

We Can BUT We Won't!

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It amuses me greatly to read various articles on how we could make 2018 a good year, not the usual progression into a nihilistic future driven by a tiny minority of ultra-wealthy pathological and avaricious types in society that profit from perpetual war, destruction and chaos. Well, of course we can, or could, to be grammatically correct, but that also applies to every new year since the 21st century began and just take a good look at those disastrous 17 years. So, always the realist, fat chance that appalling trend would change in 2018, though it could, it could change anytime BUT it won't. Why?

The answer should be obvious, the vanguard of all social REFORMS/revolutions is the young, known today collectively as millennials, those born in the mid-eighties and after, and what a sorry bunch they ARE.

Most are digital slaves, addicted to social media particularly, which has displaced real face-to-face human engagements -- the results? They haven't got a clue how to engage real people socially, they try and do all that through their iPhones etc, ridiculous. I once walked into a room filled with millennials, roughly a dozen, every one of them had his/her faced buried in a smartphone or laptop, no conversations whatsoever, too hard, and this group I was later informed were 'friends.' Now, if a group of so-called friends who already are familiar can't manage a conversation in company what hope have they got to manage groups oriented for positive social change? Answer, NONE, no hope at all!

Furthermore, this particular group of educated, either with, or completing degrees, young adults were acutely aware of the social reality and the prevailing gross social inequities and injustices. I had quizzed them many times on these issues, yet almost to a person -- the response you could read from a script -- "what can I do, so I must focus on MY career," another symptom of alienation and 'ME' focus for which these generations are noted for; it doesn't enter their minds to engage each other and work as a GROUP with a common purpose.

I finally discovered why, which for me who grew up without the internet, wasn't easy, as my generation's social skills come automatically, an example of which occurred today when looking for an address in an unknown area, whenever I spotted another human in the area I bee-lined with an, 'excuse me, could you help me locate such and such;' the only people that constructively responded were those born prior to the internet, who gave directions, the rest said 'I don't know,' rather awkwardly, as though it was something to be embarrassed about, however, all these young adults offered to look up google maps on their iPhones, a polite and helpful gesture no doubt, but they all lived in the area, such is the general social myopia created by digital technology users/addicts.

Without labouring the point, it becomes painfully evident that society, we as a cohesive (one would hope) group, have lost a vital resource, the vanguard for social change, because it's all about, 'ME!' And clearly without strong, fit, vital youth fighting for all our rights, what could older generations do? Not a great deal, though they have been forced to fill this vital space in society. Lamentable is not the word, it's tragic. And so from criminal Bush-Cheney to criminal and pathological Trump-Bannon, forget Mr. 'yes we can,' Change, Obama, he simply held the status quo until the next ultra-

right demented administration, which is now ready to blow us and the rest of the world up, stage by stage for profits, could assume power.

Yea, sure, we could, but we won't, 'can't' is more accurate, as millennials are devoid of the necessary social skills, probably no fault of their own but that does not and would not change the appalling, hyper-destructive and unjust, status quo. One would almost think that nefarious forces planned it (digital slavery) that way, as we all should know CIA and other agency companies invested heavily in the formation and shaping of Google and Facebook. The current two leaders of government sponsored CENSORSHIP of the once free internet. Makes you think, doesn't it?

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