

The Parable & The Principle

Somewhere in the conditioning of my youth, I remember some schoolteacher who fancied himself as a priest, doing his best to instil fear in a class full of young children. (It's a bit sad when supposedly superior adults' resort to scaring the hell out of kids in a pitiful attempt to prove their superiority.)

To prove his point, he called on his limited knowledge of the Old Testament citing the story of Lot's wife, and how a superior, loving, all-powerful Creator had resorted to turning a woman into a pillar of salt for disobeying Him.

Years later I remember reading a rather convincing argument for previously lost, intelligent, technologically advanced civilizations on this planet, arguing that Lot's wife had looked back and witnessed a nuclear explosion and been turned into a pillar of salt. Well, with my limited knowledge of nuclear physics, I figured that even if she didn't disobey her God, she would still have come horribly unstuck whether she looked back or not. (Oh, and what about the well-disciplined believers who were with her who apparently escaped unharmed? So, who looked back to see what had happened to Lot's wife?) (The science doesn't work!)

Extract the Principle and the Science.

There is, however, another possibility. Maybe the story is not literally true but is a parable to explain to thinking people a simple principle or life skill.

We cannot go forward while we are looking backwards!

Well, If I am right (and why should my explanation be any less plausible than all the others?), education and social conditioning still haven't made much progress.

"Our past has no bearing on our future."

At school we are almost totally historically schooled - we study the history of every subject - because we cannot be taught facts about future possibilities. We are socially stooped in tradition and brainwashed into attempting to resist change - "the only constant in the Universe".

We learn to use our intelligence to argue the validity of our past perception, instead of changing ourselves in order that we might adapt to future possibilities and then appear to be dumbfounded and paralysed by the stress of trying to stop the Universe from evolving.

Consider this just for a moment: -

As humans we are created to look forward and move forward, and imagination became part of the package, I presume, in order that we might look into the future and create the world of our dreams. Our past has no bearing on our future, unless we choose to be past orientated, in which case we will use our thought to keep creating what was - instead of what could be.

History was only the route to Now! Now is the springboard for future possibilities!

To-morrow will be as great as the possibilities of our imagination, fired by the courage to make dreams come true.

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