

Howdy Doc Gould here;

My full name with all the alphabet soup is Dr. Joseph Mack Gould MS, DPM but I just go by "Doc" these days for simplicity. I am running for the 23 rd Texas Congressional District in the Republican Primary. A full list of all my formal training is available on this web site if that sort of thing tends to impress you. What you got to know about me is that I was in the wood for 23 years as a carpenter. Since my 18th birthday I've been framing walls, cutting roofs, cutting stairs, pounding nails, making a living like the rest of you out there, with my nail belt on, using my hands. Despite all my training I always revert to my old ways, yea on weekends I still remodel that old house in Alpine.

In my present mode of livelihood I treat patients in five clinics spread out across West Texas. An average week consists of working seventy plus hours and driving nine hundred plus miles. This work ethic and devotion to duty will go with me to Congress.

In order defeat liberal politicians and their destructive policies it is first necessary to expose the fallacious nature of the liberal thought process. This will first be done in the normal common sense arena and then in a deeper philosophical venue. The latter desperately is needed because it has long been assumed in intellectual circles that the conservative mind is

reprobate and the liberal thought represents the most advanced logic currently available to mankind.

There is an undeniable dysfunction present in the American Government the roots of which go back one hundred years or more. Men and women who begin their government service by taking an oath to uphold the constitution immediately commence actions that either ignore or directly oppose the very plain commands of that great document.

In the Constitution the Federal Government is restricted to six major areas of governmental power pertaining to the protection of the nation as a whole, intra-state matters, and it's relationships with foreign powers. All other governmental powers and functions pertaining to internal matters within the states are expressly given in the Constitution to the individual States.

The Interstate Commerce Act of 1887 created the first federal regulatory agency, the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC). The ICC was given the authority to investigate and prosecute Railroad Companies that participated in unfair and illegal rate charges. This legislation was enacted originally to protect small farmers. In the ensuing 123 years this act has been utilized by the Federal Government to usurp the Constitutional

rights of the States and bring every business and human activity under federal control.

Following the banking panic of 1907 Congress passed the Federal Reserve Act of 1913 that established the Federal Reserve System. The Fed functions as the nation's central banking system. The Federal Reserve has four primary functions; 1) Conducting the nations monetary policy, 2) Regulating banking institutions, 3) Maintaining stability of the nation's finances, 4) Operating the nation's payment and deposit system. According to its Board of Governors description, "It is not owned by anyone and is not a private, profit-making institution. Instead it is an independent entity within the government, having both public and private aspects."

These two unconstitutional pieces of legislation have led us to a magnitude of national peril and crisis not seen since the Civil War. These two errant pieces of legislation need to be repealed or extensively modified if this nation has any hope of survival. The unconstitutional socialist systems erected by FRD in the 1930's have led to an out of control Entitlement System that mandates wasteful federal spending that has completely out paced federal tax revenues.

Unwilling to reign in out of control entitlements and unwilling to pass new taxes to pay for all this madness the Federal Government has chosen the

easy route of borrowing and printing money at an ever increasing rate. This kicking of the can down the road for future generations to deal with has finally caught up with the Federal Government in the present realm.

As a supposedly free democratic nation we find ourselves in the odd circumstance of having the dictatorial rulers of the largest prison camp on the planet, China, giving our President sermons on financial responsibility. The Chinese Communist Government has refused to purchase any more of our bad debt. Due to all this irresponsibility the dollar has dropped at least 20% in the last year alone. When the inevitable moment comes that some oil producing nation refuses to accept the dollar as payment for its oil the dollar will fall off a cliff become as worthless as a peso.

Let me construct a simple parable to illustrate some of the reasons why the Federal Government has become such a dysfunctional nightmare. Suppose there was this farmer named Jack Jones who worked hard all his life and managed to acquire 3000 acres of good bottom land and three tractors. Well Jack hit 65 and decided to retire. So he gave each of his three sons 1000 acres and a tractor.

Well the first son Clod didn't much care for hard work and much preferred sitting on the sofa drinking beer and watching old reruns on his 52

in high def TV. Clod would make it up on the tractor by about 10 or 10:30 each morning but had a favorite soap opera he had to watch at 3:30. So at harvest time every year Clod barely made back his seed money.

Jack's second son Bubba wasn't all that afraid of hard work and he did his share. However Bubba just did things the same old dry land way dad did. At harvest Bubba got back a fairly adequate but never a bountiful crop.

Now the third son Art was a real go getter. He went to the big name agricultural university, had his soil tested by experts, selected just the right seed, went to the bank and took out a loan for an irrigation system that covered his whole 1000 acres. Art worked dawn to dusk every day come what may. Well come harvest time Art made a killing. He married his sweetheart, built a big new house, bought a big new tractor, and purchased another 250 acres of good bottom land.

Farmer Jack knew his three sons only too well. So in his wisdom (or in his foolishness) he made a rule that for the first seven years each son got what he earned on his own. However, after the seventh year all the crops would be gathered together and sold as one and the proceeds would be divided evenly between the three sons. Now how long do you suppose under such a regimen would it be before Art started acting just like Clod.

This tale accentuates the host of bad assumptions and miscalculations as to the nature and motivation of humanity (as a whole) by supposedly well meaning leftists. The first bad assumption by Marx in his Material Dialectic was that people would work with the same vigor and perfection for the State as they would for their own private interest. During the height of the Soviet communal farm system the Soviets gave each commune family a small plot of ground to grow their vegetables on. After a while more total farm production was achieved on those small plots of ground than on all of the massive communes put together. Human beings are motivated almost uniquely by self interest. Altruism toward the state and / or any other unrelated entity tends to be limited and of short lived duration.

Three levels of spontaneous work ethic can be seen in these three sons raised under the same roof by the same parents. Clod who (quite adequately) represents the Type C personalities of this world can be described by an old fashioned (and politically incorrect) word, lazy. He detests work as the ultimate evil and will only become engaged in it, under duress, on a temporary basis, and with very imperfect results. We all have experienced one of these ner-do-well personalities somewhere in our extended family or work place. They many times get by by playing the fun

loving popular guy. The bosses hunting buddy who is always ready with a joke but who can't be found when there is work to be done.

Now Bubba represents the standard Type B personality to whom work is an accepted rut necessary to finance his desired life style. This type if properly incentivized can mimic a type A personality in their work attendance and production. However they seldom rise to the level of genius where work perfection is seen as part of the great fulfillment of life. Additionally Type B's can much easier be influenced to slide into the Type C anti-work ethic if they become convinced by unions and / or government bosses that they have a natural right to take a break every ten minutes and that by working too hard they put some other poor soul out of a job.

Art of course represents the Type A personality who sees perfection in his work life as extremely fulfilling. These Type A's are self motivated and rise to the top in any and all circumstances. Further they endure the inevitable setbacks and failures of life and rise back to the top through their boundless energy and determination. Many times they begin life not as the most intelligent or most gifted but succeed by the sheer will of their personal drive. They are always vilified by the left because they destroy by their success the Left's sacred victim-hood view of life. The Left describes these over achievers with the politically correct invective "Work-Aholics".

Another broadly held misconception can be shown to be false by this parable, the static "land" or "gold" view of wealth. According to this myth there is only so much wealth in the world and the evil wealthy have hoarded most of it. Under this fallacious view of life, if the government would step in and redistribute the wealth, then everybody would be rich, everyone would be equal, and everyone would be happy (except of course those mean old rich). The parable illustrates that even if everyone began with the same static opportunities they soon separate according to their work ethic and lifestyle.

This points to another factor as to the success of individuals (and also to the success of states because the wealth of states is simply an aggregate of its individual citizens wealth). The manner in which people spend what wealth they earn has a great deal to do with whether they will prosper or end up in poverty. If they so choose to dissipate their wealth pursuing their selfish pleasures (such as Clod's beer and TV) then their end result most times is poverty. However, if they choose to invest their wealth in substantial things such as, family, real estate, better tools (such as Art) then in most cases the end result is prosperity.

Japan is an island nation without natural resources. Through the industry of its citizens and their reinvestment through a culture of saving

they have become one of the world's most wealthy nations. Compare and contrast that with nations like Zaire and Bolivia that have abundant natural resources yet are poverty stricken.

It can be very easily seen why in the 90 plus years of communist / socialistic experimentation, abject failure has been the consistent result of the Material Dialectic. Yet despite all the demonstrable historical socialist failure the Leftist Cadre that is currently in control of the White House and both houses of Congress continue to press ahead with their radical socialist agenda. They cling to the irrational conviction that they can somehow be the first in history to make the socialist agenda take root and produce prosperity.

They should take as their mascot the Trabant. The Trabant is an automobile designed by committee and built by lazy communist workers in East Germany under the uber repressive communist regime. It took so many man hours to build that its production costs exceeded its market value. The Trabant had a smokey two stroke motor that required a separate mixing of the oil with the gas. They had to put pans under the new Trabants in the showroom as they leaked oil brand new. The Trabant owner usually spent more time under the hood than on the road. When East Germany eventually

collapsed (under the weight of its own gross inefficiency) they simply put pad locks on the Trabant factory doors.

All the while a few hundred miles away in West Germany they were building Mercedes Benzes, BMW's, Porches, cars that the world was beating the doors down to get. The present administration will be seen by history as the Trabant of American administrations.

Under the current leftist thought process the more useless you make yourself the more you are rewarded by the State. Clod would be considered a victim and be available for all sorts of grants, Department of Agricultural assistance, and Social Welfare payments. Art on the other hand would be penalized for his hard work and enterprise by being placed in a higher tax bracket.

Benjamin Franklin spent the better part of the 1760's in London trying to wrest control of Pennsylvania from the Pen family. During that time period the British Government supported the poorest of the poor in London with a program known in the popular vernacular of the day as the "dole". Benjamin Franklin, the scientist, noted that this program destroyed these peoples initiative and thereby trapped them in a lifestyle of poverty. It is interesting that times may change but human nature does not.

Most Americans are compassionate and are not opposed to helping those less fortunate than themselves. Government programs usually begin with the intent of bringing compassion to a certain underprivileged group. However within a short period of time a segment of society that could only be described as undeserving parasites develop a cottage industry around the program and bleed it dry. Only nominal attempts are made to filter out this element because the greater the programs constituency the more clout it develops.

Additionally a bloated bureaucracy to support the program grows and grows. These bureaucracies develop a life of their own with power to make their own rules extraneous to Congress and to enforce these rules with Administrative Law Courts. These bureaucracies develop multiple levels and multiple departments with lots of high salaried executives attending endless meetings and conferences on how to expand and improve the program.

The end result of most mature government programs is that very little of the money gets to the original target group. The original highly touted goal of compassion is replaced with the reality of neglect. When the extent of this neglect finally reaches Congress instead of canceling the program they simply pump more money into it. The long and indisputable history of

bureaucracies, since their invention by the Chinese several thousand years ago, is inefficiency and neglect.

One of the most glaring flaws in the liberal thought process is that they always make the minority argument. Not minority in terms of race or ethnicity but minority in terms of it's percentage of occurrence in the normal happenstance of life. As an example 97 percent of the time abortion is used simply as a bad form of birth control by people too lazy to take advantage of any of a number of other birth control options.

In the current health care debate the fictitious number 50 million uninsured was bandied about without challenge until this lie became defacto truth. The real number of those who truly want health insurance but can't get it is somewhere around 12 million which is about five percent of the populace. Surveys tell us that about 85 percent of Americans are content with their present medical coverage. So for somewhere between five and fifteen percent of the populace we are supposed to destroy the finest large scale health care coverage in the world and subject everyone to the misery and neglect of socialized medicine.

My number one task upon being elected to Congress is to force a balanced budget, with no new taxes, upon this current president. The Federal Government will take in somewhere in the neighborhood of 2.1

Trillion in tax revenues this year and spend a whopping 3.7 Trillion. Simply cutting the deficit with a goal of balancing the budget somewhere down the road is a fool's errand.

If you had a friend who was told by his doctor to quit drinking or die, would this friend's response that he would cut back a little make any sense. We as a nation are addicted to other nation's money and other nation's oil and that is like cigarettes and booze a very bad combination. As painful as an immediate budget balance would be it would be allot less painful than national bankruptcy.

The second most important task would be to cut all the red tape and let the oil companies drill wherever there is a reasonable chance of finding new deposits of oil (and that means both coasts and anywhere in Alaska). Legislation like the Cap and Trade Bill would not reduce pollution by even one percent and would not create one single barrel of new oil. This bill is merely the Global Socialist's attempt to control energy markets as a tax source to fund their wasteful entitlement bureaucracies.

Restoring constitutional rule of law by restoring States Rights and putting congressional oversight of the Fed in place are definite priorities. These goals, however, may require constitutional amendments to fix on a permanent basis and that can be a rather lengthy process.

There are many other worth while conservative causes that require attention but if these two could be accomplished by the next Congress I believe that the USA would stand a fighting chance of getting back on its feet.

The Foundations of Liberal Thought

Conservatives understand only too well how dangerous Communism and its cousin Socialism are to this country. What they fail to take into account is just how profoundly Pessimistic Existentialism has permeated and denigrated our culture. In order to defeat the liberal movement one must first expose its pessimistic existential foundation as the illogical fallacy it truly is.

From the perspective of Greek mythology two sons of Zeus; Dionysus and Apollo give personage respectively to the current liberal versus conservative camps. Dionysus is the god of wine, the inspirer of ritual madness and ecstasy. He is also known as the Liberator, freeing one from one's normal self, by madness, ecstasy, and drunken abandonment to bring an end to care and worry. Apollo is the god of order, light, truth, music, poetry, medicine, and the arts. He is the patron of the constructive, balanced, meaningful life well lived.

A later representation of this dichotomy in Greek philosophical thought was the Epicurean and the Stoic philosophies. The Epicurean lifestyle could be summed up by two phrases; eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die and life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Sadly Epicurus was a stoic whose thinking was misunderstood.

The Stoic motto was of Platonic origin; first do your duty then happiness will inextricably follow. This term stoic was later misappropriated to mean a hyper form of machismo that allowed no emotion to its followers.

In order to understand the need for a new synthesis you have to understand when and how the current liberal thought process started and attained it's supposed logical superiority over classical philosophical thought. In the 18th century the Rational Enlightenment Movement came to prominence. Although quite diverse and encompassing many different viewpoints one clear thought process can be distilled from this movement. The God hypothesis with all it improvable mythology was no longer needed to explain the origins of the universe. The enlightenment was; that man's intellect had grown to the extent that through the prism of science all truth could be exposed and the origins of the physical world could be unraveled.

In pure science, however, you set up a null hypotheses such as "The origins of the Universe are Accidental". You then gather all the available evidence both pro and con with equal energy and then process both bodies of data into respective arguments. Whichever argument has the greatest weight of logic wins the day. To disprove your null hypothesis is as valid (and also speaks of your scientific honesty) as proving it.

This, however, is not what happened in the enlightenment. Their null hypothesis was assumed as ultimate unchallengeable truth from the onset and only evidence that confirmed it was ultimately to be considered. In taking this approach they nullified the science that they claimed gave them the legitimacy of logic and prostituted their movement on the altar of pride. In doing so they destroyed the very god that they worshiped, human reason, thereby constructing a logically absurd foundation for a movement later to crumble in the onslaught of it's own highly acclaimed relentless despair.

The first substantial theory that supported the case of an accidental universe was called Spontaneous Generation. Spontaneous Generation, however, was shown to contradict the basic laws of logic established by Aristotle: Out of nothing, nothing comes. The theory of Spontaneous Generation soon collapsed of its own illogical weight and the enlightenment had been momentarily defeated by a greater mind, Aristotle.

Instead of abandoning their effort to prove their errant theory of an accidental universe the enlightened intensified their quest but had to wait for the next century for a new theory. In 1809 the French scientist Jean Baptiste de Lamarck postulated a mechanism by which evolution could occur know as "the inheritance of acquired characteristics." Then came Darwin who in 1859 published "The Origin of the Species" which gave the accidental

hypothesis crowd all the supposed evidence they needed to claim intellectual superiority over the God hypothesis.

Also during this time frame the Philosophical ground work was being laid to support the accidental hypothesis. Two important thinkers of the day, David Hume and Immanuel Kant were prominent in this effort. David Hume was a skeptic of the first order and so attacked both causality and the metaphysical from a mathematical basis that future generations of philosophers were skeptical that anything could be proven. Kant further fueled this skepticism of our ability to encounter the meta realm to such an extent that most future philosophers simply abandoned the quest of Thales.

David Hume proved to himself and to the enlightened of his day that the miracles of the Bible were mathematical impossibilities and that causality was impossible to prove empirically. Hume put forth that when some reported miracle, such as a person being raised from the dead, was reported that a normal physical explanation is much more mathematically reasonable.

First let us examine how historians establish the likelihood of occurrence of events in antiquity. Ancient manuscripts are the standard of proof for this event likelihood. The Bible has over thirty thousand such documents (as compared with Homer's writings that are below six hundred

early manuscripts) making the events depicted in the Bible the most provable events in antiquity. When Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead it was known throughout Judea and even the enemies of Jesus were so certain of its authenticity that it became one of the major reasons for their wanting to kill Jesus. When the soldiers pierced the side of the crucified Christ a flow of blood and water burst from His body. Any competent medical examiner reading such an account not knowing even the background or the victim's identity would tell you of the certainty of this individual's death. When Jesus rose from the dead the Bible reports that over five hundred people saw Him in His risen body. From a statistical stand point that leaves about three to four percent margin of error. That means that we can be over ninety percent certain that the resurrection of Jesus was an historical fact. David Hume did not in fact destroy causality or the miraculous. He, however, did a service to mankind by establishing a healthy scientific skepticism as to our ability to know anything one hundred percent on the basis of our perception of the external objective universe with five very limited senses.

Immanuel Kant erected, as it were, an impenetrable philosophical wall between the physical world and the metaphysical world. You can't get there from here became the new existential dogma. Kant's logical exclusion of communication with the metaphysical ushered in the later theories of Carl

Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche that focused exclusively on life in the present realm known as Existentialism.

In examining Kant's wall of separation it is important to note that thoughts though held and processed by a physical brain are not themselves of the physical realm. In higher thought when we combine, abstract, and synthesize we enter into a type of creativity that is certainly of the meta realm. Sartre's realization that someone was staring at him from behind did not involve any physical sensory organ. Such paranormal extrasensory perceptions are common enough to mankind as a whole to provide a large enough anomaly to defeat any the wall of complete separation pyridine. Perhaps Kant was somewhat correct in that we can't know the meta realm completely from natural reason however we do not understand even the physical realm at present in its entirety.

Additionally Kant was skeptical of the assumption that the ordinary laws of logic are applicable to the meta realm which was a correct observation from natural reason. On the other hand we have no certainty that they do not apply. At least two faiths employ the law of causality being deemed the "Law of Karma" by the Buddist and the "Law of Sowing and Reaping" by the Christian faith. The observant individual will see this law played out in a general fashion in the lives of people that they are able to

witness over a lifetime. Generous people tend to reap generously while evil individuals tend to reap bad outcomes over the course of their entire lives. There is no obvious physical cue ball striking an object ball in this Karma causality chain. So this common place experience witnessed in every generation must be metaphysical causality being worked out in the physical realm.

So we are now confronted with a wall that is no longer impenetrable do to these gaps but is still to a greater extent impeding our access to the meta realm. Some dive head first into every paranormal event report while others sit on the side lines in skepticism. It is enough for the purposes of this treatise to understand that the evidence of the existence of the meta realm bleeds through into the physical realm on a regular basis.

Nietzsche is famous for his declaration that God (of the Bible) is dead and that He died of (the weakness of) Pity. Nietzsche also explored the dichotomy between the Apollonian and the Dionysian. He mused on the tension between order versus chaos, wholeness versus individualism, light versus darkness, civilization versus primal nature and sided with the Dionysian. His vision of man's progress was for humanity to leave behind the myth of God, however comforting, and to press on as an uber man into this accidental chaotic world in an existentially heroic "will to power".

In the Twentieth Century Bertrand Russell and Jean-Paul Sartre among others contributed extensively to the acceptance of Pessimistic or Atheistic Existentialism as the dominant logical philosophy of the day. Bertrand Russell in the essay entitled "A Free Man's Worship" written in 1902 stated the following; "Such, in outline, but even more purposeless, more void of meaning, is the world Science presents for our belief. Amid such a world, if anywhere, our ideals henceforward must find a home. That Man is a product of causes which had no prevision of the end they were achieving; that his origin, his growth, his hopes and fears, his loves and his beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labors of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and the whole temple of Man's achievement must be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins - all these things, if not quite beyond dispute, are yet so nearly certain, that no philosophy which rejects them can hope to stand. Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul's habitation henceforth be safely be built".

In the lecture "Existentialism is a Humanism" published in 1946 Sartre described the human condition in summary form: freedom entails total responsibility, in the face of which we experience anguish, forlornness, and despair; genuine human dignity can be achieved only in our active acceptance of these emotions.

These two excerpts encapsulate (so thoroughly) not only the stark pessimistic nature of the accidentally view of the universe but also horrifically describes the hopeless despair that such a profoundly absurd notion of life eventually leads to. The German philosopher Martin Heidegger compounds this dilemma by pointing out that man is hurled into this existence and lands in a hopeless reality where none of the circumstances are of his own choosing. The French author philosopher Albert Camus tells us that the only thing that we get to choose in this life is the nature and hour of our death. The American writer Hemmingway takes this philosophy to its logical physical conclusion by committing suicide.

These arguments so well stated by these Existential philosophers must then all these years later be confronted by the stark reality of the questions; what type of life and what type of societies does such a mind set produce? A study of the life of the chief originator of pessimistic existentialism and an examination of the societies shaped by this illogical philosophy will scream

dysfunction. Nietzsche spent the last eleven years of his life in an insane asylum thinking he was the reincarnation of the God he had claimed dead. Nietzsche signed his letters during that time of insanity "The Crucified One".

The population of the European Union, that has for the most part rejected Christianity and embraced Pessimistic Existentialism, is expected shrink from 320 million to an estimated 240 million in the next forty years. Why get married, have children, and build for the future in a meaningless world. Certainly Amsterdam, with a whole section of the city dedicated to prostitution and drug addiction, with harlots in shop windows and junkies slumped in the alleys, is a graphic display of mans absolute failure to adapt to and thrive in, a supposed meaningless world.

What notion of reality are these so called "enlightened thinkers" trying to escape? Salted throughout these enlightened writings you will find the real reason for the rejection of a righteous God. They want to live their lives as they see fit, taking their pleasures where they may, And they do not want to face a righteous judge at the end of their willful lives. Indeed fear of the "Sword of Damocles" (fastened to the ceiling by only a horse-hair aimed at their neck) is the true motive for rejection of the God Hypothesis. They talk of such a threat of judgment as violating their autonomy but from where

does this autonomy emulate. In the final analysis they trade righteous judgment for unyielding despair.

From Camus and Hemmingway we can see that the final outcome of such unyielding despair is self imposed death. Having been thrown into this painful chaotic world of meaningless suffering this useless passion called Man has but one moment of true autonomy and only one chance at true dialectic courage. So if the only thing a true believer in this hopeless philosophy gets to determine is the hour and nature of his death then Judas Iscariot must be the greatest existential hero of all time.

Oddly what these writers tell us to accept as heroic truth; meaninglessness, unyielding despair, and suicide sounds allot like what the Bible teaches is the fate of those who reject God, hell. We have therefore come full circle and are face to face with the first and greatest enemy of man, pride. These so called enlightened thinkers tell us (with a straight face) that it is better to rule in Hell than to serve in Heaven.

According to ardent Darwinists one of the main selling points of the theory of Evolution was that the species that was shaped by and molded to its environment would therefore be attuned to and in harmony with this very same environment. Their most forceful argument against industrialization is

that it destroys fragile ecosystems thereby causing the death of species that can only survive in those ecosystems.

Thus, if man were shaped by and molded to an accidental, chaotic, and meaningless world then he would be attuned to and in harmony with an accidental, chaotic, meaningless world. Such a being would find great delight in (and wonderful fulfillment because of) this meaningless chaos and would conversely despair in the presence of order and meaning.

However, Nietzsche, Russell, Sartre, Kaku, and Hemmingway paint a much bleaker reality. They preach a gospel of having to buy into and die from unyielding despair. The very obvious conclusion of the rational observer is that whatever force happened to shape mankind it is obvious that mankind was designed to require order and meaning in order to prosper.

Another minor flaw in the accidental hypothesis is the weight of the existence arguments as opposed to the absurdity of trying to disprove God's existence. Bertrand Russell stated that it is philosophically, scientifically, and logically impossible to prove the nonexistence of God. Other existential writers have called such a pursuit a "fool's errand" because among other arguments no one could ever search the entire universe and be certain of His absence. The arguments for the necessity of a self-existent eternal being are

on the other hand extremely logical and have been set down by such giants as Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas among others.

Blaise Pascal in his writings pointed out one of mankind's most grave paradoxes. He said that man is at the same time the most noble of creatures and the most miserable of creatures. The most noble because he has the intellect and imagination to be contemplative and thereby create a mental picture of a better world. When, however, he compares it to his present state he sees the glass as half empty allowing a flood of misery to set in.

Liberals will never give up on the Socialist dream of creating utopia on earth because it is their only way of salvaging some meaning out of this supposedly meaningless life. Additionally because they don't believe in heaven they must garner some hope by attempting to create heaven on earth. Their mechanism of constructing this utopia, government bureaucracy, has been proven by history to be totally incapable of achieving this lofty goal.

Quandaries such as; the need for lazy government workers to have a union (SEIU) to protect them from the very government that is empowered to create a perfect utopia continue to confound them. So they are stuck on the horns of a dilemma; they can imagine utopia, making this present life miserable in comparison but they can't create utopia with their chosen

instrument, government. They are confronted with the Kantian wall; you can't get there from here. This leads them back to their mantra; despair.

Conservatives, however, understand the fallen nature of this present world. They are cognoscente of the fact that every endeavor involves difficult tradeoffs. Therefore, they seek to choose the set of circumstances that have the greatest benefit and the least downside. All the while they realize that perfection can only be approached not achieved. By looking at the glass as half full they find true meaning in constructing a better yet imperfect society.

A Staircutters Synthesis

My pastor joked the other day that he had found the perfect set of church buildings to purchase to facilitate our growing multitude. The property had two identical sanctuaries, two identical nurseries, and two identical youth centers. That way when the eventual church split occurred each faction could simply walk to their respective half of the church. This is of course sadly comical but points to the impossibility of forming a single unified theology that all conservatives can agree on, rally around, and therefore unify under.

Building a new Philosophical Synthesis, however, allows all parties of conservative and traditional values a unified logical set of principals that can be agreed upon and unified under. This synthesis is designed to cast as wide a net as possible within the confines of logical thought. Unlike Descartes we

are not seeking to find the few (one hundred percent) absolutes but rather we seek to win the broader argument with the majority consensus of the finest minds of the ages.

In the face of the illogical absurdity of the liberal mindset how can a truly honest person begin to construct a meaningful philosophy? The first realization in this direction is that this universe we inhabit is not an accidental chaotic phenomenon but in the ordinary, micro, and macro realms displays incredible evidence of order and design. This overwhelming evidence of order and design points to the presence of a grand designer.

To agree upon the exact nature of the designer is not needed to advance the argument. It could be the concept of the Grand Watch Maker who designed the watch, crafted the watch, then wound the watch up and went on holiday. Whatever your concept of the designer just the realization that such a being is a logical necessity gives this life deep abiding meaning and a great hope for tomorrow.

A wise person does not reinvent the wheel every time he seeks to construct a house, a machine, or a philosophy; instead he examines the ground work that the past giants in that field have laid. Time itself tells us who the real titans of philosophical reason are. So we go back to the twin

giants of the golden age of Greek Philosophy, Plato and his student Aristotle and the two stalwarts of Christian Philosophy Augustine and Aquinas.

Plato saw God in the distance as the "Good", the source of all harmony and order. Aristotle explored the causality chain and saw the philosophical necessity of an unmoved mover, an eternal self-existent being that was the first cause of everything. These may not be the totality of the omni Christian God but the Christian God is not less than the summation of the Platonic and the Aristotelian concepts of the Grand Designer.

St Augustine established the logical philosophical underpinnings of God creating the universe out of nothing by something he labeled the "Divine Fiat". Augustine created a synthesis with Platonic thought that was so solid that it established the philosophical standard for the next 900 years.

Thomas Aquinas created a classical synthesis with Aristotelian philosophy that was the standard until the enlightenment. His five arguments for the existence of God have never been truly defeated only circumvented.

Even Immanuel Kant in his treatise on practical reason establishes the logical necessity of a perfectly righteous judge based upon mans internal ethical drive. Sir Isaac Newton, Blaise Pascal, Francis Bacon, and many

other genius level scientists believed in the logical necessity of an eternal self-existent being who was the first cause of everything.

The modern truly non-biased research into Intelligent Design is overwhelming in its scope and weight and points to the logical necessity of a universal designer. Even Carl Sagen, who carried no brief for organized religion, stated emphatically that when one observes the universe what is seen is cosmos not chaos. When one looks at the absolute weight of the findings of the finest minds of history the conclusion of design and a Grand Designer is overwhelming.

The next realization is that nature itself shows us how life should unfold. Nature tells us that although there is the death of Autumn leading to the despair of Winter, there is also that time of renewal called Spring that leads to that season of fruition called Summer.

Any philosophy that does not contain a moment or a season where living things become new again is logically absurd in that it does not mimic what we see in nature. This physical renewal of Spring leads to the spiritual renewal of Hope within the person's soul.

The Philosopher Plato delineated four cardinal virtues; knowledge, courage, temperance, and justice. Jesus of Nazareth delineated the spiritual virtues of faith, hope, and love. The instilling and maturation of these

virtues in a young person's life provides motivation and vision for their journey into adulthood. Is it any wonder that so many of today's youth, after being brainwashed in existentialism their entire scholastic career, get stuck in Extended Adolescence unable to move into the hard realities of adulthood.

Fruition is seen in the summer of life. It is a time when the hard work of nurturing the vine, planted in the great hope of spring, finally yields its just rewards. It is a time when the fruit hangs heavy on the vine. The children marry and begin to bring home the grandchildren. The business matures and a reasonable profit is realized. The tumultuous romance of youth becomes the warm enduring love of summer. This fruition allows for a reflective seasoned approach to life, a time when books are written and stores are put up for the approaching autumn. It is a season when the rebellion of youth is hammered on the anvil of life into the sharpened wisdom of responsible adulthood.

With the establishment of the following three highly logical principals; The principle of a designed universe, the renewal principal, and the maturation principle, a rebirth of an Apollonian / Stoic type thought can blossom. The absurdly illogical pessimistic existential argument can be thrown on the ash-heap of history alongside Spontaneous Generation and its

cousin Darwinism. People of all philosophical and religious persuasions who hold to a hopeful and constructive view of life can unite and rebuild a disciplined and productive nation. We as conservatives need no longer stay silent because we have the overwhelming weight of logic and history on our side.