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Friends, I've been in New York for a few days at the United Nations Association Members' Day 2012, held in the General Assembly at the UN. The dozen panelists discussed a wide of range of compelling global issues, including,

- UN Peacekeeping: Its evolution and operations globally
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Note on eReading and eBooks. Almost all of the books and articles mentioned in my essay on Tolstoy, and many unmentioned, were read in ePub and PDF editions from Google Books or elsewhere online. I was often struck by the fact that I could obtain obscure works on Tolstoy that f source: [The Globe](#). link: [Full Article...](#)

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"Text is not condensed, it is truncated," said Geoffrey Hill.

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Carol Ann Duffy is 'wrong' about poetry, says Geoffrey Hill

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Oxford professor of poetry attacks Duffy's praise of text language, and compares hers to Mills & Boon

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A United Nations mission on Tuesday tentatively supported new stress tests designed to determine whether Japan's nuclear plants can withstand another emergency.

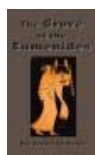
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How long are we to ignore the cause of the "gathering force," the origin of the "on-coming train"? Regardless of how frivolous, aberrant, and mad some poets have been during the postmodern period, I hold it must be acknowledged that they accurately reflect the decline of Western culture, the decline of the unique value of the human being, for which the less thoughtful, including many literary crit...

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For Robert Lowell mere power-politics survive into the present, where there are no longer "weekends for the gods." War continues as it has for thousands of years with "no advance":

Only man thinning out his kind
sounds through the Sabbath noon, the blind
swipe of the pruner and his knife

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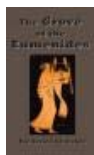
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There the persona discovers primitive debris "banished from the Temple," "damned by Paul's precept and example," and "banned in Israel." In one of Lowell's most direct meditations on the sweeping aside of the Judeo-Christian tradition, he asks,

When will we see Him face to face?
Each day, He shines through darker glass.
In this small town where everything

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Like Stevens and Hemingway, Lowell, in a poem of 1967, "Waking Early Sunday Morning," suggests the demise of revealed religion. The poem's opening stanza recounts a naturalistic dream of a salmon breaking loose from the earth and climbing a ladder or run "to clear the top on the last try / alive enough to spawn and die." Yet the persona curtails the association of human aspiration and backs off to...

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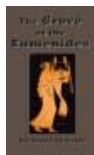
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Like most of the minor poets of the last sixty years, Lowell turned to the self as substitute for religious belief. In Life Studies he ransacked his personal life and family for what thin sustenance he could extract, setting, thereby, an example that Anne Sexton, Sylvia Plath, and others followed to their detriment. The novelty of his method has long seduced many into overrating the book. By 1967 ...
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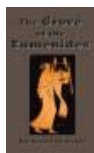


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After an initial phase of Catholicism, Robert Lowell increasingly awoke to the modern world. Almost all of Robert Lowell's Collected Prose, published in 1987, was written after the mid-fifties. The few exceptions, especially a 1943 review of T. S.

Eliot's Four Quartets and a 1944 essay on Gerard Manley Hopkins, demonstrate Lowell's early fervent Catholicism, which undergirds his first book of poem...

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Here Hemingway subverts the Lord's Prayer into a paean to the lord of our times in order to give the true meaning of the modern meaninglessness of life its clearest, most succinct expression. As Saul Bellow said about this story in his Jefferson Lecture, "nihilism acknowledges the victory of the bourgeois outlook." This nihilism pervades Hemingway's writing from The Sun Also Rises and A Farewell t...

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"But even so, the human situation in its fundamental character is not worse than what it has always been; only the scale of the conflict between progress and decadence is infinitely larger."

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Ernest Hemingway boasted of his living in the darkness of the earth, a darkness of which he knew nothing else. In his short story "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," published in 1933 in *Winner Take Nothing*, Hemingway distills, from one of his own potable bottles of booze as it were, the quintessence of modern nihilism. Set in a bar in Spain, the story tells of an old man and two waiters lost in the ab...

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/23/opinion/ai-weiwei-the-evolution-of-a-dissident.html>



Ai Weiwei: The Evolution of a Dissident

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The filmmaker presents an exclusive look at Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei and his struggle for the freedom of expression.

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When man and the world become the measure of all things, earth is increasingly construed as the only paradise and nothing exists beyond it. "Death," she says, "is the mother of beauty," and not the mother of meditation on the spiritual ground of Being. Humankind find solace in the sensuality of nature as do the "maidens" and the "ring of men" who "chant in orgy." She eventually hears on the luxuri...

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By finding comfort in the things of the earth, in its sensual abundance, she suggests the "something else" to which she has turned. Her subjective sensations are equated with divinity in much the way antinomians once took the promptings of their own impulses for the voice of deity. Unlike the Puritans, her "chief End" is not "the thought of heaven" but her own individualistic "moods" and "passions..."

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Whereas Eliot laments the loss that marks the modern world, Wallace Stevens, closer to the sensibility of Henry Adams, defines the change, as many people have, as not a loss but an advance. If one no longer believes in God (as truth), it is not possible merely to disbelieve; it becomes necessary to believe in something else": "The poem of the mind in the act of finding / What will suffice," in th...

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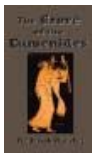
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T. S. Eliot substantiates this loss throughout the poem, as in the debased, bestial relations of the lovers in "A Game of Chess" and "The Fire Sermon." Despite Eliot's hint of resurrection in the passage on Christ's appearance to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, which begins with the line "Who is the third who walks always beside you," the burden of the poem is the horror that he does "not fin...

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This nihilism inevitably leads Adams to his dynamic theory of history, to his worship of change, multiplicity, and "the stupendous acceleration after 1800." Subsequent literature confirms he was one of the first "in an infinite series" to peer into the bottomless depths of the void. He recognizes what Emerson and Whitman fail to perceive: If man becomes his own prophet or god, he is left in a rela...

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"Those dying" are people living back "then" under the full sway of the Puritan religion. Given Calvin's doctrine of election, they knew with certitude where they were going after their earthly life: "to God's Right Hand." Already here in 1882 Dickinson has sensed or picked up in her reading, perhaps from a secondary source on Darwin, the loss or amputation of religious belief: "God cannot be found..."

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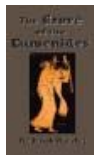
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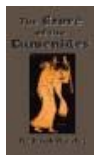
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Emily Dickinson too drank at the Emersonian fountain, stating once, Emerson "is sweetly commended." She, however, continued under the Puritan worldview in her poems to a much greater extent than either Whitman or Emerson. Many poems evince her fairly orthodox aura of Christian sensibility, as in "1052": "I never spoke with God / Nor visited in Heaven— / Yet certain am I of the spot." Such an aura,...

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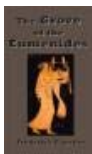
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Walt Whitman was one of the first cosmic bards to swallow the glowing coal from Emerson's lectures and essays. Whitman knew, as he writes in the early lines of "Song of Myself," that "creeds and schools" were "in abeyance" and sought in the soul, as Emerson had instructed, the remedy. His Leaves of Grass was to have been the new bible, his revelation from "nature without check with original energy...

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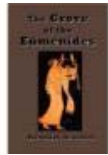
Drawing on the "true nectar," he becomes a "liberating god," as was Swedenborg. Though Emerson concedes he looks in vain for such a poet who is capable of revealing "the new revelation," he insists America "dazzles the imagination" and "will not wait long for metres." The pattern became set for

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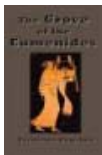
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Emerson discloses further his realization of how serious the modern crisis is in the concluding paragraph of "The Divinity School Address":

"I look for the hour when that supreme Beauty, which ravished the souls of those Eastern men, and chiefly of those Hebrews, and through their lips spoke oracles to all time, shall speak in the West also. . . . I look for the new Teacher, that shall follow so...

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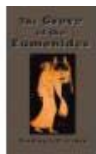
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Emerson rhetorically asks what can be done and answers that the remedy can be found in the contrast he has repeatedly drawn between the church and the soul: "In the soul then let the redemption be sought." Like Emerson, the divinity students are to "love God without mediator" and "acquaint men at first hand with Deity." Emerson, the "man without a handle," wanders from the biblical deity to a pant...

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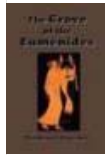
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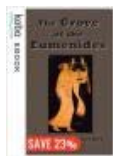
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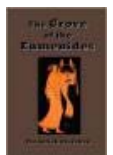
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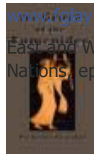
Thomas Paine's Age of Reason of 1794 fully vents the loathing many deists of the Enlightenment, especially the philosophes, such as Voltaire and Rousseau, had for revealed religion during the eighteenth century. Following the Zeitgeist, Paine states, "It is only by the exercise of reason that man can discover God." Unlike the Puritans, he dismisses revelation and intuitive knowledge and applies on...

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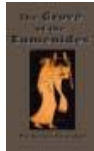
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In Taylor's poem "Upon a Spider Catching a Fly," grace is opposed to another major Puritan belief, the innate depravity of man. The poem begins with the observation of a spider netting and killing a fly and then proceeds to a meditation on the import of the incident. "Hell's spider" weaves his web

To tangle Adams race
In's stratigems
To their Destructions, spoil'd, made base

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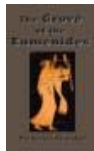
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Edward Taylor, the foremost poet of the Puritans, subscribed to this belief regarding man's chief duty. In a poem of 1685, "Huswifery," Taylor uses the image of a Christian housewife working on a spinning wheel for the slow evolution of the soul. The persona invokes God to make her a "Spinning Wheele compleate" and the "Holy Worde" the raw wool or material from which a garment may be woven to embe...

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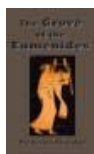
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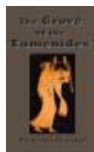
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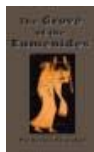
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<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203518404577096841593432120.html?KEYWORDS=david+krieger#articleTabs%3Darticle>



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Han Han > "The restriction on cultural activities makes it impossible for China to influence literature and cinema on a global basis or for us culturati to raise our heads up proud."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/01/04/world/asia/chinas-president-pushes-back-against-western-culture.html>



China's President Pushes Back Against Western Culture

www.nytimes.com

In an essay published this week in a Communist Party policy magazine, President Hu Jintao said the West is trying to dominate China by spreading its culture and ideology.

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In the birthplace of the potato, things are heating up. Over the past decade, the Quechua farmers working at the El Parque de la Papa, outside Cusco, Peru, started noticing that the potato varieties they used to grow at lower altitudes can now only be cultivated much higher up the mountainside.
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Liu Xiaobo - NO ENEMIES, NO HATRED: Selected Essays and Poems (Belknap/Harvard University.)

"We must not let hatred or violence poison our thinking. . . . We are citizens before we are anything else."

"These spontaneous popular forces for reform were rooted in the human longing for freedom and justice, not some slogans of the rulers."



Liu Xiaobo's Plea for the Human Spirit

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In essays and poems, the imprisoned Chinese poet demonstrates a considerable amount of anger while retaining his Gandhian nonviolent spirit.

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Arab Spring puts religious freedom at risk

"What is the Middle East without Christianity and the Holy Land without Christians?"

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111227/OPINION05/112270364/Guest-commentary-Arab-Spring-puts-religious-freedom-at-risk>

Guest commentary: Arab Spring puts religious freedom at risk
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As American Middle East Christian communities celebrate the Christmas season, they are doing so with anxiety and apprehension about the future of the countries from which many were forced to emigrate, and about the future of Christians and their religion in the Middle East.

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"Recent studies also suggest Japan continues to significantly underestimate the scale of the disaster — which could have health and safety implications far into the future."

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No-Man's Land Attests to Japan's Nuclear Nightmare
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Fukushima was just emerging from the snows of winter when the disaster hit — a 9.0-magnitude earthquake, the strongest in Japan's recorded history, followed by a tsunami.

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"The Chinese government ... has undertaken a broad crackdown on liberal writers and

artists to try and stamp out any stirrings of dissent."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/27/world/asia/china-jails-writer-chen-xi-for-subversion.html>



China Jails Writer Chen Xi for Subversion

www.nytimes.com

Chen Xi, a liberal Chinese writer, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison on a charge of inciting subversion of the state, according to news reports.

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Frederick Glaysher

Chen Wei, "Democracy must win; autocracy must die."

China > "Sticking to one's beliefs over time is a far more serious offense than just calling for political change."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/24/world/asia/china-jails-rights-activist-chen-wei-for-9-years.html>



China Jails Rights Activist Chen Wei for 9 Years

www.nytimes.com

Chen Wei is among scores of advocates who were detained, arrested or disappeared in a crackdown that followed calls for a "jasmine revolution" modeled on uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa.

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Again!

Well, I guess, China's being honest. Let's begin the petitions. We're going to need some persuasive letters.

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Frederick Glaysher The experience of Chen Wei, Ai Weiwei, and others suggests all the "letters" on earth do not constitute the way forward...

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In many of his letters Baudelaire loathes "belief in progress, the salvation of the human race through balloons," and "all modern stupidity."

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Perhaps Baudelaire would have owned his complicity.

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How laughable to find Baudelaire alarmed by the "tendencies" or histrionics to which he had helped give birth, especially since in 1859 he had defended to Hugo his stratagem of handling bourgeois "utilitarian concerns" by "exaggerating a little in the other direction."

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In 1866 just before the stroke that partially paralyzed him and led to his death nearly a year and a half later, Baudelaire sent his mother a copy of Verlaine's article on him, writing,

"These young people have talent--but what sillinesses! what exaggerations! what youthful infatuation! For several years now, I've been noticing here and there imitations and tendencies that alarm me.... It seems there is in existence a Baudelaire school."

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His letters testify he stood in the full flood of his century and recognized the loss that still deafens "the Muse of modern times."

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What other struggles had Job and Ecclesiastes?

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And what is more religious than the writer who studies "crime in his own heart" and in the world around him?

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Sebastien Leigh Barker likes this.

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Duncan McGibbon

You can no more understand Baudelaire without Catholicism than you can Mayakovsky without Marxism but you don't have to be either to enjoy them, nor is either a proof of their beliefs. December 21, 2011 at 8:05am · Unlike · 2



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Duncan, I couldn't agree more with you... December 21, 2011 at 11:06am · Like

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There are, for instance, times of sustained prayer and attendance at mass on Christmas, descriptions of himself as a "fervent" and "incorrigible" Catholic (he grants a "suspect" one), and his repeated affirmation that The Flowers of Evil "set out from a Catholic idea"—"is there...anyone more Catholic than the devil?"

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Patrick Playter Hartigan likes this.



Deborah Zike Does he mean Baudelaire s Flowers of Evil.
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Frederick Glaysher Yes. The quotation is from Baudelaire's Selected Letters.
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Deborah Zike There are good and bad aspects of religion.
December 20, 2011 at 11:00pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher ...and, alas, of everything else in life.
December 21, 2011 at 12:17pm · Like



Ahmer Anwer Merry Christmas and all good wishes
December 21, 2011 at 11:31pm · Unlike · 1



Frederick Glaysher Joy to you & yours.
December 22, 2011 at 8:46am · Like · 1



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But Baudelaire is too complicated a writer to evaluate on the basis of a few statements.

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Later in the same letter Baudelaire casually discloses his own doubt, "since you are lucky enough to believe."

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By Baudelaire's own admission to his mother, he had more difficulty believing in God:

"With all my heart (how sincerely no one but I can know!) I long to believe that an external, invisible being takes an interest in my destiny. But what must one do to believe it?"

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"Since September, villagers had been protesting what they say was a secret decision to sell a huge tract of village land, including most of their farmland, to one of China's biggest real-estate developers for a complex of shops and homes."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/19/world/asia/wukan-protesters-seek-return-of-xue-jinbos-body.html>



Wukan Protesters Seek Return of Xue Jinbo's Body
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The villager, who was trying to resolve a land dispute between local governments and residents, died in police custody.

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Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien
You sure make me wish I had a chance to talk to this guy. ;-)
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Kenneth Carroll An atheist Hitchens is not someone to be pitied. Seems he lived life on his own terms, doing what he loved, and wrestling with demons no greater than faithful believers.
December 16, 2011 at 12:14pm · Like · 1



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Yes, and he is asking a question, one that begs for an answer. Why not provide what one has oneself seen, even to be rebuffed? Why not converse? I don't think people occupy static positions along a graph of believing/non-believing.
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Kenneth Carroll You think of all the probably thousands of pious folks Hitchens talked with about religion, you would have converted him?
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Egad no. I just like the guy and feel his pain. I wonder if anyone can "convert" another person anyway. I tend to doubt it.
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Kenneth Carroll that goes back to my original post, why do we assume some unusual pain for Hitchens because he was an atheist?
December 16, 2011 at 6:24pm · Like



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"with all my heart I long to believe" kind of tipped me to that reading. And, "what must one do to believe" - well, perhaps I am jumping to conclusions, but he seems to be under some weather. I don't know how "unusual" it is, Mr. Carroll. I will stop now from littering this post, even in response. Thank you, Frederick.
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As he phrased it in a letter, "I tell what I've seen."

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Unlike so many today, Baudelaire found it relatively easy to believe in evil.

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Steve Fay Easier to believe in evil than in Heaven or Hell.
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Despite all Baudelaire's debaucheries, as T. S. Eliot observed, "It is ... really Sin in the permanent Christian sense, that occupied the mind of Baudelaire."

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So the old literary lion gets Baudelaire more than we do. Well, that tells you something right there.

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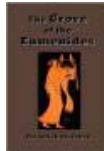
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Such interminable sin, the "sin of the world," which continues and endures, which demonstrates attachment to the human world of bondage, finds overwhelming recognition in his poems and letters.

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Or beyond sin, shame, which is the contemplation of sin without recourse to expiation (vis. the "retreating God"). What a sad, good man.

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In "The Voyage" Baudelaire phrases it differently, but the thrust is the same:

Foremost among all the sights
We've seen in every country, without searching,
From top to bottom of the fatal stair,
The boring spectacle of immortal sin.

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"Thousands of people took to the streets to protest the seizure of agricultural land they said was illegally taken by government officials."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/15/world/asia/chinese-village-locked-in-rebellion-against-authorities.html>



Chinese Village Locked in Rebellion Against Authorities
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A long-running dispute between the local authorities and farmers in a southern Chinese town exploded into open rebellion this week, residents said.

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Larry C Heinemann It's in the very air, apparently.

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Frederick Glaysher There's a lot of unrest and protest in China like this. Most of it simply doesn't make the international news.

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"Google's massive "featurization" effort will marginalize a hundred product markets, and crush Facebook with overwhelming superiority."

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Google will integrate its best products into a single super product, Google+, that marginalizes smaller rivals and clobbers Facebook with total superiority.

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It is the pervasiveness of this conception that distinguishes his work.

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In an 1860 letter to Flaubert, Baudelaire defends his almost Manichean acceptance of "the hypothesis that an evil force, external to man" can intervene in man's "thoughts or deeds."

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The idea of Flaubert and Baudelaire in conversation makes my head spin.

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Homer's Catalogue of the Ships



Catalogue of the Ships

Homer recounting in Book X the warriors of his epic, Agamemnon in Book IV reviewing his troops, Virgil in his catalogue of the Latin forces and the Etruscans, Milton in his catalogue of the fallen angels, all tell us something very important about the epic drama under way.

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Our historical experience since his time upholds the veracity of his witness.

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Human Rights Through The Years

www.vuvox.com

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2011 An extraordinary year for human rights

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2011: An extraordinary year for human rights
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2011 has been an extraordinary year for human rights, UN Human Rights Chief, Navi Pillay says in her message to mark Human Rights Day. Human Rights Day is ma...

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Paradoxically, Baudelaire perceives the loss against the background of the "sin of the world," accepting it as an enigma, but one that cannot be gainsaid.

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What a furiously engaged man he was. This is what people miss - the sheer work of it.

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It is the horror of "Their eyes, from which the divine spark has departed." Similarly, in "Destruction," "the Demon" terrorizes and threatens the persona: "He leads me thus, far from the sight of God" to where "Boredom" and sin and eternal destruction make themselves manifest.

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The loss of the blind is not merely the physical loss of sight nor is the foreboding aroused in the persona merely a foreboding for "all these blind men" that he happens upon in a Parisian street.

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In the poem "Blindmen" Baudelaire suggests this same correlation or loss that underlies his entire book of poems The Flowers of Evil, his "discordant product of the Muse of modern times."

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Anindya Bhattacharya likes this.

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"In regard to what?" on [Douglas Penick's post](#) on [Alfred Ferraris's wall](#).

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The correlation between "the retreating God" and the "irresistible Night" that takes over the empires of the hearts of men is as characteristic of Baudelaire as the imagery of horror.

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The world becomes a cold, wet marsh befouled with a mortuary odor, while the individual treads through it trying to avoid stepping on snakes or frogs or "something worse."

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Ban > "Without exaggeration, we can say the future of our planet is at stake."

"We are not moving fast enough," Steiner said. "We are losing time."

<http://www.usatoday.com/weather/climate/story/2011-12-06/climate-change-conference-durban-south-africa/51675778/1>



U.N. chief: Major climate deal unlikely

www.usatoday.com

An all-encompassing climate deal "may be beyond our reach for now," the U.N. chief said Tuesday at the Durban climate talks.

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"The government has not yet leveled with its people about the seriousness of their predicament."

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Japanese Split on Fukushima Radiation Cleanup

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Japan hopes the cleanup near the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant will allow the displaced to return home.

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Brutal stuff.

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Frederick Glaysher Very sad, tragic... Cesium can take 300 to 600 years to fully deteriorate.

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The following lines of "Romantic Sunset" reveal what else Baudelaire was aware of: "But in vain I pursue the retreating God; / The irresistible Night establishes his empire."

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"Irresistible" is a telling choice.

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Frederick Glaysher Choice, isn't it?



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Not overwhelming, or passionless, or opportuning - but irresistible.
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Frederick Glaysher Of course, we're working with a translation, so the nuances may be lost or added, but note he's also *pursuing* "the retreating God." He seems to suggest that there's agency in "retreating."
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It may be a matter of perspective. Does the horizon "retreat" or am I simply perceiving that it does? I want to put what you are reading on my list - may I know?
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Frederick Glaysher The persona's pursuit is "in vain," so he does make an effort, an attempt. On further reflection, I would say, while, like the Ptolemaic system, it's a matter of perception, there is still, to a degree, agency. "Night" dominates the vacuum left behind. All things wax and wane... periods of literature, whole cycles in the shift of human experience, belief, and thought.

I'm not sure what you mean. Baudelaire's poem or my comments? Both? Fine with me either way, as long as I'm credited somehow, if they're my words.

December 6, 2011 at 2:22pm · Like · 1



Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien
Oh okay - I thought you might be consulting a biography. Thank you. Are you employing a translation?
December 6, 2011 at 2:25pm · Like



Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien
And yes, I think your comments - and the ongoing refernces - are quite fine - engaging and reflective.
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Frederick Glaysher Baudelaire wrote in French... Thanks for the good words.
December 6, 2011 at 2:26pm · Like



Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien
Well yes. I thought you might be consulting one or another translation. I have enough French to suffer from but not enough to endure.
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Frederick Glaysher

Although in his letters Baudelaire asserts he "owed everything" to romanticism, he realized he was, as T. S. Eliot called him, the "first counter-romantic in poetry."

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T.S.Eliot got off some brilliant insights and that is one of his best I think
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Frederick Glaysher

In his poem "Romantic Sunset" he laments the passing of the romantic school of literature, no doubt with special reference to Victor Hugo, whom Baudelaire idolized in his youth.

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Swaran Singh, Peng-chuan Chen, Vistasp Hodiwala and 2 others like this.

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His alienation, dissipation, loathing for money, and contempt for the "mass" or "crowd," have become literary cliches; in some of his letters and poems, it is almost as if he had foreseen that this would happen.

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Frederick Glaysher

"45 tons of highly radioactive water has leaked from a purification facility at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power station, and some of it may have reached the Pacific Ocean..."

Before the latest leak, the Fukushima accident had been responsible for the largest single release of radioactivity into the ocean...

the water may have contained up to one million times as much radioactive strontium [half-life 28.90 years] as the maximum safe level set by the government, and about 300 times as much radioactive cesium [half-life 30 years]. Both are readily absorbed by living tissue..."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/05/world/asia/more-leaks-from-fukushima-daiichi-nuclear-plant.html>



More Leaks From Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant
www.nytimes.com

The breach called into question the progress that the plant's operator appeared to have made in bringing its reactors under control.

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Frederick Glaysher

As one of the first poetes maudits of Western literature, he evinces in his letters all the histrionics that have been mindlessly imitated by his successors, in France and elsewhere.

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Peng-chuan Chen and Swaran Singh like this.

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Frederick Glaysher

Baudelaire was quite pained by his "disorder" and "irregular life," yet he remained determined and committed to his calling.

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"For the US, I would think a..." on R. Eric Swanepoel's link.



Frederick Glaysher

Such struggles continued to plague him throughout his life while he wandered from one boarding house to another.

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Frederick Glaysher

As he wrote to his mother in 1861, "Something terrible says to me: never, and yet something else says: try."

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Patrick Playter Hartigan and Swaran Singh like this.


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They recount his incessant battle with periods of lethargy and despair, in which he would vacillate for months on end before finally summoning the strength to return to his work.

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Frederick Glaysher

His letters exhibit his own involvement in the "sin of the world."

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Did he read Dante do you know?

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Frederick Glaysher Apparently. Baudelaire refers to Dante as "the saddest and most serious of poets."

November 30, 2011 at 12:13pm · [Like](#)



Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien

Huh. I wonder how he got to "sad"? Dante is to my reading the most widely engaged, open, upbeat, and liberated poet I have ever encountered.

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Frederick Glaysher Ah, he, he... well, okay, though I'm not so sure about "liberated."

November 30, 2011 at 2:10pm · [Like](#) · 1


Frederick Glaysher

"Our science is solid and it proves unequivocally that the world is warming and that this warming is due to human activities"

<http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJJOE7AS07C20111129>


WMO: 2011 one of hottest years on record | Top News | Reuters

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DURBAN (Reuters) - The world is getting hotter, with 2011 one of the warmest years on record, and humans are to blame, a report by the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) said on Tuesday. It warned

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"We need somebody new and if the voice of the people is not respected," Mrs. Mputu warned, "there's going to be trouble."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/29/world/africa/congo-votes-amid-expectations-of-fraud-and-fears-of-violence.html>


Congo Votes Amid Expectations of Fraud and Fears of Violence

www.nytimes.com

After weekend clashes between supporters of rival parties and security forces firing on crowds, Congolese began voting on Monday.

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Frederick Glaysher

It is from such a perspective that he writes in another letter, "all literature derives from Original Sin."

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Frederick Glaysher

<http://www.unausa.org/world-bulletin-11-11-human-rights>



A Multi-Pronged Approach in the Battle Against Religious Intolerance

www.unausa.org

Earlier this week, the General Assembly's Third Committee passed by consensus a resolution on combating religious intolerance that marked a decisive break from a previous text on religious defamation, which provided a cover for abusive blasphemy laws around the world. This development marks a victor...

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Thomas Palakeel greetings

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Frederick Glaysher Greetings, Thomas. Thanks for the invitation to be friends. I look forward to getting to know you.

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Thomas Palakeel thanks, let me start with a 'share' of the intolerance site

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Frederick Glaysher

Similarly, Baudelaire exemplifies that attachment to the physical world results in enmity or deafness "to the appeal from God."

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Frederick Glaysher Muslims too talk of being deaf to the call of God...

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Frederick Glaysher

His conception is strikingly analogous to Christian Duquoc's in "New Approaches to Original Sin" in Cross Currents (Summer 1978) that the "sin of the world" (Jn: 1:29) "designates the tangle of responsibilities and errors which constitute human reality . . . as deaf to the appeal from God."

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Frederick Glaysher

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Tell Congress: Amend the Constitution and take unlimited corporate money OUT of elections!

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Antony Christie likes this.

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**Frederick Glaysher**

Baudelaire accepts, as it were, the enigma that our physical world is a world of sin.

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Scott Alexander Jones and Jeff Schweers like this.



Barry Tebb sin is of the soul,not the body

November 22, 2011 at 3:30pm · Like



Kathy Greethurst Sounds like Baudelaire is pretty wise

November 22, 2011 at 3:36pm · Like



Matthew M. K. Hopewell To every man his Chimera

November 22, 2011 at 5:56pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher @Barry Tebb, Right you are... I meant it as a kind of metonymy, ultimately.

November 22, 2011 at 7:22pm · Like



Roberta Burnett Ah, they have changed perspective.

November 23, 2011 at 12:16am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Roberta Burnett I'm not sure I understand you. What do you mean?

November 23, 2011 at 7:42am · Like



Pradip Ray Sin starts in the mind (the mind can make a hell out of a heaven) & creeps through the body; but the site of the mind is also in the body after all...

November 23, 2011 at 7:51am · Unlike · 1



Frederick Glaysher I've reading Tagore a lot of late, from The Religion of Man: "We suffer from the sense of sin, which is the sense of discord, when any disruptive passion tears gaps in our vision of the One in man, creating isolation in our self from the universal humanity."

November 23, 2011 at 8:03am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Pradip Ray Another fine passage from Tagore, "THERE are injuries that attack our life.... There are also factors that oppress our intelligence.... They are uncontrolled exaggerations of passions that upset all balance in our personality. They obscure the harmony between the spirit of the individual man and the spirit of the universal Man; and we give them the name sin. In all these instances our realization of the universal Man, in his physical, rational and spiritual aspects, is obstructed, and our true freedom in the realms of matter, mind and spirit is made narrow or distorted."

November 23, 2011 at 8:15am · Like



Frederick Glaysher "We constantly hear men of scanty learning and simple faith singing in their prayer to Tara, the Goddess Redeemer : 'For what sin should I be compelled to remain in this dungeon of the world of appearance?'"

November 23, 2011 at 8:17am · Like



Frederick Glaysher A very perceptive, profound passage unveiling Tagore's deeper regions of thought about his own calling and practice as poet-seer: "What I have tried to bring out in this book is the fact that whatever name may have been given to the divine Reality it has found its highest place in the history of our religion owing to its human character, giving meaning to the idea of sin and sanctity, and offering an eternal background to all the ideals of perfection which have their harmony with man's own nature."

November 23, 2011 at 8:20am · Like



Pradip Ray Tagore is my idol. He was not only the poet par excellence, but a myriad-minded artist, a philosopher, a seer. He was much ahead of his time in his thoughts & ideas. That's why he was a universalist philanthrope, believing in the intrinsic human qualities of every man, although nationalism was the call of the day in British-ruled India.

November 23, 2011 at 8:42am · Unlike · 1



Frederick Glaysher Yes, Tagore was incredibly multifaceted and prolific. I've recently written an essay titled "The Poet's Religion of Rabindranath Tagore," which I'm told is forthcoming in the Rupkatha Journal next month, <http://rupkatha.com>

In the course of my reading for my essay I read his pieces on Nationalism, Europe, Japan, and India, commenting on his thoughts. He's quite fascinating, really, and timely for us to reconsider, given

that nationalism as a scourge continues all the worse in our time, creating so many of our global problems...



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Pradip Ray Thanks. I shall read it.

November 23, 2011 at 9:52am • Unlike • 1

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Frederick Glaysher

Baudelaire, however, does not defend the account in Genesis. For him the archetypal myth is symbolic of the brutal qualities that exist in human nature and is not etiologically indicative of an ancient transgression passed on genetically.

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Patrick Playter Hartigan • Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien

So he engages the religious on the border of the aesthetic and ethical, which is about all you could ask, and that he fully engages and with passion is more than one could hope for.

November 22, 2011 at 12:44pm • Like



Frederick Glaysher Baudelaire is actually a couple of generations after Kierkegaard and a Catholic. He has a greater sense of the loss of the transcendent, and the cultural and individual result, though Kierkegaard has definitely already picked it up.

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I believe that the condition or state of loss predisposes the argument be grounded in aesthetic or ethical terms. What's remarkable about Baudelaire is his intense passion. He is very much an aesthetic agent seeking to circumvent the status quo to unite (or re-unite) with the religious. Well, these are mere thoughts. I certainly appreciate your threads, Frederick.

November 22, 2011 at 2:12pm • Like



Frederick Glaysher Thanks for commenting. Mmm, I don't believe Baudelaire achieves that with the aesthetic, or that any writer can, East or West, though legions have tried. The same with passion, not necessarily true or virtuous for all its fiery intensity.

I think of Augustine's meditation, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." The Upanishads, Tao te Ching, and many traditions make similar observations about human nature.

Although Baudelaire wrote some remarkably insightful poems on decadence and its woes, I don't believe he ever achieves a positive vision of modernity. Kierkegaard was still healthier than Baudelaire as evidenced by his probing into the aesthetic and finding it lacking, though I don't share his conclusion in "The Point of View": "the problem of the whole authorship" is "how to become a Christian." W. H. Auden wrote a few essays on Kierkegaard in Forewords & Afterwords that muse on the aesthetic and its deficiencies.

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Frederick Glaysher

In an 1856 letter Baudelaire complains of "the great heresy of our times... the suppression of the concept of original sin" and insists "the whole of nature participates in original sin."

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Swaran Singh and Peng-chuan Chen like this.



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He and Kierkegaard could have knocked glasses over that one.

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, Kierkegaard wrote, in the "Postscript," man "is not

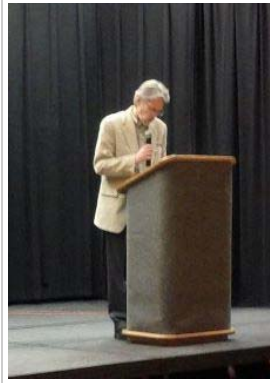
born as a sinner in the sense that he is presupposed as being a sinner before he
but he is born in sin and as a sinner. This we might call Original Sin."
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Frederick Glaysher

At Troy-area Interfaith Group 7th Annual Thanksgiving Celebration, reading
Abdul-Baha's Prayer for America.



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Frederick Glaysher

Abdul-Baha's Prayer for America.

"O Thou kind Lord! This gathering is turning to Thee. The hearts are radiant
through Thy Love. The thoughts and spirits are exhilarated through Thy glad-
tidings.

O God! Let this American democracy become glorious in spiritual degrees even as it
has aspired to the material degrees, and render this just government victorious.
Confirm this revered nation to hoist the standard of the oneness of humanity; to
promulgate the Most Great Peace; to become thereby most glorious and
praiseworthy among all the nations of the world. O God! This American nation is
worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy.
Make it near, dear to Thee, through Thy bounty and bestowal!"

FROM The Universal Principles of the Reform Bahai Faith. Baha'u'llah & Abdul-
Baha. Edited by Frederick Glaysher, with a new Introduction and the original 1912
Foreword. Reform Bahai Press, 2008.

http://reformbahai.org/Reform_Bahai_Press.html



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Frederick Glaysher

Friends, Join me tonight at the Troy-area Interfaith Group 7th Annual
Thanksgiving Celebration. I'll be reading on behalf of the Reform Bahai Faith

Abdul-Baha's Prayer for America.

Join Us... to celebrate the many cultures and faiths that the diverse community of Troy brings to the table – and give thanks for all that we have. All are WELCOME.

When: November 20th, 2011 at 7 pm
Where: Troy Community Center - 3179 Livernois, Troy, Michigan USA
Visit our website <http://www.troyinterfaithgroup.org/>

The Troy-area Interfaith Group exists to invite all faith communities to gather, grow and give for the sake of promoting the common values of love, peace and justice among all religions locally and globally. We believe that peace among peoples and nations requires peace among the religions.

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Frederick Glaysher

"In the present age, with its facility of communication, geographical barriers have almost lost their reality, and the great federation of men, which is waiting either to find its true scope or to break asunder in a final catastrophe, is not a meeting of individuals, but of various human races. Now the problem before us is of one single country, which is this earth, where the races as individuals must find both their freedom of self-expression and their bond of federation. Mankind must realise a unity, wider in range, deeper in sentiment, stronger in power than ever before. Now that the problem is large, we have to solve it on a bigger scale, to realise the God in man by a larger faith and to build the temple of our faith on a sure and world-wide basis." Rabindranath Tagore, Creative Unity, 1922.

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Frederick Glaysher

Jivan devata, the Lord of my life. (FROM Tagore, The Religion of Man, page 48. Tagore's own translation.)

Thou who art the innermost Spirit of my being, art thou pleased,
Lord of my life? For I gave to thee my cup filled with all the pain and delight that
the crushed grapes of my heart had surrendered, I wove with the rhythm of
colours and songs the cover
for thy bed,
and with the molten gold of my desires I fashioned playthings for thy passing
hours.

I know not why thou chocest me for thy partner,
Lord of my life!

Didst thou store my days and nights, my deeds and dreams for the alchemy of thy
art, and string in the chain of thy music my songs of autumn
and spring, and gather the flowers from my mature moments for thy
crown?

I see thine eyes gazing at the dark of my heart,
Lord of my life,

I wonder if my failures and wrongs are forgiven. For many were my days without
service and nights of forgetfulness; futile were the flowers that faded in the
shade not
offered to thee.

Often the tired strings of my lute slackened at the strain of thy tunes. And often
at the ruin of wasted hours my desolate evenings were filled with tears.

But have my days come to their end at last,
Lord of my life,

while my arms round thee grow limp, my kisses losing their truth? Then break up
the meeting of this languid day. Renew the old in me in fresh forms of delight; and
let the wedding come once again in a new ceremony of life.

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Frederick Glaysher

Friends, If you're in the Detroit area, join me tonight at a talk on Islam by Imam
Feisal Abdul Rauf on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 from 6:30 - 8:00PM at
Meadow Brook Theater, Oakland University. Imam of Masjid Al-Farah, a mosque in

New York City, 4 blocks from ground zero. Author of "What's Right with Islam: Is What's Right with America."

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Frederick Glaysher

"What were the rishis? They who having attained the supreme soul in knowledge were filled with wisdom, and having found him in union with the soul were in perfect harmony with the inner self; they having realised him in the heart were free from all selfish desires, and having experienced him in all the activities of the world, had attained calmness. The rishis were they who having reached the supreme God from all sides had found abiding peace, had become united with all, had entered into the life of the Universe." Tagore, Sadhana (15)

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Becca Rivky Grossman Interestingly enough, the word 'rishis' can be compared quite similarly to the hebrew word B'reishis which is the Book of Genesis... which means 'In the Beginning'. although I think there are other definitions like 'rosh' which means head or maybe leader or sage etc. Thank you for sharing!

November 13, 2011 at 3:52pm · Unlike · 2



Meer Mushfique Mahmood Sir, are you researching on Tagore?

November 13, 2011 at 11:34pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher Yes, and working on an essay about him.

November 14, 2011 at 6:28am · Like · 1



Meer Mushfique Mahmood Sir, I am waiting passionately to read it.

November 14, 2011 at 6:34am · Unlike · 1



Meer Mushfique Mahmood Sir, being facebook friend of you is a blessing to me. I am always inspired, enlightened reading your status. Your wall is a world-wide-class-room.

November 14, 2011 at 6:40am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Thanks for saying so. I admit there are times when I need the encouragement. I'll get back to working all the harder on Tagore...

November 14, 2011 at 6:58am · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher @Meer Mushfique Mahmood, "Your wall is a world-wide-class-room." After more than a couple of years on Facebook, I'm still amazed sometimes at what it makes possible, to communicate at an intelligent level with friends like you... on the other side of the earth, who often seem to understand me more than readers in my own country, stuck in the nihilistic tidbits of modernity!

November 17, 2011 at 8:03am · Like

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Frederick Glaysher

"The man of science knows, in one aspect, that the world is not merely what it appears to be to our senses; he knows that earth and water are really the play of forces that manifest themselves to us as earth and water—how, we can but partially apprehend. Likewise the man who has his spiritual eyes open knows that the ultimate truth about earth and water lies in our apprehension of the eternal wil...

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"I know my voice is too feeble to raise itself above the uproar of this bustling time, and it is easy for any street urchin to fling against me the epithet of "unpractical." It will stick to my coat-tail, never to be washed away, effectively excluding me from the consideration of all respectable persons. I know what a risk one runs from the vigorously athletic crowds in being styled an idealist i...

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Ronald D. Giles Brilliant!

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Frederick Glaysher

Ai Weiwei's 80-year-old mother, Gao Ying, the widow of one China's best-loved poets ... "I have these words for the authorities: creepy, crooked, evil."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/12/world/asia/dissident-chinese-artist-ai-wei-wei-will-contest-large-tax-bill.html>



Dissident Chinese Artist, Ai Weiwei, Will Contest Large Tax Bill

www.nytimes.com

Ai Weiwei will post a guarantee of half the tax bill in order to be allowed to contest the order to pay it, and he will use donations from thousands of Chinese supporters for the appeal.

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Frederick Glaysher Spunk! ...explains where he gets it from.

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Frederick Glaysher

"Art is not a gorgeous sepulchre, immovably brooding over a lonely eternity of vanished years. It belongs to the procession of life, making constant adjustment with surprises, exploring unknown shrines of reality along its path of pilgrimage to a future, which is as different from the past as the tree from the seed." -Tagore, Art and Tradition, 1935.

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Swaran Singh Thank you, Sir. You force me to go back to my Tagore. Apparently, he can still surprise, after all these years.

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Frederick Glaysher Swaran Singh, If interested, the quotation is from Krishna Kripalani's Rabindranath Tagore: A Biography, Visa-Bharati, 1980 edition (4).

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Frederick Glaysher

Friends, if you're in the Detroit area, join me tonight for the second talk in a series on Islam by Saeed Khan at Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver Rd. Troy, Michigan 48084

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Frederick Glaysher

Friends, During the last few years I've attended a dozen or more meetings of the Troy Interfaith Group in Michigan, visiting a Sikh Gurdwara, Jewish synagogue, temples and mosques, Unitarian Universalism, Protestant and other Christian

churches. Last week was an introductory talk in a series on Islam by Saeed Khan. If you're in the greater Detroit area, join me tonight at St. Anastasia for an introduction to Catholicism.

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Frederick Glaysher

India > "The hyperconnected world is giving us a chance to change India faster, at a larger scale, than ever before."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/06/opinion/sunday/friedman-indias-innovation-stimulus.html>



India's Innovation Stimulus
www.nytimes.com

Native sons have gone from working for Western companies to running Indian companies that are offering solutions to India's problems.

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Swaran Singh, Bina Biswas and Biren Trivedi like this.

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Swaran Singh Sharing this, I hope you don't mind.
November 6, 2011 at 8:53am · Like



Frederick Glaysher No, I don't mind. Why should I? But you say on your share note, "Here is one incorrigible India-lover, but he does have a point." I'm not sure what that means... though in a sense I admit it's true! For instance, yesterday I finished reading Tagore's 1910 "My Religion" to discover he and I share the same "religion"!
November 6, 2011 at 9:01am · Like



Frederick Glaysher ...or maybe you meant THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN?
November 6, 2011 at 9:03am · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher :)
November 6, 2011 at 9:03am · Like

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Frederick Glaysher

"Once you realize just how much richer the rich have become, the argument that higher taxes on high incomes should be part of any long-run budget deal becomes a lot more compelling."

In my opinion, taxes on the ultra-wealthy need to be returned to pre-1980 levels...

<https://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/04/opinion/oligarchy-american-style.html>



Oligarchy, American Style
www.nytimes.com

The stark reality is that we have a society in which money is increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few people. This threatens to make us a democracy in name only.

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"I and others have noticed your..." on [Diana Manister's status](#).

"This political civilisation [of modernity] is scientific, not human. It is powerful because it concentrates all its forces upon one purpose, like a millionaire acquiring money at the cost of his soul. It betrays its trust, it weaves its meshes of lies without shame, it enshrines gigantic idols of greed in its temples, taking great pride in the costly ceremonials of its worship, calling this patr...

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Frederick Glaysher This excerpt is actually from The Message of India to Japan 1916. Can't recall where I found it online. Maybe archive.org

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Frederick Glaysher

"Nations, who sedulously cultivate moral blindness as the cult of patriotism, will end their existence in a sudden and violent death." Rabindranath Tagore, The Spirit of Japan 1916.

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Frederick Glaysher For anyone interested, Gutenberg.org has The Spirit of Japan by Rabindranath Tagore. <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/33131>



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Ai Weiwei > "This is ridiculous. This is not the way a great power should behave towards its citizens."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/11/02/world/asia/dissident-artist-says-china-is-seeking-2-4-million-in-back-taxes.html>



Dissident Artist Says China Is Seeking \$2.4 Million in Back Taxes

www.nytimes.com

Ai Weiwei, the dissident artist whose secret detention earlier this year stirred an international outcry, has been given two weeks to pay \$2.4 million in back taxes and penalties, he said Tuesday.

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Frederick Glaysher

India > "Recent polls show that middle-class and college-age respondents are optimistic about their long-term economic future and that of the country, yet are deeply pessimistic about the state of politics and political parties. They are proud of India yet disgusted with Indian politics."

"This movement has acquired a deeper dimension of seeking to change the whole system."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/30/world/asia/indias-middle-class-appears-to-shed-political-apathy.html>

India's Middle Class Appears to Shed Political Apathy

www.nytimes.com

Recent anticorruption protests have stirred India's middle class, which has



most from growth, but remained disengaged from the political system.

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Swaran Singh Interesting. But as a "middle class Indian", I am not sure if my class has really shed political apathy. When politics goes beyond fashion, when it is something more than being part of TV news, when it demands real sacrifices, I am not sure how my class will behave.

October 30, 2011 at 9:15am · Like



Frederick Glaysher The article quotes people who seem to wonder about that too, yet are unhappy with corruption and want change... It seems to have become the global mood, from much of Tunisia to Wall Street!

October 30, 2011 at 9:22am · Like



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"For when this conflagration consumes itself and dies down, leaving its memorial in ashes, the eternal light will again shine in the East,—the East which has been the birth-place of the morning sun of man's history. And who knows if that day has not already dawned, and the sun not risen, in the Eastern-most horizon of Asia? And I offer, as did my ancestor rishis, my salutation to that sunrise of the East, which is destined once again to illumine the whole world." Rabindranath Tagore, The Spirit of Japan 1916

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"After the forgetfulness of his own divinity, man will remember again that heaven is always in touch with his world." Rabindranath Tagore, The Spirit of Japan 1916

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RECENT ACTIVITY

"If there's a conflict, I do not..." on Vidyadhar Steinbake's note.



Frederick Glaysher

Saul Bellow, A Jewish Writer in American - Part II

New York Review of Books, November 10, 2011

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2011/nov/10/jewish-writer-america-ii>



A Jewish Writer in America—II by Saul Bellow | The New York Review of Books
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The following, the second part of a two-part series, is excerpted from a talk originally given by Saul Bellow in 1988 and now published here for the first time. A footnote has been added by the editors.

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Saul Bellow, A Jewish Writer in America



New York Review of Books, OCTOBER 27, 2011

<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/2011/oct/27/jewish-writer-america/>



A Jewish Writer in America by Saul Bellow | The New York Review of Books

www.nybooks.com

Saul Bellow and Janis Bellow, Boston, Massachusetts, 1994; photograph by Judith Aronson, whose portraits of writers and artists have been collected in her book Likenesses: With the Sitters Writing About One Another, published in 2010 by Lintott Press in association with Carcanet Press, UK

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"The composition of federal revenues shifted away from progressive income taxes to less-progressive payroll taxes..."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/26/us/politics/top-earners-doubled-share-of-nations-income-cbo-says.html>



Top Earners Doubled Share of Nation's Income, C.B.O. Says

www.nytimes.com

A new report from the Congressional Budget Office is likely to figure prominently in the escalating political fight over the economy.

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Frederick Glaysher

Bill Gates: Polio eradication is in reach, requires strong action

"in the past 20 years, polio cases are down 99 percent, thanks to one of the most ambitious global health campaigns in history."

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bil-gates/a-call-to-action-on-world_b_1026015.html



A Call to Action on World Polio Day

www.huffingtonpost.com

World Polio Day is simultaneously a celebration and a call to action. It's a celebration because in the past 20 years, polio cases are down 99 percent. But it's also a call to action because we haven't done enough yet.

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Dennis Mathis The irony is that Americans have lately become oddly, irrationally, vehemently anti-vaccination.... Smallpox became extinct in part because the government aggressively vaccinated -- breaking into tenements and forcibly inoculating people. W...

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India 'close to wiping out polio'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-south-asia-15425852>



India 'close to wiping out polio'

www.bbc.co.uk

India has "never been closer" to wiping out polio, Health Minister Ghulam Nabi Azad declares as he marks World Polio Day.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake Given Ghulam Nabi Azad's level and records of scruples, and even from the general impression about rural India, it is still a distant dream.

October 26, 2011 at 3:09am · Like · 1



Sourav Adhikary If something like that has happened, it's more according to the normal law of gradual development (towards eradication), and could have been far far better.And official statistics, less said the better.

October 26, 2011 at 6:48am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Sorry to hear it. I can imagine they're up against a lot that's working against success.

It does seem though that a major effort is being made, "Every year, India holds two national immunisation days in January and February and on each of these days, nearly 170.2 million children are given polio drops." That must be saving many from polio... even if eradication hasn't happened yet.

October 26, 2011 at 7:03am · Like · 1

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Review of Saul Bellow, Him With His Foot In His Mouth and Other Stories. 1984.

http://fglaysher.com/saul_bellow_review.html

Saul Bellow, Him with His Foot in His Mouth, Frederick Glaysher
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Frederick Glaysher reviews Saul Bellow's Him with His Foot in His Mouth.

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Elaine Stevens likes this.

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Frederick Glaysher

Blanshard's doubt notwithstanding, this collection testifies to the magnificent diversity of our country and of the world, and reminds us that the essential human spirit, under the forms of chaos, can be summoned, if we but have the will, and can heal and reunite the severed bonds of the quotidian world no matter how late the hour may be.

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"I just finished rereading Tagore..." on Ruhul Abdin's post on Concert: Tagore the Baul's wall.



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Chris Hedges in Times Square, October 15, 2011

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Occupy Wall Street - Chris Hedges shuts down CBC Kevin O'Leary
"Restoration of the rule of law..."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAhHPIuTQ5k>



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apology on 2011-10-18 <http://www.theglobeandma/...>

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Frederick Glaysher While I largely agree with Hedges' critique, I think his solution may head in the wrong direction and ultimately get out of hand...

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Frederick Glaysher

He would probably agree with the necessity of balancing emotion and intuition with the wisdom and sobriety enunciated by, among others, Brand Blanshard, who acknowledges, in his book Reason and Belief, the same irrefutable goal toward which all nations and peoples are impelled:

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Frederick Glaysher "Nations must give up some part of their independence; they must believe in a reason that transcends prejudices and international boundaries; and they must be willing to hand over to a super-national government the control of the major weapons of destruction. That the 130 governments now in the United Nations, and particularly the half dozen most powerful ones, can be induced to take this line before the outbreak of Armageddon does not seem very probable. However that may be, there is only one way out of anarchy, whether individual or national." - Brand Blanshard

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Frederick Glaysher

Ijah's outlook is not a childish one.

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Frederick Glaysher

Why, we were close, we were one under it all" stands as one of the most glorious utterances in all modern fiction—that out of the confrontation with horrifying chaos such an insight can emerge proclaims the sovereign power of mimesis and bodes well for a world that approaches, though begrudgingly, its essential form.

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After recalling a session of the United Nations he had attended, presumably in his capacity as international financier, Ijah reaches the most striking and undeniable implication of the re-emergence in the following passage:

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Frederick Glaysher "Then it came to me how geography had been taught in

Frederick Glaysher

The Chicago schools when I was a kid. We were issued a series of booklets: "Our Little Japanese Cousins," "Our Little Moroccan Cousins," "Our Little Russian Cousins," "Our Little Spanish..."

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In our age of massive transformation, it would be unfair to expect more, to belittle the rare achievement of managing to be not a symptom but an exploration of the common malady.

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Halvard Johnson :: I've no idea what that means.

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Frederick Glaysher Probably more overtones in context, yet perhaps literature begins where the quotidian is layered with the suggestive.

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Nevertheless, despite a certain ungrounded belief in re-emergence, the rupture is mimetically laid open and boldly probed.

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This vagueness is not undetectable in the four other stories of this collection. It seems to be the sine qua non of their affirmation.

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Steve Fay Eschew Obfuscation has always been my motto.

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Frederick Glaysher Mine too. Not to be confused with indirection.

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This "Spirit" is left vague and undefined by Ijah but may be connected with elemental forces he discovers through his reading in anthropology.

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But he does, as in the previously cited passage, affirm "A new emergence of Spirit."

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At one point Ijah concurs with Hegel that "the very bonds of the world" are dissolving and

being swept away by the onward rush of events still too confused to penetrate clearly.

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Through his "personal observation" of his largely secularized and often criminal cousins, Ijah extends his selfless concern far beyond his own family. He comes to understand dimly the upheavals that have cut off others from the past and left them in a wasteland.

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Frederick Glaysher

"The only really necessary people in the publishing process now are the writer and reader."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/17/technology/amazon-rewrites-the-rules-of-book-publishing.html>



Amazon Rewrites the Rules of Book Publishing

www.nytimes.com

Amazon.com, the online retailer, has long competed with bookstores; now it is starting to make deals with authors, bypassing the traditional publisher.

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Rob A. Mackenzie "The only really necessary people in the publishing process now are the writer and reader" ... and...er...Amazon! Saves them from having to give thier existing paltry cut to publishers. Also, they are using well known authors who will guarantee sales with little risk of failure and will leave publishers to take all the risks to build up lesser known names which Amazon can snatch at the right time. Amazon are the enemy here, even though they use the language of democracy and cutting out the middle-man etc

October 17, 2011 at 7:04am · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher Ultimately, Amazon and all of the new e-middlemen are as expendable as the conventional publishers. Read or skim in this order:

The Mission of Earthrise Press
http://fglaysher.com/mission_of_earthrise_press.html

Publishing in the Post-Gutenberg Age
http://www.fglaysher.com/Post_Gutenberg_Publishing.html

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The Mission of Earthrise Press, Frederick Glaysher

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The Mission Statement of Earthrise Press for a Post-Gutenberg Age, where the ind...

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Dabney Oakley Thanks for posting - a must share...

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Swaran Singh Interesting. This may turn out to be more important than we realize now. Please permit me to share both links.

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Catherine Czerkawska Fascinating - thank-you for linking to this. For years now, I've been saying that it would be much better for writers (and actually, for publishers too!) if they could have a proper professional business partnership with their publishers, (such as happens in just about any other line of business) instead of feeling that they were cast in the role of humble petitioners all the time. I'm sick of it, and I know a great many other writers are as well. But I'm truly shocked by the behaviour of the publishers with regard to the self published short stories. Surely they can't get away with this! But it would certainly make writers wary of signing any contract with any of them!

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Frederick Glaysher @Catherine Czerkawska It reveals to my mind what the attitude really is on the part of publishers, master to slave... I believe Amazon and other such conglomerates and e-publishers, attempting to takeover the traditional monopolies, are merely a step toward the inevitable freedom implied by the entire digital revolution...

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Siva Vaidhyathan The stupid thing about this article is the premise: It does not "route around" publishers. Amazon is a publisher.

October 17, 2011 at 11:04am · Like



Dhana-Marie Branton Wow, thanks.

October 17, 2011 at 11:22am · Like



Catherine Czerkawska But the relationship is different. Can it remain different if they go into what sounds very like conventional publishing - that's the question? Although already they are framing a different relationship with some writers, depending upon potential popularity - as already happens in the games industry. And if they do become as 'difficult' to deal with as conventional publishers, as Frederick says, this may simply be a step on the route to something else. But I don't think they will make that mistake and I think the key to this is that Amazon is essentially a technology company. Conventional publishers - or many of them - I don't like sweeping generalisations - tend to have a default attitude that treats writers as supplicants. Amazon - at present - is treating them as business customers and partners. There is a difference. Interesting times.

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Howard Denson Thanks. I'll include a link to the article in a monthly newsletter I edit for "The Write Stuff." If anyone wants to be added to the newsletter's free subscription list, let me know at hd3nson@hotmail.com.

Major houses have been lax in editing in comparison to the days of Maxwell Perkins, and online publishing may have it even worse. One outfit trumpets, "Print it the way YOU want it. No one will change your words." Unfortunately that often means "Make yourself look like an idiot because you won't spellcheck and use reasonable grammar."

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Frederick Glaysher [Siva Vaidhyathan](#) Exactly, it's all about *their* monopolizing knowledge and information, the written word. But neither Amazon, Kobo, nor all the rest, can keep the genie in the bottle. The genie is a free spirit... <http://books.fglaysher.com/>

October 17, 2011 at 11:58am · Like



Frederick Glaysher [Catherine Czerkawska](#) I concede there is a lot of truth to what you say. With several Kindle books on Amazon, I've experienced that as an independent publisher. It's encouraging having my partner Amazon deposit right into my publishing account each month... yet, my long study and knowledge of publishing, of trying to remain independent, tells me ultimately it is a fact that Amazon has become a de facto publisher, not a mere technology company, for some time even.

For instance, Amazon's definitely controlling prices of hard and softcover books to drive the market to the Kindle market, which may very well be illegal, under price fixing regulations, though it can happen in all businesses. That is, suppressing formats I the publisher

make available for readers so that the format Amazon prefers will flourish. Hey, what me? What about the reader choosing?

So the freer spirits will look to something else, which the Post-Gutenberg Revolution has indeed made possible, and which will continue to open up new possibilities.

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Sam Smith What's missing here is the editor - not the editor touting for work from writers, but one employed by the publisher. An editor whose only concern is getting the book to print. Hemingway's Maxwell, Golding's T S Eliot, etc.

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Frederick Glaysher Now those editors are *not* part of the corporate model... They were replaced with bean-counters in the 1980s, even earlier. So actually, e-publishing is about revitalizing literature, not its demise.

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Catherine Czerkawska This is true. Editors no longer make the decisions and are seldom allowed to nurture writers. Just about every experienced and well published writer I know will have letters from editors saying 'I love this book but the marketing department say that they can't see how to sell it.' They don't mean sell it to potential readers. They mean sell it to supermarkets. For a while, this valuable editorial function was taken over by the agent who would work with the writer to help make the book as good as it could be. But latterly, even agents are finding that although they may love a book, although it has been honed through many drafts, there is no guarantee of publication. In fact, there is no guarantee that it will even be read. It's why so many of us are turning to eBook publishing.

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Frederick Glaysher @Catherine Czerkawska, Right you are, "seldom allowed to nurture writers." It used to be a lot of publishing was about that. Jason Epstein's "Book Business" is one of the finest to evoke what publishing used to be and what went wrong, more of a calling than a business, like so much else, ruined by imagining "economic values" have any value. I believe the only route that can possibly lead forward to a comparable role for publishing is through the digital portal. It promises to allow the serious writer and reader to connect again, and, I think, possibly at times, through real editors and publishers returning to the scene. There isn't any reason that can't happen with ebooks.

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Frederick Glaysher

Yet deep below the chaos he also perceives and affirms

"An original self exists, or, if you prefer, an original soul. It may be as Goethe suggested, that the soul is a theater in which Nature can show itself, the only such theater that it has. And this makes sense when you attempt to account for some kinds of passionate observation--the observation of cousins, for example."

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How to Hide the Facebook News Ticker in Firefox and Google Chrome |▶ Watch the Video. Facebook has been "improving" their interface in several different ways in attempt to combat the threat of Google+. One big change is the introduction of a news ticker in the top right corner that constantly feeds ...

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Swaran Singh Done. It works.
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RECENT ACTIVITY

"That's not what the..." on Ayun Halliday's link.

Frederick changed his Quotations. · Like · Comment



Frederick Glaysher

Whether with his gangster-cousin Tanky Metzger, Tanky's sister Eunice, Cousin Motty, Scholem, or Mendy, Ijah, one of the family prodigies, learned in languages, sociology, linguistics, law and so on, perceives the devastating impact of historical, cultural confusion on his relatives.

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Ijah himself indicates how deep his familial devotion is when he states, "I had remembered, observed, studied the cousins, and these studies seemed to fix my own essence and keep me as I had been."

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Google+ Has 40 Million Users, Says Larry Page

"People are flocking into Google+ at an incredible rate and we are just getting started!" says Page.

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Blombos Cave > Another Remarkable discovery... a vast expanse of human existence. If we take 20 years as a generation, 100,000 yields about 5,000 generations, mostly when life was short and brutal. The last 5,000 years of recorded history is a mere 250.

For anyone interested, there's a tremendous book on Blombos Cave titled, *Becoming Human: Innovation in Prehistoric Material and Spiritual Culture*. Colin Renfrew (Editor). Cambridge University Press, 2009. It includes discussion by Christopher S. Henshilwood.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/14/science/14paint.html>



In African Cave, Signs of an Ancient Paint Factory
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Researchers say the 100,000-year-old workshop in South Africa is the earliest example of how early modern humans processed the reddish pigment known as ochre.

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Ronald D. Giles The search for the red pigment may have led to the discovery of iron and its properties.
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A similar "clumsy intuition" undergirds the story "Cousins." Tjah Brodsky maintains family relations at a time when, as his ex-wife wryly reminds him, "the nuclear family is breaking up."

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Nishat Haider "Blanshard's doubt notwithstanding, this collection testifies to the magnificent diversity of our country and of the world, and reminds us that the essential human spirit, under the forms of chaos, can be summoned, if we but have the will, and can heal and reunite the severed bonds of the quotidian world no matter how late the hour may be." A very good review!

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Frederick Glaysher Thanks, Nishat. What do we have but hope to cling to?

Or, I should say, reading this morning Tagore's Sadhana (1913), I find,

"...we learn to perceive the unity held together by the one Eternal Spirit, whose power creates the earth, the sky, and the stars, and at the same time irradiates our minds with the light of a consciousness that moves and exists in unbroken continuity with the outer world."

Where else can humanity find peace and unity but in adoration of the Divine Essence?

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Frederick Glaysher

Although he is accused of being his father's son, a crook, a schemer at heart, although a deep tragic darkness taints him too, his "clumsy intuition" of good ultimately saturating life lifts Woody into the same realm that his father unexpectedly attains at death.

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Frederick Glaysher It's exactly the monopoly on what receives a hearing that publishers and elites are desperately trying to hold on to... as well as the three or four billion of yearly book sales, while for centuries basically tossing writers nothing but a bone...

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Catherine Czerkawska Too true!

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"Underneath Woody's own coarseness and corporeality, from his earliest days as a coolie pulling a rickshaw for visitors to the 1933 Century of Progress World's Fair, he had one idea...that the goal, the project, the purpose was (and he couldn't explain why he thought so; all evidence was against it)--God's idea was that this world should be a love world, that it should eventually recover and be entirely a world of love. He wouldn't have said this to a soul, for he could see himself how stupid it was--personal and stupid. Nevertheless, there it was at the center of his feelings." Saul Bellow

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Surprised himself by the spirituality his scoundrel-father has had always up his sleeve, Woody fulfills his father's wish and buries him among Jews.

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Frederick Glaysher

Contrary to what might be expected, he and his coarse, scheming father remain more loyal to the old values than the pious Christians who merely want the boy Woody as a convert so that he might proselytize among the Jews and thereby prepare the world for the Second Coming.

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Suzanne Hayasaki Who is "he"?

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Frederick Glaysher Shawmut, the protagonist in Saul Bellow's short story, "A Silver Dish."

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Suzanne Hayasaki Oh! I thought I saw "silver fish" below, but then it has been a long day . . .
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Suzanne Hayasaki At first I thought this had something to do with the Tea Party
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Suzanne Hayasaki Good to know someone has always been waiting for the Rapture!
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Suzanne Hayasaki Of course Woody Allen flashed through my brain too!
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Suzanne Hayasaki Off to bed for me before this gets really silly . . .
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Frederick Glaysher Since you're in Japan, I just finished a few minutes ago Rabindranath Tagore's "The Spirit of Japan, A Lecture (1916). <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/33131>

You might enjoy a different perspective on Nippon than the West.



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Suzanne Hayasaki Thank you! I will read that when I get home from work tonight!
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Frederick Glaysher

"The way to understand all of this is to realize that it's part of a broader syndrome, in which wealthy Americans who benefit hugely from a system rigged in their favor react with hysteria to anyone who points out just how rigged the system is. ...the real extremists here are America's oligarchs, who want to suppress any criticism of the sources of their wealth."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/10/opinion/panic-of-the-plutocrats.html>



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Life has moved on beyond the exclusivity of all the traditional religions and their claim to have the sole truth. Similarly, the exclusivity underlying the meta-myth of the triumphal march of modernity into nihilistic bliss has also proven false and is now artificially kept alive by the academy.

In a permanently pluralistic world, all the religions and philosophies can be seen to be true, because they are, in terms of the universality of human experience. Young people sense all of this despite the inability of most to articulate it. They and our culture are right to live into a new vision of what it means to be human.



FGlaysher: Life has moved on beyond the exclusivity of all the

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Kathy Greethurst I agree. I see the big bang and creation as alternative philosophers that converge rather than contradict xx

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Kathy Greethurst I mean philosophies.

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More than 200 Facebook pages and Twitter accounts have sprung up in dozens of cities, seeking volunteers for protests and fostering discussion.

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Palisades Nuclear Power Plant back in service, near South Haven on Lake Michigan

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http://www.hollandsentinel.com/mobile_news/x360260186/Palisades-Nuclear-Power-Plant-back-in-service

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is continuing its investigation

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Frederick Glaysher Only Tritium, with a Half-life > 12.32 years, nothing to worry about... unless you breathe or ingest it.

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Frederick Glaysher

Friends, join me on Google+

FB should cut the distracting ticker and the arrogant algorithm about what it imagines I want to read as so-called "Top Stories." Hint, I want to read everybody in real time! Leave the filtering up to the individual through Lists...

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Frederick Glaysher One solution would be to give people the option of turning off the "Top Stories" and/or separately the Ticker...

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Swaran Singh Agreed. Facebook should let me decide what I want to read and who my 'close' friends are. I should also be able to decide what List will open on my Home page by default.

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Frederick Glaysher I fully agree... Great idea about choosing a list to default. If only FB would listen to you, us!

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Frederick Glaysher ...anybody.

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Sourav Adhikary In this regard,I have got a feeling that platforms which are celebrated as more user/consumer friendly are actually friendly to certain behavioural patterns only,thereby forcing a large chunk of people to subscribe to set patterns further,rather than really encouraging individuality on the users' part.

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Frederick Glaysher

"A Silver Dish" probes further the dry surfaces and pervasive confusion. All the protagonist's family and friends "had lived by the body, but the body was giving out."

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Frederick Glaysher

"Forty years a widow and holding curious views, she is happy in my company. Few visitors want to hear about the Divine Spirit, but I am seriously prepared to ponder the mysterious and intriguing descriptions she gives. The Divine Spirit, she tells me, has withdrawn in our time from the outer, visible world. You can see what it once wrought, you are surrounded by its created forms. But though natural processes continue, Divinity has absented itself."

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Frederick Glaysher "... The wrought work is brightly divine but Divinity is not now active within it. The world's grandeur is fading. And this is our human setting, devoid of God, she says with great earnestness.... I listen to this and have no mischievous impulses. I shall miss the old girl. After much monkey business, dear Miss Rose, I am ready to listen to words of ultimate seriousness. There isn't much time left. The federal marshal, any day now, will be setting out from Seattle." From Him With His Foot In His Mouth and Other Stories, 1984, Saul Bellow

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Frederick Glaysher

If Shawmut proclaims "Better an ignis fatuus / Than no illumine at all," he still posits, by the absence that is light-heartedly evoked throughout the letter, a world of spirit, which once merited, and may once again merit, the highest respect and fulfill the deepest and most sincere yearnings of humankind.

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Frederick Glaysher

Despite her unorthodox spirituality, there is an element of veracity to her convictions, which Shawmut finds nowhere else and it prepares him (though the soul's levity remains incorruptible) for his extradition back to the United States.

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Frederick Glaysher

No wonder that, after desperately fleeing to Canada to escape prosecution and further exploitation, he turns to the old woman, Mrs. Gracewell.

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Frederick Glaysher

"The real problem is the financial system— centered on Wall Street. And we still haven't solved it."

I would say the real problem is a financial system entirely given to greed, one of the worst vices of the human being. Like all vices, greed can only be moderated and controlled through moral and spiritual principles and beliefs, ideally expressed through government regulation, if nothing else...

<http://robertreich.org/post/11033625495>



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Frederick Glaysher ...and since Reagan, regulation has been increasingly thrown out the window.
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Frederick Glaysher Government is supposed to be a neutral referrer but has abdicated that role under the onslaught of corporate "lobbyists" and the corruption of politicians. Our whole culture has lost its moral compass.
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Kenneth Carroll Frederick actually we have to go back to Clinton at least to see the kind of de-regulation that led to this recession.
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Frederick Glaysher referee...
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Frederick Glaysher Yes, Clinton too is to blame, but actually, Reagan began stripping the government of its oversight role and reducing taxes on the ultra-wealthy, essentially placing a greater burden on the masses.
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Isobelle Carmody we have to shift from money based economies to resources based economies
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Frederick Glaysher ...something like it. And then what do we do about human greed? It is one of the perennial problems of human nature and will continue under any political or economic system. Technical fixes won't work...
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Isobelle Carmody We have to find a way to factor it in and use it because it ain't going away.
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Frederick Glaysher It's the software that's deficient.
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Frederick Glaysher

Even his friends and brother have deceived him and shamelessly exploited him. He has been lessoned. Is experienced.

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Frederick Glaysher

He, like all human beings, has come up against the inevitable failure of life.

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Swaran Singh Hmm. "inevitable". "like all human beings".
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Frederick Glaysher Can you explain your thinking?
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The letter recounts "it all," how life has prepared him for "words of ultimate seriousness."

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References to her appear especially at the beginning and the end of the story which is in the form of a long letter of apology to a Miss Rose whom Shawmutt had insulted thirty-five years earlier.

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His "divine madness," however, is not accompanied by the desire to offend. Rather, it seems to be the result of a compulsion, a necessity, to strike through the masks, which is basically why he agrees with the counsel of "an old woman who reads Swedenborg and other occult authors" that "the soul is ruled by levity, pure."

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In the title story he presents us with Dr. Shawmutt who has the dubious gift of saying the most offensive things.

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International League of Antiquarian Booksellers published ... Allah, God, and Zeus Walked Into... rare books, antiquarian books

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And more than any other novelist, Bellow crafted rich and strange mimetic confrontations with the chaos of the external, visual world, with the internal chaos it manifests.

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Frederick Glaysher

An interesting survey, connecting with many of my obsessions... Permit me a small quibble. "Islam had been born in a Hellenistic world...." The Hellenistic period really runs from...

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Allah, God, and Zeus Walked Into a ... - Articles about rare books, antiquarian books, manuscripts.,
www.ilab.org

Hunayn ibn Ishaq, Al-Kindi, Al-Razi, Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina, Al-Ghazali, Muhammad ibn 'Abdun, 'Abd'l-Rahman ibn Ismail, Ibn Bajjah, Ibn Rushd,...

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Frederick Glaysher An interesting survey, connecting with many of my obsessions... Permit me a small quibble. "Islam had been born in a Hellenistic world..." The Hellenistic period really runs from 323 BC, with the death of Alexander the Great to about 146 BC, when the Roman Empire conquered Greece and Macedonia, and so on. The rise of Islam with Muhammad circa 600 occurred more in the ruins of Roman influence and its successor states. The Greek influence was already more diffuse.

My recent reading of Erasmus, his 1503 "Handbook for the Militant Christian" and "In Praise of Folly," picks up "shortly" after your ending your survey in 1200 or so. Erasmus is interesting because he clearly argues in Latin for further retrieving and reviving of the Greek heritage, especially Plato and the Neo-Platonists and their various connections with Islam, particularly what interests me, given our global concerns today, groping forward into the universally human...
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More than any other novelist since WWII, Saul Bellow was aware of the event that Jacques Derrida called "the rupture."

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Why the world can no longer afford unbridled capitalism...

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Eurozone Market will Crash Traders like Alessio Rastani dream about the money they will make
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<http://www.facebook.com/NSOTD> In a scary and painfully frank interview a freaked out BBC interviewer is visibly shaken when sophisticated market trader Aless...

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Frederick Glaysher

"...a liberating pursuit of individuality. Black artists, like other professionals, now feel free to pursue any interest they like and are no longer burdened with the requirement to represent 'the race.'"

That's essentially what the poet Robert Hayden said for decades, but was repeatedly beaten up by LeRoi Jones, Don Lee, and others, at Fisk University, and elsewhere. Progress often takes thirty to forty years... to become human.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/25/books/review/whos-afraid-of-post-blackness-by-toure-book-review.html>

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Frederick Glaysher

"...between 1979 and 2005 the inflation-adjusted income of families in the middle of the income distribution rose 21 percent. ...over the same period, the income of the very rich, the top 100th of 1 percent of the income distribution, rose by 480 percent. No, that isn't a misprint. In 2005 dollars, the average annual income of that group rose from \$4.2 million to \$24.3 million."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/23/opinion/krugman-the-social-contract.html>

Frederick Glaysher



The Social Contract
www.nytimes.com

With shrieks of "class warfare" going back and forth in Washington, a closer look at the data shows just what class warfare looks like.

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Donna Stanley Meredith We know which class already won this war. In 1960 that top tax rate was 90 percent. Now they whine that it might be raised to what--35, 37? No wonder we have a dwindling middle class and the working poor need assistance to survive—all while the deficit soars!

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Howard Denson As I mentioned elsewhere on FB, I've been so upset thinking about the suffering of the rich that I've come up with something like the March of Dimes to help them out. My bank account is low, so I've had to use some existing material and drop the "e": March of Dims. Our committee is trying to determine who would be Dimwits or Dimbulbs: those who give or those who espouse the poor rich argument.

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Wendy Thornton Howard, I love the idea of the March of Dims. I'd like to propose it to some of my friends who say the rich work harder than everybody else - ergo, they deserve more. I know I work harder and harder for less and less, but someday I might be eligible to be a Dimwit, too! Oh, no, wait, statistically, that isn't happening. Darn. Never mind...

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Frederick Glaysher @Donna Stanley Meredith, Exactly. It had dropped to about 70% by 1970, and Warren Buffet admitted recently he's only paying 15% or so. The flat tax proposal is actually a scam for the rich because it would drop the rate from the current 32% according to some to 29%.

Whatever numbers one might cite, I believe the implication is clear that we need to return to a seriously progressive tax for the ultra-rich, for the good of the entire society.

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Frederick Glaysher

The "social contract," remember that idea? The old phrasing, "Do unto others as you'd have others do unto you." Corporations exist by the will of the people and to serve society, not vice versa.



The Elizabeth Warren Quote Every American Needs To See

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She just said the best thing. Possibly ever.

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Randall Horton but remember charles mills' racial contract, he explains why the "social contract" will never exist.

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Frederick Glaysher A misguided argument... and non sequitur in this context. <http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/category/race-in-america/>



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Frederick Glaysher Elizabeth Warren for president in 2012!

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Lawrence Borchardt I'd only vote for her in a Diane Keaton look-alike contest!

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Frederick Glaysher Very trivial basis for judgment. She's a person of integrity, with brains as well, who understands both business and government have demonstrated they corrupt and venal...

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Lawrence Borchardt What she demonstrates is a profound lack of understanding of business and a divisive nature. I think these factory owners who pay no personal income tax, as well as no corporate tax, exist only in President Obama's dream journal.

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Frederick Glaysher Not so. She understands exactly what there problems are, which is why she's capable of rolling back the corporate trough to pre-1980 levels, getting the dirty corporate money out of the pockets of Congress and government, including the destruction of the regulatory oversight that protects citizens from the same greedy parasites on the people.

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Lawrence Borchardt I have to disagree and I find your use of "parasites" frightening. But getting back to the quotation you posted, Warren is completely off base. She pretends that factory owners contribute nothing to infrastructure. This is simply not the case. They pay state and federal personal income taxes, corporate income taxes, and ultimately federal and state gas taxes, which all in some way contribute to the maintenance and construction of roads, bridges, etc. Warren pretends these contributions don't exist, and that the factory owner is unwilling to contribute to the maintenance of roads.

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Frederick Glaysher Try not to be scared. Corporate interests have been smearing anyone who doesn't accept their oligarchy since Reagan. It's time to fight back. Since they don't pay their fair share of taxes to support society, they are *parasites* in my view. I highly doubt I'm alone in that notion.

70% corporate tax for the good of society in about 1970. No negotiation until the mere 15% to 29% or 32% is back up to at least 50%.

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Frederick Glaysher ...and in my view any politician who doesn't realize that's the real issue before the country is not serving in the best interest of the people.

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Lawrence Borchardt Even our European "betters" don't tax corporations at the rate you desire. Of course when the corporate tax was 70%, corporations avoided paying it, as many do now, by moving headquarters and jobs overseas to more tax-friendly European countries. It seems to me that people want to arrogate to themselves the wealth the factory produces, but not be exposed to the risk that the factory owner encounters in starting his venture.

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Lawrence Borchardt On an unrelated note, you remind me of Stepan Trofimovich Verkhovensky. So there is hope for you yet!
Haha

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Frederick Glaysher In the late 1970s, before Ronald Reagan, the richest 1 percent of the country held slightly less than 9 percent of the entire national wealth. After decades of the Reagan ideology of tax cuts for the ultra-rich and corporations, the top 1 percent of the population, by 2007, came to own 23.5 percent of all wealth. That percentage has only increased since 2007, draining resources from the government and the people.

The answer is not to tax working and middle class people more and force them to subsidize corporations, libraries, and other basic services. The solution is to return to the social agreement of democracy. Society does not exist for corporations and a de facto plutocracy of their lobbyists and the media they control. Corporations exist by the will of the people. They have forgotten they exist to serve, not plunder, society.

The corporate tax rate was 92% under Eisenhower; 70 some percent in the early 1970s; it's now down to about 35%. Some are even now deceptively calling for a "flat tax" that would lower the corporate rate to 29%!!

As Robert Reich explains, returning to a corporate tax rate prior to the Ronald Reagan era, which has caused much of the problems we're suffering from, is the solution to the corporate greed destroying our civilization.

See also Robert Reich's 2-minute video, The Truth About the Economy:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTzmqm2TmgE&feature=player_embedded

Dostoevsky's The Possessed is one of my favorite books. You're misreading me. I discuss his novel in my book The Grove of the Eumenides: Essays on Literature, Criticism, and Culture
http://fglaysher.com/grove_of_the_eumenides.html



The Truth About the Economy
www.youtube.com

Robert Reich connects the dots on the economy, in less than 2 minutes and 15 seconds. Who knew he could draw!?!

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Lawrence Borchardt Perhaps you're more like his son?

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Frederick Glaysher A bit on the ad hominem.. try a rational argument. I've cited Robert Reich because he presents one that I agree with and which informs my more general reflections. Who would you cite? I don't believe Dostoevsky helps. Just the reverse. Irony of ironies, if you make the effort to read more deeply into who I am, I believe he's on my side... he himself might even be shocked by the fact.

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Lawrence Borchardt It is not an ad hominem. Just making a comparison. As for Reich, his arguments assume so much that just isn't so. Disparity of wealth on the scale Reich is speaking of is a first world problem, and not the chief of my worries. He knows that higher corporate tax rates result in more tax loopholes and offshoring to tax havens. And anyway, various studies, including from the CBO, have shown that labor as opposed to ownership disproportionately shoulders the burden of increased corporate taxation, at a rate of something like 70% to 30%.

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Frederick Glaysher Right. You're underrating Reich. I suggest you read his book, if you haven't. His analysis is based on the hard facts and statistics of corporate greed during the last 30 years and the destruction of much of the working and middle classes, indeed, the nation. You're repeating the mantras of the corporations, none of which is true.

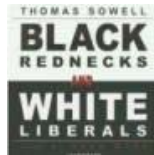
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The approval by voters of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006 corroborates Thomas Sowell's observation in his Preface to the book, referring to "a growing willingness to consider views that differ from the racial orthodoxy that has prevailed largely unchallenged from the 1960s onward in int...

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Frederick Glaysher

These two essays ought to be read by anyone serious about assessing where we are after the passage of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, and where, together, we are all going from here.

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They are people who want much of what Sowell discusses in terms of education for their children and community.

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It needs to be said much more often that 14% of black voters approved the proposal.

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The passage of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006 registers such change. Neighbors of goodwill do exist, are distressed, worried, and concerned, willing to help, where they can, if allowed.

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Though bleak, attitudes are changing, will continue to change, will, as Ward Connerly has remarked, take time to change, creating a new climate of expectations and performance, on all sides.

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Frederick Glaysher

Liao Yiwu, "Only by escaping this colossal and invisible prison called China could I write and publish freely. I have the responsibility to let the world know about the real China hidden behind the illusion of an economic boom — a China indifferent to ordinary people's simmering resentment."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/15/opinion/walking-out-on-china.html>



Walking Out on China
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A writer chronicles his daring escape over the border to Vietnam.

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Frederick Glaysher In my estimation, great words, above, the ones I quoted. The sense of responsibility to tell the untold story, speak truth to what appears to be power, but is fraudulent to the core, has inspired and driven many writers all around the world to

bear any sacrifice, suffer any ordeal, for the good of others, the society and culture they loved. Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, Czeslaw Milosz, Lu Wenfu, many others come to mind...

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Vidyadhar Steinbake The name Taslima Nasreen may not be much in terms of quality of writing but in terms of bearing any sacrifice, suffering any ordeal, for the good of others, her name must feature in all such lists ever considered. A truly courageous writer from Bangladesh!

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, I so agree...

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Frederick Glaysher

Ah, where were we before FB... oh, yes, Thomas Sowell was saying, "Whites walk on eggshells for fear of being called racists, while many blacks are preoccupied with protecting the image of black students, rather than protecting their future by telling the blunt truth. It is understandable that some people are concerned about image, about what in private life might be expressed as: 'What will the neighbors think?' But, when your children are dying, you don't worry about what the neighbors think"

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Sourav Adhikary Is not this vicious circle is something that minorities all over the world trap themselves in?

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Vidyadhar Steinbake Ha Ha, within the same nation, the identity called 'minorities' is created with care to serve some shrouded ulterior motives. No use creating it unless preserved, hence secret funds, open campaigns, innovative intellections, concerned academia etc and above all a wronged victim's image. Just to impress that the identity warrants protection.

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Frederick Glaysher I think even a majority can forget what's best for the general welfare, how to build civilization, though Sowell is clearly talking about a minority.

There can be a lot of phony creation and exploitation of a victim status, while other the hand many victims are all too real. Either way, Sowell is trying to grapple with an endemic situation that has only worsened over the last fifty years, despite probably billions of dollars, nationwide.

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Frederick Glaysher ...there has been enormous progress in other ways, in terms of race in the USA, I hasten to add. The general state of affairs for most of the inner cities, though, I think it's fair to say, has worsened. Detroit is the absolute worst with, again, only a 26% graduation rate from high school, etc.

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Frederick Glaysher

My response to a Facebook survey, a few weeks ago:

After nearly two years of using Facebook, I appreciate the opportunity to share my experience.

Facebook should change the default under "Edit Your News Feed Settings" from "Friends and pages you interact with most," back to "All of your friends and pages." Facebook shouldn't manipulate in any way whether or not one can actually communicate with one's friends.

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Frederick Glaysher Also, under "Edit Your News Feed Settings," if someone chooses to "Hide posts from" someone as an individual, instead of an app, one should be able to know it, so that that person can be de-friended, since that is what the other person has

effectively done. As it is, one could have a lot of false, two-faced friends who are not open to communicating at all.

Psychologists and social researchers have long known that most people can only handle about 100 to 150 people as real friends. Facebook knows that fact and that the 5,000 limit is way beyond the figure. Please stop the pretense of "People You May Know." It's actually more "People with interests similar to Yours," which is the truth of what people who are interested in professional or social networking are doing on Facebook when they start heading up to that 5,000 friends. Instead of Facebook intervening in the selection of friends and trying to scold and censor the ways people find each other, stay out of it! People can decline anybody they don't want to friend based on the profile and other info, or lack thereof.

Lastly, the 5,000 limit should NOT exist at all. The switching to Fan and Liking the Fan has a very unpalatable flavor for many people. I would like to see the whole mindless Fan thing cut out. Open up Facebook to the largest social network, the Internet!

I use Facebook because it is a way for the Internet to become more personal in terms of finding and communicating with people who share my interests and can discuss them on a serious level. It seems to me that Facebook has increasingly moved towards getting in the way of that happening. I've recently considered switching to Google+ but don't yet think it's better than Facebook. When it or another social network offers an online experience that corrects or removes the things I've mention above regarding Facebook, I would not hesitate to leave Facebook because I noticed an immediate and lasting drop in discussion, when the default in February, 2011, was changed. That has completely undermined my trust in Facebook and often even my desire to use it.

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Ben Howard This problem has a solution. If you go to the top of your Home page and click on "Most Recent," a drop-down menu will appear. If you click on "Edit Options," you can then choose to "show posts" from "friends you interact with most" or "all of your friends and pages." You can then save this setting, and it will become your default setting.

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Frederick Glaysher Actually, Ben, the problem is that Facebook is testing a new Home setup, which removes the "Most Recent" from many people's News Feed under Home. So there's no way of configuring or finding one's Lists since they were under the Down Arrow...

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Frederick Glaysher Another qualification. I shouldn't speak for other cities. I don't really know that all the US inner cities are in the same dire situation as Detroit, where I live outside it and hear about it on a daily basis.

Yet John McWhorter's book broadly addresses the inner cities in the US and most of it is not an encouraging picture.

<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/category/race-in-america/>



The Globe » Race in America
fglaysher.com

White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era. Shelby Steele . HarperCollins, 2006.

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Frederick Glaysher

Facebook has guinea pig project going on you may not be aware of it, coming perhaps to you soon... Many people are complaining about his at <https://www.facebook.com/help/community/question/?id=1503610>

My "Most Recent" has completely been removed from my "Home" too.

I have twenty-five "Lists," Europe, Canada, India, etc., which used to make it *fun* and intellectually fascinating to jump around the world without leaving home, but now the little drop down arrow for Lists is gone too.

I have lost the top of my home page where it says news feed and recent news ,It is like the page doe

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Facebook is a social utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study, and live around them. People use Facebook to keep up with friends, upload an unlimited number of photos, post links and videos, and learn more about the people they meet.

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Frederick Glaysher Might be time to consider migrating to Google+ Anyone explore it already? If this is the way Facebook is going to stay, I'm seriously thinking of leaving.

I opened an account at Google+ last night to explore it a little. I'm considering it. Facebook is really intervening too much in the way people can communicate for my tastes...

I think Google+ may very well change the nature of social networking. Its "circles" solves the problem of privacy right from the beginning. Google has always pioneered privacy for the individual, unlike Facebook, which has regularly "harvested" every minute detail of one's personal life, often without people realizing it, for commercial profiles.

Google+ "sharp" feature seems very useful to me for finding various subject matter and articles of interest to me. It turns the Google Alerts thing into a Feed that you can setup to your own tastes.

No one has the time to watch the feed 24/7. That's why the lists would work ed so well, since the world is round. They'd let me check in on Australian friends, India, or wherever, overnight, etc. That to me was one of the most fascinating things about Facebook. Without them the News Feed is now non-stop, random, and only of the moment... blip, blip! I can't even reach or find the people I really want to communicate with!!! People I've become fairly good Facebook FRIENDS with!

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Steve Fay I don't want the "Top News" feed at all. All I want is to be able to scroll through all of the posts *in order* which is what the "Most Recent" feed lets me do. And I am getting sick and tired of all the damned pop-up windows my FB page has recently become afflicted with. There needs to be a way to turn off that crap.

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Frederick Glaysher Well the new feed FB is apparently testing out on some of us completely removes the Most Recent and replaces it with a *random* assortment of status posts, some days old, definitely not chronological... which perhaps makes too much sense for FB@#*!

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Frederick Glaysher Anyone who already has it and is as unhappy as I and other people are, please consider adding a complaint at <https://www.facebook.com/help/community/question/?id=1503610>



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Frederick Glaysher It's probably delusional to think but maybe someone at FB headquarters might read it...

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Steve Fay There are so many flaws in Facebook, more everyday it seems, that it shouldn't be hard for someone to create a better alternative. I would not trust Google to be capable of doing that, however. I have some experience with a Google Groups page. Google is very heavy handed in how it forces changes in its service, and has been even less user-customizable than other similar services. I wouldn't have high hopes for their Google+, as I think they continue to grow into continually more deaf and fat behemoth — something like the new Microsoft.

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Frederick Glaysher Otto, I'm having the same feeling... it's like starting all over trying to figure out NOW WHAT? Instead of communicating, wasting energy and time on FB inscrutable account features.

Steve, Yeah, you might be right. I'm biased, though. In the interest of full disclosure, my oldest son is a software engineer at Google. Google+ is still in a trial period of development but promising already I think. Google aside, somebody ought to create a real alternative to Facebook... or FB should really change how it comes up with and rolls out new software changes...

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G.d. Hawksley Facebook's biggest problem is that it doesn't seem to care at all about its users' wishes, and that it is overly secretive about features and changes to features, and provides no real options.

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Frederick Glaysher Yeah, I so agree. That's how it feels. In fact I filled out a survey for FB a few weeks ago, spending 10 to 15 minutes on it, making an effort, and get this in return!!

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G.d. Hawksley I don't think they've made a change in my time on FB that has been an improvement.

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Frederick Glaysher Well, I'd cut them some slack. Often things are done by coders for reasons that are difficult to the uninitiated like me. I think FB has improved aesthetically, in its presentation, and a lot of little features. But there's arrogance in the way it just throws changes at people with no effort even to explain a little or warn. Also, there's so little that one can configure to suit one's own taste. That's frustrating to me. It's take it or leave it!

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Sourav Adhikary So true. They keep on experimenting relentlessly. While some major experiments like those with Chat, Status, news feed etc get noticed, many minor ones go unnoticed. But the fact is FB, despite their tall claims, gives little value of individual choice. Besides they are too keen on gathering personal information, though they often cite reasons like account security behind that. But, I guess, that's not the only reason.

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Steve Fay Someday I'll tell some diminutive young relation, "Sonny, I remember back when you could see all your

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Steve Fay Facebook posts in order, by cracky! He'll say what's Facebook, the Texas fires having burned up to here by now and their not being any electricity in the dust that's left.

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Sourav Adhikary Ah ! The inevitable befalls me too ! Trawled the new FB a bit. Not bad. There too are some options using which things can be personalised. Just that we'll have to unlearn a lot of things and learn some new tricks and in the process it'll eat up plenty of time, for FB. Or for the development of science ? What about raising a campaign where FB users ask for some remuneration in return of being subjects ?

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Frederick Glaysher

The black community is in crisis and needs to take action: "Despite the heartening achievements of some black schools, which have repeatedly demonstrated what is possible even with children from low-income backgrounds, the general picture of the education of black students is bleak. Much of what is said—and not said—about the education of black students reflects the political context, rather than the educational facts." Thomas Sowell

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Frederick Glaysher

He ends his essay on black education in a way that calls to mind Bill Cosby's recent addresses wherein Cosby has said more studies are not needed. The problems are known.

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Frederick Glaysher

In his conclusion Sowell essentially challenges educational leaders and students "to work harder and abandon the counterproductive notion that seeking educational excellence is 'acting white'" (244).

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Frederick Glaysher

I would argue what is needed is for more people to hear and respect such scholars as Thomas Sowell, learn from them, and work together to chart a new path together into the future.

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Wendy Thornton likes this.



Joel Dias-Porter I was with you until you said Thomas Sowell.

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Frederick Glaysher @Joel Dias-Porter, Concerned citizens of any background make a mistake when they demonize people by their political opinions instead of weighing what they have to say, as some do with him. There's much I find unpalatable about Sowell's provocative newspaper columns and political and economic thinking, but I believe he's right that the political left liberals have failed the youth in our inner cities, often as a result of their own ideology.

Roughly forty years of the liberal educational agenda has produced an appallingly failed school system in Detroit and elsewhere, with only approximately 26% of the students even graduating from high school. By every measure, the current approach, however one wants to characterize it, has failed the children and community. My alma mater the University of Michigan has played a significant role in creating and providing the rationale for the current failed policies, as have other Michigan universities and the general educational theory of today, and thinking about race.

I respect Thomas Sowell, John McWhorter, Shelby Steele, and other blacks, people of all backgrounds, who have had the courage to speak out and say clearly that the liberal, affirmative action ideology is *destroying* the very people it's supposed to help... Read Shelby Steele's White Guilt for an extended analysis of "How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era."

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Joel Dias-Porter First of all I didn't demonize anyone. I have read Sowell for twenty years, he isn't saying anything new nowadays, but is committing the same logical errors over and over. I agree that schools are failing, but I disagree that "Liberal educational agenda" has much to do with it. In fact, for much of this time period, so-called liberals weren't even in charge and their agenda wasn't being implemented. The 12 years of Reagan-Bush had a little to do with the promise of the Civil Rights era being destroyed.

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Frederick Glaysher I'm sorry for interpreting your words as tending towards demonizing Sowell. I do think, though, that he has often been demonized instead of listened to, by many liberal blacks. I understand his no-nonsense approach can be hard for some to take. For the good of the young, I wish a more moderate position could evolve on both sides.

To my mind, both republicans and democrats have failed the inner cities. The situation is and should be way beyond whose political camp wins. They've both done much to exacerbate the situation as you correctly indicate with Reagan and Bush.

In fact, I think the decline of the cities and polarization of the races suggest at a deeper level the extent to which the whole modern vision is flawed and has failed. As Robert Hayden suggested, we need a whole new vision of life, what it means to be human, all the old ones are shot to hell...

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Joel Dias-Porter Sowell is demonized by blacks because they understand exactly what game he is playing and what function he serves for the people who support him.

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Frederick Glaysher That's the usual allegation from liberal and radical blacks. It's nothing but a smear and ad hominem. What's the result for the youth of Detroit and other major US cities? Their game has been minutely analyzed by Ward Connerly, Thomas Sowell, Bill

Frederick Glaysher

Cosby, Shelby Steele, John McWhorter, Juan Williams, Michigan State University Professor William Allen, among others.

The millions of wasted lives are too valuable for the affirmative action gravy train to keep running. It's been behind the times for decades...

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Frederick Glaysher ...as afterthought, I add to the list, Carol M. Allen's Ending Racial Preferences: The Michigan Story, regarding the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative of 2006, which mentions yours truly speaking on panel at Wayne State University in favor of the Initiative, page 130, which the University of Michigan has conspired to evade ever since its approval by the voters. http://www.amazon.com/reader/073912434X?_encoding=UTF8&q&query=glaysher



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The necessary resources and exemplary individuals run rife throughout black history and experience.

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Howard Denson In the white schools of the Deep South in the 1940s and 50s, we only had passing mentions of Dred Scott, Nat Turner, Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington, and George Washington Carver.

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Frederick Glaysher Given Jim Crow, makes sense that that's the way it would have been. Sowell is making the point, basically, that it's *how* such people are interpreted and presented that creates at times trouble now for black education, as mentioned below about Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. Du Bois having much in common about education.

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Frederick Glaysher

In a fine section of this chapter on education, Sowell highlights the views of Booker T. Washington and W. E. B. Du Bois, documenting that their attitudes on educational expectations and other matters were much closer than the common politicized opinion today would have it.

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Failure is not restricted to any particular pigmentation or race, nor are the real reasons for such failure always unique to any particular race.

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Steve Fay When the condition is not self- or circumstance-generated, I get my failure fix at failuremag.com

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Frederick Glaysher Thanks for mentioning failuremag.com - I enjoyed the interview of Janet Reitman about her book "Inside Scientology." What a world...

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Frederick Glaysher

Thomas Sowell goes on to blame a culture of non-achievement, comparing it to red-neck and lower-class whites and Asians who suffer from "the same counterproductive attitudes toward education" which are "just as self-defeating."

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Jim Pangborn "Stereotype threat" can explain a lot of academic recalcitrance: fearing that one might prove the prejudice to be well founded, one opts out of the scholarly pursuit, often denouncing the measurements themselves.

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Frederick Glaysher Well put. ...and the young suffer, for lack of guidance and help identifying what constitutes the real challenge before them, self-development.

Bill Cosby has actually specifically addressed the issue you raise by repeatedly saying here in Detroit, when he's visited on at least two or three occasions I've heard of, that basically the crisis is so serious now we have to stop worrying about what racist whites and others think, whether they're delighting in how dire things are, finding confirmation for their worst bigotries. I hope more academics reach the same conclusion... though it seems the same pc rhetoric prevails.

Have you ever read Shelby Steele's White Guilt? He has such a profound, devastating insight into all of these crippling dynamics...
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Frederick Glaysher ...Sowell's chapter I'm talking about is interesting because it specifically discusses "Black Education: Achievements, Myths and Tragedies" since basically the end of the Civil War, exploring the fact that there's been plenty of black schools that were and are highly successful, and why...

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Jim Pangborn Frederick—you keep lengthening my reading list!

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Frederick Glaysher What are friends for!

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Frederick Glaysher

Thomas Sowell, Road to barbarism paved with fallacies

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110911/OPINION03/109110306/1031/opinion03>

"That includes a pattern of violent attacks on whites in public places in Chicago, Denver, New York, Milwaukee, Philadelphia, Los Angeles and Kansas City, as well as blacks in schools beating up Asian classmates — for years — in New York and Philadelphia."

Road to barbarism paved with fallacies

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Although much of the media have their antennae out to pick up anything that might be construed as racism against blacks, they resolutely ignore even the most blatant racism by blacks against others.

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Frederick Glaysher Merely another example that the media in the USA so often remains contemptible propaganda.

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Frederick Glaysher

Far from blaming all educational problems of black students on racism, the usual liberal scapegoat, Sowell has no patience with such facile excuses and lays the

blame squarely on the students themselves: "By and large, black students do not work as hard as white students, much less Asian students" (228).

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Frederick Glaysher

Excoriating the victimhood approach to education, Sowell laments that "the history of successful black schools has attracted virtually no interest from either historians or educators. That history does not advance any contemporary political agenda, though it might help advance the education of a whole generation of black students" (225).

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Frederick Glaysher

Higher expectations of their families, whether single parent or not, ought to play a part, though Sowell dismisses the idea that without parental involvement there is no hope for the child, insisting that the individual student can take charge of his or her life and achieve despite the family situation.

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Mitchell Waldman likes this.



Mihku Paul I can attest to that. I've often wondered what makes certain individuals survive and succeed, while someone in the same circumstance ends up a junkie, in prison, or dead.

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, often seems very hard to impossible to say. Yet there many cases when the individual does "take charge" and finds a more fulfilling way forward in life. To my mind, how all that is defined, is really up to the individual, who has had the experience, inner and otherwise, and alone can judge what achievement means for him or her.

I think society's standards are often wrong, in a sense, when they're only based on monetary and social prestige, education, and so on. But I agree with Sowell's general point. Without hope for the individual child, what is there? Only the state running everything? The efforts of the state in our major cities leaves a lot to be desired, after many billions of dollars and programs. Detroit is in a really dismal situation, as are many large cities.

Basically, I just agree with Sowell that it's time to try other things, which of course many people are saying and doing, or trying...

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Frederick Glaysher

While the howls of protest to this passage might be the usual ones from the education establishment, I would argue his stress on working with students where they are and expecting "work and discipline" (221) from them is a no-nonsense approach that ought to be tried more often than not, instead of the pitying, enabling, undermining educational theory that asks little or nothing of kids and gets little or nothing in return.

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Frederick Glaysher

After a long survey of these and other schools, Thomas Sowell writes,

"What the record of successful minority schools shows, both in history and among contemporary schools, is that educational achievement is not foredoomed by economic or social circumstances beyond the school grounds, as the education establishment constantly strives to prove. Poverty, broken homes, and unruly environments are not to be ignored, downplayed or apologized for...."

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Frederick Glaysher "... But neither are the failings of others proof that the education establishment is doing its job right. Perfect students with perfect parents in a perfect society cannot learn things that they are not being taught—and that includes an increasing number of basic things in our public schools" (217).

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Frederick Glaysher

On TV Right Now on Canada's TVO

Jimmy Mirikitani. Eighty-year-old Mirikitani survived the trauma of WWII internment camps, Hiroshima, and homelessness by creating art. But when 9/11 threatens his life on the New York City streets and a local filmmaker brings him to her home, the two embark on a journey to confront Jimmy's painful past. An intimate exploration of the lingering wounds of war and the healing powers of friendship and art

<http://www.thecatsofmirikitani.com/>



The Cats of Mirikitani

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Frederick Glaysher Poignant story... tragic in so many ways. It brought back my two years living on the Colorado River Indian Reservation, directly on the site of Camp II, in Poston. It was the second largest internment camp, with over 22,000 Japanese Americans.

So many ironies. Jimmy's mother's family wiped out in Hiroshima, and spending three and a half years interned, layer on layer, in this floating world...

September 8, 2011 at 10:24pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher I hope some friends caught this movie too. It's really quite a global story, spanning Japan and the US over his lifetime and his family. I think it handles the nuclear and WWII problem well, though implicitly, at times. The one VHS movie tape offered to him in the store near the end is "Black Rain," based on the outstanding Japanese novel, which explores Japan's own complicity in the war, leading to Hiroshima, though it's not clear to what extent the director actually is aware of that fact. Anyway, to my mind, it's possible that the movie brings in a much more balanced juxtaposition of how complicated the lived reality was and is. Poignant handling of the camps... and the fragile hope for peace.

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Frederick Glaysher

"Environmental migrants are starting to reshape the human geography of the planet. This will only increase as sea-levels rise and deserts advance. We cannot burn our way to the future"

<http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/un-chief-urges-world-to-redouble-efforts-on-climate-talks/>



U.N. chief urges world to redouble efforts on climate talks - AlertNet

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Time is running out to save millions of lives in countries that will be hardest hit by climate change, Ban Ki-moon says

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Frederick Glaysher

Sowell further states that this dogma is false for both black and other minority children and discusses a number of outstanding schools reaching from after the Civil War to the present, such as the M Street School, later to become known as Dunbar High School in Washington, DC.

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Frederick Glaysher

In "Black Education: Achievements, Myths and Tragedies," Sowell reconsiders the prevailing vision of the actual history of black education and demonstrates that it too is much different from the skewed account so many politically motivated radicals and liberals use to justify failed educational programs, policies: "The quest for esoteric methods of trying to educate black children proceeds as if such children had never been successfully educated before, when in fact there are concrete examples."

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Peng-chuan Chen likes this.



Frederick Glaysher "...both from history and from our own times, of schools that have been successful in educating black children, including those from low-income families. Yet the prevailing educational dogma is that you simply cannot expect children who are not middle class to do well on standardized tests, for all sorts of sociological and psychological reasons" (203).

September 8, 2011 at 9:28am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Absolutely... Parents and educators who expect nothing get nothing in return, sadly letting the children down in the end... I don't believe people have different human brains, in general; nurture, or lack thereof, counts for an awful lot.

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Frederick Glaysher ...and development, including a desire for self-development, the sine qua non for education to take place.

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"...better than none." on Kabir Khan's link.

"It is a beautiful piece. I've..." on Jennifer Lunden's link.



Frederick Glaysher

To find a new future, we must recognize our understanding of the past is flawed, reconsider its complexity, understand no one is blameless, and move forward together.

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Jim Pangborn You're sounding a lot like John Dewey there, Fredric (a good thing, in my view).

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Jim Pangborn (oops--the machine mangled yr name there)

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Frederick Glaysher I'll have to reexamine my prejudice against him. No problemo... :)

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Frederick Glaysher East or West, our problems resonate in a similar way... human.

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And we must stop doing what we have always done. We are still flying the planes right into the buildings.

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Frederick Glaysher To my taste, an unfortunate choice of metaphor, insensitive to the moment. While there is plenty of blame to go around, yet the subject was a different one, and broader. Narrowing and politicizing it, sullies it...

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Charles Elliott · 67 mutual friends
Ah. An academic issue, then.

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Frederick Glaysher Not at all... rather all too real.



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Swaran Singh Misunderstanding - or deliberate mis-representation - of the past is not just an academic issue. Such misrepresentations can - and has had - serious consequences, including mass murder and ethnic cleansing. Ask us South Asians!

September 8, 2011 at 11:39am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Just to be clear, Charles Elliott was NOT saying anything like that, I don't believe. Perhaps you mean in terms of distorting the past for racial and political reasons. By and large, fortunately, I think it's fair to say the USA, at least, hasn't gone that far either, since slavery, which was certainly based on an awful lot of distortion and falsehood. God willing, we'll all continue to find ways to resist such violence and remain human...

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Frederick Glaysher

If Michigan is seeking a new understanding of equality, one place to begin might be to realize, as Sowell says elsewhere, the prevailing vision of slavery of the "morally self-anointed" is wrong.

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Frederick Glaysher

He observes at one point "Africans did not treat Europeans any better than Europeans treated Africans. Neither can be exempted from moral condemnation applied to the other" (139).

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Hamish Montgomery likes this.



Kenneth Carroll Yeah that African colonization of Europe was wicked huh?

September 7, 2011 at 12:52pm · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher Actually, Sowell was talking about the Muslim African enslavement of Sub-Saharan Africans and Europeans, millions of both, though usually left out of the record, an interesting, fresh perspective, unlike the cliches so often relied on in much discussion of "race" in America.

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Frederick Glaysher

By addressing the real history of slavery, Sowell restores the proper perspective needed to come to terms with the complexity of American slavery and the perspective needed to find new ways to work together today.

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Mihku Paul likes this.

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Frederick Glaysher

Visions hang on beyond their time, beyond their usefulness, such has been the case with racial preferences, which are predicated on a distorted sense of actual historical slavery.

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Kabir Khan likes this.



Mihku Paul I'm not entirely sure what that means . . .

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Frederick Glaysher Thomas Sowell explains it in detail in his book Black Rednecks and White Liberals. Thomas Sowell. Encounter Books, 2005. I'm discussing his chapter "The Real History of Slavery."

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Mihku Paul Thanks. I'd love to hear more, as I am a tri-racial woman swimming in a sea of idiotic bigotry.

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**Frederick Glaysher**

Connecting the real history of slavery with its distorted uses by those who today want to fight for racial spoils, Thomas Sowell writes,

"Yet what was peculiar about the West was not that it participated in the worldwide evil of slavery, but that it later abolished that evil, not only in Western societies but also in other societies subject to Western control or influence (134).

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Kabir Khan likes this.



Frederick Glaysher "...This was possible only because the anti-slavery movement coincided with an era in which Western power and hegemony were at their zenith, so that it was essentially European imperialism which ended slavery. This idea might seem shocking, not because it does not fit the facts, but because it does not fit the prevailing vision of our time" (134-135).

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I'm deleting you from my 'friends'--you are a racist and apologist for slavery. Shameful and disgusting.

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Frederick Glaysher @Priyamvada Gopal, @Saraswathi Sirigina, Far from it... Thomas Sowell happens to be an African-American and an outstanding scholar and nationally syndicated columnist. See his profile at <http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=OPINION0358>



Thomas Sowell | | The Detroit News
www.detnews.com

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Frederick Glaysher Here's Sowell's bio from the Hoover Institution: <http://www.hoover.org/fellows/9767>



Thomas Sowell | Hoover Institution
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He writes on economics, history, social policy, ethnicity, and the history of id...

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Theo Dorgan Here's what Wikipedia (caveat) has to say about one aspect of Sowell's commentary: "Sowell has been criticized for various remarks such as a comparison he made between President Barack Obama and Adolf Hitler in an editorial for Investor's Business Daily[27] after the creation of a relief fund for the BP oil spill. This has been criticized by liberal groups such as Media Matters[28] and the Democratic National Committee.[29] However, Republicans such as Sarah Palin[29] and Representative Louie Gohmert[30] have endorsed Sowell's comparison. Sowell was also criticized for an editorial in which he stated that the Democratic Party played the Race card, instigating ethnic divisions and separatism, and argued that a similar situation occurred between the Tutsis and the Hutus in Rwanda.[31][32]"

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Frederick Glaysher Giving the benefit of doubt to Wikipedia, a highly unreliable source, often manipulated by partisans of various perspective, I don't subscribe to everything that Sowell or any other person has to say. You present the fact that he was "criticized" as though it were an open and shut case, while ignoring the fact that the man himself is black. While I distance myself from your early allegations, leaving the Tutsis and the Hutus out of it, I've often thought the Democratic party plays the race card, because it has and does, which is nothing new. I believe Sowell is correct in that regard. I urge you to read his book.

His advice on education would have actually have helped Detroit during the last FORTY years, unlike what the Democratic party has done for Detroit, now a largely collapsed and ruined city. Obama's appearance here in Detroit yesterday was all theater and charade, in

a city where 49% of the students do not even show up for class until 10 days after what's supposed to be the beginning of the school year, costing the school district 28 Million in lost funding, one quarter of its annual budget. Sowell's emphasis on responsibility and education is one that needs to be heard all the more, not less.

In their own way, at times, Democrats are just as corrupt as the Republicans, equally destroying a civilized order, more interested in milking the affirmative action machine for money and preferment, sentencing the students and young people to a life of poverty and misery.

September 7, 2011 at 11:33am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher ...a city where 84 % of the population is black and yet only 26% of the students graduate from high school. The racial and social situation here in USA is perhaps much more complicated than you realize...

September 7, 2011 at 11:40am · [Like](#)



Mihku Paul An interesting discussion. The politics of race. Are you saying race issues are a complication of Imperialist economics? Like a side effect? Then Corporate greed must be a Western Import. BTW, I think the fact that Sowell is black has nothing to do with it. Skin color does not, and has never, ensured any cultural loyalty or political truth.

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Theo Dorgan Can I very simply say that I haven't come across Mr Sowell before, that I happened across a discussion where people seem to be leaping to conclusions, that I added that reference to Wikipedia (and I did say 'caveat', please note) in the hope of prompting others to do, as I am doing, some more research into Mr Sowell's works and thoughts before joining the substantive discussion. I did not "present the fact that he was "criticized" as though it were an open and shut case", I merely drew attention to the fact that Mr Sowell has been criticized; nor did I ignore " that the man himself is black". If the 'you' in "The racial and social situation here in USA is perhaps much more complicated than you realize" is meant to be me, might I gently point out that I have expressed no view on this matter as yet so I cannot accept the criticism. I do think this is an important discussion to have, but if these are the terms on which it is to be conducted...

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Frederick Glaysher @Theo Dorgan, Let me make amends, if needed. I didn't mean to give offense. I've read Sowell for years in the newspapers and some of his books on race. He's much more conservative than I am, but I think he's often much more down to earth on race than however one might choose to define the "liberal" position. One of his recent articles in the Detroit News was <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20110828/OPINION03/108280309/1031/opinion03>

Philly mayor tells the truth about race
www.detroitnews.com

Someone at long last has had the courage to tell the plain, honest truth about race.

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Frederick Glaysher @Mihku Paul, Or race follies, as the phrase has it. Oh, I wouldn't want to limit race issues to merely imperial impulses. There's plenty of racial hatred around. In my experience, white people don't have a monopoly on it! Corporate greed is unfortunately another universal... Alas, our problems are rooted in the defective human heart.

I can agree that Sowell's pigmentation is irrelevant, in the sense you seem to mean, if I understand you. Yet, it matters to him, so why should I say otherwise? He defines himself as a black man, although a lot of black people think he's "white." I myself do not consider myself "white," but human. It's Sowell's humanity that seems important to me. His words are those of a very wise man in terms of race and education in his book *Black Rednecks and White Liberals*. To the detriment of students, we live in a time that doesn't want wisdom but politicized racial uplift, which only serves to keep them down, confusing the culture.

Shelby Steele is also very insightful about the way "liberal" racial dynamics actually work in the real world in his book *White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era.*

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 **Paul** Thanks for the comment, and the reading suggestions. This discussion is very new to me. But I did explore the Hoover Institute site and found it very, very thought provoking.
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Frederick Glaysher

"The science has made it plainly clear that climate change is happening now and, unfortunately, much, much faster than you may think"

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Ban, UN chief, vows 'real results' on climate change www.google.com

"Having visited Kiribati and the Solomon Islands has strengthened my conviction that climate change is a distinct threat to humanity, it is even a threat to international peace and stability."

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Frederick Glaysher Thanks, Sodhi, for your interest.
September 6, 2011 at 1:28pm · [Like](#)



Anna Crowe Deeply worrying stuff. And yet there are still people who refuse to acknowledge it is happening.
September 6, 2011 at 1:48pm · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Yes, especially people affiliated with corporations that would see their profits decrease... I think that's a lot of what the world is up against. The people and governments really need to reassert control on behalf of the general welfare.
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Frederick Glaysher

Similarly, Sowell emphasizes it was black tribal leaders who practiced slavery "before, during, and after the white man arrived" (120).

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Frederick Glaysher

Ai Weiwei > "Beijing is a nightmare. A constant nightmare.... The worst thing about Beijing is that you can never trust the judicial system."

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/newsweek/2011/08/28/ai-weiwei-on-beijing-s-nightmare-city.html>



The City: Beijing

www.thedailybeast.com

Ai Weiwei finds China's capital is a prison where people go mad.

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Mish Angeles I didn't really know how bad things are until I saw Up the Yangtze. My siblings have been there but not me. It's horrible for the poorest.
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Steve Fay There is much of interest in Chinese history and culture, but I don't think its government can be trusted ... except to be ruthless in its own preservation. Certainly not to foster good relations with its neighbors or with ethnic groups in the regions they control. They have no consistency when it comes to product safety, not only for exported goods, but for products used by their own people. I would not be surprised to learn that they are currently fostering widespread, if lowkey, cyberwar against large parts of the rest of the globe.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake Read Vedanta. Nothing is unconnected with every other thing. This whole creation is one and that we see different things are

 (reading Schopenhauer will help). The immoral philosophies of life here in free worlds that encourage consumerism, mad buying sprees, are just another side of this oppressive arrangement to ensure cheap high scale production. Live a morally decent life, there will be no Beijing in the world. Otherwise you will need Beijings to fulfill your needs.

September 5, 2011 at 2:04am · [Unlike](#) · 3



Frederick Glaysher @Mish Angeles, Yes, especially to most Westerners, there's just unbelievable poverty and misery in China.

September 5, 2011 at 6:53am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher @Steve Fay, I couldn't agree more. "Ruthless" is certainly the right word. Despite all the propaganda of market capitalism, the Chinese government remains a totalitarian power beyond what much of the rest of the world can even conceive. When I was on Beijing University's campus in 1994, I wandered onto a traditionally designed Chinese building that had pavilion-like doors open to the lane. Inside were about twenty young students all sitting at highly sophisticated computer panels. As I stood agape, one came out to talk with me but was clearly uneasy that I was there and wanted me to move on. I've often wondered about that incident as so much has come out about Chinese cyber-crime and espionage.

I also saw incredibly foul water ways, bubbling and roiling with sewage and toxicity, flowing through Guangzhou, a major metropolis, adjacent to large apartment complexes. I often try to avoid Chinese products because of safety fears. I certainly don't trust our government to protect us. US corporations have so self-servingly gutted the regulatory system... I thought way back then and still do that things aren't going to end well for China. The treatment of Ai Weiwei and other voices of justice continues to demonstrate how wretched of a tyranny the government really is.

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Frederick Glaysher Vidyadhar Steinbake, I can agree that all is Maya, at some level, philosophically, spiritually, yet we are here on earth for a time, and it is human to grieve for the injustices within our own countries and in other lands. I fully agree the USA is blatantly at fault for playing a role in the creating and propping up of the Chinese tyranny that has evolved since Deng Xiaoping. I and many Americans are opposed to it. I for one believe it is and will come back to haunt us, as the saying goes, and I have tried to speak out against it; and you're right, it's an immoral system, which has played a part in the economic collapse in the US and elsewhere:

Bitter Winds. Harry Wu.

<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/2011/06/24/bitter-winds-harry-wu/>

Human Rights in China. Fang Lizhi.

<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/2011/06/23/human-rights-in-china-fang-lizhi/>

While in principle I agree the individual living a "morally decent life" would and could change much of the trauma of human existence, it is part of modern experience that the old visions are no longer as persuasive as they once were, West or East, and finding our way back to the universals of the great teachings has long proved problematic for all peoples.

I believe the great visionaries, like Tagore in his Crisis of Civilization, perceived and suggest the way forward is a universal stage of culture, and our common fate resides somewhere in that direction, which we're all now seeking together.

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Harry Wu.

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Returning in 1994 from China as a Fulbright Scholar, I could not shake China off...

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Vidyadhar Steinbake I fully agree sir. My post was not exactly to convey the content to you but to display it in public domain so that when we form opinion we keep ourselves aware of exactly what you have written in response. Sincerest thanks.

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Frederick Glaysher

Provocative article... recalls Daniel Bell in The Cultural Contradictions of Capitalism, undermining its own required moral virtues, global now...



A Point of View: The revolution of capitalism
www.bbc.co.uk

Karl Marx may have been wrong about communism but he was right about much of capitalism, John Gray writes.

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Frederick Glaysher Capitalism's failure isn't merely economic. It's the failure of modernity, spiritual. The descent into nihilism has stripped humanity of humane, fellow feeling, a sense of human unity and oneness. That feeling has always been revered histor...

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Bahai Economic and Social Principles, especially as applied to solving the disparities of wealth among people.

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Frederick Glaysher

Sowell's discussion throws interesting light on the conditions to which European and African slaves found themselves subjected. Many millions of Europeans and Africans were enslaved over the centuries in Islamic countries, facts that ought to be studied much more after 9/11.

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Frederick Glaysher

Cervantes in Don Quixote has an incredible account of his five-year enslavement by Muslims after the battle of Lepanto in 1571.

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Ratul Pal In which chapter, sir? I have been reading it...but so far finished only first 20 chapters..

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Frederick Glaysher In the Captive's Story, a partially biographic tale, Part I, XXXIX, ff. "The Moorish maiden" later, too, Part II...

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Ratul Pal Thank you for informing,sir...I shall read those parts with extra care

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Frederick Glaysher Ratul, Let me know what you think. It would interesting to hear.

September 4, 2011 at 8:03pm · Like

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Frederick Glaysher

Of particular interest is Sowell's discussion of slavery under Islamic societies, in North Africa and elsewhere, which enslaved far more people than were ever brought to the Western hemisphere.

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"Provocative article... recalls..." on Giles Goodland's link.

Narrowing the history of slavery from the long record reaching back over three thousands years, in Europe, Africa, China, India, every region of the world, it was nevertheless only the Western world that developed moral compunctions against slavery and launched a "bitter worldwide struggle, which lasted more than a century, to destroy the elaborate systems and institutions for the ownership and sale of human beings" (114).

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Kenneth Carroll I don't get the "Western World" part of it, other than to say perhaps, SOME in the Western World, and by implications of the Western World, sounds like it leaves out those not from the west who were enslaved and fought to end their own slavery? Nat Turner was certainly not apart of the Western World that enslaved him, yet his struggle helped to end slavery in the United States.

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Koyamparambath Satchidanandan The most ingenious systems of slavery were also developed by the same Western world. And the ways of emancipation were developed also by leaders from other parts of the world from Gandhi to Martin Luther King.

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Frederick Glaysher It's obvious it was "some." That's why there was such a fierce struggle, over more than a century. Thomas Sowell's point remains, though I recognize it's important to loath the Western world to be politically correct. It's only the Western world that engaged in such a battle from William Wilberforce, others. Even Olaudah Equiano could not have had any influence had he not been in the Western world... It was the Western British ships that destroyed the slave traders.

Martin Luther King was a much later than the period Sowell is talking about. Jim Crow was the nemesis King destroyed, not slavery. I would argue Gandhi took down an empire, not slavery per se, in the sense of what existed for Africans. Muslims for centuries prior to "Western" slavery had a highly developed, ingenious, and cruel system of their own, one that is too often left out of discussion, according to Sowell. Castrating generations of black "servants" isn't exactly humanitarian.

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Brandi Johnson Walker The evils of slavery is part of every culture, however it is very irresponsible to pat the western world on the back for being "first" considering how resent these views are in the scope of human history

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Judging by the number of persons of color in U.S. prisons, we have not actually abolished slavery. It has simply transmuted to state slavery. We talk a big freedom game, but a larger proportion of our population is in prison than any other nation. Involuntary servitude lives.

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Frederick Glaysher @Brandi Johnson Walker, Yes, every culture, including all the idealized and romanticized ones, African, India with its dalits and other subalterns, Japan with the Ainu, and so forth. The Western world is not alone in its subjugation and exploitation of other human beings.

I believe Thomas Sowell argues that its "irresponsible" of the radical elites, both black and white, in the US, in universities and otherwise, to distort the actual history of slavery into a risible morality tale that uniformly casts "white" people in the role of oppressors and so forth.

Historically speaking, the destruction of slavery is indeed "recent." The enslavement of human beings stretches far back into the dim reaches of time all over the world, but one wouldn't know it if one only read and believed the moral radical elements in US institutions and affirmative action circles. That's Sowell's point in "The Real History of Slavery."

Liberal black and white elites are more interested in milking the affirmative action cow than helping the young people trapped in the ignorance of our culture, cities, and prisons. Shelby Steele fills in the details...

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Kenneth Carroll Aren't you romanticizing the West in some sense Frederick? I don't believe in demonizing any people or culture, but I

think the goal is to look at them critically and unblinkingly. To say that the British Ships destroyed the slave traders is to ignore the hundred or so years of British slave trading in Africa (before the United States). I think Sowell's (and by extension you) effort to attack "liberal elites" has made your reasoning fuzzy and myopic. Every college course on World Slavery, Comparative Slavery, US History, has pointed out the string of Western documents and schools of thought that have challenged the institution of slavery. It's selective outrage (manufactured?) to suggest there's no history of white British abolitionists or white American abolitionists.

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Frederick Glaysher Kenneth, Are you and people of "liberal" perspective undervaluing the West? Failing to recognize what is exemplary and unique about the West? The West alone did not produce slavery; but alone it destroyed slavery. No other region on earth produced the concerted efforts of generations for its abolishment. Those are the historical facts.

Slavery existed in Africa long before the British showed up. The role of Africans in the enslavement of Africans has been whitewashed by radical elites more interested in obtaining offices and emoluments than historical fact. Neither Sowell nor I suggest the role of the abolitionists has been suppressed, but distorted and downplayed, at times, during the last three or four decades of playing the race card and pumping up "white guilt."

That's why Sowell wrote, "...Clearly, the ability to score ideological points against American society or Western civilization, or to induce guilt and thereby extract benefits from the white population today, are greatly enhanced by making enslavement appear to be a peculiarly American, or a peculiarly white, crime." That's where the USA is today as a culture, and it exacerbates the polarization of the races, preventing truly improving the education and lives of our people.

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Erland Anderson What we call the "western tradition" comes from a intuitive longing from all peoples of the earth for an Idea called Justice. Socrates may have focused in on it rationally but many religious traditions announce it as their value. That rational focus, beginning with the slave-holding Greeks, did proceed toward something called the Enlightenment and human rights' movements everywhere. It is now World History in an age of the internet.

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Frederick Glaysher I couldn't agree more... and hence the "Western" tradition isn't exclusive Western but human, become modern... beyond itself, global. I would argue that is the new world we have all voyaged into... dragging a lame foot behind us.

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Erland Anderson I like the metaphor of the "lame foot," but can't decide exactly what that is. Is it our history, or ignorance of history, or the unwillingness to accept dialectical dialogue from different perspectives. As a student of English Romanticism, I tend to find Derrida and postmodernism a kind of Negation that ends dialogue by undervaluing the uniqueness of each authorial voice, but am encourage by Gadamerian dialogue which makes rational arguments without neglecting the need to develop sensibility as well as critical thought. "Without contraries is no progress" Wm Blake, but you

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Erland Anderson also need to develop a sensibility and feels "truths on your pulses." Keats.....I always stumble at the extremes. William Stafford is my mentor when it comes to conscientious objection and preaching Gandhi's Seven Modern Sins, but my pulses tell me I am not always a purely rational being and that I would defend those dear to me from anyone who would demean, exploit, or otherwise harm them. In principle the END NEVER JUSTIFIES THE MEANS, but I bend that rule myself every day.


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Erland Anderson Oh yes, Gandhi (in South Africa as well as India) and Martin Luther King in "the Jim Crow South" were working in the frame wok of English common and statutory laws (but drawing on all the traditons above to draw attention to injustices in a non-violent way). [Revenge seekers, potential Terrorists, and even Freedom Fighters take note!] The question becomes can an "Arab Spring" or "Tianamen" square events make the same headway under different legal tradition? I certainly hope so.

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Frederick Glaysher The beauty of metaphor is resonance. I hesitate to

 from it. You're on to my meaning! Ah, intention! A post-structural sin...
...why, what are we without our antinomies? ...slogging forward, sort of.
...toward our better conceptions of what a human being ought to be.

I traveled all over China in the early dawn of its revival and have known many Muslims. I fear there are many convulsions yet to come for and from those quarters, bound to spill over... at least humanity made it largely past the grosser forms of slavery. Now we have the form our golden plutocracy has imposed... global. "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

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Kenneth Carroll Frederick, my point was that I have two eyes, the ability to see the good and bad in a single thing. The enlightenment of the west came not simply as ideas from visionary men and women of privilege but also from those oppressed by members of this same enlightened class. The struggle of the enslaved were as important to John Brown and Abraham Lincoln as were their ideas of free human beings. You are positing "the west" as an almost holy entity with a small failing, "dragging the lame foot" where I see the west as two halves struggling against its better angels.

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Frederick Glaysher I don't believe you've read me correctly. Nor Sowell. "Holy entity" is a caricature. I didn't say that nor implied it. Speak plainly. Do you recognize that black kings and tribes eagerly played a part in the slave trade or not? It was all the "white" Westerners? Plenty of Black Africans were filled with hatred and "racist" feelings against other peoples, happy for the opportunity to hunt them down and ship them off elsewhere. Further, Sowell and other honest voices point out that lots of Blacks harbor racism today, in the USA, not only Africa, flawed to the quick, like all human beings. Or do you romanticize the Black man? Solely the victim of the horrible "white" race?

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Erland Anderson Good dialogue.

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Frederick Glaysher Thanks for participating...

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Mark Weiss Astonishing to me that no one has mentioned Haiti, where a distinctly non-Western, black slave population began the disintegration of slavery in the Western world. And that nobody's mentioned the industrial revolution. A leading cause of the end of slavery in the west is that slave economies became less important to the home governments as labor-intensive agriculture became less economically dominant and slavery became more costly than wage-slavery. Here's an example. Cuba's sugar and tobacco economy was dependent on slave labor. Slaves had to be fed all year round although they were needed in large numbers only at planting and harvest. That worked ok as long as sugar prices held. Not surprisingly, black slaves and freedmen formed a disproportionately high percentage of independence fighters in Cuba's interminable wars of independence. A lull between wars coincided with a sugar glut on the world markets, and the plantation owners were going belly-up. One way to economize was to free the slaves. The hope was also that this would take some of the wind out of the independence movement. So slavery was abolished in 1886.

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Frederick Glaysher "Atonishing"? Thanks for sharing your special interest. I do recall reading that analysis somewhere applying to the South. Sowell wrote, "every region of the world" and is really talking more about the abolitionists. It seems Cuba was late to abolish slavery?

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Mark Weiss Next to last in the western hemisphere. Brazil did so in 1888.

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Mark Weiss Every case was of course different in detail. Agricultural slavery in the US south probably would have vanished if the cotton gin hadn't made large-scale cotton production feasible. One commonality: slavery was a part of an economic system, in the simplest terms: the considerable investment that a slave represented had to be paid back in a relatively short time or it made no business sense. Were slaves integral to production in the rest of the world, or were they a luxury for the wealthy? I don't know, but I think likely the latter. Egyptian cotton production, which took off during the US civil war, was I think the product of relatively free labor, feudalism as opposed to slavery. But I could be wrong about that

this.

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Frederick Glaysher Such a long span of struggle from Haiti and Toussaint Louverture to Brazil...

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Frederick Glaysher ...basically more than a century as Sowell observed.

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It's time to read "Beloved" again methinks. And some critical race theory and . . .

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Frederick Glaysher "Critical race Theory"? I suggest you read Thomas Sowell and Shelby Steele...

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Frederick Glaysher

All of this feeds directly into the radical politics of affirmative action racial preferences. It skews our understanding of the real historical evils of slavery and substitutes emotional Hollywood distortions for the complexity of human experience.

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Frederick Glaysher

Sowell perceives why the contemporary discussion of slavery is usually so distorted: "Why would anyone wish to arbitrarily understate an evil that plagued mankind for thousands of years, unless it was not this evil itself that was the real concern, but rather the present-day uses of that historic evil?" (111).

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Frederick Glaysher "...Clearly, the ability to score ideological points against American society or Western civilization, or to induce guilt and thereby extract benefits from the white population today, are greatly enhanced by making enslavement appear to be a peculiarly American, or a peculiarly white, crime." Sowell

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Frederick Glaysher This is the crux of Thomas Sowell's argument in the chapter "The Real History of Slavery." It is, too, I think, much of the point of Shelby Steele's brilliant book, White Guilt 2006.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake Will it sound rude if I request all, if their time permit, to read 'In an Antique Land' by Amitav Ghosh? My views on this issue owes much to this book. It may provide an interesting new dimension to the topic. Anyway, America cannot be accused of anything particularly excessive. Everything was in existence from before. But Europe.....

I prefer we discussed that after having a look at the said book.

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Frederick Glaysher Thanks, Vidyadhar, for the recommendation. I'll keep Ghosh's book in mind. I'm drowning in projects at the moment. I hope to get to it sometime. First, I have to keep my nose to the grindstone on a long poem I'm working on; and I owe someone an essay on Tagore. I've been dipping again in his Religion of Man.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake Wow, what a coincidence! Just yesterday I had to participate in a seminar, organized by a local club, on "Tagore and Formal Education". Till yesterday I was reading that book and taking notes from it.

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Frederick Glaysher It and The Unity of Man are incredible books. Tagore's Crisis in Civilization is very important to me too. To my mind, he was one of the great visionaries, Emerson, Tolstoy, and Tagore... quite a trio for the world, would it but realize it. Given the whole history of his family from Brahmō Samāj on, I have often thought of his whole journey, Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, near where I lived for years, his visit to Japan and China. We human beings need a new vision on this wobbling planet. I believe there's much worth salvaging in the best of the old ones.



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Frederick Glaysher Oops, I was thinking of *Creative Unity*...
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In this context, I believe the most interesting essays in the book are "The Real History of Slavery" and "Black Education: Achievements, Myths and Tragedies." Rejecting the Kunte Kinte view of slavery found in Alex Haley's Roots, Sowell emphasizes that slavery was a worldwide phenomenon practiced by virtually all peoples and nations, not at all exclusively by white Western nations.

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Maria Damon but it took a particularly sick and sadistic turn in the New World.

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Frederick Glaysher To my mind, slavery was and is "sick and sadistic" everywhere, in every time. Thomas Sowell's point in his chapter "The Real History of Slavery" is that liberals, both Black and white, in the USA have distorted the actual nature of slavery for their own political agendas, and have thereby deprived people of a clear understanding of what the nature of slavery actually was, replacing it partially with a fantasy, what he derisively calls the "Kunte Kinte" distortions after Alex Haley's romanticizing and downplaying the actual role of Blacks and Africans in the systemic system of the enslavement of other Africans.

The self-understanding of American culture and world history is still largely corrupted by such fantasies about the nature of slavery, despite intelligent and perceptive critics like Thomas Sowell and Shelby Steele.

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Carole Ann Borges The African Slave trade was heinous and is the one that affected our country most. It was on a grand scale and not comparable to the few slaves, mostly POWs, that the Native Americans had and from what I have read, Native People incorporated their slaves into their families, often marrying them, which elevated them to equal status.

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Frederick Glaysher I consider the "trail of tears" experience and such similar incidents just as heinous as the African slavery trade. Each at times had plenty of people who were Black or Indian who participated in the oppression of their own peoples. It is true many Indian tribes would absorb captured whites into the tribe, so, yes, there are many obvious differences. Sowell is writing about slavery, though, so the Indian experience is actually a tangent.

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Steve Fay Frederick, taking into account that wider view, a nation still has responsibility to address its own involvement in slavery, since it might not have that much influence on the rest. If all nations do that, or even several, the world slave market and its mindset, falls apart.

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Frederick Glaysher Thomas Sowell identifies himself as a black man. In his whole point in his book Black Rednecks and White Liberals is that the liberal diches that dominate thinking about race in the United States today are based on distortions, falsehoods, and half truths that prevent people from actually engaging with the complexity of the racial history of slavery.

People are quick to jump to white guilt when many blacks were just as guilty about participating in and benefiting from slavery. Sweeping those facts under the rug is more about political agendas of both black and white elites today than the history of what actually took place long ago. See my next post with Sowell's quotation.

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Steve Fay Of course their were complicit Blacks during slavery. The Pharoah employed some Hebrew overseers, too. Slavery is a perversion and perverts the social order.

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, I couldn't agree more. Unfortunately, often, the prevailing perception and understanding of the experience of slavery, as it has developed since the 1960s, has enslaved the hearts

and minds of Americans of all races to a false and distorted view of humanity. That is the message and testimony of many of Thomas Sowell's brilliant and brave articles and books. The failure to engage with him and other insightful scholars and thinkers on race has thoroughly vitiated the supposedly liberal elites in dominant cultural and university circles, and has thereby corrupted much of the civilization, eroding further the possibilities and potential of the black underclass trapped in our inner cities and false frames of mind concocted by people like Alex Haley.

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Maria Damon Read David Brion Davis on slavery in the Western world. While many cultures have practiced slavery (often, as has been pointed out, by using prisoners of war as slaves, etc.), slavery in the Americas of black subjects by whites embodied an extreme of brutality and sadism.

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Frederick Glaysher That's not Thomas Sowell's point nor does such a truth about the appalling brutality and dehumanization of US slavery gainsay in any way whatsoever the appalling brutality and dehumanization of African slave traders who chose through their own free will to capture and profit from their unconscionable abuse of usually neighboring tribal peoples. Sowell's point is that when black and white people and elites distort the facts it is more about present day agendas than the truth of historical facts. Blacks were and can be just as racist as white people. Many blacks were back "then." Many can be and are today. Our fantasy versions of race today obscures those salutary and necessary facts of reality, corrupting the entire civilization.

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Thomas Sowell's book *Black Rednecks and White Liberals* suggests further lines for reconsideration and change.

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Friends, This transformation is just as true of books and publishing, literary and otherwise, another component of global upheaval.

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Far from a bubble, we're watching a new generation of tech start-ups realize the Web's original potential, says Marc Andreessen.

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Frederick Glaysher Read this and then look again at or skim what I've been trying to convey:

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Frederick Glaysher MIRANDA. O, wonder!

How many goodly creatures are there here!
How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world
That has such people in't!

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"It was the Judeo-Christian heritage that gave the West its restless pursuit of a tomorrow that would be better than today."

The backward impulse won't work, as demonstrated for decades. The problem is global, universal, in all traditions, and requires a universal perspective and answer...

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Reversing the Decay Behind London Undone

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Britain's chief rabbi, Jonathan Sacks, on the West's abandonment of self-restraint, and how to find our way back.

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Frederick Glaysher Notice that the author's perspective largely ignores the corruption among the wealthy upper classes of the UK, discussed in this article:

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<http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/peteroborne/100100708/the-moral-decay-of-our-society-is-as-bad-at-the-top-as-the-bottom/>



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Frederick Glaysher Living outside a debilitated Detroit, in the corrupt and decadent suburbs, I am compelled by honesty to observe that all of this is just as true of the USA... no place on earth has escaped the whirlwind of modernity.

A literal-minded return to the "Judeo-Christian heritage" can not answer the universal dilemmas of our time.

August 31, 2011 at 8:36am · Like



Sanjoy Das Thanks for this very good link. May I post some part of it on my wall to collect opinion from my friends. Probably we can review these thoughts in our Indian contexts!

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Frederick Glaysher Sure, just click the Share button, whenever...

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By an overwhelming fifty-eight percent, they voted to change direction, try something different from the orthodoxy of the liberal elites.

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Having long studied and thought about these matters, I ... believe there is a way forward to a healthy stage of culture.

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What Killed American Lit.

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Joseph Epstein reviews The Cambridge History of the American Novel edited by Leonard Cassuto, Clare Virginia Eby and Benjamin Reiss.

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Frederick Glaysher Ah, ha, ah... alas, you got it!

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Frederick Glaysher Mmm, but Epstein is right too that the Updikes and Roths are just as stale and hackneyed...

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Frederick Glaysher

The people had had over forty years of it, experienced it in lived life, and would have no more of it.

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Steve Fay Are we talking of the recently withdrawn Hamburglar character?

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Frederick Glaysher No, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, passed in 2006, and ever since evaded by my alma mater, the University of Michigan, and other misguided institutions.

August 30, 2011 at 2:52pm · [Like](#)



Steve Fay Gee, my second guess was going to be Ghadfi....

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Swaran Singh Strange how some words can ring true across cultures!

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Frederick Glaysher I suppose we human beings usually want to move forward, despite getting caught here and there in eddies, backwaters.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake God knows when shall we get rid of a dynasty far more than forty years old. No sign of that. Seems not until a demographic reverse tilt occurs. But that will be not be a day of redemption.

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The education, government, business, and media elites of Michigan all banded together to hammer into the population the same old tiresome racial orthodoxy, to no avail.

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Frederick Glaysher

Black Rednecks and White Liberals. Thomas Sowell. Encounter Books, 2005.

The approval by voters of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative in 2006 corroborates Thomas Sowell's observation in his Preface to the book, referring to "a growing willingness to consider views that differ from the racial orthodoxy that has prevailed largely unchallenged from the 1960s onward in intellectual circles and in the popular media."

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Frederick Glaysher

"what [Philadelphia] Mayor Nutter said undermines a whole vision of the world that has brought fame, fortune and power to race hustlers in politics, the media and academia."

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Philly mayor tells the truth about race

www.detnews.com

Thomas Sowell, "Someone at long last has had the courage to tell the plain, honest truth about race.... This needs to be done for the sake of both black and white Americans — and even for the sake of the hoodlums."

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Vidyadhar Steinbake There is a method actually (of the hustlers) and its use is now almost universal. Identify the group that takes part in production but to control their power of bargaining pressurize them with another group that has no particular plan for i...

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Frederick Glaysher Unfortunately, it sounds like it works the same way in India as here. Thomas Sowell wrote a book many years ago about affirmative action which included similar causes in India. So it's "almost universal," as you say, and the media too enabl...

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The Globe » Race in America

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White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era. Shelby Steele . HarperCollins, 2006.

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Frederick Glaysher

"I believe that African countries need to do more to ensure that agriculture is put at the top of the national agendas," said Kanayo Nwanze...N agency. "Africa's development must be made in Africa, by Africans, for Africans... Change cannot be imposed from outside, it must be cultivated from within."

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2011/aug/24/african-union-pledge-aid-famine>



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Frederick Glaysher Here's Warren Buffet's NYTimes Opinion piece, for anyone who missed it,

Stop Coddling the Super Rich
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/15/opinion/stop-coddling-the-super-rich.html>



Stop Coddling the Super-Rich

www.nytimes.com

We mega-rich should not continue to get extraordinary tax breaks while most Americans struggle to make ends meet.

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Frederick Glaysher Oops... memory failed. That's 70% in the early 1970s. My earlier post drawing from reading Robert Reich's After Shock:

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Robert Reich connects the dots on the economy, in less than 2 minutes and 15 seconds. Who knew he could draw!?!

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Blaming a moral decline for the riots makes good headlines but bad policy
Talk of a general malaise is misguided. The country's problems stem from too many dysfunctional households

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Blaming a moral decline for the riots makes good headlines but bad policy

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Tony Blair: Talk of a general malaise is misguided. The country's problems stem from too many dysfunctional households

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Frederick Glaysher Like the USA & the rest of modern civilization, whether East or West, still without a clue...

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Roberta Burnett Dysfunctional and parents not raising their kids with discipline and goals. Of course many thousands do. Too.

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Vidyadhar Steinbake A Japanese character in Kazuo Ishiguro's 'Artist of a Floating World', laments regarding the second world war many decades after it ended, saying, "unfortunately we were too ordinary to face the situation th"at arose at that time". We too are too ordinary to implement our too complicated international schemes with any healthy outcome. Stupid values started emanating from successful countries, like the USA, and we thought we could afford experimenting with them. Indeed detritus of the past!

August 21, 2011 at 6:18am · Like · 2



Frederick Glaysher @Vidyadhar Steinbake, I would have to say the "stupid values" of modernity began with the excesses of the European Enlightenment, responding rightly to the excesses of the then current aristocracies and religious orders, with some of the solutions and compromises atrophying into what much of the world seems stuck with today.

Surmounting all that, East and West, remains the great challenge, humanity somewhere out the other side... The dilemma is that it's long been clear to thinking people around the globe that there's no going backwards anywhere on earth, thank God... just tightening the screws as in England and Europe won't work.

August 21, 2011 at 2:10pm · Like · 3



Antony Christie Which Blair's government, like Thatcher's before him, helped create with the conviction that communities don't matter and people have to move where the work is, leaving families behind. In areas where Thatcher's antiUnion crusade destroyed whole industries, particularly in the old coalfields, and no incentives were given to employers to tap the skills of those thrown out of work, there are still communities with nearly 100% unemployment and the consequent demoralization that goes with this. Look at Norway, and successive governments that have supported industrial development where the skilled workers are, for a moral approach. The trouble with Blair was that above all else he wanted his place in history and thought meddling in the middle east with Bush (who also thought god was on his side) was the way to get this. If he ends up in the International Court in The Hague to accopunt for all the civilian deaths he helped cause he will get the place he deserves.

August 21, 2011 at 3:20pm · Like · 2



Barry Tebb THE PHILISTINE ZEITGEIST HAS HARDLY HELPED. THINGS WERE FAR, FAR BETTER BEFORE THATCHER-AT 70 I OUGHT TO NOW!

August 21, 2011 at 3:29pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher In the USA and elsewhere, liberals, just as much as conservatives, are corrupted by the dirty money of corporate oligarchs and the decline into the materialism of unbridled capitalism. The factionalism of partisan politics has and is destroying civilized order. I argue the world needs a much deeper reassessment of what it means to be a human being on this planet and how we might find a way forward into the future...

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RECENT ACTIVITY

"Thanks for the review and..." on [Abdullah Khan's link](#).**Frederick Glaysher**

UK riots: Our wounded nation will not be healed by vengeful gestures
A peaceful protest outside one London police station evolved into successive wild nights of looting, violence and lawlessness across the country.
Where does England go from here?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/aug/14/henry-porter-will-hutton-uk-riots-responsibility>



UK riots: Our wounded nation will not be healed by vengeful gestures
www.guardian.co.uk

Will Hutton: Unfairness and inequality are corroding the social ties that bind us

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**Frederick Glaysher**

How sad to live in a society that won't invest in its young
The riots crystallised the fear and loathing felt by the older and wealthy. For our children's generation, the prospects are bleak

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2011/aug/19/sad-society-young-riots>

How sad to live in a society that won't invest in its young

www.guardian.co.uk

Toynbee: The riots crystallised the fear and loathing felt by the older and healthy. For our children's generation, the prospects are bleak

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Frederick Glaysher

"The Supreme Court, in order to continue the operation of nuclear plants, can disregard the facts they don't like or, in some cases, rewrite the facts," Mr. Kaido said.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/20/world/asia/20kaido.html>



Longtime Nuclear Plant Opponents Are Heard in Japan
www.nytimes.com

A Japanese couple has battled to alert people about the dangers of nuclear power, and are seeing major results only after this year's tsunami.

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Roberta Burnett and Peng-chuan Chen like this.

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Frederick Glaysher

"Corruption is a source of growing public anger and frustration in India, and threatens to drag down the coalition government led by the National Congress Party. "

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/19/world/asia/19india.html>



Indian Anticorruption Leader Anna Hazare to Leave Jail
www.nytimes.com

The protest leader Anna Hazare announced that he would leave a city jail on Friday and begin a mass demonstration and hunger strike in New Delhi.

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Swaran Singh and Sanjoy Das like this.



Larry C Heinemann The same can be said with a straight face in this neck of the woods, too.

August 18, 2011 at 10:56am · Unlike · 2



Steve Fay Has Carl Rove been working over there too?

August 18, 2011 at 11:00am · Like · 1



Swaran Singh This is the biggest national issue in India these days. The anger of the people, especially the usually apathetic middle classes, seems to have boiled over, though some cynical observers still insist that these classes are too selfish and undemocratic to sustain this for long.

We are living in 'interesting times'!
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Sanjoy Das Some people (including some leading news papers) are skeptical about the success of such movement and finds this type of movements as dangerous. But the majority of middle class Indian is of a view that they have waiting 64 long years having put their faith on the democratically selected organisms. That was a long treatment which looks like failed. Then why not try some other treatment. Here the corruption is in the exorcists who are supposed to thwart the ghost of corruption. Result is that the corruption is becoming more elegant day by day. Like in Imperial British period no British persons in India could be trialed by an Indian judge; the judge must have to be a British origin. Similar now the corrupt leaders are trialed by the other corrupt leaders only (almost).


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



Frederick Glaysher I've always heard and read about the corruption in India. Of course the USA has plenty of it but it's legalized through lobbyists "contributing" campaign funds and employing Congressional members and so forth after their terms expire. For instance, 76% of the US population wanted a public health plan but not a single elected politician voted for it.

Hope things get better somehow in India and here...



 August 18, 2011 at 1:06pm · Like · 3
Sanjoy Das It seems that politics has become just another profession world ever; am I wrong in saying so? The concept of benevolent despot or people's leader or otherwise is a far cry from the present politicians. Is there at all any politician in the world who would truly dedicate their lives for the welfare of people. If no; then do we not need a major shift in paradigm in our expectations from leaders? Is it not the time that we accept the fact that civilization is made by the average people only; and 'The Leader' is becoming an old school of thought? Even in corporates it is being realized day by day how unnecessary the leaders are and how the employees are more and more their own guides and philosophers. In a truly enlightened and democratic society do we really need leaders. I am saying all this because the real problem with corruption is hidden in this larger than life status attributed to and differential treatment given to the leaders; than what is attributed to and endowed to a common man.
 August 18, 2011 at 2:06pm · Unlike · 1


Frederick Glaysher To my mind, the global problem is really that individuals seek their own good, not that of others, even when the good is that of a corporation, especially in the USA where corporate law requires board of trustees to maximize "profit" for the shareholders. That leaves the Golden Rule of all ethical and religious traditions not only neglected but far from any effort of thinking of the general welfare. The problem is the failed vision of modern life... only materialistic, based on greed, not a spiritual understanding of humanity.
 August 18, 2011 at 2:30pm · Like · 3


Sourav Adhikary May I observe, sir, that precisely for this reason we need leaders more, spiritual or philosophical guides or political leaders who will integrate these values together?
 August 20, 2011 at 11:03am · Like


Frederick Glaysher How do we get such leaders? Are "we" the people spiritual? More than they are? I argue in my books we are all trying to live on the detritus of the past, little of which fits our modern global condition...
 August 20, 2011 at 6:46pm · Like · 1


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Frederick Glaysher "Mr. Cameron, and his Liberal Democrat coalition partners, should know better. They risk long-term damage to Britain's already fraying social compact."


<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/18/opinion/wrong-answers-in-britain.html>


Wrong Answers in Britain
www.nytimes.com
 David Cameron's simplistic moralizing about the riots in Britain will only further divide the country.

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Frederick Glaysher It would be nice to hear the New York Times say the same thing about the USA more often: "burdens need to be more fairly shared between rich and poor — not as a reward to anyone, but because it is right."
 August 18, 2011 at 10:50am · Like · 2


Jamie Reid The governments of the United States and Britain, despite their democratic trappings, are not in any way governments of the majority, by the majority, for the majority. They are governments of the rich minority and, for the rich minority.
 August 18, 2011 at 11:11am · Unlike · 2


Frederick Glaysher I agree. They've become plutocracies, basically corporate plutocracies. Many voices have pointed this out for decades, G. William Domhoff, in Who Rules America, Chris Hedges, Death of the Liberal Class, etc. It's reached a new blatant level, though, I would say. We really need to return to a serious progressive tax, prior to the Reagan era, at least...
 August 18, 2011 at 12:57pm · Like · 1


Frederick Glaysher Robert Reich's After Shock is another recent book that comes to mind for statistics and so on...
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Frederick Glaysher

Finally, an article on ebooks that really gets it! Ebooks are about what's good for readers... and, I would add, what's good for writers...

<http://www.popmatters.com/pm/post/146079-rise-of-e-books-will-benefit-one-group-readers/>



Rise of E-books Will Benefit One Group: Readers
www.popmatters.com

Rather than the first steps of a funeral cortege, the death of Borders is really just the first little dip on a wildly careening roller coaster ride for the people who write, publish, buy and sell books. It's going to shake us up, down and sideways, industry figures say, and some people may get thro...

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Richard Ali, Peng-chuan Chen and Alan Fels like this.



Charles Blackstone I didn't know PopMatters still existed.
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Frederick Glaysher I never knew it had, until this article...
August 15, 2011 at 2:45pm · Like

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Frederick Glaysher

Shocking to read in the New York Times. Could it be sanity beginning to return? ...seems unlikely. Surely Congress will ignore him. Lobbyists will make sure of that...

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/15/opinion/stop-coddling-the-super-rich.html>



Stop Coddling the Super-Rich
www.nytimes.com

We mega-rich should not continue to get extraordinary tax breaks while most Americans struggle to make ends meet.

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Frederick Glaysher

Tottenham MP David Lammy gives an emotional reaction to last night's riots.
<http://youtu.be/AoI4QacdYw>

See also his Speech during the General Debate on Public Order
http://www.davidlammy.co.uk/Speech_during_the_General_Debate_on_Public_Order



Tottenham MP David Lammy reacts to riots
www.youtube.com

Tottenham MP David Lammy gives an emotional reaction to last night's riots in UK

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Peng-chuan Chen likes this.

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Frederick Glaysher

"Many funerals for the missing were held as residents sought emotional closure before obon in mid-August, when families welcome back the spirits of the dead."

<http://www.nytimes.com/reuters/2011/08/12/world/asia/international-us-japan->

disaster-obon.html



Candles Flicker, Mourners Drum for Dead in Japan Tsunami Town

www.nytimes.com

Children in a tsunami-devastated town in northeast Japan lit 10,000 candles and banged taiko drums Friday on the eve of "obon," a Buddhist ceremony to honor the dead, as residents struggle to rebuild lives five months after the disaster.

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"Yes, I agree it's incumbent on..." on [Lester Holloway's link](#).

"I watched it. Found it quite..." on [Lester Holloway's link](#).

"The response seems merely..." on [Lester Holloway's link](#).



Frederick Glaysher

"Although worrying numbers do live in poverty, inequality causes damage to society as a whole, not just those in poverty: inequality pulls the strata of society so far from each other that society begins to break apart."

<http://www.leftfootforward.org/2011/08/the-fragmented-society-how-irresponsibility-and-inequality-feed-off-each-other/>



The fragmented society: How irresponsibility and inequality feed off each other | Left Foot Forward
www.leftfootforward.org

It is a false choice to between blaming the riots on inequality or moral irresponsibility - in a fragmented society, the two fuel each other

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Frederick Glaysher via Peter Daniels

"Something has gone horribly wrong in Britain."

"The culture of greed and impunity we are witnessing on our TV screens stretches right up into corporate boardrooms and the Cabinet. It embraces the police and large parts of our media. It is not just its damaged youth, but Britain itself that needs a moral reformation."



The moral decay of our society is as bad at the top as the bottom – Telegraph Blogs
blogs.telegraph.co.uk

[caption id="attachment_100100706" align="alignnone" width="460" caption="Tottenham ablaze: the riots began early on Sunday (Photo: AP)"]
David Cameron, Ed Miliband and the entire British political class came together yesterday to denounce the rioters.

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Frederick Glaysher Just as true of the USA... the corporate greed knows no bounds over here and has become basically a plutocracy...
August 12, 2011 at 8:31am · Like · 2



Wendy Thornton Thanks for posting this - I used it to illustrate my poem which sort of veered off into crazy. Got a little mad at the difference between Somali children dying and Brit kids rioting.
http://floridawendy.typepad.com/my_weblog/



Wendy Thornton
floridawendy.typepad.com
Welcome to the confluence of creativity.

August 12, 2011 at 1:45pm · Like · Remove Preview



Frederick Glaysher I don't support the rioting either. However, as Darcus Howe stated in a BBC interview, it may be true that leaders "are

not listening to young blacks and young whites." The police blowing off the head of Mark Duggan appears to have been the last straw for a lot of people tired of a class system that treats them with disdain, relegating them to a marginal existence. With the allegation that police were "stopping and searching young blacks for no reason at all," it's quite possible that what the leaders and much of the public in the UK are really doing is failing to listen to the very long grievances and injustices that having been boiling below the surface for decades, apparently back to Brixton in 1981. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjgILxGK0o>

Instead of continuing in denial and circling the wagons against the "hooligans," and there are some of those, real leaders and concerned citizens should start seeking out and addressing the serious issues of the culture. I invite you to read Peter Osborne in the Daily Telegraph, a step in the right direction, in my opinion: "The moral decay of our society is as bad at the top as the bottom": <http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/peterosborne/100100708/the-moral-decay-of-our-society-is-as-bad-at-the-top-as-the-bottom/>



London Riots. (The BBC will never replay this. Send it out)
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Darcus Howe, a West Indian Writer and Broadcaster with a voice about the riots. ...
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Wendy Thornton I did read the article and found it very interesting. I just hated to see the contrast between nine year olds burning buildings and nine years olds waiting to die from starvation in Somalia - side-by-side in the news yesterday.

August 13, 2011 at 10:14am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher I can definitely understand how that's incongruous, to say the least. I don't condone the opportunists and irresponsible. But I'm not sure it's a fair comparison to Somalia.

My family is from Surrey, and I well know there are serious class and race issues in the UK, as there are in the USA, though very different. I have a long interest and involvement in race issues here and visited England in 2009, both London and several areas down to the village level.

I can't but think it would be in the best interests of the government to realize it's time for the whole culture to reassess and chart a new course together in a better direction. I don't see much of that reflected yet in the UK media.

August 13, 2011 at 10:24am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher As afterthought, I have several book reviews on my blog regarding Race in America, if interested:
<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/category/race-in-america/>



The Globe » Race in America
fglaysher.com

White Guilt: How Blacks and Whites Together Destroyed the Promise of the Civil Rights Era. Shelby Steele . HarperCollins, 2006.

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Frederick Glaysher

Ai Weiwei: "It is designed as a kind of mental torture, and it works well"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/13/world/asia/13artist.html>



Conditions of Chinese Artist Ai Weiwei's Detention Emerge
www.nytimes.com

Ai Weiwei, a prominent Chinese artist and dissident, said on Friday that he had been kept in a tiny room throughout his nearly three-month detention last spring and watched 24 hours a day.

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"Just as true of the USA... the..." on [Church Action on Poverty's link](#).

"Something has gone horribly..." on [Peter Daniels's link](#).

Frederick likes [Church Action on Poverty](#).



Frederick Glaysher via **Jim Keller**

Watch this video! For what's really happening in the UK! Sounds like class warfare in London... and racism.



London Riots. (The BBC will never replay this. Send it out)

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Darcus Howe, a West Indian Writer and Broadcaster with a voice about the riots. Speaking about the mistreatment of youths by police leading to an up-roar and...

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Frederick Glaysher

"If you don't speak for Wang Lihong, nor for Ran Yunfei, not only you're the sort that doesn't speak up for fairness and justice, you have no love for yourself"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/10/world/asia/10artist.html>



Ai Weiwei, Dissident Artist, Tweets Criticism of China

www.nytimes.com

Ai Weiwei in Twitter postings Tuesday described the treatment of business colleagues who had been detained with him and expressed support for two other incarcerated dissidents.

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Frederick Glaysher Friends of my Friends, Please pass this link on!

Help make it viral! ...for Ai Weiwei.

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Frederick Glaysher ...and the people of China.

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Frederick Glaysher

"Because the effects don't emerge immediately, they can claim later on that cigarettes or coffee caused the cancer,"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/09/world/asia/09japan.html>



Anger in Japan Over Withheld Radiation Forecasts

www.nytimes.com

Residents of a town in the nuclear disaster zone expressed fury that unpublished radiation forecasts could have prevented them from harm.

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Frederick Glaysher

The structural problem is much deeper than merely politicians. There are reasons they're not delivering...

<http://community.nytimes.com/comments/thecaucus.blogs.nytimes.com/>

2011/08/07/voters-want-a-change-politicians-cant-deliver/?
permid=134#comment134



134 - Voters Want a Change Politicians Can't Deliver - Readers' Comments - NYTimes.com

community.nytimes.com

Here is the bad news for President Obama and incumbents in both parties: it can get worse — and stay that way for a long time.

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Sourav Adhikary likes this.



Jamie Reid The crisis is an objective crisis, and there is no solution to it, because the politicians cannot think or act beyond the religious principle of serving capitalist profit first.

August 8, 2011 at 3:14pm · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher "religious" - I'd say it's an ideology, capitalism and materialism run amok, to the detriment of the entire civilization, sacrificed to the greed of the ultra-rich...

August 8, 2011 at 4:08pm · Like



Vidyadhar Steinbake My doubt is in the concept of 'entire civilization'. Naipaul once floated this question -- can there be a universal civilization? If not, then time is not running in uniform speed everywhere in this world. A corner is facing a crisis may be because it is an inevitable phase in its civilization. May be other civilizations could find a way out but became militarily weak and lost their sovereignty and history now pushes it to a time backward in some scale (think of Afghanistan, Bamiyan, Taliban). Anyway, if we can think freely we should ponder deep into this concept called democracy, it needs serious review.

August 9, 2011 at 5:03am · Like · 1



Frederick Glaysher I can agree with that too. There are definitely many "times" around the world and in every country, even the supposedly affluent West, the USA, wherever, pockets of pronounced poverty and misery, out of sight, though relative, more than often realized. I would say "democracy" is not a panacea, Mount Meru come down to earth, but, alas, an endless continuum of good and ill in the human heart, inevitably taking everything back to that center.

The "structural problem" has become clearer in the USA during the last thirty years, as corporations have transmogrified into oligarchies and plutocracy... unfortunately, not unknown elsewhere...

August 9, 2011 at 8:38am · Like · 2

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Frederick Glaysher commented on latimesblogs.latimes.com.

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"...and the people of China." on [Chiew-Siah Tei's link](#).

Frederick posted a link to [Mali Martha Lightfoot's Wall](#). · See Friendship



Frederick Glaysher

Hibakusha Nightmare

Hibakusha Nightmare O image I cannot forget, scar-fried corpse in the midst of flight,

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Helen Losse powerful image

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Hisham M Nazer Vivid. Your portrayal has made them visible before my eyes. Thanks for the tag.

August 7, 2011 at 11:43am · Like



Nishat Haider In "Poetics," Aristotle rightly mentioned that poetry is finer and more philosophical than history; for poetry expresses the universal, and history only the particular. The pictures, images and texts on the "explosion-affected people" of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki continue to haunt, enrage and incite us... thus, establishing through the 'visual' and 'creative' frame a proximity that keeps us ethically responsive to the human cost of war and natural/man-made calamities in places that may be thousands of miles away geographically and/culturally. Frederick, your poem constructed "out of the remnants found in ruins" (as you quoted in your book "Into the Ruins") provides insight into the complex and fragile character of the social bond, precariousness of life and leads us to consider "what conditions might make violence less possible, lives more equally grievable, and , hence more livable."

August 7, 2011 at 12:33pm · Unlike · 2



Kabir Khan Thanks for the tag but the poem is carrying brutal truth. I think the poems are made for that

August 7, 2011 at 1:48pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher Thank you, friends, for the good words.

@Nishat Haider, I've always savored that passage by Aristotle too. I've read a lot of history, of various nations and cultures, and respect that art, too, which is what it is, when done right, yet hope that poetry can convey the human element and feeling in a uniquely clarifying way. It seems to me, now with the tragedy of Fukushima, the world has entered a new dreadful stage of danger, threatening all of us. It seems we human beings so need to change our thinking and behavior at very deep levels, if we're to survive. So, thinking of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, again, I wanted to share this poem with all of you as a gesture or appeal for our vulnerable, common humanity.

In June, I wrote a short note on Aristotle's Poetics, if interested:
<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/2011/06/02/aristotle%E2%80%99s-poetics-and-epic-poetry/>

[The Globe » Blog Archive » Aristotle's Poetics and Epic Poetry](#)

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As of May 27, 2011, I've revised each book of The Parliament of Poets through Bo...

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Tarun Tapas Mukherjee Really we can never forget the image...we should not and should learn to live better.

August 8, 2011 at 1:31am · Unlike · 1



Koyamparambath Satchidanandan Nightmarish and true like all nightmares..

August 8, 2011 at 5:19am · Unlike · 1



Nishat Haider Frederick, it is always an intellectual feast to read your blog notes. I will definitely read your note on Aristotle's Poetics. Looking forward to your (yet to be completed) book, "The Parliament of Poets."

August 8, 2011 at 5:25am · Unlike · 1



Frederick Glaysher Nishat, I finished the second full draft on the 1st of this month, so I feel I'm past the halfway point, having now a fairly readable manuscript. With your encouragement, I'll be sure not to slack off. Three more drafts before the end of this year!

August 8, 2011 at 6:49am · Like · 1



Nishat Haider Writing, as Twain says in "Advice to Youth" (1882), requires a lot of patience, diligence and painstaking attention to detail. Wish you luck and success!

August 8, 2011 at 6:55am · Unlike · 2



Jennifer Reeser Good luck!

August 9, 2011 at 9:42am · Unlike · 1



Yuri Kageyama Never again shall we see this in this world. Thank you for the poem. So pertinent as Japan faces a new kind of nuclear nightmare.

August 10, 2011 at 5:55am · Like



Frederick Glaysher Yuri, I hope you're right... with all my heart and soul, but fear fallible human beings still remain in control, with fallible software, of more than enough thermonuclear weapons to destroy much of the planet, while even less balanced regimes have and seek the means of destruction. And the power planets themselves are scattered all over the world, which is much more geologically active than perhaps we previously realized before the Tohoku and Aceh earthquakes and tsunamis. Can human beings control such forces? Has it not been hubris to think that we could?

The scope of Japan's new nuclear nightmare is truly shocking and appalling as more information comes out and about what was suppressed early on. I really feel for people in Japan. You've lost an enormous and productive piece of the island of Honshu to what is essentially virulent poisons that will persist for generations, if not centuries, causing sickness and death, with various levels of radiation spread even south of Tokyo and elsewhere. Prof. Tatsuhiko Kodama's recent testimony (transcript in English) about the situation suggests how serious it is. "This means that the disaster of Fukushima Nuclear Power Plant this time is like Chernobyl, and has emitted radioactivity multiple of tens greater than an atomic bomb. We have to assume that we have much more radioactivity than the contamination by the atomic bombs." <https://www.facebook.com/notes/%E7%A6%8F%E5%B3%B6%E3%81%AE%E3%81%93%E3%81%A9%E3%82%82%E3%81%9F%E3%81%A1%E3%82%92%E5%AE%88%E3%82%8D%E3%81%86/a-testimony-by-prof-tatsuhiko-kodama-transcript-in-english-version-10/264082103606328>

A terrible tragedy... one clearly with no easy answer, that's going to continue for a very long time to come, for Japan, and the world, really, for the radiation has spread far beyond Honshu too.

A Testimony by Prof. Tatsuhiko Kodama (transcript in English) version 1.0

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Yuri Kageyama Yes, a big job for reporters like me. The irresponsibility of some experts to declare things safe is mind-boggling as obviously no one can be sure.

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"...Hidankyo, the group representing the 10,000 or so still-living survivors of the bombings, appealed for the first time for Japan to eliminate civilian nuclear power."

"The bureaucracy, industry and the media were able to shut our eyes to the danger of nuclear power..." "We let them fool us, even in this country that was the victim of the atomic bomb"

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/08/07/world/asia/07hiroshima.html>



In Japan, A-Bomb Survivors Join Opposition to Nuclear Power

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In Japan, the dwindling numbers of A-bomb survivors, most now in their late 70s or older, are stepping forward to oppose nuclear power.

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Masahide Morita A Testimony by Prof. Tatsuhiko Kodama at the Committee of the House of Representatives on Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, July 27, 2011 <http://www.facebook.com/notes/福島のこどもたちを守ろう/a-testimony-by-prof-tatsuhiko-kodama-transcript-in-english-version-10/264082103606328>

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Frederick Glaysher @Masahide Morita, Thank you very much for sharing this, an incredibly shocking testimony. So sad to read it. What a mess and ongoing tragedy for Japan... I hope so much that somehow the suggestions he makes can be implemented... and people helped.

@Yuri Kageyama, I thought I'd bring Prof. Tatsuhiko Kodama's testimony to your attention, in case you haven't heard about it and are interested.

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Masahide Morita Now introduced in the morning NHK TV program is " how to clean your house and your surrounding areas possibly contaminated by radioactivity ON YOUR OWN". Also, Prof. Kodama reports that it took twenty years for the professionals to come to agree the causal link between the Chernobyl accident in 1979 and the thyroid gland cancer of the inhabitants in its surrounding areas. If you are interested in his views written in Japanese, please refer to 児玉龍彦 / Tatsuhiko KODAMA

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Masahide Morita Hello @Frederic Glaysher, if you turn to the most recent Economist magazine with the cover depicting Obama and Mrekel side by side, each wearing their own kimonos, you will find unfortunately a new definition of "TURNING JAPANESE". <http://www.economist.com/node/21524874>



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Frederick Glaysher As the professor at Todai asked, where's the Diet, and by implication the rest of the government? I had several students in Japan who were part of the prefectural government, so I can sense very much what's part of the problem.

Really terrible news for Japan... much of the world, really. Radiation was detected in various parts of the USA, but it seems under-reported, and brushed aside, since the victims elsewhere aren't immediately identifiable, I suppose... won't turn up for decades, if the connection is ever made.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2011/OPINION/07/21/nash.borders.books/index.html>



The lesson of Borders: Bookstores need to guide us
www.cnn.com

We are without doubt in the middle of the greatest explosion in creativity we humans have ever witnessed – more music, more images, more news, more words. It's part of what killed Borders, the giant bookstore chain that just announced its liquidation. And it's why the thousands of people who are ab

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Frederick Glaysher That may be part of the problem... the old venues have declined, while new possibilities are half-formed?

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Vidyadhar Steinbake In India most of the bookstores sustain themselves by selling text-books and books for professional help like computer manuals, books on computer language etc. People working at bookstores are not very handsomely paid. Thus mostly it is a kind of mechanical help in locating books or procuring books through specific orders that you can expect there. Places where one can develop a passion and get useful guidance through a right association are obviously what many prospective buyers need to be drawn into the community of book lovers. But the business of bookselling is still considered a low investment venture in India. How will a new batch of investors come up and invest in an area which definitely has lots of promise is a matter of conjecture but of true importance.

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Thomas Kerrigan In the desperate times of today, anyone with an idea is pushed to make it into a book. Books are not what they used to be, nor are bookstores.

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Frederick Glaysher @Vidyadhar Steinbake, All you say is true too of the USA. The form and nature of knowledge and books and the business of conveying them to readers is drastically under revision, worldwide. See some of my thoughts on this at The Mission of Earthrise Press

http://fglaysher.com/mission_of%20earthrise_press.html

Publishing in the Post-Gutenberg Age
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@Thomas Kerrigan, Quite true, in both regards. The last forty years have witnessed a complete transformation in book publishing. Jason Epstein discussed it well in "Book Business," the gist at <http://www.ondemandbooks.com/docs/Brooklyn%20Library%20Speech.pdf>

As you well realize, all the talking-head books have so often replaced real literature; but that in itself have become wan in its own various ways. I believe it's much to do with a change in the vision of life; the 21st Century is pressing onward, far ahead of the 20th Century and all its nationalistic stage of thinking. Many, if not most, still linger and cling, though, to all of that, so there's much anguish and gnashing of teeth, as usual, for human beings... The transformation is already well advanced, with many Luddities and retrograde elements being plowed under...

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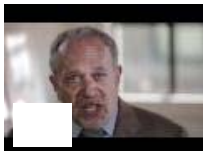
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As Robert Reich discusses in his book Aftershock: The Next Economy and America's Future (2010), the problem the USA and local communities face is that the basic social agreement of democracy has been eroded.



Detroit Free Press Editorial: Parks, pools and public libraries could become unaffordable luxuries w
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Everyone should applaud the Friends of the Romulus Library, whose fund-raising efforts reopened the local public library after it closed on May 1 due to a millage defeat.

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Tolstoy and the Last Station of Modernity

After seeing several months ago the movie "The Last Station," by the director Michael Hoffman, based on Leo Tolstoy's final year of life and his death at the train

station of Astapovo in 1910, I found my thoughts often turning to him. I've had a
 interest in Tolstoy and his w
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Leo Tolstoy. Hadji Murad.

Tolstoy allows the tragedy of Hadji Murad to resonate with the accents of art and vision, challenging the reader to understand. It seems to me, though, that few have understood. For instance, Harold Bloom's discussion of Hadji Murad overemphasizes the tragedy while neglecting the source: [The Globe](#).
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 40% discounts means Borders is relinquishing all of what publishers extend to it.

<http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2011/07/21/borders-to-begin-liquidating-on-friday>

Borders to Begin Liquidating on Friday

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The Borders Group prepared to enter its final chapter — liquidation -- after a federal bankruptcy judge approved its plan to wind down its remaining stores.

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Of True Religion. John Milton.

"Of True Religion" presents a portrait of John Milton significantly at variance with the Puritan caricature of him that is often promoted by scholars in the university. All too often Milton is torn out of his historical time and not seen to be in fact the liberal that he was, de

source: [The Globe](#).

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Jim Pangborn likes this.



Jim Pangborn yes—he was a genuine friend of freedom, especially of speech/press.

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, Milton truly respected freedom of conscience and speech, and not despite his Puritan background, but because of it, I would say. It continually deepened his appreciation for the individual's opinion in the face of the tyrannical state or an organized religion on the scale of "popery." I know it's difficult for people to consider the Puritans as producing anything positive, but I think in at least that regard, overall, Puritanism was very positive, helping to move away from the oppressive aspects of the Catholic past, in England and elsewhere.

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Frederick Glaysher Indeed, all of the dissenters...

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Howard Denson Decades ago, I reluctantly took a graduate course in Milton and came away flabbergasted at the man's range and talent. His essay "Of Education" could apply to our current situation. Besides English, he wrote excellent poetry in Latin and Italian.

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Frederick Glaysher "Of Education" too has that great passage on epic poetry, "that sublime art...."

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Howard Denson JM comes across as a prig in "Wife to Milton" by Robert Graves. One critic said it was because Graves was a royalist.

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Frederick Glaysher I've never read the book but can well imagine Robert Graves would characterize Milton in that way. That's the usual approach since the Romantics, as I discuss in the essay on my blog. Under Cromwell, Milton signed the death warrant for the king... which is why he was imprisoned and lucky to have escape execution himself.

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Howard Denson Apparently he escaped the executioner because of two factors: his fame as a poet and writer and his blindness (considered punishment enough?).

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Frederick Glaysher Actually, Milton had not yet written his epics and was mostly unknown as a poet. He escaped execution more because of his connections within the government. One lord in particular saved his skin, though the name alludes me at the moment. I've never read that blindness was a basis for mercy. I highly doubt that. The English weren't squeamish about drawing and quartering people back then or whatever else.

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Howard Denson Ah, I stand corrected re readings of 40 years ago.

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John Milton. Harold Bloom.

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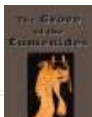
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<http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2011/07/18/borders-calls-off-auction-plans-to-liquidate/>



Calling Off Auction, Borders Plans to Liquidate

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Silent Cry. Kenzaburo Oe.

Let me discuss "The Silent Cry" and Kenzaburo Oe's work in general by first sketching in a broader view of Kenzaburo Oe's literary interests.

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Woman in the Dunes. Kobo Abe.

Physically, materially, like the West, Japan exists; in terms of social or psychological time, the "vacuum," quintessentially the same as in the West, has swallowed everything: "The town I knew was gone." What lies beyond the curve, if anything, remains to be seen.

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Vendor of Sweets. R. K. Narayan.

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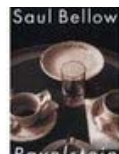
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Saul Bellow. Ravelstein. Allan Bloom.

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Papyrus, cuneiform, rice paper, vellum...

Papyrus, cuneiform clay tablets, rice paper, palm leaves, tree bark, vellum, deer skin, decorative gilt leather, chiseled marble, copper plates, silk scrolls for fastidious delectation, and so on. Electrons, ebooks, will find their role and level. source: [The Globe](#).
link: [Full Article...](#)

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Charles Elliott · 67 mutual friends

And after electrons, with all knowledge simply vanished with the entire electrical culture, we scratch our names in the sand on the seashore once again...

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Frederick Glaysher I'm familiar with the fear but don't share it. I argue

Another culture is just as possible as any revered in the past, deeply human, and shared with all realms of human experience...
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To My Opposite Number in Texas.

People around our small planet need to value pluralism and universality more, not less.
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Frederick Glaysher



White Guilt. Shelby Steele.

The approval by voters of the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative merely marks another step along the path of a much deeper cultural shift on the part of blacks and whites. The old formulas have not worked, are not working, and definitely never will work. In his book White Guilt, Shelby Steele...
source: [The Globe](#).
link: [Full Article...](#)

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Richard Ali I agree entirely with Shelby's argument and go further to apply it to the feminist and gay rights and zionist arguments. It is clear, is it not, that the same sort of social blackmail, package dealing, aided by the same sophistries is at play here.

Shelby's argument would be invalid otherwise.
July 10, 2011 at 10:57am · Like



Frederick Glaysher I can agree that there are some parallels but think each have their unique dynamics. Steele focuses on race in the USA, especially affirmative action.
July 10, 2011 at 1:59pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher Sorry, Richard, the Enter key on FB goofed up my post:

Richard wrote: "On the contrary, the dynamics amongst these cannot be distinguished. Affirmative action should be accepted as being far beyond the restricted public policy guide in American education. Shelby has shown the end of that policy. The end of it parallels, the DSK issue and the crimes of Israel in palestine. All are at the end of affirmative actions to correct historical wrongs. Weisman et al and the feminists all played the same guilt card the blacks have played. All extracted, continue to extract, concessions. The principle really is the same."
July 10, 2011 at 3:38pm · Like



Richard Ali Kk. Waiting to read it.
July 10, 2011 at 3:43pm · Like



Frederick Glaysher Affirmative action law influences much of American society, far beyond education, business, construction, etc. Steele actually is interested in more than education too, emphasizing "institutions," not merely educational ones:

"Preferential affirmative action, the classic 'results'-oriented racial reform, tells minorities quite explicitly that they will not have to compete on the same standards as whites precisely so they can be included in American institutions without in fact achieving the same level of excellence as whites. The true concern of 'results' reform is the moral authority of the institution. Minority development is sacrificed to the magnanimity of the institution" (61).

It seems you're more interested in what you call "Zionism." I don't believe there's a real parallel in that sense. If there is, it's more the Palestinians who are playing the "Zionist" card and unwilling to accept reality, not the Jews, who have been willing to negotiate.

I can accept that this is an emotional issue for you as a Muslim, but you're confusing apples with oranges for your own political purposes. Steele is all about moving beyond the past, beyond the conflicts of

oversimplifying the positions in black and white terms, literally and figuratively.

Palestinians and Muslims could learn a lot from him, as I write in my review, "The institution is more interested in social engineering and proving to the world that it is not implicated in racism. Sacrificial lambs on all sides."

July 10, 2011 at 3:52pm · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Accidentally deleted your post... Sorry, again.

July 10, 2011 at 3:52pm · [Like](#)



Richard Ali You are taking a broad view of black-white affirmative action, 'institutions', but for Palestine you are arguing from within the problem, 'the Palestinians should'. Why is this?

July 10, 2011 at 4:15pm · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Apples aren't oranges... Why are you equating them as the same?

July 10, 2011 at 4:42pm · [Like](#)



Richard Ali Nothing is anything then, no deductive reasoning, no logic, because nothing can be compared to anything. Are you really saying this?

July 10, 2011 at 9:58pm · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Steele's book doesn't address the Palestinians and Israel at all. Note I did not use the word "should" in reference to the former. Did you actually read my brief review? I don't see any evidence of it in your comments. You appear to have taken it only as an opportunity to switch to a different subject. That's my point.

Again, if anyone is, it's the Palestinians who are playing the "race card."

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Richard Ali My first comment admitted Shelby's local concerns and moves us off that to related issues. Surely you did not miss that?

Palestinians played the race issue? When, was that what led to a state in 1948? You seem to cherry pick arguments that agree with what you intend to say. Else, your first line of response, having duly noted the shift to related issues, would not be to assume my affiliations - both assumptions being wrong even.

You would also note that you have been unable to distinguish what strands of the parallels you agree exist that makes Shelby's argument not-importable to Zionism, Feminism and Gay rights. Let us not lose track of these by taking side tracks.

I ask merely to assess your opinions, to test them. In reality, I am not involved in any of these contexts - america, zionism, feminism or gay rights. Discourse, solely, interests me.

July 11, 2011 at 7:53am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher I can only conclude you're not interested in my review of Shelby Steele's White Guilt and his ideas... Litmus tests and "discourse" do not constitute conversation and the exchange of ideas but are more along the lines of "bait and switch." I'm not interested in such games, as I've made clear. Race in America is too serious of a problem.

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Richard Ali Okay then. Enjoy your American problems, when you are done, the rest of the world will be waiting. A cop must be a cop all the time.

July 11, 2011 at 9:05am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali "Bait and switch"? I'm sure you don't care to explain how my questions, which you have not answered, are that?

Thanks for taking up my time and letting me take up yours.

July 11, 2011 at 9:09am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Instead of intimating I'm ignoring the rest of the world, which is disingenuous, I invite you again to read my brief review and Shelby Steele's book on race, instead of frivolously wasting my time. I have another review of a book by him:

A Dream Deferred. Shelby Steele.
<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/2011/06/20/a-dream-deferred-shelby-steele/>

July 11, 2011 at 9:13am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali I read your review, FG, but I sincerely doubt you read and understood my very first comment on this thread. Had you done so, perhaps we won't be here?

BTW, nice review. Makes me want to read the book. And, good luck in your challenge to your alma mater. Divans are always best.
July 11, 2011 at 9:37am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher I understood your comments. I don't believe jumbling feminist, gay, and "zionist" issues all together illuminates the unique characteristics of each. It oversimplifies, to my mind, the distinct complexity of each. And it moves away from the issue at hand, the interminable black / white trauma in the USA, the subject of Steele's brilliant book.
July 11, 2011 at 9:51am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali Good. Then you admit your term "bait and switch" was wrongly used?
July 11, 2011 at 9:57am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher Not at all. You were clearly more interested in switching to "zionist" issues. Glad you got over that. If you decide to read White Guilt, let's then have a real conversation about it, the most important book on race since the end of the civil rights movement.
July 11, 2011 at 10:03am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali Amusing that of all the -isms I mentioned, Zionism is the one you repeatedly pick on? I think you who seem very universalist should be wary of assuming pigeonholing people and labeling causes on them. Read the thread to see it was you who is particular about Zionism, not I. Ah well, ah well.
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Richard Ali Delete "assuming" pls.
July 11, 2011 at 10:59am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali Delete "assuming" pls.
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Richard Ali Delete "assuming" pls.
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Frederick Glaysher We've discussed issues related to Islam in the past, so I don't believe it was at all an assumption in that context, given your views in this discussion. The fact remains that you demonstrate very little interest in discussing Steele but "discouraging" and switching to other issues; seem determined to do so...
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Richard Ali . . .as you seem determined to misunderstand what you understood from your very first response and persist in doing? Hardly.
July 11, 2011 at 11:38am · [Like](#)



Frederick Glaysher If you actually ever want to talk about Steele and related issues, let me know...
July 11, 2011 at 11:47am · [Like](#)



Richard Ali :-D @ "and related issues".
July 11, 2011 at 11:52am · [Like](#)

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Frederick Glaysher



Winning the Race. John McWhorter.

John McWhorter's Winning the Race has a strong sociological approach to the issues of black America, surveying the history of the development of the inner cities and the welfare system, leading to the dependence that later found expression in affirmative action and racial preference source: [The Globe](#).
link: [Full Article...](#)

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Black Rednecks and White Liberals. Thomas Sowell.

Thomas Sowell writes, "Despite the heartening achievements of some black schools, which have repeatedly demonstrated what is possible even with children from low-income backgrounds, the general picture of the education of black students is bleak. Much of what is said—and not said source: [The Globe](#). link: [Full Article...](#)

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Frederick Glaysher

UNvanquished. Boutros Boutros-Ghali.

I've often thought or returned to passages in Boutros Boutros-Ghali's UNvanquished since reading it in the early summer of 1999. source: [The Globe](#). link: [Full Article...](#)

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Frederick Glaysher

Trip to the Moon. Lucian.

Last April I read Lucian of Samosata's A True History or Trip to the Moon, circa 160 AD from a text on Gutenberg and a second one I found on Google. As a Journey, it was interesting to me, especially given its destination. source: [The Globe](#). link: [Full Article...](#)

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Frederick Glaysher

"If parents refuse, I keep at it," 12-year-old Aggarwal said. "I enjoy helping."

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/world/la-fg-india-polio-20110626,0,6734202.story>

India on verge of eradicating polio
www.latimes.com

Scientists, health workers and community outreach officials in India believe they're finally on the cusp of a major milestone, the defeat of polio throughout the country.

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Frederick posted a [link](#) to [Vidyadhar Steinbake's Wall](#). · See Friendship


Frederick Glaysher

Hard to Hear a New Voice




I've read everything on one device or another, including the following books, or large sections of them: Shakespeare's King Lear, Macbeth, Chaucer, Cicero, Milton, numerous writings of Martin Luther, Joel Barlow, Philip Freneau, Thomas Carlyle's Sartor Resartus, and over the year source: [The Globe](#). link: [Full Article...](#)

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Frederick Glaysher

eReading is reading but then...

And then the experience of ereading, I still believe, being tugged in both directions, isn't quite the same. It can even seem better, right with the right book. The qualitative experience of reading an ebook is as deep and engaging as a printed volume.
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"The accusation that he had subverted state power was based in part on a caustic essay posted on his blog in which he detailed the torture of two people who protested the illegal seizure of their Beijing home. That essay broadly criticized the Communist Party's human rights record."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/26/world/asia/26china.htm>



China Releases Dissident Hu Jia From Jail

www.nytimes.com

Mr. Hu, a leading advocate for AIDS patients and the downtrodden, was considered a potential Nobel winner when he was detained in 2007.

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Frederick Glaysher Chinese Premier Visits Shakespeare's Birthplace

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/06/26/world/europe/AP-EU-Britain-China.html>

"Wen...even called Shakespeare 'the greatest writer of all time.'"
 "Wen's one-party government has a more ambivalent attitude toward artists back at home."

To say the least... Now he and the rest of the Politburo need to put two and two together...

June 26, 2011 at 9:42am · [Like](#)






Frederick Glaysher



A Decade of Disaster. Lu Wenfu.

I want to review The Gourmet and Other Stories of Modern China by focusing on one jewel of a story by Lu Wenfu (1928-), who suffered long and hard from the horrors of the communist regime and understands in his fiction, as in the writings of Fang Lizhi, Wei Jingsheng, and Harry W
 source: [The Globe](#).
 link: [Full Article...](#)

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Frederick Glaysher



Bitter Winds. Harry Wu.

Far from China needing business now, and human rights later, China needs, as all countries need, human rights and democracy first and foremost and forever.
 source: [The Globe](#).
 link: [Full Article...](#)

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Ai Weiwei - "who in recent years had become a fearless and freewheeling critic of Communist Party rule, has most certainly been instructed that his freedom depends in part on his ability to censor himself."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/24/world/asia/24china.html>

Chinese Gadfly Emerges From Jail With Uncharacteristic Silence

www.nytimes.com

The artist Ai Weiwei, released after being held without charge for 80 days, thanked reporters for their concern and then did something almost unimaginable — he refused to say anything more.

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Human Rights in China. Fang Lizhi.

Since the Tiananmen Square massacre of 1989, Fang Lizhi has often been regarded as the foremost advocate of human rights in China. As one might well imagine, his championing of democracy and human rights has a long history going back as far as thirty years before Tiananmen Square

source: [The Globe](#).
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"I have a webpage on Hayden with..." on [Gregory Pardlo's photo](#).



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Ai Weiwei - "Chinese legal authorities have released the dissident artist Ai Weiwei after detaining him for nearly three months..."

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/23/world/asia/23artist.html>



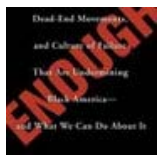
Dissident Chinese Artist Freed on Bail
www.nytimes.com

Ai Weiwei, a prominent Chinese artist and pro-democracy activist, confessed to tax evasion, state media reported.

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Frederick Glaysher



Enough. Juan Williams.

My only misgiving with his book is that he seems studiously to avoid the subject of affirmative action, which I believe is a significant part of the problem, undermining self-determination and providing false excuses for failure or the lack of personal development. Unlike John Mc

source: [The Globe](#).
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Frederick Glaysher



Creating Equal. Ward Connerly.

Ward Connerly rightly deserves to be more widely known not merely as an opponent of race preferences but rather as a matchless defender of free speech and conscience, a cause for which he has also suffered dearly at one university after another throughout our country.

source: [The Globe](#).
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Canadian TV on India... very interesting in terms of Indian diversity and pluralism.

<http://www.tv.org/TVO/WebObjects/TVO.woa?videoid%3F1009915524001>



Ananya Mukherjee-Reed: A Tour of India

www.tv.org

TVO.org provides scheduling and enhanced content information about TVO's quality programming and useful educational resources to the people of Ontario.

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Frederick Glaysher



A Dream Deferred. Shelby Steele.

I hope, indeed struggle to hope, that men like Shelby Steele, Ward Connerly, Thomas Sowell, and others will find the resources to continue to set a new course from the lamentable situation that plagues race relations today, especially in the university, though the struggle against source: [The Globe](#).

link: [Full Article...](#)

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"Authors just don't insult each..." on [Nishi Pulugurtha's link](#).

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"Thanks for the invitation...." on [Book Party Yuri Kageyama's "The New and Selected Yuri" Ishmael Reed Pub. 's Wall](#).



Frederick Glaysher



Quest for Cosmic Justice. Thomas Sowell.

Thomas Sowell may be one of the most despised black men in America-despised by extremist liberals, black and white, because Sowell has devoted his abilities to exposing their destructive ideologies of social redemption as counterproductive to the best interests of all Americans. source: [The Globe](#).

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Frederick Glaysher

"lasting pluralism" in a global world of multiplicity, where religion is the mirror of "individual distinctiveness, not of collective identity."

<http://fglaysher.com/TheGlobe/2011/06/16/church-and-state-sen-mcglinn/>



The Globe » Blog Archive » Church and State. Sen McGlinn.
fglaysher.com

In light of the Haifa Universal House of Justice having declared Sen McGlinn a "kafir," infidel, shortly after the 2005 publication of Church and State, the book resonates with many unintended ironies and contradictions. Written in hope of "recasting," "reformulating," "reinterpreting," "refocusing

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"Both suffered constant harassment, and Soviet officialdom regularly made caustic, personal attacks against Bonner, accusing her of being a foreign agent.... But the attacks only seemed to strengthen their resolve, and neither ever stopped calling for greater personal freedom for Soviet citizens despite the huge personal cost."

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/06/19/us/AP-US-Obit-Bonner.html>



Yelena Bonner, Russian Rights Activist, Dies at 88
www.nytimes.com

A Russian radio station is reporting that Yelena Bonner, a Russian rights activist and widow of Andrei Sakharov, the Nobel Peace Prize winner, has died in Boston.

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Qualitative Difference

Physically, there's a qualitative difference; intellectually, reading is reading is eReading.

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"Declines in the intensity of poliovirus transmission in India and Nigeria are key to interrupting wild poliovirus globally, since viruses originating in these countries have been responsible for all the recent importation-associated outbreaks in previously polio-free countries."

<http://healthpolicyandreform.nejm.org/?p=14698>

The Polio Endgame | Health Policy and Reform

healthpolicyandreform.nejm.org

Bruce Aylward, M.D., and Tadataka Yamada, M.D. Infection with poliovirus can have devastating consequences, including paralysis and death. In 1988, a year

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Google or Books? Dust in the Brain.

Why is there always this insecurity? Why must it always be one or the other? What is it about so many scholars and people of literary sensibility, speaking as a poet, if I may say so of myself, that they cannot see the profound cultural and intellectual value of digital books?

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/18/world/asia/18china.html>



Letter Alleges Beating of Chinese Activist and Wife

www.nytimes.com

Details are emerging about the increasingly brutal detention of one of China's most important legal activists, the blind lawyer Chen Guangcheng.

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The Truth About the Economy

www.youtube.com

Robert Reich connects the dots on the economy, in less than 2 minutes and 15 seconds. Who knew he could draw!?!

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Cervantes, Journey to Parnassus

Author of Don Quixote, Cervantes wrote Journey to Parnassus in 1614, about four years before he died.
source: [The Globe](#).
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James Cervantes Thanks for this!
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Frederick Glaysher You're welcome. If you read it, let me know what you think. Probably still on google.
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James Cervantes It's there. I just downloaded it.
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Why I've decided to blog my reviews

There are times in literary and cultural history when the best thing a writer can do is return to or stay put in one's home, stay in Concord, Copenhagen, The Hague, or Derry, New Hampshire, as good as anywhere else, the gods having planted you there, apparently for a reason, try source: [The Globe](#).
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Gutenberg.org eBooks

The frustration I've had with Gutenberg.org over the years is with the quality of the text. On a scholarly, editorial level, I don't feel comfortable with their policy of sometimes using two or three sources to "produce" the "best" text. That leaves too much latitude, to say the source: [The Globe](#).
link: [Full Article...](#)

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"the threat of a nuclear weapons catastrophe remains alarmingly real. Existing global stockpiles have a destructive capacity equal to 150,000 Hiroshima bombs, and in handling them there is an omnipresent potential for human error, system error, or misjudgment under stress."

http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=251



Our Salvation Requires that We Grasp the Danger of Nuclear Weapons

www.wagingpeace.org

Gareth Evans, a former Australian foreign minister, describes some of the dangers associated with society's quiet complacency about nuclear weapons.

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Satya P. Gautam and Christopher McNeese like this.

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"Plutonium, a component of nuclear waste, has a half-life of 24,000 years, meaning that half of it is transformed into other elements through radioactive decay. This suggests a time-scale. We will not be precipitous if we study the matter for only half of that half-life, 12,000 years."

http://www.wagingpeace.org/articles/db_article.php?article_id=227



From Hiroshima to Fukushima

www.wagingpeace.org

Jonathan Schell looks at the manmade catastrophe unfolding in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami.

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I just signed on to the Santa Barbara Declaration, which calls on the leaders of the nuclear weapon states to end their reliance on nuclear weapons. Before another nuclear weapon is used, nuclear deterrence must be replaced by humane, legal and moral security strategies.

Reject Nuclear Deterrence: An Urgent Call To Action

org2.democracyinaction.org

Join us in demanding that leaders of the nuclear weapon states and their allies reject nuclear deterrence and negotiate without delay a Nuclear Weapons Convention for the phased, verifiable, irreversible and transparent elimination of all nuclear weapons.

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"Kabir is important to me because..." on [Satya P. Gautam's link](#).



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"What is needed now is a new treaty, a Nuclear Weapons Convention, for the "safe, secure and effective" elimination of all nuclear weapons"

<http://www.commondreams.org/view/2011/06/10-1>



How Many Nuclear Weapons Still Threaten Humanity?

www.commondreams.org

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is one of the most authoritative institutes in the world on issues of war and peace. The recently-released 2011 SIPRI Yearbook provides estimates of the number of nuclear weapons in the world. It finds that only four countries have deployed

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"The Democrats fought the recession by the same methods the Republicans used to create it: allowing the super rich to recklessly dominate the economy while giving them massive handouts. "

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The Rich Are Destroying the Economy

www.commondreams.org

Ever since the Great Recession shook the foundations of the U.S. economy, President Obama has been promising recovery. Evidence of this recovery, we were told, was manifested in the massive post-bailout profits corporations made. Soon enough, the President assured us, these corporations would tire o

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**Frederick Glaysher****The Bahai Faith in America. William Garlington.**

In his closing paragraph Garlington urges the Bahai leadership to manifest a higher degree of wisdom, echoing all too much for me the practices of "hikmat" that resulted, in the Western world, often in the most cynical manipulation of the "rank and file." Rather, I would say, wha

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**Frederick Glaysher**

"Al-Qurmezi read the poems critical of Bahrain's king and prime minister after demonstrations inspired by the revolts in Tunisia and Egypt broke out in February."

<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/06/12/world/middleeast/AP-ML-Bahrain.html>

**Bahrain Woman Gets Year in Jail for Critical Poems**

www10.nytimes.com

A 20-year-old woman who recited poems critical of Bahrain's rulers was sentenced Sunday to a year in prison by a special security court set up during the kingdom's crackdown on Shiite protesters calling for greater rights.

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[Alexander Cigale](#) likes this.



Jim Carmin A great regime to be allied with, yes?

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Frederick Glaysher Unfortunately, it's not a perfect world... one in which many people in the West have little understanding for the long historical context of Sunni and Shia mutual hatred and violence. So there's something to be said for realism, as well, sometimes in short supply among the liberal left...

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Alexander Cigale Thank you for speaking out, Frederick.

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Frederick Glaysher I just think people should know about this kind of thing, and Facebook can help spread the word around the globe for people who miss it in the news. There was another sad story about a month ago that I shared on my wall of a different young female poet in Bahrain who was raped and murdered for reading a poem in public. That kind of thing is beyond the pale, to my mind, whether Sunni or Shia, there's no excuse.

As with China, Ai Weiwei and others, what do people have to hope for but international opinion and concern?

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Alexander Cigale We have seen it again and again. It takes a long time but the example of one person can make a difference. To invert Stalin's famous line, "A million deaths is a statistic. One is a tragedy."

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, it's really people of heroic stature like Andrei Sakharov, Solzhenitzen, and Ai Weiwei who draw the line across the blood-soaked sand and say, no more... a lot of average people all over the middle east seem to have reached that point of knowledge. I especially hope China can find a way through its Gulag culture to a new day of human dignity.

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Alexander Cigale I am a realist. Many of the post-colonial states may become failed states so that the US State Department's guiding status quo tenet of stability and gradualism may be a necessity (obviously the real regime change will have have to come in Saud City. Meanwhile, we the citizen's must speak out against repression!

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Frederick Glaysher Yes, a lot of change needed, around the globe. The US could use more stability itself, giving the erosion of just about everything... so I don't think we have any reason to preen about,

either. The old liberal and conservative scale of values seems to me to be completely shot to hell by the collapse of both communism and capitalism. We really need an entirely new scale of values, economic and otherwise, I would argue. There's no life left in the old ones.

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David Horowitz devastatingly chronicles the result of the lack of such a standard on race relations during the last forty years; the result in the university; the result in the media; the result in the legal system; the result in politics; the result in the hearts and minds and s

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Modernity and the Millennium. Juan R. I. Cole.

The Universal House of Justice, in Haifa, Israel, is also in the end responsible for inciting Baha'í fanatics and fundamentalists to attack other Bahais and non-Bahais merely for their views expressed on and off line in free forums of public discussion.

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The Experience of eReading

I've created this blog, eReading, now a Category on The Globe, to reflect on the qualitative nature of reading on digital devices. This is something I've thought about for nearly a decade. I want to record my thoughts and chat with people who might similarly be interested in ser

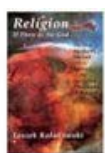
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Leszek Kolakowski and the Children of Abraham

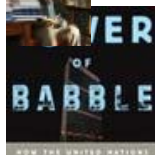
We now live in a time of transition, the interregnum, between the decaying of old cities and the renewing and re-adorning of the ancient one. And while many observers are refusing to take any religion seriously, while many are choosing to "call upon Make-Believe" to shore up thei

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Tower of Babble. Dore Gold.

Reinvigorating the UN, as he says, may indeed be a long way off but it is the task that lies at hand. The Allies must summon the will to do it or create another international coalition worthy of their ideals. The sooner, the better.

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A Decadent Literary Period

That is what all the great poets and writers did. Rabelais and Cervantes, Melville and Robert Frost, many others, into their heart and soul, not some contemptible university or creative writing program and the subsidies that keep their seemingly hegemonic dominance afloat.

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Aristotle's Poetics and Epic Poetry

It was as a young poet, holed up in some rental room or house, choosing to live in poverty in order to have the time to study and reflect, in Detroit or in the country, that I first read Aristotle's Poetics, some thirty-five years ago. I reread it many times, or parts of it, goin

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However, I agree fully with him in this regard: "It is time to recognize that it has utterly failed to achieve its founders' goals to halt aggression and assure world order" (238). Reinvigorating the UN, as he says, may indeed be a long way off but it is the task that lies at hand.

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In any event, there is plenty of blame to go around. Mr. Gold never recognizes that Western powers must bear their part of the load.

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Without such strenuous efforts at developing the UN into something other than an instrument or tool of national policies, the UN shouldn't entirely be blamed alone for its miserable results.

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The UN has failed to live up to the ideals of its Founding Fathers, and subsequent leaders, in the West and East, have failed to work diligently enough to develop the UN into a sufficiently humane and democratic system of international cooperation and governance.

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While many observers might argue with the details of Gold's critique, alleging perhaps that he hates the United Nations, distorts the facts, and so forth, I must say his animus runs deeper.

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Given Gold's background as an Israeli diplomat, much of his focus and concern is on the anti-Semitism of the Arab and Third World block during the last few decades and its continual usurpation and undermining of the human rights machinery of the United Nations.

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Patrick Playter Hartigan · Friends with Geoffrey G. O'Brien

I read "God" for "Gold." Thanks!

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Frederick Glaysher Dore Gold, author of Tower of Babble: How the United Nations has Fueled Global Chaos.

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Created in the aftermath of World War II, "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war," the United Nations, the Allies against the fascist powers, has been infiltrated and hamstrung by despotic, racist, authoritarian regimes to the point of not being a mere irrelevancy but an active irritant and cause of international disorder.

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Doesn't seem to have been a particularly useful tool of our global empire, either. The trouble is that it is an assemblage of nations in an age in which the daily life of everyone is truly international and corporations have arrogated too much power to themselves. No new world war so far, though! Though America runs roughshod over the world in ways German and Japan only dreamed in 1941...

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Frederick Glaysher I would argue that the US has been in nearly permanent war since WWII. The industrial complex, as it had already developed by the time of President Eisenhower, requires constant war and destruction to stock and replenish its coffers with di...

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Dore Gold tells the story of the corruption and failure of the dream of world organization and peace.

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"This is really a phenomenon of the educated and the wealthy that we are seeing in India," said Mr. Jha, director of the Center for Global Health Research at the University of Toronto.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/05/25/world/asia/25india.html>



Abortions Aimed at Girls Rise in India, Study Says
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A new study finds that among affluent, educated families, sex-selective abortions of girls have spread nationwide during the past two decades.

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"American voters want the U.S. to take a lead role in addressing the world's toughest challenges, and they know that leadership starts with a purposeful, strong presence at the United Nations."

<http://www.betterworldcampaign.org/news-room/press-releases/poll-shows-overwhelming-voter.html>

**Poll Shows Overwhelming Voter Support for the United Nations**

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The Better World Campaign (BWC) works to foster a strong, effective relationship between the United States and the United Nations (UN) through outreach, communications, and advocacy.

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New Polling Data Shows Strong American Support for the UN

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I've just received a first look at the newest polling data from the Better World Campaign and UN Foundation. The survey, conducted by the bi-partisan polling duo Geoff Garin and Bill McInturff, finds American approval ratings for the United Nations are at 60%, while only 28% say they have an un

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The American Scholar – Decline of the English Department

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Having read The American Scholar for probably over thirty years, I could only feel the most seething contempt for the Autumn 2009 article by William M. Chace, "The Decline of the English Department: How it happened and what could be done to reverse it."

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