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76 Articles by eminent Writers of the World

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Introduction:

I am mighty pleased to be listed in a book by "eminent Writers of the World." And here is the story how it all came about.

Through Prof. Reiser I came in touch with Professor J.P. Atreya of Moradabad India who decided to publish a philosophical journal on the disciplines of Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Religion, Mysticism and Psychical Research. He gave his journal the name of DARSHANA which means Wisdom in Sanskrit. I was glad when Prof. Atreya published an article of mine in the very first issue titled "India and Semantography" (see Semantography Series No. 188).

We corresponded then through the years and Prof. Atreya then invited me to write an article for the Book which he wanted to dedicate to the President of India at his 75th Birthday. As it happens so often, the printing was delayed and it came out at the 76th birthday, and another article was added to make up the number of 76 articles.

I reprinted the article then in my second edition of "Semantography" 1965 pages 53 to 59, and then issued a reprint in a slightly different form in Semantography Series No. 240. Herebelow is the article in its original text:

I am a poor product of Western thought and I know nothing of India. I learned in consternation that they feed millions of marauding cattle, which they are not allowed to eat. Why? Because cows are sacred. Who said so? Apparently some religious leaders of the past.

I learned that millions of monks are roaming India. Food is put into their begging bowls by the people who are beggars themselves. Why? Because monks are sacred men. But in a survey on India I read that 80% of these monks are fakes. Why are they fed? Apparently it is impossible to distinguish between monks who are saints and monks who are loafers. Both use pious language.

I learned that some monks carry a piece of gauze before their mouths for the protection of flies. Yet, they do nothing for the protection of humans who die like flies. I read in horror that Moslems and Hindus massacred each other in 1948.

But the same religious hatred exists in the West. The adherents of the 400 divided Christian denominations despise heartily each other - thanks to their religious leaders. Throughout the centuries, Christians have massacred Christians in the name of Christ.

Articulate language is man's most important tool for communication and co-operation with his fellowman. But apparently religious language is a tool for division, dissension and destruction. How then is it with the creatures who have no religious language - the animals?

In 1938 new massacres began to sweep Europe, this time caused by the "religion of race". Hitler and his henchmen started to exterminate inferior races. I too was transported with millions of others to the extermination camps of Nazi Germany.

Buchenwald concentration camp was commanded by the sadist Koch. His wife Ilse loved lampshades from human skin. Koch loved creatures in cages. He had a zoo of caged animals erected next to the gigantic cage which held 20,000 human animals. Often I stared in sorrow from my cage into the cages of my fellow creatures, they too victims of human bestiality and brutality. Aren't these words derived from the animal "beast" and "brute"? But can animals ever be so brutal as human beasts?

I was released through the love of my good wife Claire, who fought fearlessly the Gestapo. We fled to China and after the war to Australia. The greatest massacre in human history had just ended. Thanks to the linguistic concept of a "national/language" and "nationality" (unknown a few hundred years ago) the nations had slaughtered each other by the millions. Now, the new linguistic concept of "communism" promises more murderous massacres. The leaders of mankind are engaged in making monstrous missiles, and megaton bombs, in order to kill off

hundreds of millions of people, who will be led with language to the slaughter bank.

Apparently, the most desperate task in the world is to expose the catastrophic falsehoods in the many words which lead to strife and war. What every boy and girl should learn in school is a simple semantics and logic in order to recognise ambiguities, the fallacies, and the demagogues in the words which cause debates, dissension, despair, and destruction and death to many millions.

I have developed such a simple semantics and symbolic logic which I called Semantography. The greatest living logician Lord Bertrand Russell wrote that support of my work is "an important service to mankind". Sir Julian Huxley wrote that "it provides something of real importance". Professor Oliver L. Reiser declared before the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"Bliss realised the ambition of the great mathematician Leibniz".

Three hundred years ago, Leibniz dreamed of a simple system of pictorial symbols which could be operated like mathematical symbols in a simple "Algebra of Thought", and which could be read (like $1 + 2 = 3$) in all languages. The first issue of Darshana contains my article "India and Semantography" where I proposed the use of my pictorial symbols for bridging the languages and dialects of India.

I sent out informative letters to thousands of educators. Few showed any interest. I forgot that their masters in the governments are mostly demagogues and dictators. A simple logic would enable everybody to see through the falsehoods of their speeches. They wouldn't like this. Worse even, everybody would see through the falsehoods of his own speeches. Nobody would like that. But the worst are my findings on the consequences of articulate language.

In the following pages only a meagre outline of my thoughts can be given. You can read all in detail in my writings which are available from Semantography Publications, 2 Vicar Street, Coogee, Sydney, Australia.

It was easy to find logical symbols for words on which people can agree, like sun and moon, day and night, etc. But there are words which have the opposite meanings for people who oppose each other. These are the meanings of good and bad, righteous and evil.

Shortly after the second world war, the United States Government invited the eminent psychiatrist Dr. Brock Chisholm (later the first Director General of the World Health Organisation) to lecture on the burning question:

"Why does man go to war against his fellowman?"

Chisholm's answer created an uproar among the various religious leaders. He blamed their pious language, and especially their catastrophic use of the word "evil" for many massacres among men. Hatred is incited against other people by saying that they are evil, because they pray to other gods and obey other priests and kings. Soon there was slaughter. Of course, the accusation of "evil" was usually only a pretext for plunder. But it worked beautifully in the minds of men. They killed with a clear conscience the evil enemies.

If Chisholm is right how is it with those creatures which have no articulate language - the animals? I searched through books on zoology and found that untold trillions of the tiniest and the largest animals adhere strictly to the ethical law "Thou shalt not kill" even when they are starving. They live by the food provided by the plants.

However, there are other animals which must have gone through terrible times millions of years ago. They had learned to kill other creatures for food. But they don't kill their brothers. Lions don't kill lions, tigers don't kill tigers, wolves will die of starvation in a severe winter, but no wolf will kill a fellow brother-wolf.

Furthermore, if a lion baby is taken away from its killer parents, before it receives from them an education in murder, it will not kill. It will remain the best of pals with other animals, and will eat with them out of the same trough.

Of course, animals get sometimes angry with each other. In the mating season there are some mighty scraps over female favours. But the wrestlers have no intention to kill or eat each other. Professor Ashley Montagu summed it all up in these fantastic words:

"Among the same species of animals the highest ethics is supreme law".

He proved too what every zoologist knows, namely that cannibalism among the same species of animals is extremely rare, and it happens only when the animal is "out of its mind" by panic, the sudden loss of freedom, etc.

In terrible contrast, human cannibalism is practised in cold reasoning in an open boat, or in religious reasoning when the highpriest presides over the frying and the feasting on the evil enemies.

The unescapable catastrophic conclusion from all these scientific facts is:
MAN IS THE ONLY SPECIES WHICH KILLS ITS OWN KIND. MAN IS THEREFORE ETHICALLY THE LOWLIEST CREATURE ON EARTH.

The zoologists, biologists, moralists, and militarists try to explain and excuse human warfare. They say that "biological warfare" is going on among the killer animals, and human warfare is part of it. But this is a lie.

Biological warfare is the hunt for food from other species.

Human warfare is the hunt for destruction of the same species.

A fantastic thought gripped my mind. If articulate language has perverted the mind of man, as Chisholm said, how was it in the distant past, when man emerged from the animal, and had NOT YET evolved articulate language?

Bertrand Russell said that it must have taken untold generations of primeval men, until they realised that two men, and two tigers, and two snakes have something in common, namely the abstract notion of TWC. Similarly I thought, it must have taken untold generations of primeval men, until they realised that a ferocious tiger, and a poisonous snake, and a dangerous man have something in common, namely the abstract notion of BAD.

The remedy for a bad tiger, and a bad snake is simple: kill it! From this kill to the kill of the bad man was only one step in abstract reasoning. The next step was organised warfare against the bad people across the river.

Chisholm said that human warfare is only due to a mental perversion, a brain epidemic, which can be stopped. If only I could find the proof in the distant past that man was not a killer of his kind - then Chisholm's theory could give mankind the breath - taking hope that human warfare could be abolished by psychiatric treatment of the populations.

I studied the 7000 years of recorded human history. Alas, the historians recorded in ancient times as in modern times, that the righteous king of kings made war on the evil kings and slew them and their men. For older records I had to go down into the caves of stone age man. Archeologists reported that the kitchen refuse heaps of neolithic man contain animal and human bones intermingled and broken to extract the marrow. "They were cannibals" the scientists say. But no signs of cannibalism is found in the caves of paleolithic man who lived 30,000 to 50,000 years ago. And in their cave paintings I found the proof I was looking for.

Man was, and still is, a hunter of animals, which he needs for food. He is proud of his victories. The caves of paleolithic man show the same picture as modern hunting lodges: animals pursued by hunters. But nowhere do we see a man raising a weapon against another man. Apparently the idea to hunt and kill his fellowman did not enter the mind of paleolithic man. Otherwise he would have depicted his victories over men, as did modern man from 5000 B.C. to our time in monuments, in the market places, and in museums.

I began to look for more evidence of ethics as a natural force in the universe. I found it in the findings of the eminent medical biologist Alexis Carrel. He proved that the atoms which build living cells, and the cells which build complex organs and organisms, are guided by a supreme ethics. He wrote:

"Cells act as though each of them understood mathematics, chemistry, and biology, and unselfishly act for the interest of the entire community."

What does this fantastic statement really mean? Let me explain it to you in a fantastic tale.

Imagine our young planet one billion years ago. Torrential rains and terrific thunderstorms rage over the surface of a turbulent ocean. In its raging waters atoms and molecules, sand and pebbles, are tossed about in wild and aimless chaos - until something happened - the greatest moment in the history of our earth.

We don't know how it happened and why. But we know that it happened. By some mysterious force from the depth of space, a group of atoms and molecules began to form an ethical co-operative in which each one "acts unselfishly for the interest of the entire community". And so the first one cell creature came to life - the amoeba which still sails the seven seas. They built their nucleus, which is in fact their town hall with various departments for food gathering, food processing, food distribution, waste disposal, oxygen renewal, transportation and medical and repair stations, should an accident happen to some brother molecules.

Now listen and learn! Their Town Hall is no Tammany Hall! There is no greed, grab, and graft. There are no bureaucrats and no aristocrats, no patricians, and plebejans, no brahmins and untouchables, no demagogues and dictators, and no loafing and hate inciting rabbis and monks. There is only one ethical principle at work: "One for all and All for one!"

Later they divide into two communities. And as the millions of years pass by, these ethical cells "act as though they understood mathematics, chemistry, and biology" - although a million times more than all our professors of mathematics, chemistry, and biology - they built more and more complex organs and organisms with more and more ethical engineering wonders: a miraculous heart, eyes, ears, lungs, brain, bones, and the most fantastic chemical factories - for one ethical purpose only: that the cell communities of creatures should be able to survive the rigours of nature.

Here is but one example. There was abundance in the sea, but for the creatures on land there were often terrible times of starvation and death. Billions of babies must have died. And so our ethical engineers were again inspired by the cosmic force. They began to build into the mother animals a complex processing plant with udders and nipples - and when the babies arrived - lo, there arrived also the most wholesome of food for them; milk.

For Western scientists however, my tale of ethical co-operation is nothing but blooming ballyhoo. "There is no sense nor ethics in the universe," they cry, "only chaos!" All living beings were evolved by chaotic chance combinations and mutations of atoms and molecules without any aim nor purpose. When the waters receded and the fish were left on dry land, they grew legs and learned to walk. Later they grew feathers and learned to fly.

It was just as simple as that. But a fish, or you cannot grow feathers if you want to. A miraculous ethical energy must work in the living cells of your mother when you began life as a foetus in her womb. They built the amazing organs which you need for survival: a heart pump, television eyes, ear telephones, and many more engineering miracles. But the most fantastic engineering feat is this:

When you are injured, the cells in the central switchboard of your brain send out directions over the electric nerve network. Medicines are manufactured and shipped through the bloodstream to the scene of the accident. Ambulances and nurses arrive to help the injured brother cells. Then repair cells begin to rebuild the broken bone, the broken muscle, the broken skin, - until all is health and happiness again. Don't think that your doctor can heal. He can only help the ethical cells to do the healing. You owe your life to them.

**THIS IS THE GREATEST FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE: ETHICAL CO-OPERATION
FOR THE CREATION OF HIGHER CREATURES OF HIGHER HARMONY.**

"This is utter nonsense" the scientists cry. Darwin has explained that creatures evolved through the merciless selection by the survival of the fittest. But the Darwinians are deceiving themselves and the world with language. They have perverted Darwin's own words.

Imagine a pack of wolves in an ice age. Which wolves will survive? Those, whose cells are fittest in ethical co-operation to produce the warmest fur, the strongest limbs, the keenest eyesight, the greatest intelligence, stamina and endurance.

Imagine helpless animal babies in a catastrophe which overtakes a herd. Which babies will survive? Those, whose parents have brain cells which are fittest in co-operation to produce the greatest love and intelligence, care, conscience and courage. In my writings I have cited numerous instances of animal parents who sacrificed their lives so that their babies shall survive.

But ethical co-operation of cell communities go further than the family bond. Single creatures form a community with a leader who "acts unselfishly for the interest of the entire community". The queens of bees and ants are the hardest workers of them all. The leader of an animal herd risks his life leading his herd over cliffs. His senses are taut even when he snatches a biteful of grass, or an hour of sleep. He has less leisure than the lowliest of the herd.

In terrible contrast, most leaders of human communities were, and still are, the most selfish of despots. And their lackeys in the schools and the churches teach children to adore and obey the monsters on the throne, who became leaders by their "divine rights". The shameless trick is done with words.

In the communist countries Darwin is revered like a God, and his theory is perverted to mean survival of those fittest in despoty, who can command the fittest bodyguards, the fittest battalions, the fittest bombs. Then the despot is killed by one of his officers, and he himself becomes the new despot. When he faces chaos, he plunges his people into a war to create more chaos. All this is in line with the theories of our scientists who proclaim that this universe is the product of chaos. And so they are leading mankind into the chaos of self destruction by their nuclear devices. They refuse to see even the ethical co-operation working in the cells of their own bodies.

My friend Professor Reiser, the philosopher, explains in his cyclic-creative cosmology that besides the seen universe of matter, there must exist an unseen ocean of energy into which matter dissolves, and from which matter is created as hydrogen atoms in the depth of space. May I add my belief that there must be an unseen ocean of ethical energy which manifests itself in the cells of all living creatures.

The living cells which built the body of my wife Claire, produced in ethical co-operation a masterpiece of love and affection, intelligence, care, conscience, courage, and beauty. Now that she has left me in sorrow, I cannot believe that all which remains of her, are her ashes only. The ethical agents which pervaded her body has returned to the unseen ocean of ethical energy, and new creatures are created which are imbued with it.

The End.