

When did Democracy Die?

This article will begin gradually, in a roundabout way. I have a death to report.

I have a friend called Graham Ennis. He is an astounding character, and his vast erudition and interesting ideas no doubt originate from a totally unconventional education over very many countries, usually in educational institutions designed to cater for a global elite. He tells me with interest childhood encounters with Arthur C. Clark, the Science Fiction writer, in Sri Lanka.

I would like to recount with amusement an interesting foible, on the grounds that we must accept that we are all human, and however great our achievements we are subject to error. This does not diminish what we have done. Although it could be irrelevant here, it may be that a deficit in one area leads to its overcompensation in another. Graham has an extraordinary spelling system. Clearly educated to an extraordinary degree I have met in his writing *Summery Execution and Enviromental* (read carefully this spelling). For the first we are assured that this is validated by a spelling checker, for the second I would recommend its widespread introduction in some cases. Our attitude to the environment is often mental, and we should say so. One may note that these spellings begin with capital letters, and enquire why someone who has read the Guardian for many decades should fail to notice that German capitalisation of nouns is not present in English. Graham is not amused by my amusement at him, and finds these remarks offensive.

Acknowledging always the rights of individuals to self-respect, he should tell me that my intention should not be to belittle his thinking, but to elevate it. In many respects he is the master and I am the student. His ideas are often deep and revolutionary. After extensive and exhaustive analysis beginning with complete rejection, I have almost always come to the conclusion that they are completely correct. This is uncomfortable for my understanding of the world around me. Wishing to convey this knowledge and its approach more widely, I believe it is essential to understand what our world is and how it behaves. Only when we understand the truth of what is there can we have a correct approach to changing it.

Graham is a Conspiracy Theorist. The word Conspiracy Theory is a noun. The use of the noun vacuum does not mean something is not there. The use of the word solvable group does not mean it related to solvable polynomial equations. We must not invent names to prove something exists. Yes, we must use theories, but we must not use theories to avoid examination and proof.

Briefly, a Conspiracy Theory is socially disapproved. We have not described what a theory is. It is unnecessary here to go into technical details. For example, Newtonian gravity describes with precision the motion of falling objects and connects these ideas intimately with the motion of planets like our planet Earth around the Sun. The advanced reader may know that Newtonian gravity is wrong. Although inaccurate, it is usually a very good approximation. Newtonian gravity is a Theory in physics. Are there Conspiracy Theories in physics? The uneducated reader, or an educated reader who has gone through the academic system, which means conformity to ideology to get marks and other accreditation, would say no. They would say perhaps there are Impermissible Theories which are discounted. I regard all theories in physics today as Impermissible Theories. There are also Impermissible Theories of quite genuine

interest which are socially rejected. There are thus Conspiracy Theories also. We can consider them all to describe the complete truth.

Conspiracy Theories are almost always assumed to relate only to politics. Some Conspiracy Theories were once promoted as being false, like the Shoah or holocaust extermination in Nazi Germany, but later turned out to be true.

It is preferable to assess the validity or invalidity of a theory as much as possible independent of the social system. We will investigate an explicit example of a well-known Conspiracy Theory. We treat it like any other theory in physics. We will compare Alternative Theories and match them with what we observe. If they differ in their predictions, we examine the facts. We will also use logic, a very strict method of reasoning which proves within its rules correct answers. We also use a technique to establish correctness called Coherence. A Coherent Theory fits together a large number of facts, and with more facts the Theory remains unchanged. An Incoherent theory is very complicated to describe facts, and often it will have to be changed when new facts come along. Our strong tendency is if a Theory is Coherent under a large number of circumstances and other Theories are Incoherent, then we select the Coherent Theory as representing the truth, even though to prove it entirely would take a vast number of circumstances.

There is a remarkable observation that some theories in physics deny that there is an Underlying Reality. In quantum mechanics theories with an Underlying Reality are often described as Impermissible. The proof of Impermissibility is incorrect. There are Impermissible Theories which describe quantum mechanics and violate the Impermissibility theorem. Uneducated people usually think there is an Underlying Reality, but physicists are trained to think that there is not. In a technical definition, these physicists are Lunatics.

The Conspiracy Theory we will investigate is the assassination of Princess Diana. We will not be able to establish all the facts. Our main aim is to establish an Existence Theorem. We wish to determine by logical reasoning whether or not there was an organised conspiracy to interfere with the legal process to determine the facts. We will see that there is direct and irrefutable evidence that this took place. Given this, we will investigate the Coherence of Alternative Theories to the legally determined one that stated that there was no evidence of a conspiracy to assassinate her. Detailed further investigation could go further.

We are like we are in an old house. The house has been with us for many generations. It is strange that there has been an occupant that has been there for a very long time. We cannot determine when he first arrived, and it is extraordinary that he has lived there for so long. We remember many arguments and disputes with him, and he has not always got his way. We are very familiar with him, and he is our friend. We have always assumed because he has been there so long that he would stay there indefinitely into the future. He has been with our family for so many generations that we cannot conceive of life without him.

Recently perhaps his condition might be considered by some as not one of complete health. We had a little look, and thought it was not too serious. Yes, people become ill, especially people of his age, but he would get better. There was nothing to worry about.

Lately, whilst we were going about our business, and we asked him questions, he did not reply. We thought perhaps he did not want to, or was thinking of something else. We continued vacuuming the carpet and other household chores. One day we discovered he had decided to lie on the carpet. Since he did not want to move, we vacuumed around him. We noticed he had a different coloration than usual, but we were not unduly alarmed, reasoning that this was due to his temporary illness, and we had been informed he would recover, as he always had. More recently we decided it was better to move more often to the kitchen, because a smell was coming from the living room, but we did not know why. The thought then occurred that the body on the carpet we had left for several weeks might be more seriously ill than we thought, and even might need medical attention, perhaps even in a hospital. So we got down on the carpet on the living room and asked him: Are you all right? There was no reply. Suddenly to our horror we realised our old friend was in a condition which no human could ever repair. Our friend was Democracy.

Democracy is dead.
