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Knox:

Some guy made a thread on Twitter about how all the good virtues have been twisted by the devil's woke experiment and I think it's a must-read.

Sometimes we take a look around our clown world and think "What is going on? Everything is backward. We're in bizarro world!"

Well, that's true. Especially in the world of good and evil, virtues and vice. But it didn't happen overnight.

This guy is onto something. Take time to read his thesis. You won't be sorry.

Guy:

If you compromise the words and make the virtues seem so lame that nobody has any interest in them, you have killed moral aspiration altogether. Consider the evidence. Across the board, modern usage has systematically degraded the words:

1. Prudence becomes utilitarian calculation, bordering on cowardice.
2. Meekness becomes weakness.
3. Chastity becomes prudery.
4. Humility becomes round-shouldered self-deprecation.
5. Charity becomes niceness.
6. Temperance becomes portion control.
7. Hope becomes wishful thinking.
8. Justice becomes whatever political outcomes are most convenient for the Regime.
9. Courage gets tainted by association with the supposedly "stunning and brave" artists and activists [and politicians] who say banal and safe things.
10. Strength (or things) devolves largely into a metaphor for mental toughness.

Magnanimity (which Aquinas calls "the jewel of the virtues") suffers a different fate of simply being forgotten. Many have just never heard of it: "Magna-whatnow?"

This is next-level stuff, absolutely masterfully nefarious. Again, why would anyone care to be prudent, humble, just, etc, when these things are so unimpressive and make no claim on the heart?

Knox:

This is the problem as this guy sees it. And generally, I agree. We have disincentivized virtue by dumbing down, softening, and outright changing their definitions.

But not to fear. The author has a solution.

Guy:

It's never my intention to leave blackpills on the table, so let me offer what I believe to be the most targeted and simple remedy for reclaiming a sense of the virtues: get to training!



Literal physical training.

Nothing teaches a man the possibility of improvement quite like getting stronger, faster, and more capable. Your efforts, your work, your discipline becomes a part of you, which you bring with you everywhere.

It is a moral lesson made undeniably physical and simple, and it teaches you how to get started down the path of excellence in other areas of your life. The words start to come alive in a new way once you've tasted that success.

Knox:

Self-improvement is a good step in a long road to building a culture of values.

As that all-right domestic extremist says:

But I want to end with one caveat: Something the random chivalry guy didn't include in this thread.

You can try to be self-controlled and disciplined, and maybe you even sort yourself out most of the way - at least in your own mind. But to all the Chads out there who think they can pull themselves up by their bootstraps, there's one little thing that will keep knocking you down:

You can't do it on your own, and if you try, you might end up worse than those woke types.

From the Bible:

"There is no one righteous, not even one ..."

"I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing... What a wretched man I am!"

"Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Knox:

So if you want to build a strong house, start with the firm foundation. There's only One who claims to take away sins, and He's the source of all virtue.

Linda's comments:

The article from Babylon Bee's "Not the Bee" touches upon a highly important reality in our present-day fast-degenerating society: the satan-driven upending of our moral and spiritual values. The changing meaning of words is crafty and subtle, so that we often don't even realize that we have fallen into his trap and allowed our own thinking to be polluted by satan's changing meanings.

The writer who posted on Twitter mentioned Charity in point #5. He probably meant it the way some Bible versions use it for the word Love. In that sense, he says, "Love becomes niceness." That is so true! No longer does "Love" imply God's caring Love for us and for His creation. It implies "Niceness", which usually aimed at making the other person feel good rather than do right by God. And so our language becomes perverted.

Here are two excellent reader comments in response to the Twitter writing.

Commenters:

"I'm surprised he didn't actually mention that chivalry and courage have become toxic masculinity. Other than that, he pretty much nailed it. The left is guided by evil. The devil is the man behind the curtain. He is cunning and wily and is engaging in a multi-pronged attack. We must fight back on all fronts. Never let them get away with anything that undermines humanity and our Father and Savior. And don't wait for him to bring the fight to us. We cannot win a war if we're always playing defense. We have to go on the offensive in order to score points and win the war against him."

"Many people blame our current problems on the weakness of conservatives, but I don't think that's accurate. Conservatism is just a political philosophy. The problems we're having are deeper and broader than political principles; they're spiritual and cultural in nature. I think it's the weakness of modern Christians that has led us to this point. Christians have been seduced by the world and care more about their own comfort and vices than they do living righteously and hating evil. Christians are the bulwark against the army of Satan taking over our nation and culture, but when Christians themselves are compromised, there's nobody else to resist except those God Himself appoints to hold back the tide until the appointed time."

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you . . . I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming [guess who that is]. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father." (Excerpted from John 14)

Linda:

Here's how we detect the deception that satan is trying to pull off, and how we protect ourselves from it.

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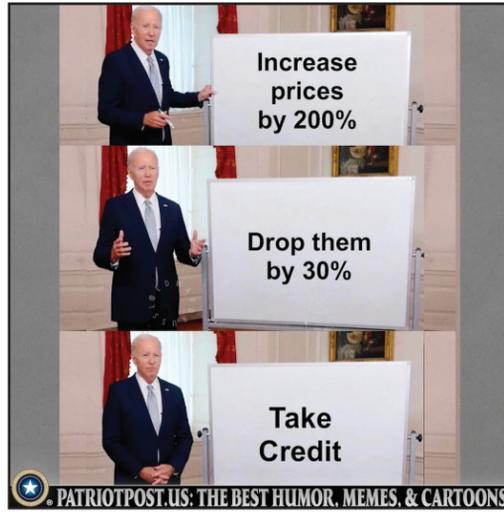
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