

Verba Volant Scripta Manent?

Question: Rumours have been circulating for some time that you are to be arrested as part of a long-standing anti-terrorist investigation. Your comments?

DM: Rumours abound in what some have termed this 'inquinatious era' we are fated to live in just as, given our human physis, rumours abounded in former eras which lacked such impersonal mass media as, unfortunately, this era does not lack. But if we hypothetically accept that such a rumour may have some basis in reality I will endeavour to answer the question.

As Sophocles wrote over a thousand years ago:

ὡς πεπρωμένης οὐκ ἔστι θνητοῖς συμφορᾶς ἀπαλλαγὴ

Mortals cannot be delivered from the misfortunes of their fate [1]

To me, the question is rather academic given that I am almost at my mortal ending, burdened with various issues of health and with what I believe I have acquired from experiences over half a century. This acquired belief is not only a certain laissez-faire attitude but also a Cosmic Perspective which places current events, the zeitgeist and actions of such temporal governments and institutions as now exist, into a necessary supra-personal vista of centuries and millennia.

What may well and probably will be said, expressed, about me after such an arrest is what will be emoted in particular moments of causal Time be such in a trial or by some individuals via some modern mass medium. But a hundred or more years from now our world will be very different and who then will care about what some many may have said, expressed, at some obscure moments of some causal Time about some mortal, and expressed from whatever motive, political or personal, or because of whatever prejudice or ideological or political belief subsumed them?

According to my experience and learning what remains, what is acausally presenced, remembered, and forms part of our enduring human culture of pathei-mathos is personal love and of how certain Arts express both the personal suffering endured and 'the divine', the numinous, howsoever the divine is denoted or allegorized.

My hope, however misplaced, is that what I have written since 2012, as presenced in my weltanschauung of pathei-mathos and thus in my understanding and appreciation of the numinous, the divine, will remain, if only in part.

Such understanding has led me to conclude that a personal and loyal love between two human beings is, among a multitude of other things, "the most beautiful, the most numinous, the most valuable thing of all." [2]

Furthermore, from personal experience I have arrived at various conclusions, three of which are: (a) that the Gospels of Christianity, especially the Gospel of John, presence the virtues of compassion, humility and forgiveness as expressed in the writings of Julian of Norwich, William Penn, and George Fox; (b) that Islam, when perceived in terms of the Cosmic Perspective, presences the numinous because it is not based on miracles attributed to God but on the life and the deeds of a person who changed the societies of his time through the virtue of humility as often expressed in the Sunnah and maintained through Salah with its personal prostrations of humility to Allah; and (c) that it is our human culture of pathei-mathos which, including the above and far more allegories and artisements, provides us with a Cosmic Perspective in which we mortals are only a very temporary presencing of life on one planet in one Galaxy in a Cosmos of billions of Galaxies.

What, therefore, is there for me to be 'nervous' or concerned about? Is to not judge others without a personal knowing of them to not commit fallacies such as a *dicto secundum quid ad dictum simpliciter* and to allow for personal expiation, perhaps leading one person to presence the numinous in at least one small and quite individual way?

Pietatis fons immense, ἐλέησον
Noxas omnes nostras pelle, ἐλέησον [3]

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Extract from an e-mail to a private correspondent

[1] Antigone, 1337-8. My translation.

[2] Myngath, <https://davidmyatt.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/david-myatt-myngath.pdf>

[3] "Immeasurable origin of piety, have mercy. Banish all our faults, have mercy." Kyrie Orbis Factor.

Although the Greek phrase Κύριε ἐλέησον is considered to be a Christian doxology, deriving from the Old Testament, it is possible that it was a common phrase in Greco-Roman culture, with origins dating back to the classical period, for it

occurs in the Discourses of Epictetus – Book II, vii, 13 – in relation to a discussion about divination, καὶ τὸν θεὸν ἐπικαλούμενοι δεόμεθα αὐτοῦ κύριε ἐλέησον, "and in our invocations to the theos where our bidding is: Master, have mercy."

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