

Bonhoeffer's Theory of Stupidity



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... Reminds me of today's mindless following of the silly stupid mantras of "Global Warming" ... "Climate Change" ... along with the thought that we just plain must kill all the cows because they produce the world-ending menace of Cow fart methane.

Some days I think that Stupidity is a greater World-ending menace than Satan's legions.

Quotes from the October 19, 2021 article By Jonas Koblin

Dietrich Bonhoeffer argued that stupid people are more dangerous than evil ones. This is because while we can protest against or fight evil people, against stupid ones we are defenseless – reasons fall on deaf ears. Bonhoeffer's famous text, which we slightly edited for this video, serves any free society as a warning of what can happen when certain people gain too much power.

BONHOEFFER'S LETTERS FROM PRISON

In his famous letters from prison, Bonhoeffer argued that stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than malice, because while "one may protest against evil; it can be exposed and prevented by the use of force, against stupidity we are defenseless. Neither protests nor the use of force accomplish anything here. Reasons fall on deaf ears."

Facts that contradict a stupid person's prejudgment simply need not be believed and when they are irrefutable, they are just pushed aside as inconsequential, as incidental. In all this, the stupid person is self-satisfied and, being easily irritated, becomes dangerous by going on the attack.

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