



A journal for restless minds

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Colloquī is a Deacon's Corner weekly journal. Its mission and purpose: to encourage serious discussion, to promote reasoned debate, and to provide serious content for those who hope to find their own pathway to God.

Each week Colloquī will contain articles on theology, philosophy, faith, religion, Catholicism, and much more.

Be forewarned! Articles may and often will contain fuel for controversy, but always with the express intent to seek the Truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us God.

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**E**vermore the winds now blow, unduly burdened with a putrescence borne of cultural decay and the rotting flesh which once belonged to the noblest of God's creatures, the moral man. Such decadence has assuredly befallen man before, but with far less consequence.

It is difficult to reason why the descent into concupiscence has so buried low or when or how a turning point toward moral rectitude and common sense might come to pass, for now it seems, too few feel bothered by the rancid smell of such debauchery, too many have become immune to the rank unpleasantness which now so fouls the air with which we now must breathe.

Our innate moral compass has been adjudged severely misaligned in right

thinking—too inflexible, too rigid, too difficult. There is too much inequality, too much bias, too much cultural disparity, too much hate; there is too little diversity, too little tolerance, too little equity, too little love. Blame is the name of the game—your fault, not mine, of course; what offends is ... well ... anyone and everyone. We are too easily offended with the slightest, provoked to the breaking by some small notice or the absence of any.



Then there is the conviction, put forth so stridently, that the world would be a far, far better place—more livable, supposedly—if only there were fewer men to bugger up the works. If only there

were only women, what bliss would be now commonplace.

**B**ut alas, God made first a man—a poor prototype, or so it would appear; no wise proved ready for mass production—then realizing her

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mistakes, took what was found acceptable (a rib bone) and voila! Perfection! God created woman. Thus man became superfluous, an unnecessary impediment to a perfect world.

Such utter nonsense—so easily proved fallacious by right reason and a modicum of thought—must neither be denied nor criticized, for such impertinence would most assuredly offend tender mercies. Those who would dare challenge such dogmatic drivel will necessarily inspire the strident condemnation and dishonest ridicule of the manic megaphoned mob.

There is more afoot than meets the eye; all one needs do is acknowledge the nakedness of the querulous crowd and deny it entrance. Yet we demur, we hesitate to criticize, to dare suggest the emperor wears no clothes. We have by our inaction, careless disregard and our insouciance given righteous audience to the madding crowd, sending generations to be indoctrinated, inculcated with illogical, irrational ideologies rather than a thirst for knowledge and truth.

Universities no longer teach students how to think, to reason, or to use their minds in search of truth; young minds are now subjected to doctrinaire indoctrination, inculcated with insipid ideologies, and turned out *en masse* quite incapable of thinking independently or rationally. Thus, multiple generations are today incapable of discerning the differences that lie between the trivial and the consequential, between fallacy and verity, good and evil, morality and immorality, rea-

ality and fantasy; life and death are viewed the same, virtue is of no accord, hope disparaged, faith ridiculed, and love reduced to pleasure.

No other phrase or slogan so well embodies this aberrant philosophy—I cringe at the very thought of elevating such mindlessness to the principled heights of knowledge, reality, and existence—as the #MeToo ideological cabal. Under the shadowed guise of equity, diversity, and tolerance, inequities must be imposed in order to correct past injustices, quotas must be unleashed to right perceived imbalances, and any and all dissent must be stifled and never tolerated. Upon American culture and throughout the economy, the #MeToo horde proclaims that all disparities and injustices inflicted upon gender and race in employment and institutional representation are due to blatant, ongoing discriminatory practices, harassment and bias.

Heather MacDonald recently observed that *“Pressures for so-called diversity, defined reductively by gonads and melanin, are of course nothing new. Since the 1990s, every mainstream institution has lived in terror of three lethal words: ‘all white male,’ an epithet capable of producing paroxysms of self-abasement. Silicon Valley start-ups and science labs quake before the charge of being all or mostly male; their varied ethnic demographics earn them no protection from the diversity racket.”*<sup>1</sup>

Academic STEM departments—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics—have found themselves under enormous pressure to hire by gender and race. Never mind qualifi-

cations, never mind the mounting evidence for wide differences in interests and aptitudes between the sexes. Study after study has shown that females gravitate towards different types of jobs than men. Women, on average, tend to choose careers that are perceived to make the world a better place. Even when looking under the STEM umbrella, women seek jobs that are seen as directly helping others by a two-to-one ratio over men. Seventy-five percent of health-care workers are women, while in computer related jobs only twenty-five percent are female, and fewer still, a mere fourteen percent, are in engineering jobs.

The #MeToo mob argues that this disparity proves the in-built “*all white male*” antipathy against women and persons of color. No other rationale is possible they claim. Women and those of color must be granted their just due, whether they are willing to admit to past discrimination or not.

As MacDonald points out, given these differences of interests and skills, the only way to engineer gender proportionality in the hard sciences is to put a ceiling on male hires, no matter how gifted, until enough females can be induced to enter the field to balance out the males.

There are, and always have been, real abuses of power, and while the preponderance of those abuses have most often been perpetrated by men upon women, women are not entirely absolved of any culpability in this regard. The solution to such abuses, however, is not to replace merit and

Individual achievement with irrelevant criteria such as gender and race.

**M**acDonald adds, *"Ironically, the best solution to sexual predation is not more feminism, but less. By denying the differences between men and women, and by ridiculing the manly virtues of gentlemanliness and chivalry and the female virtues of modesty and prudence, feminism dissolved the civilizational restraints on the male libido. The boorish behavior that pervades society today would have been unthinkable in the past, when a traditional understand of sexual propriety prevailed. Now, however, with the idea of 'lades and gentkemen' discredited and out of favor, boorishness is increasingly the rule.*

*Contrary to the feminist narrative, Western culture is in fact the least patriarchal culture in human history; rather than being forced to veil, females in our society can parade themselves in as scantily clad a manner as they choose; pop culture stars flaunt their promiscuity. ... every mainstream institution is trying to hire and promote as many females as possible. As the #MeToo movement swells the demand for ever more draconian diversity mandates, a finding in a Pew Research Center poll on workplace equity is worth noting: the perception of bias is directly proportional to the number of years the perceiver has spent in an American university. The persistent claim of gender bias, in other words, is ideological, not empirical. But after #MeToo, it will have an even more disruptive effect."*

In addition to the #MeToo movement, the Discrimination Industry continues to put forth fallacious statements to support their plethora of

causes. And, when their false narratives appear to be failing, they quickly turn to character assassination, producing salacious and equally false accusations against those who oppose or disagree with their tortured ideologies.

Consider the Pro-Choice advocacy groups. These groups are well-funded and have the attention of those who rule in Federal and State offices. Planned Parenthood obtains Federal and State dollars for *"women's health issues,"* a not so thinly cloaked euphemism for abortion on demand. No similar public monies are distributed to true women's health clinics, pregnancy centers, or other not-for-profit organizations such as Project Rachel which offers post-abortion counseling.

States like California have done everything within their power to minimize and delegitimize any perceived threat to the abortion industry, enacting laws which require facilities which cater to women's health but do not provide abortion services to inform their clients of what is available and where. This law has been upheld by state and federal appellate courts and is currently awaiting a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in June of this year.

The assault on the dignity of human life and on the natural God-given differences between men and women is ongoing and unrelenting. It is not a war which can be won by silently sitting on the sidelines. Get Involved.

1. Heather MacDonald, *The Negative Impact of the #MeToo Movement*. Imprimus, April 2018. An adaptation from a speech delivered at Hillsdale College on April 18, 2018, during a two-week teaching residency at Hillsdale as a Pulliam Distinguished Visiting Fellow in Journalism.

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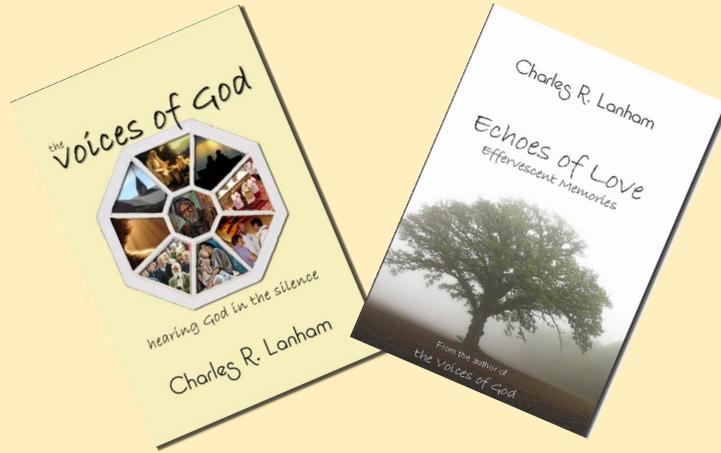
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Henry Holt and Co.  
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