Words Without True Meaning

Fertile Ground For Propaganda



Words Convey Reality

The overthrow of the accepted meanings of words inevitably results in the overthrow of the previous culture. Do you think I overstate this?

How about this one? When words have no meaning at all except what the 'powers that be', want them to mean, you have fertile ground for propaganda and eventually complete tyranny.



Justice Scalia bemoaned, in his recent Obama care dissent, "Words no longer have meaning if an Exchange that is not established by the State is "established by the State."

Megan Gerber writing for the Atlantic, gently mocks; Scalia believes, "Words, root us collectively and epistemologically." For him they are a declaration about the unchanging nature of old truths, whatever document may enshrine them."

Her derision of Scalia can be clearly seen in her response to what evidently is for Megan an unrecognizable art form-the logical argument.

Scalia's dissent on the gay marriage case includes the following riff on the majority opinion.

"The nature of marriage is that, through its enduring bond, two persons together can find other freedoms, such as expression, intimacy, and spirituality." (Really? Who ever thought that intimacy and spirituality [whatever that means] were freedoms? And if intimacy is, one would think Freedom of Intimacy is abridged rather than expanded by marriage. Ask the nearest hippie.

Rather than respond intelligently, Megan contemptuously writes, "On the one hand, of course, this is just Scalia being Scalia (and the rest of us being Scalia'ed)." as if He were some eccentric Uncle who should be rejected out of hand and his words nothing more than insane ranting.

Megan is the prototype of the saucy young idiot whose sophistry is destructive and whose mental apparatus extends no deeper than the Orwellian-like summation, New=Better.

Thoughts From the Past Relevant For Today

Josef Pieper, a Thomas scholar wrote a small book entitled *Abuse of Language*, *Abuse of Power* (1972) that was translated into English in 1992. Most people in America have been indoctrinated against classical Western thought, nay all ideas that could be considered "old". Many even lack the logical framework to think and discuss such profound ideas, nonetheless I proceed forward because understanding this concept is a key to fighting back against the mountainous state of corruption and collapse presently being witnessed in this country.



Broadly speaking Pieper states that,

"Human words and Language accomplish a twofold purpose, as Plato without doubt would have answered-in clear agreement with Western thought. Since this accomplishment is twofold, we may already here suspect that the word's degeneration and corruption can also be twofold. First, words convey reality. We speak in order to name and identify something that is real, to identify it for someone, of course- and this points to the second aspect in question, the interpersonal character of human speech."

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If you are unsure what the phrase "words convey reality' means, here is an example. In the late 1800's the rise of the social sciences reflected a growing ideology of Man. He was no longer created in the image of God but rather a creature of evolution. As this ideology took over, new terms were created to discuss the nature of man without reference to God; personality replaced the term character.

This was a tectonic shift-Character related terms laden with moral connotations such as patience, temperance, malice, greed, lascivious (driven by lust), gluttony, fornication, virtue were abandoned in favor of non-moral words to describe man without reference to God. Patience was replaced by low frustration tolerance; words like "greed", "temperance", "lasciviousness" and "malice" are barely acknowledged to exist and rarely used today. Gluttony has given way to the idea that obesity has genetic pre-determinants instead of being about personal self-control.

The first set of words convey a God-centered reality, the second set of words convey a man-centered reality. Both realities cannot be true at the same time. The loss of words to speak about reality results in the diminished force of that reality.

Newspeak-Altering the Language Changes The Way People Think About Reality



Just listen to Syme, the philologist, a specialist in Newspeak tasked with writing the new dictionary in the book *1984*, by George Orwell

"Do you know that Newspeak is the only language in the world whose vocabulary gets smaller every year?"..."Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thought crime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it."

Which brings us to the second of Piepers' central ideas about human language, that the words are spoken "to someone" to describe and understand reality. Piper's contention is that a lie is the opposite of communication. It means specifically to withhold the other's share and portion of reality, to prevent his participation in reality.

So there are two possible corruptions of language

- 1) Words themselves are changed or corrupted and thereby cease to be accurate representations of reality
- 2) Words are used purposely to misrepresent reality to the other person and thereby corrupt the relationship

In case number two, the words and language used are not intended to communicate truth because there is an ulterior motive. The person spoken to ceases to be a partner rather "he becomes an object to be manipulated, or possibly dominated, to be handled and controlled." "I concentrate on his weaknesses and on those areas that may appeal to him -all in order to manipulate him, to use him for my purposes." We would normally call this person a con artist.

Sophists- The Great Manipulators of the Language



In Piepers' short essay he references Plato's disdain and criticism for the sophists of his time who were able to craft perfectly worded and brilliantly formulated speeches which were strikingly written, performed and staged but "in their essence were false; and not only false, but outright bad, inferior, contemptible, shameful, destructive, wretched- and still marvelously put together."

And this brings us to the main argument that all speech in which the strict standard of truth or reality has been disregarded stands by its nature to "serve as an instrument in the hands of any ruler to pursue all kinds of power schemes...it creates an atmosphere of epidemic proneness and vulnerability to the reign of the tyrant."

How Abuse of Language Leads To Tyranny

"Serving the tyranny, the corruption and abuse of language becomes better known as propaganda. The most perfect propaganda achieves just his: that the menace is not apparent but well concealed. Still, it must remain visible; it must remain recognizable. At the same time, those for whom the menace is intended must nevertheless be led and eased in to believing (and this is the true art!) that by acquiescing to the intimidation, they really do the reasonable thing, perhaps even what they would have wanted to do anyway."

Plato asked himself this question continually over the course of a 50-year career. What is it that makes the sophists so dangerous?

"The sophists' he says, 'fabricate a fictitious reality' That the existential realm of man could be taken over by pseudo-realities whose fictitious nature threaten to become indiscernible is truly a depressing thought. And yet this Platonic nightmare, I hold, possesses an alarming contemporary relevance. For the general public is being reduced to a state where people not only are unable to find out truth but also become unable even to search for truth because they are satisfied with deception and trickery that have determined their convictions, satisfied with a fictitious reality created by design through the abuse of language." This is incidentally what Aldous Huxley termed the final revolution in the book *Brave New World Revisited*.

Current Dilemma-Propaganda Everywhere

This, my friends is EXACTLY where we are right now in this country. Remember, truth has been summarily disregarded as the basis of communication since WWI; the great age of the new sophists- public relation firms whose sole purpose was to manipulate public attitudes to those desired by government or large corporations.



This is the urgent need of the moment...to wake up to the realization that abuse of language is endemic and that the purpose of those manipulating words is the absolute abuse of power manifested in global tyranny.

Without an awakening of truth and a new revolution of words and language, the real battle against the elites in banking, government and corporations who are colluding to defraud, disarm and enslave not only America but the world, will never be waged.

I have quoted extensively from Josef Pieper in hopes that you will pick up his book, "Abuse of Language, Abuse of Power" and read if for yourself after which you will recognize abuse of language virtually everywhere. And as Josef Pieper predicted in 1972, massive tyranny is assuredly just around the corner.

My purpose in writing is to help wake up the remnant. Many are asking questions and beginning to be alarmed at the rapid destruction of American cohesion, law, and sovereignty.

We must go back to the truth dust off the old words and once again let our minds feed on that true reality.

Please consider sharing this article via email or twitter to others who are questioning. We each need to do our part in waking up our friends, family and acquaintances.