

Adjusting Our Moral Compass

Dedicated leftist singer Harry Belafonte frustrated in early 2012 that Barack Obama “has no moral compass.” About 85% of us claim the Bible as the foundational moral compass. Can we set course in a world of chaos where we have to measure and guide the work of our leaders in a “*Government of the People, by the People and for the People?*” We have a big and ongoing job to regain our bearings and get back on course.

The polarity of that giant magnet called “Planet Earth” has switched from north to south and back again over eons of time. The “progressive” movement, after decades of nudging, after 2008, our polarity flipped. The ship of state is lost in a sea of financial manipulation and selective privilege. It’s time for a course correction to re-assure a safe journey for all.

This Moral Compass consists of three sets of three priorities that can be identified in applying the philosophical, political and religious priorities of a people and those who rule them. It breaks down to how we Think Act and Operate.¹

How do we think?

Beauty, Ethics and Logic (The equally important normative sciences of Philosophy applied in this order idealize a world view that has succeeded in our Constitutional Republic. Seek Beauty first, then Ethics will be obvious and Logic will protect it.)

How do we act?

Subsidiarity, Solidarity and Chaos (First we take personal responsibility, expect the unity of “e pluribus unum” and enjoy the challenges and fruits of the chaos of unexpected opportunity.)

How do we operate?

High-Touch, High-Tech and High-Finance (Intuition, Reason and Enablement – Things must be visualized and developed for both things of beauty and technology can be created. High Finance is the servant, not the master of this process.)

The Moral Compass of Beautiful Correctness (on the Right)

Polarity of “Progressive” Power with Motive (Left)

9 Points of “Beautiful Correctness” with Motive (Right)

Think -1 High Finance - Power, Control & Usurpation

Think-1 Beauty - Endowment by our Creator

Think-2 High Tech - Vehicle of Progress

Think-2 Ethics - Define Moral and Ethical Boundaries

Think-3 High Touch - Perverse and left-brained art; drab architecture

¹ Thomas Sowell, in his book “A Conflict of Visions” © Thomas Sowell, Basic Books, 2002, refers to these, in my opinion, as Unconstrained and Constrained visions. Unconstrained visions deny a moral order yet stress strict plans for social order directed by a few.

Think-3 Logic - Defend Beauty – Define from Multiple Inferences

Act-1 Chaos - Class Warfare – Entropy

Act-1 Subsidiarity - Levels of Help with Limits on Government

Act-2 Solidarity - Us versus Them

Act-2 Solidarity - One Nation Under God

Act-3 Subsidiarity - Entitlement

Act-3 Chaos - Unexpected Opportunity Presented

Operate-1 Logic - Based on One often Unprovable Idea

Operate-1 High Touch - Key Component in Design, Construction and Maintenance

Operate-2 Ethics - Activate One-Idea Logic via Regulations, Fines and Harassment

Operate-2 High Tech - The Whole Process of Discovery and Development

Operate-3 Beauty - Not a Factor except as usurped by ruling elite

Operate-3 High Finance - The Enabling Servant of all the above

No one Point is more important than the others. Logic, Solidarity and Finance would seem to be more important than say Beauty, Subsidiarity or High Touch. Each Point is equally important as the next as they tend to build on one another - for good or evil.. The key is their priority of application in human discourse. Think it through! Try to live it!

Why is High-Finance at the bottom of the priority list? Is it the least important in the Beautifully Correct Moral Compass scenario? Not at all! No more than Logic is less important than Beauty or Ethics. However, High-Finance, rather than dominating the life of the world, nation and people, especially through unproductive and dishonest speculations and debt-based tribute, it must again assume its position as the willing servant of all. Sadly the love of money is a terrible aphrodisiac. It lures the greedy and the innocent into a web of intrigue that can lead to death.

The true definition of Capitalism is in High-Finance’s role as the servant of vision, courage, ideas, savings, philanthropy, investment and commerce! The love of money as a vehicle for profit or control for its own sake will always be the root of all evil.

Perhaps the evils of the current international money market manipulations most don’t even notice can be countered with Justice applied with a Moral Compass.²

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² See also, “The Launching of the S. S. Me, a Willing Vessel on the Sea of Man” © 2008 Gerald V. Todd
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