

## COLLECTIVISM

What could be wrong with collectivism? Surely it's good to care about one's fellow human beings- to have a concern for other people, and not just oneself. And surely it's good to care for the wider environment we all share- the plight of the planet and not just our own selfish lives within the bounds of our own little fences. Of course! Of course, of course, of course!

But that's the thing. Because actually, we can have a social conscience, *without* having to adopt a wholly collectivist ideological position. In reality, we can have a social conscience, and yet still remain individuals. See and respect individuals in our interactions. But the collectivist ideology would say otherwise. It would say that the needs of the collective must take precedence over the needs of the individual. And individual rights must be renounced 'for the greater good.'

“You can't go outside- there's a virus- save lives.” “You can't keep warm with heating- there's a climate emergency and we must all take the hit. Never mind if you are not warm enough- never mind if fossil fuels are banned and renewables are not enough- don't you care about the environment? There's the planet to save,” etc., etc. etc. You know the messaging by now.

Fully fledged collectivist doctrine necessitates the total removal of individual rights and choices, because... 'the collective.' (And its requirements- which are to stipulate the conditions of life that all individuals must live by, and under. But it doesn't matter- because we're not 'individuals' any more, are we?!- we're 'the collective').

Collective ideology is the dream of the controlling forces, because it is the enabler of control. Individuals are too varied and unpredictable. But with everyone made to think in terms of the collective hive- and the frameworks of thought and behaviour filtered down from the positions of highest worldly power- the population becomes homogenous- one unit, easily directed.

And again, there are subtleties we need to hold in mind. Because yes, spiritual oneness. But no, political oneness where the 'oneness' is not one of truth, but its imitation- a set of shared lies to live by- the imposed conditioning of false and unrealistic ideals. A system that claims to benefit all, but only benefits a few.

Isn't it interesting how society appears to have been shaped? From real embedded communities based on the land and living in accordance with nature- to fragmentation into urban communities and the atomisation of individuals. Now it looks like that atomisation is being re-fashioned into community- but not like the one we had before. This new collectivist community is in the image of the control system.

It is only knowingness of the difference between the unity of awareness of the *totality of consciousness* (our absolute spiritual nature)- and a unity of an *artificially-created political hive unit*, that will prevent us being misdirected. Because when we can't see the difference, we conflate the two as one. And then we are lost. Which goes a long way to explain why real spirituality is omitted from almost everything in current public life.

And it would seem we are encouraged to exist in this state of confusion. Flailing around in the dark. To equate 'love' with supporting whatever top-down cause is imposed upon us next.

Because we are less connected to love, and more connected to media and marketing campaigns that operate in its name. Less established in the real, and more connected to the unreal. A false equivalence is deliberately peddled from the top of the hierarchy, infiltrating all layers and levels of life... towards, it seems, oppressive ends. And having contrary ideas to the ones held sacrosanct means being looked down upon- excluded, cast out, a 'threat' to the collective juggernaut.

Going back to the idea of 'caring for the world' beyond our own individual little plots of concern- and caring for people beyond our own little selves. It would be good to maintain the freedom to do that. But under collectivist ideology, you have no such freedom. Collectivist ideology tells you definitively what is in the interests of the collective, and what you must (and mustn't) do (to appease it). You have no agency to do what you think is right. It is decided for you.

But that's ok, because you are not to think for yourself any more. It's no longer in 'the common interest.' It is contrary to the needs of the collective. Surplus to requirement. The thinking is done for you. The narratives are set. To be a good citizen, all that you need to do is adopt them as your own. To live them with the fervency of belief that you are told to. This is the new virtue.

Individual thought is not to be encouraged, because it leads to deviations from the collective. (It could cause harm'). And the collective is there- as a contrived unit- to be easily mobilised towards political ends. To *become* that political end point. And politics ends with (and begins with- and is *all about...*) power and control. However nicely it is dressed up. However removed we are from the sharp edge of it in today's hyper-safety-focused western civilisations.

Why so hyper-safety focused these days? Posters everywhere in public space about 'keeping everyone safe' for every which reason. Creating a cold and fear-inducing environment, as if everyone was horrible and out to get you and all these threats existed as if humanity were evil. But don't worry- 'we'll keep you safe' from all the threats we invented/created/magnified. Because 'keeping everyone safe' is the governance mechanism. It is the way tyranny is implemented and sustained. The way we are made to comply. It is the way to rule. It is the collectivist nightmare.

Again, subtlety of understanding is required (simultaneously, eroded by the collectivism). Safety isn't bad. Of course it isn't. Manipulation of people in the false name of safety is bad. But if you can't see the difference, and you just want 'to be safe,' then you go along with the manipulation (in the name of the collective good), because you can't distinguish it from safety. You do as you're told, and live an existence of nothing but the world agendas that run through you.

Because, cut off from any greater awareness, you can't see that we are being led towards tyranny in nice-sounding words and well packaged but false ideals. And this, truly, is how you put other people's lives at risk. *This* is how you really endanger other people's lives. By denying your own living life, in favour of some abstraction of it. Abstractions of false light that take us into dark times.

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