most elite and authoritarian leaders with the very best skills for placating the MMs (sometimes called the Moo Moos, to capture their essence). The AAs spoke-out aggressively and voted accordingly, for it gave them a feeling of being part of *The Elite Ones*, serving "the greater good" (hopefully according to their desires). The AAs formed into gangs and gave themselves fancy misleading names, like "conservative", "liberal", "communitarian" or "commune-ist", "social-ist", and the like, and these same AAs avoided more appropriate names like "statist", "elitist", "enslaver", "thug", and the like. Among the AAs there were differences, but all AAs were alike in their aggressive authoritarian behaviors. And all AAs joined together in manipulating the MMs according to the AAs' "collective will"s, sometimes referred to as "the will of the people". Enlisting the Moo Moos, into coalitions to elect "Our Leaders", was essential to the AA's plans to over-power "the will of those (other) people", mostly DDs, who sought to march and drum to their own wills.

The MMs listened attentively to the AA's loud promises of entitlements, subsidies, tax breaks, economic security, pleasant-sounding "programs", etc. And the MMs voted according to the dictates of their feelings, on their power-exercising moment, on election day. "I can sure pick a winner", they might brag as the "political (AA) front-

runners” dashed in a frenzy toward their Finish Lines.

The DDs had to work very hard defending the natural and constitutional rights of all individuals (including the AAs & the MMs, who were also individuals, of sorts). The DDs sought to direct their own lives according to their own individual values, to own their own property, to keep their own justly-acquired wealth, to exercise their own liberty, and to pursue their own happiness. This was what freedom meant to the DDs.

The AAs saw the DDs’ defensive efforts, and they constructed as many obstacles to the DDs efforts as they could possibly dream up. The more power the state took on, the more they could use that power to deter the DDs pursuits of freedom. The conflict continued and the state grew bigger, holding onto its monopoly on the use of legal force, while using that force to crush DD’s efforts to retain or regain freedoms, --~~that~~ that is, as much as they could get by with at the time. The DDs clearly saw elections as the grabbing of power-over-others and the contests to manage political privilege-granting, that the AAs had corrupted elections into being. The DDs were left with no representation for the protection of their rights to their lives, in this continuing “newly-elected New World Order”.

... And the disharmony also grew. As it grew, the AAs became more evasive and more strongly denying of their advocacies for aggression, for coercion, for authoritarianism, for elitism, and for state empowerment, insisting all along that they had “no such intentions”. And, as the DDs pressed them to examine what was actually happening day to day, they became very uncomfortable and declared that politics was “too unsettling an topic for the people to discuss”, for it seemed to cause them to get agitated, upset, and even angry at times. So, accordingly they sought to make politics into a prohibited topic for discussion, a “No!No!”, as they called it; for after all “keeping the peace” was one of their professed goals. They also sought to evade the fact that political topics were a “No!No!” only when they was pursued by DDs in defense against the aggressions of the AAs, and that such topics were never a “No!No!” when AAs gathered to discuss “important matters of state”; at such times, political topics were an enthusiastic , aggressive, exuberant, “Yes!Yes!”, that grew into a roar, stifling anyone’s attempts to deviate from the AAs’ “Absolutely Politically Correct”, doctrine of the day, —~~the~~ the of the moment.

... And so things continued in the land ... It was no longer beautiful, or marvelous, or pleasant, or plentiful of delights, or even friendly, because as more and more rules were passed to constrain the DDs’ defensive efforts and to corral the MMs, less and less activities were legal, more and more policing agencies were needed, more and more crimes-with-real-victims occurred, and less and less court-time was available for “non-governmental parties” (i.e. individuals) seeking justice. The DDs were in deed enslaved to the wishes of the AAs, the MMs moored on, and the AAs were even more fearful of the ever rising opposition to the sad state of *The State* within the land. The land was full of constraints and emptied of previous liberties, and the times were filled with injustice, strife, hatred, apathy, sadness, anti-social behavior, and

inhumanity ...

And yet the choices remained the same as they had always been: each individual could still choose to be an AA, an MM, or a DD. If the majority continued to choose to be AAs and MMs, the sad state of affairs would surely continue to worsen, with no real peace possible. However, if enough individuals chose to be DDs, then the tide would turn and a world of opportunity would soon return.

And so it was, Or is ... [?]

Moral of this Story:

Aggressive Coersion and It's Advocacy are the proper "No! No!"s !
Reasoned, Defensive Persuasion against these "No! No!"s is a proper "Yes! Yes!" !.
... To be continued ... As needed ...