

TEKEL: RELIGIOUS, GUYS? DOESN'T THAT MEAN SHIT?

27TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. (Daniel 5)

Hostility to 'Pharisees'/whited sepulchres is embedded in any country with a Christian tradition, being about as modern a sign of decay and 'lack of respect' as the New Testament.

Or Jesus was this really unpleasant and upsetting guy who made a career out of Rude and Unnecessary behaviour, which come to think of it would undoubtedly be the opinion of the Labour Party.

What is modern is the hard-fought-for freedom to say the 'Pharisees' are nasty little shits. It is this they wish to remove by assaulting secularism. The Religious Hatred Bill as originally conceived was simply the Pharisee Protection Act.

There has been a decisive rejection of orthodox religion. The flaw is supposed to be in the rest of us. Let's see now, sexist, homophobic, racist, fascist, totalitarian, wasn't there some kind of an upset about these things between 1939 and 1945? Oh, and profoundly sexually disturbed.

They have lost control and are too blind and in love with themselves to even see why.

It is possible to be an observant, devout and literal-minded believer and be a loving human being.

Rarer - invisible - is being an observant, devout, literal-minded and political loving human being. What draws them into politics is the urge to fuck everyone else over from the pinnacle of their supposed perfection and their insufferable self-righteousness, their conviction they alone got Troof.

Drag everyone else down to their level. The existence of irreligious people who behave like animals is supposed to mean that religion would make us all good, exactly how good being amply demonstrated by the history and current standards of religious societies. They perpetuate the lie that that violent job is a modern phenomenon, when reality is rather that the thug previously had a let-out in socially approved victims, not least his wife and children, violence readily accommodated by the 'holy'.

Hrrmph, hrrmph, modern nonsense, good enough for our ancestors. It was not good enough for anyone who was a member of an out-group. It was not good enough for the masses who after 1845 years of what was good enough for them were dying of starvation in London. The world has moved on to the principle ALL people matter.

What we have here is a rump of 'Pharisees', observant, legalistic, fascist, about as spiritually evolved as the average tower-block, taken as the entirety of the spiritual life of the country by legalist, fascist politicians also about as spiritually evolved as the average tower-block.

However much they try to tell us bad is good, mad is sane, freedom is slavery, it doesn't wash.

They do not separate - perhaps cannot separate - respect for the law and respect for the Law in the theological sense. Ah, the desperate authoritarianism of the pathetic.

Following numerous more or less strange laws supposedly dictated by someone with a propensity to say 'I AM THE LORD' does not make you good. Probably there were Jews pointing that out 3000 years ago but they didn't make history.

What they want is a return to the Law, to keeping the rules laid down in the holy book. They don't care any more than they ever did about whether people are decent, civilized, caring or of course free. What they want is return to real power over every individual in the country.