

Principles for a New Century

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This is We Ourselves, I'm Ambrose I. Lane Sr.

During this segment we call points of view; I'm going to give my own point of view. This was written years ago but it's a message that I think is also current and it's about what we ought to think about in this new century.

I've been guided most of my life by certain principles among these is my belief in the reality and accuracy of reality, and my lack of belief in the reality and accuracy of so-called prophecy, when you define that as the prediction of events that will and must occur 500 to 2000 years into the future. Thus, all assertions that we are now living in the End Times as fellow preachers and prognosticators repeatedly tell us and make a lot of money off telling us all assertions have little or no meaning, at least for me.

Throughout the recorded history of man that is still available for our study, the 'End Time' meaning the end of mankind's existence here on this planet or even the end of a specific era has been prophesied. And future readers of these prophetic writings or recorded utterances have read into these utterances, accuracies that really do not exist, thereby lending to them a mystique of truth that also does not exist.

The bottom line in this regard at least for me, is that I do not believe that some force outside of man has determined that these are or this is the End Time or end times whether this end of time means the end of the physical world, or this spiritual world, or this socio political order of things. It might be our individual end time that we all must face.

Second principle, is a belief in self-actualization whether it is the self-actualization of the individual or of a group. I believe that humans waste a great deal of energy searching for salvation whatever that is or how we choose to define that word or looking for miracles outside of our individual selves or our own group. Each of us is in fact a miracle; each of us is an extraordinary event manifesting what we call divine intervention in human affairs. Each of us comes into the world with extraordinary potentiality, evidenced by the possession of life, intellect and the capacity to experience the receiving and giving of love. Each comes with the power to conceive and create, to understand and develop one's environment.

Third principle is my belief that counter-brainwashing is possible and works. We humans carry a lot of negative baggage, and much of that baggage is taught to us by adults who are closest to us, whom we learn to love and respect and who learn to love us. The teaching of that negative baggage is both conscious and unconscious, by words and by actions. It is the passing on to children of the negative baggage, learned by those adults, from those adults closest to them when they were children.

Unfortunately, humans have also learned pseudo scientific clichés wrapped in what pretends to be wisdom that assert that that original brainwashing is permanent and cannot be changed. And we repeat

these clichés constantly without thinking about them and unconsciously reinforce that original brainwashing. We say, for example, that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but our mind knows we're not talking about dogs at all. We're talking about humans and more importantly, often about ourselves. In fact, the reverse is true, you can teach old dogs, humans that is, new tricks. A human can learn new thinking, new ways of evaluating ones' self and ones' condition, most important humans can change and act in more positive ways. I believe that counter brainwashing can lead to that new thinking a new or different way of acting and relating to ones' world.

Fourth principle is the belief that the relative freedom of each person, each group, can be measured by the degree to which he, she, or it has conquered fear. That's part of the original brainwashing received by most children who are born; adults teach fear, the society teaches fear, fear is the most crippling of all human emotions. Humans experience a wide range of fears, and fear is not limited to individuals just as individuals learn by brainwashing-- to fear, groups also learn and are brainwashed to fear. Fear often has greater over individuals and groups than any other emotion. It often even has the power to lead humans (individuals as well as groups) to neglect what has been called the first law of nature and that is called, self-preservation. Individuals and groups have allowed fear to override or short out that first law of nature.

Routinely allow others to wantonly and cruelly invade their persons and or property without protest or self-defense. They allow themselves to be wrongfully neglected and abused and to be physically, and economically, and emotionally violated and raped and tell themselves they deserve such plunder and pillage. They've taught themselves or otherwise learned to believe that they deserve to be at the bottom of the social order, where self-defense is not allowed. They see themselves as undeserving to exercise any right to privileges and attribute to others the sole right to exercise power, rights, and privileges. Such persons and groups fear failure and they also fear success, they fear themselves and they fear other people, they fear their thoughts and they fear to take action. Their existence is one, long, painful experience of fear.

And we're back with you and we're sharing with you our own points of view, during this points of view segment and we're talking about fear. Such persons and groups fear failure and they fear success, they fear themselves and they fear others, they fear their thoughts, and they fear to take action. Their existence is one, long, painful experience of fear. And every new event, every new pronouncement by persons or groups to which they attribute power stimulates a new fear in which to grovel and immerse themselves. Some even come to enjoy their fear based misery and some come to hate other members of their group who somehow seem to have conquered their fears.

Another guiding principle has been a belief that I should know my enemy and properly identify who that is and if that enemy is the enemy of my socio political group I believe I have the additional obligation to tell the members of my group who I have identified as our enemy. And finally, I believe that wisely planned disciplined action can create any possible world desired by any individual or group. The world desired by a group does not have to be desired by the entire group to bring that desired world into existence. It is enough that a disciplined group within the group wants that world badly enough and is willing to work hard enough and sacrifice whatever is required to defeat the opposition whomever that opposition might be, it simply requires bold and audacious action supported by planning and knowledge. That's what the anti-apartheid movement called the Civil Rights movement in this country was all about.

Well, we've heard from two Bushes now in the White House, talking about the New World Order. What is this New World Order? Well, let's take it apart, one definition of new is the resumption or repetition of a previous act or thing.

One definition of world is extending throughout the world; one definition of order is a group of people united in a formal way. And another definition of order is a socio political system, I put all these together and I define the Bushes' so-called New World Order this way. It is an attempt by Europeans of the world to unite in a formal way to resume the extension of their racist socio political system throughout the world and at home it is an attempt by the European descendants compromising America's ruling class to preserve the special privileges reserved for white males from the beginning of the colonization of what has become known as the United States of America. That's how I define their term, New World Order.

The European descendants comprising America's ruling class are today in a similar position that the Southern ruling class in this country found itself in immediately following the Civil War extending through the end of the century. And their domestic actions have the same purpose, to preserve white male privilege. To continue to guarantee that white males never experience fair competition with others.

W.J. Cash in his classic work, *The Mind of the South*, spelled out clearly how the ruling class of the south dealt with this problem during the last years of the nineteenth century. In Cash's introduction that he titled, *Preview to Understanding*, he wrote these words,

“The south is a tree with many aged rings, with its limbs and trunk bent and twisted by all the winds of the years. But with its tapped root in the old south, there is a new south, industrialization, commercialization, have greatly modified the land including its ideology. Nevertheless, the extent of the change and of the break between the old south that was and the south of our time has been vastly exaggerated, in many ways it is actually marched away as of this day it continues to do, from the present toward the past. It has actually marched away from the present toward the past.”¹

We paraphrased Cash this way, “America is a tree with many age rings, with its limbs and trunk bent and twisted by all the winds of the years. But with its tap root in the old racism.”

There is too often the tendency to vastly exaggerate in Cash's words the social, legal, and economic distance we've traveled we even often exaggerate the time period covered by that journey. I've often said that American apartheid has only been ended a few short years since the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Supreme Court decision of 1970 ending literacy tests. Let me give you another frame of reference, the most important events that ended apartheid in America, took place in only an 11 year span of time from the Brown decision on May 17, 1954 to the Voting Rights Act of 1965. And with the assassination of Malcolm X that same year Dr. King was left relatively naked and the racist vultures and Judas goats among us quickly circled Dr. King and led many followers astray.

With the election of Richard Milhous Nixon and all of his successors, ruling class began to regain its ability to make racism acceptable again. The 1890's had its Tom Watson of Georgia, who began his

extensive political career as a Democrat and a populist because he campaigned on a platform of unity between the races he was defeated in his re-election bid for Congress. Watson did not return to Washington as an elected official until he proved his commitment to the tap root of racism by becoming the most vile-mouthed racist in the south this country ever produced. Our 1990's have George Herbert Walker Bush; George Herbert Walker Bush served in Congress originally as what was then called, 'a moderate Republican'.

He tried to return to Washington by running for the Senate, but he never made it back as an elected Senator, Congressman or a moderate. He did make it back as the second man on a racist ticket headed by Ronald Reagan; he remained in Washington as an elected official by employing racist tactics such as his Willie Horton political ads and racist code words such as 'quotas'. Again in Cash's words, "*the ruling class in many ways has tried to march away from the present toward the past.*"² That in plain and simple truth is the so-called New World Order; it is not new but simply a new attempt to resume the old. What should be our reaction as a people? We must not react, we must act. And what should we do?

We must first stop believing in the magic of some prophecy, thus attributing events to forces outside of our individual and group control. If one believes that today's events were foreseen with the help of some so-called revelation from somebody's god then one logically will believe in the inevitability of events happening and one's inability to influence those events. This is a formula for self-victimization and weakness.

Number two, we must believe in our own power in the possibility and probability of self-actualization as individuals and as a group. Third, you must believe in counter-brainwashing and in our ability to overcome any original negative brainwashing. Four, we must conquer our individual and group fear and stride towards the free, bold, and audacious life that a fear-free existence offer.

Five, we must study and know our individual and group enemies, but our study must be balanced. If we spend an inordinate amount of our time and energy studying our enemies we may find we have left ourselves too little time for developing ourselves and our own institutions. Finally, we must extend and expend the major portion of our time and energies planning and taking wise and disciplined actions to advance our own interests. Now that we have a better understanding of their New World Order, we must develop and execute our own New World Order and we must make this new century the century of the sons and daughters of Africa.

On Monday, this past Monday, the Supreme Court decided back in June to accept these two cases that challenge the Brown vs. Board of Education decision of 1954. And it was not an accident; these plaintiffs were sought out by right-wing, fascists legal firms financed by people like Richard Mellon Scaife because they have a mission. The mission is turn back the clock, the mission is to do pretty much what I read Cash saying in his book preview, *Mind of the South*. He said, "In many ways the South has actually marched away from the present toward the past." Because of where their tap root is, and that is in the old South, the old racist, Apartheid South and so if we understand that, then we understand what is going down. Over the past several years, we have seen what I call new 'Step n' Fetch-its' on the scene in entertainment. We see the proliferation in songs written by rap artists of a word "N", the "N" word and everybody's tried to convince the world that it's harmless.

Well, the new International Webster's Comprehensive Dictionary of the English Language the 2003 edition, the encyclopedic edition, defines the N-word this way, "*a black person, usually taken as an offensive term of contempt or racial slur.*" Then, I went to the Oxford Dictionary, it's very interesting the Oxford Dictionary definition and it defines the N-word "a contemptuous term used of a black or dark-skinned person this term is considered a highly inflammatory expression of racial bigotry." But then Oxford has a second definition that I find interesting, number two, and these words are in parentheses. (In Black English) "a fellow black person." So Oxford picked up on what these idiots in rap music world are doing, and we try to make excuses for it, but there is no excuse.

The other thing I just want to mention is, Friday, December 1 we're told a record 7 million persons, 1 in every 32 U.S. adults were behind bars, on probation, or on parole by the end of last year. This is according to a Justice Department report. Of those, 2.2 million were in prison or jail an increase of 2.7% over the previous year, more than 4.1 million people were on probation and 784,208 were on parole at the end of 2005. Now, what in the world does that mean? The study found that racial disparities among prisoners persist in the 25-29 age group, 8.1% of Black men about 1:13 are incarcerated compared with 2.6% of Hispanic and 1.1% of White men.

The figures are not much different among women, by the end of 2005; Black women were more than twice as likely as Hispanics and more than three times as likely as White women to be in prison. Things don't just happen, there are causalities for things happening and we must be aware, seriously aware that a war against the black population of this country is continuing. And if you don't face up to that truth, we'll never deal with it. What this administration is about, what the previous administrations have been about have been to continue the war against the descendants of Africans in this country. That has been the thrust of the ruling class in the country from the 1600s, when they redefined terminology and defined what became known as slaves. Don't be fooled, that war continues and we have got to engage in that war to protect ourselves and protect our children and grandchildren to the seventh generation. We'll be right back.

And we're back with you; let me make a couple more notes before I get to the telephone calls. The Los Angeles Times reports to us that the Pentagon has resisted any treaties from U.S. anti narcotics officials to play an aggressive role in the faltering campaign to curb the country's opium trade. Afghanistan supplies about 92% of the world's opium, 92%. Not only is that opium spread throughout Europe and North America, but that bumper crop according to the Los Angeles Times finances the insurgency that the United States is trying to dismantle. So, explain to me why the Pentagon resist any treaties to play an aggressive in a faltering campaign to curb the country's opium trade knowing the impact it is had on this country. Maybe they can explain why when they went in there was a huge warehouse full of opium that they protected and allowed the trade to go on all over the world. And the people of this country have to ask the question, "Why?" Now, before I go to the calls a listener who calls himself Michael Palmocina, got real ticked off at what I said on The Power on Friday, December 1, about what I said about Pittsburgh. (laughs) And he said in part that he was appalled, he said,

"Pittsburgh is not a city of lost jobs. Quite the opposite, Pittsburgh is teeming with new jobs and opportunity and business. Yes the steel mills are gone, but they are not missed by the newer generations. There are other businesses that people out of work it is only because they choose to be out of work. I have a job though I was out of work once for four weeks, in the mid-80s, I was let go due to a downsizing. Yet I found better employment and have progressed significantly

since then. Why? Because I got off my backside and sought out employment I did not wait for my government check. So don't even say people can not find work here in the 'Burgh. The jobs are there, you have to look for them. Get out of your easy chair and make an effort, don't sit back complaining there is no opportunity for anyone."

I would refer Michael to statistics and I would refer him to the unemployment rate in Homewood-Brushton, in Beltzhoover, in East Liberty, in that racist city Pittsburgh. I'm not a stranger to Pittsburgh, I got my Bachelors and Masters degree at the University of Pittsburgh, one of the most racist institutions at that time, I know what I'm talking about. I ran for the Assembly in the City of Pittsburgh I have relatives there, so I have some inkling. In fact, when I left Pittsburgh I promised I was going to go back to probably challenge the racism in that town, but I went to a place up in New York as racist as Pittsburgh. So I spent a dozen years in that town instead of going back to Pittsburgh but I go back to Pittsburgh quite often and yes, it is up south, and he got ticked off about that.

It wasn't spreading hatred about making a claim about southern states being racist, there are racist. And all you have to do is leave the major cities in any state in the south and you'll find a whole lot hasn't changed. Go outside of Atlanta, GA, go outside of a major city in the state of Mississippi and you'll find that racism is still there and lots of people out of opportunity. That's a part of our history, that's the history all over this country, Mr. Michael Palmocina, you need to take a look at what is really happening in the United States of America because racism is still there. And we've got an administration that is then promoting it. Why do you think the Solicitor General took the position on this case where they are attacking Brown vs. Board of Education? Why do you think the Solicitor General took a position that would end Brown vs. Board of Education, a progressive decision of the United States Supreme Court? Don't be fooled. Because the plutocracy is not about to give up a good thing, and a good thing is to keep the races divided. Use that.

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