

Our Editorial Page

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In the last 50 years, the knowledge and skills acquired by humankind has exceeded that acquired in the preceding millions of years. In fact this knowledge has increased exponentially such that in the last ten years it has exceeded all that came before it. We have been privileged to see the advent of two tools that will radically change and advance our Civilization for the better. These tools are LENR and CRISPR.

LENR is the acronym for Low Energy Nuclear Reactions. (Some use the word Neutron instead of Nuclear.) LENR refers to a reaction characterized by the combining of electrons and protons through a principally low energy process into neutrons which are then absorbed by target atoms, releasing excess energy and transmuting the target elements into a new element, all without dangerous radiation and emissions. Much research is needed to bring this science to a practical level where it can be used to generate clean and green energy on a large scale.

CRISPR or Clustered Regularly-Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats are segments of prokaryotic DNA containing short repetitions of base sequences. Each repetition is followed by short segments of "spacer DNA" from previous exposures to a bacterial virus or plasmid. While this definition doesn't do justice to the term, the applications of CRISPR are to cut and paste DNA so as to easily accomplish genetic manipulation. While many think this is controversial, among the benefits are inherited disease control, new drug creation, reviving endangered and extinct species, disease vector control, better food production and improving the health of animals; all of which are needed to improve and advance our Civilization.

What we need to do as a society is see to it that these sciences get a fair and impartial examination and subsequent promotion to the level of importance and application that they deserve rather than allow them to be suppressed by religious or political fanatics.

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At the outset of this editorial page it might be convenient for us to discuss a number of terms and concepts that may be helpful in understanding what we are about.

There are four terms that are used, sometimes incorrectly, to describe various persons' ideas about deities and religions. They are: Theist, Atheist, Gnostic and Agnostic. The Internet does a good job of defining them if you just use a search engine like Google or go to Wikipedia. There are also combinations of these terms that get a little more specific than just using one term.

As a corporate entity we are not going to place ourselves in any one category because our mission goes beyond such categorizing. We are about searching for and passing on knowledge about Nature and Life that will help preserve our Civilization indefinitely. We don't think the existence or non-existence of God has any bearing on this endeavor. We do have our concerns about Religion, however. And also about Politics.

Religion and God are separate and distinct entities. According to Wikipedia, “**Religion** is an organized collection of belief systems, cultural systems, and world views that relate humanity to spirituality and, sometimes, to moral values. Many religions have narratives, symbols, traditions and sacred histories that are intended to give meaning to life or to explain the origin of life or the Universe. *From their ideas about the cosmos and human nature, they tend to derive morality, ethics, religious laws or a preferred lifestyle.* According to some estimates, there are roughly 4,200 religions in the world.”

If it were only and always that. We would like to say now that if your belief in God and/or religion works for you, answers all your questions, gives you comfort in all your trials and tribulations, helps you relate in a mutually satisfactory way with the rest of the world and solves all problems, then you are indeed extremely fortunate.

On the other hand, there are problems that sometimes arise from religion. We call your attention to the red, italicized text two paragraphs above. You can have religions without God and God without religion. But as far as we can tell, religions are created by humans. And it is humans that formulate the morality, ethics, religious laws or preferred lifestyle. As such this morality, ethics, religious law or preferred lifestyle suffers from the same frailties and negatives as humans. And therefore religion which came about to help and preserve our Civilization has become about control of the many by the few.

Religion, based on man's concept of God, served Humanity well until we started to discover facts and phenomena that was at odds with it. Over the many years that have passed since Science became a prominent feature of our civilization, the division between religion and science has grown to overwhelming proportions. Science has increased our knowledge of the Universe immensely, Religion has not – it has anchored us. There is a problem with being anchored (in your philosophies), however, you cannot move forward, you cannot change, you cannot solve new problems.

Political ideology is just as problematic as religion. Politics is all about Power. Power of one or a few humans over a large number of other humans. And as we all know, absolute power corrupts absolutely!

The worst possible scenario is when religious and political ideologies merge. Separate or together, they have failed to make our world peaceful and livable. As we say in [Our Message](#), we need to replace religious and political ideologies and institutions with something else if we want our civilization to become and remain peaceful and livable. Let's look at Art and Science.

Art lets us see ourselves and critically examine aspects of our society – how we have failed or succeeded – where we want to go – what we want our civilization to be.

Science is about looking for and finding the truth – giving us the knowledge to save ourselves and our Civilization. Science is neither Anti-God nor Pro-God. True scientists are looking for the truth – the facts – without any preconditions. They will always keep an open mind and look for contradictions to their present findings. But the contradictions must be based on fact. If it isn't fact, it's fantasy.

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