

Words Well-Worth Heeding

As a rule, I prefer to fill my articles with my own well-chosen words, but there are some thoughts that deserve the widest possible circulation. For instance, in critiquing the state of education in America, it's hard to improve on the following 21 words of Thomas Sowell: "In an age when scientists are creating artificial intelligence, too many of our educational institutions seem to be creating artificial stupidity."

Although he wasn't necessarily known for his positive messages, I believe Friedrich Nietzsche neatly encapsulated the differences between socialism and capitalism when he wrote: "The craving for equality can express itself as a desire to pull everyone down to our own level or as a desire to raise ourselves up along with everyone else."

Or as someone else once pointed out, "Socialism is the system under which all are made equally miserable." But of course that isn't quite true. Whether we're referring to China, the Soviet Union, Cuba or North Korea, the ruling class always manages to feather its own nests very nicely. As George Orwell observed in "Animal Farm," in which he turned the Soviet Union nightmare into a fable: "All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others."

While some of us can't help trying to point out – logically, honestly, at times even humorously – all the damage being wreaked by Obama and his henchmen and henchwomen, Thomas Paine noted that "Time makes more converts than reason." That would explain why Obama became the first two-term president to receive fewer votes the second time around. So while it's true that time makes more converts, it doesn't necessarily make them quickly enough to suit some of us.

But we don't want to get too carried away with what other

people have to say when I still have so much on my mind. So, let me commend General James Amos for having the courage to complain about the way the Commander-in-Chief is doing his job. Someone has to have the nerve to point out that the emperor is as naked as a blue jay, and it's nice when that someone has stars on his shoulders.

For my part, as a Jew, I want to call out every Jewish member of Congress for not confronting Obama, Kerry and the anti-Semitic State Department, for spending weeks pretending there is a moral equivalence between Israel and her 8th century dwelling enemies. It is high time these Jewish politicians understood that Obama needs their support a lot more than they need his. Only the rankest sort of partisanship can explain why they either remained silent or joined anti-Semites like Penelope Cruz, Javier Bardem, Emma Thompson, Vanessa Redgrave and a slew of other show biz lunkheads in condemning Israel for "over-reacting" to thousands of missiles and scores of tunnels.

Let us keep in mind that these are the same coddled celebrities who take to their beds and sulk for a week if they even get a bad review. But they demand that Israel not raise a finger to prevent missiles from killing its own people.

The numerous references in the world's media to Israel's committing genocide was particularly insufferable not only because the Jews stood accused of doing to others what was so tragically done to them, but because it flies so blatantly in the face of reality. I mean, does anyone actually believe if the mission of Israel's military was to wipe out the Palestinians that after a month of trying they would have only managed to kill a thousand of them?

To be perfectly honest, I don't believe that anyone in the so-called civilized world actually cares about the Palestinians or about any Arab or Muslim. How could they? These are the folks who celebrate suicide bombers. These are people who burn

down churches and behead Christians. These are people who believe in honor killings and clitorectomies, and where different pay for the same work is the least of women's concerns. All of that being the case, you'll please pardon me if I don't believe those who claim that it's always Israel that's in the wrong in these Middle East conflicts, and who then self-righteously deny that they're Jew-haters.

Closer to home, we have Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg griping that while the Supreme Court is using language of "equal dignity" in recent rulings supporting same-sex marriages, "gender cases rarely get the same consideration." She complains: "The Court has yet to embrace the ability of women to decide themselves what their destiny will be."

Inasmuch as Roe v. Wade has been on the books for about 40 years, I can only assume she's referring to women's inability to have a butcher like Dr. Kermit Gosnell perform third-trimester abortions. But in response, I say that if women really wish to decide their own destinies, they might want to refrain from engaging in unprotected, irresponsible, sexual relations.

Otherwise, Justice Ginsburg, it's a lot like whining that people who use illegal drugs, rob banks or commit suicide, don't get to determine their own destinies because their addiction, jail time or death, has unfairly intervened.

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