

Wasteland Remedies – II

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Why are modern 'universities' veritable dustbins or trash-cans of 'democracy'? Because in a 'democracy' everybody must be equal, nobody may appear to be superior. But having a Degree makes someone superior. So everybody must have a Degree. But by no means all boys have the brains or bookishness to obtain a Degree. Therefore 'universities' will have to be dumbed down, and 'Degrees' extended to all kinds of dumb subjects, until every boy can get a 'Degree,' even if it will hardly be worth the paper it is written on. Today's 'university' system is "totally bogus," says an American friend and Professor, who knows it from the inside.

What is at the root of this modern stupidity? Once again, godlessness. All souls are absolutely equal before God, for eternity, before his judgment seat at death, which is all that matters, but they are in all respects unequal before men, for this short life, in human society. This is because God gives out his gifts very unequally, so that all men will be interdependent and have to look after one another. Accordingly a merely human 'Degree' as such makes anybody superior not before God, but only before foolish men who leave God out of account. Parents who take God into account will therefore discount 'democracy,' 'equality,' 'universities' and 'Degrees'.

Their prime concern will be to form their boys in reality, so that they can get to the real Heaven of the real God, paying little attention to the unreality of a world falling in ruins all around them. First question for parents: what gifts did God give to this boy of ours, quite different even from our other boys? What does he incline to? God's gifts to him will point to God's will for him. Obviously more boys are gifted for hands-on work than for books. Moreover G.K.Chesterton once interestingly said that to seek mastery in any material

domain, e.g. wood or metal, is an apprenticeship in reality. Then by all means let a boy go to a technical college and learn a real skill to become, for instance, a good carpenter or plumber or electrician or mechanic. Or has the boy an uncle with a farm? Send him there. Handling animals is a major school in reality!

To learn that reality let him shun a 'Degree'. Today's employers may still be requiring a 'Degree,' but tomorrow's will soon be saying, "You spent three years wasting your parents' money or running up a heavy debt, just to learn how to drink and throw frisbees and fool around with the girls? You don't interest me!" On the contrary, if in addition to a practical skill a boy has learned at home honesty and hard work, he will be able to make more than just an honest living. His services will be much in demand in a world collapsing in the ruin of unreal values.

As for girls, let them learn the home realities of all time, like sewing, cooking, canning, music, the arts, in brief everything that lends delight to home life, but especially cooking. The world may fall in ruins, it may do whatever it likes, but the way to a man's heart will still be going through his stomach. It is a man speaking!

Kyrie eleison.