

Think on these things

READING a very honest article by Jeremy Cronin this past weekend, I realised it needs to receive serious attention and should be thoroughly thought through. I quote: "This project was an implicit pact between established big capital and the new political elite, consummated in highly leveraged black economic empowerment deals for the politically connected in exchange for policies that allowed established monopoly capital to largely evade developmental disciplining by the new democratic state." I have a further question: What is the difference between state capture and the capture of accessible capital? It all boils down to shrewd manipulation to favour "in-groups" with access to capital and political power so that past practices just find a different way to go on without any major turbulence. I am now old enough to realise that "pure hearts, pure souls, pure hands" remains a rather mythical concept. Unemployment, racialised and politicalised inequality and poverty, therefore, still remain at large in our society. Running havoc through the lives of ordinary people.

History tells us that this is not a new, nor a western, or a race reality as such. This is what greed, superficiality and the lack of human empathy have been doing over many centuries. In many very different societies on different continents. In many ways. Those who have and those who don't have. The have nots have been expendable, of relatively little significance, and therefore in disablement to be abandoned or destroyed.

I still find it amazing that we can continue with this shallow way of existence and continue glorifying people who have been running this con-game like monetised gods.

I do not know whether we really

want to become human. We are surely not there yet. Human-like having an ingrained sense of unbiased humaneness. Translating into considerate caring not only for yourself, not only for your family, your race, your home-fire culture, your political association, but for every human in society. More than that, also caring for animals, for the earth with the same sense of a complete involvement to stop the cancerous rot. The greed. The glorification of kitsch ways of existing. The extinction of the planet because we prefer to live like myopic gods.

If we really want to become human. No, kind sir, my lady, we are not yet there, we just kind of look like them. Just like the Neanderthal guys and dolls somehow resembling us. We will have to come clean to the bone. We need to bring in the psychoanalysts showing us our dark side. How we all succumb to selfishness in a thousand and one ways.

We need to open our eyes and to query our "trusted" beliefs because evil flows like water through everything. Through clotted brains and souls too.

There is just one bottom line that politicians, business people and ordinary people have to answer to. That is whether the percentages of suffering of people have come down substantially over a 10-year, a five-year, a one-year period of time? With that, whether also the underbelly of impoverishment, theft, murders, raping, hopelessness, have, scientifically analysed, been significantly reduced.

Please stop the easy bragging about what you as a reigning political party, an international business entity, the upper echelon in society have accomplished. The acid test of humanity lies in our unwavering compassion for the masses of suffering people. Or else we just prefer to remain brand-clothed barbarians.

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