

Stopping Leviathan

That penetrating economic analyst and columnist Dr Milton Friedman had some things to say about big government in one of his recent columns that should be instructive to a generation of voters and taxpayers who have never known anything other than big government

Dr Friedman calls big government "Leviathan" - the legendary monster of the seas So far as government spending and taxes go, he observes, "Neither a legislated ceiling nor any other administrative devices designed to improve the budgetary

process - welcome though they would be - will halt Leviathan unless we, as citizens, once again change drastically the role that we assign to government" Back in 1930, federal government spending took four percent of the national income; state and local spending, 11 percent. Today the combined outgo of federal, state and local spending accounts for about 40 percent of the income of all citizens This is the price today's generation pays for accepting government as a keeper rather than an umpire

How's Your Work Ethic

Everyone insists on the highest quality of service and workmanship, everyone wants safety everyone wants to get as much as they can for their money in the marketplace All of this is fine But how many exert themselves to do the extra bit that means their own efforts are producing quality either in service or product for the other fellow?

The fault with many products, the defects in our homes and a good share of the hazards we encounter are attributable to laziness and lack of interest in doing a job right Who cares about the fact that lack of skilled troubleshooting in

everything from autos to vacuum cleaners threatens to make a shambles of technological marvels? Most of the troubles of today are traceable to a massive rejection of the work ethic or whatever you wish to call it

Most people expect the other fellow to be the expert, the producer and the fall guy when something goes wrong We forget that when the work ethic dies the experts and the workers of a more energetic age gradually disappear, leaving the non-workers to stew in their own juice and a maze of meaningless health, safety and consumer protection laws

Driving Dangers

Millions of American drivers take to the streets daily - some of them never to return alive Yet for all of its traffic problems, the US still can't compare to the rest of the world when it comes to slaughter on the highways

"In Asia", says the "Reporter" of Greenfield, Indiana, "traffic conditions can only be described as hopeless The best way to drive there, according to one version, is with your eyes closed You really don't want to know how many narrow escapes you've had" Germany is another notorious example of a country where survival of the fittest driver is the way of life On Germany's "no speed limit"

Autobahn, a driver doing 70 miles per hour is often the slowest thing on the road, and winter is not heralded as a time of tranquility and rebuilding on nature so much as a season of death due to fast driving and bad weather

This winter season as highway hazards are at their peak, we in the United States must do all we can to enhance motoring safety and turn out careful, competent drivers But, at the same time, we can take some pride in the fact that we have a better chance of living through a long automobile trip than do the drivers of most other nations

Grassroots Opinions

LAKE PARK, IOWA, NEWS "If you think you have troubles pity the poor editor - if he attends a meeting he's being nosy, if he doesn't he isn't interested If he writes an in-depth story, it's too long, if he condenses one, it's incomplete If he takes sides on an issue he is prejudiced, if he doesn't he is a coward If he asks for advice, he's incompetent, if he doesn't he is a know-it-all If he makes a mistake he hears about it for weeks, if he doesn't he never hears about it If he expresses an opinion, he wants to run the show if he doesn't he lacks guts If he misspells your name, you never forget it If he doesn't you didn't read that story"

MATTOON ILL JOURNAL GAZETTE 'American astronauts are studying Russian and Soviet cosmonauts are studying English It is all in preparation for the first joint space flight, made possible by one of the agreements President Nixon brought home from Moscow The cosmonauts are due in Houston within a year to begin training for the joint flight in 1975 That is three years of space peace to look forward to, at least'

BOGALUSA, LA, NEWS "Checking account customers of the Hempstead Bank in Syosset, N Y, are enjoying - if that is the right word - the benefits of a cashless and checkless society Thirty-five retailers in Syosset are cooperating in a scheme which lets customers use a special plastic card to make purchases When the card is inserted

into a machine the retailer gets an automatic credit to his account at the bank and the buyer's account is given an automatic debit This is progress, we suppose, even if it makes going broke easier than ever To many people the cashless society is the one they're in most of the time"

NEWTON FALLS, OHIO, HERALD "Despite the fact that popular indignation has made pollution preeminent among the nation's crises, far too many individuals still cling to the simplistic notion that 'I' don't cause pollution - 'they' do Conversely, too few are prepared to make the individual sacrifices in comfort and convenience that will have to be made The question we should all be asking is not 'Who will pay the costs?' but rather, 'What is my fair share?'"

IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, EASTERN IDAHO FARMER "We chill every time we hear of a new tax reform proposal After the 'reform' is an accomplished fact, inevitably we pay more taxes"

FOWLER, IND, BENTON REVIEW "I'm always impressed by the politician who leaves his \$80 a day hotel suite to climb into a \$9,000 limousine which takes him to a \$20,000,000 jet which delivers him to the city where he has to deliver a speech on economy in government."

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THE TIME . . .

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To Care For Dairy Calves

Never has it been more important to do a good job of raising dairy herd replacements. The cost of feed, labor and other items put into the calves is very high and the heifers are in demand and worth high prices at any time. All good dairy cows and heifers should be bred to good dairy bulls so that the offspring can be put back into the herd or sold to other dairymen This county and this part of the state have hundreds of good dairy herds The dairy calves and heifers are in strong demand Dairymen should try and do a good job of raising good, big heifers that will increase herd averages and total farm profits. Dairy heifers are a very valuable farm product at this time

To Be Prepared For Snowstorms

Our winter has been very mild to date but there are still two months left in which we could get severe snow or ice storms. Farm families are urged to be prepared for these emergencies to keep damages and hardships to a minimum Food and medicine supplies should be adequate for a week or ten days. Fire extinguishers should be checked. A standby generator to make emergency electricity is a must on most of our larger, automated farms. Severe weather can take away our electric power for hours or days at a time, so plans should be ready for emergency units.

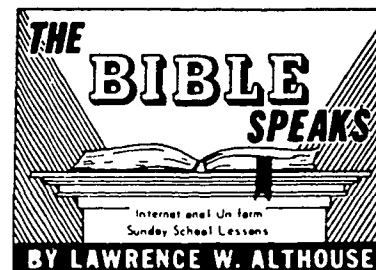
The winter weather has been very acceptable to date but there is still plenty of time to average up temperatures and snowfall.

To Control Cattle Lice

Recent farm visits reveal some heavily infested cattle with body lice It is good management to get rid of these lice on all types of livestock because they will reduce the production, gains, and efficiency of the animals Treatment may be with dry powders or with sprays; they are not expensive and will more than repay the costs Cattle infested with lice will not make good gains and will reduce the net returns Production costs are high, the value of the beef or milk is also very worthwhile. Good management requires the control of both external and internal parasites.

To Manage With Strict Sanitation

We have often heard that both sanitation and segregation are two very important things to help keep livestock producers out of health problems. This is still true and we urge all producers to be careful with their sanitation practices. At the recent hog cholera meeting Dr Homer Forney from Harrisburg told the audience that good sanitation is needed to eradicate hog cholera from our country. We must be clean, keep out stray dogs, cats, and birds, and be careful where new animals are purchased; health certificates are necessary and everyone needs to cooperate in order to get rid of the disease. Local veterinarians may be consulted for other suggestions relating to sanitation and disinfecting the premises. Hog Cholera must go, but it will take the help of everyone to make it disappear.



HARD WORDS

Lesson for January 28, 1973

Background Scripture Ezekiel 18
Devotional Reading Psalms 139 1 12

Which is harder to say?
(a) Antidiseestablishmentarianism, or
(b) I'm sorry?

I cannot answer for anyone else but myself, but I rather believe that "b" would win "hands down" It must be difficult to say for there are many who say it rarely and some who say it never at all Why are these two simple words so hard to say?



Rev. Althouse

"Unfair! Unfair!"

For many people it is a matter of pride To say, "I'm sorry," indicates that we regret something we have done or not done and this means we have made a mistake, erred, or sinned For those who are puffed up with false pride, an admission of error or sin is like a pit—it deflates us in our own eyes as well as the eyes of others

The problem is that we have pretended that we are something we are not and the shattering of that pretense is a devastating experience The more we have leaned on that pretense, the harder we fall when it is shattered

Often we protect ourselves by turning a deaf ear to the truth If we ignore it, we think, perhaps it will go away This is the way

the people of Judah had responded to the warnings of Jeremiah. They refused to acknowledge the truth of his prophetic messages in which their sins were roundly condemned

In time, however, they could ignore the situation no longer: their nation was destroyed as the prophet had warned Now, later, the people were still resisting judgement No longer able to ignore it, they now turned to the old tactic of trying to blame someone else. Yes, we have been punished, they admitted, but it was our fathers who sinned! They dug up the old proverb: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge" (Ezekiel 18 2).

The soul that sins . . .

It is typical of human nature to blame someone else for our misfortunes, But God is not deceived, though others and even ourselves are "Behold," says God through Ezekiel, "all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sins shall die" (18:4). The meaning should be clear: God is not deceived, he knows who has sinned If we are innocent, we need not worry about punishment Only the guilty soul will be condemned

The best way to deceive others, probably, is to first deceive ourselves Thus it is that, like the people of Judah, we refuse to acknowledge the evidence and continue to protest our innocence long after it should have been obvious that we need to examine our own hearts and bring ourselves to say those two hard, hard words "I'm sorry"

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