

How, in the 21st century, do young men become dedicated killers and torturers?

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PART ONE

What kinds of societies turn out young men capable of horrendous cruelty and violence, perpetrated in the name of traditional, religious, tribal, ethnic or nationalistic beliefs?

The vigorous young men of each new generation, fizzing with the hormones of their natural sex drive, find themselves confronted with a confusing and inhibiting social environment. This includes various cultural obstructions to the natural expression of their sexuality. So, most will at first have little idea of how best to deal with that formidable power, which can become pathologically dangerous when bottled up unreleased and unexpressed – dangerous, that is, to the whole society as well as to each's own health and wellbeing.

For some young men, no amount of work, sporting or creative activity, gang life, masturbation or even casual sex can satisfactorily release the pent-up power of their unfulfilled yearnings and urges. 'Casual sex' is taken here to mean sexual activity that's not a natural expression of a loving and mutually respecting personal relationship, for human consciousness demonstrates that people are much more than animals.

Also, with the onset of adolescence, some will have become highly charged with *idealistic* notions that can range from fantasy heroics to ambitious political, spiritual or creative aspirations. Which is where military and religious orders have traditionally stepped in to try and channel this potent mixture into serving their particular purposes.

Channelling the fiery male passion

In the Western world, the military and the Church have mostly followed separate paths and established their own distinct traditions and institutions. However, in Islamic cultures, military, political and even commercial activities seem to have remained connected to the spiritual dimension of people's lives. Consequently, a young Muslim seeking to join a military organisation to fight a 'holy war' will probably already be charged up with an exceptionally powerful 'do or die', 'triumph or martyrdom' kind of intensity.

In such contexts, inspiring, enticing and recruiting fired-up young men into military service – as an exciting alternative to the disappointing mediocrity and hypocrisy of 'civil' society – has long been a fruitful pursuit for charismatic leaders and recruiting officers. They know that, to a vigorous young man, being trained to feel fit and strong, to be part of a well coordinated and disciplined team, and being empowered to kill-to-order other human beings as 'our enemies' can seem an attractive proposition.

The complex psycho-physical effects of sexual abstinence on clerics in any religion is thus also a key factor. As is any military training that involves soldiers' bodies being programmed

into adopting stiff, machine-like, desensitising movement patterns – which tend to result in an unfeeling callousness and a tendency toward violence when angered.

Killing is killing

However, whether it's killing another human being in a close-up, physical situation or in an emotionally detached way by means of high-tech remote-controlled weaponry, it's still killing – although images of direct personal encounters make for more dramatic and evocative propaganda and news coverage than just pictures of another explosion somewhere.

So, such cultures tend to breed sexually confused, inhibited, frustrated and generally discontented individuals, full of bottled-up anger. In such a state they are capable of callous, vicious cruelty, including torturing and slaughtering other human beings, with a tendency also to behave in extremely reckless, irrational and irresponsible ways.

This can spill over from war into domestic situations too, especially against women and children. Thus the common occurrence of domestic violence, rape, assault, oppression and female genital mutilation etc, along with the lifelong consequences that follow on from such experiences.

The warped characteristics and tendencies that such repressed societies also breed in females are not addressed in this piece, except to say that most males and females are, to varying degrees, emotionally wounded and mentally distorted early on in their lives by the *descent era* social set-ups into which they're born. The broad pattern is emotional vulnerability, over-compensated for by an adopted attitude of *bravado* and/or *guile*, as part of a desperate attempt to *control* situations one way or another.

This perspective also reveals how such over-compensating for vulnerability and fear results in the *gun culture* of the USA and elsewhere – at the expense of addressing the deeper factors behind the widespread fear and anxiety of such divided and ruled populations. So, what especially shapes and characterises such societies?

Papa State

The so-called *sovereign nation state* is currently the most common type of large scale social/political/economic organisation. But behind all the superficial pomp and the complex hierarchies of power and privilege, it's essentially an elaborate *protection racket* in which taxes are demanded by the ruling elite as their protection money, and just enough welfare is provided so as to offset any potential revolutionary discontent. In this work, the typical state set-up will sometimes be referred to symbolically as *Papa State*, since it's an expression of the universal masculine, as is explained in *The Threshold Perspective*.

Normally there'll be an 'us v. them' ethos pervading its culture. That's because each nation state requires hostile *enemies*, external and internal, and fierce *competition* among its citizens in order to justify the continuing authority and privileged position of its 'protecting' ruling elite. This is the old 'dominance through divide-and-rule' method in action.

From the *Threshold* perspective, that pattern is a clear expression of a now departing era during which humanity's *masculine* side has been dominant. Also, a crucial part of most *state* set-ups has been a confused, ambivalent attitude towards *sex*, *sexuality* and *gender*. The result has been an artificially contrived official attitude of strict moralising – in the form of disapproval, denial, prohibition, criminalising and punishing – but with a very different and darker side hidden behind that frontage.

The darker side behind the false image of holy righteousness is a shadowy, complex underworld of sexual indulgence of all kinds, including violence, prostitution, various forms of abuse, pornography, domestic violence and all sorts of other perverse pursuits, such as people trafficking, torture and blackmail. Much of which can seem fascinating and perhaps enticing to the curiosity of a confused and sexually fired-up young man.

Then there are the effects – especially on young males – of the many, fast-evolving, hyper-violent, computer war games and other digital fantasy worlds featuring extreme violence. In these, terrible deeds are callously committed with no-one actually suffering physically

PART TWO

The rise and rise of *Mama SCAB*

As the transition from the *descent* era into the *ascent* era proceeds*, the steadily increasing influence of the broad principle referred to here as the *universal feminine* is changing this world in many ways. So far, the most harmful effects seem to have been caused by a particular strand of humanity's *feminine* side that has flourished during the now departing dark era of *descent into matter*.

In this work, that set-up has thus been labelled ***Mama SCAB***, a symbolic acronym for the global ***Syndicate of Central and Arch-Banks*** (the *arch-banks* being the IMF, World Bank and BIS). This privately owned moneylending business has long been using its deviously gained monopoly position to manipulate the world's money supply to its own advantage, thereby causing all manner of financial, economic and other suffering worldwide.

It started out in the late 18th century as a small German Jewish family business in moneylending, founded by Amschel Rothschild. Building on his success, he set up his sons as heads of banks in various European capitals and so began the Rothschild dynasty, which supposedly became and still is thought to be the wealthiest family in the world.

In pursuing a highly successful global policy of subversive *divide and rule*, *SCAB* has been using its financial power to provoke wars and other disputes, including Arab-against-Arab conflicts. One major result of the shift has been that almost all nation states are now irretrievably deep in debt to *SCAB*. And this is having a profound effect on the wider *masculine/feminine* dynamic worldwide.

Since the 1980s, *SCAB*'s moneylending and its consequences have rapidly evolved to such an extreme degree of complexity and unaccountability that the current world money system – essentially now a global gambling casino – is out of control. Which can be seen, psychologically, as humanity's *descent* era *feminine* side pursuing its greed-driven craving for worldwide control to an insane and unmanageable level.

So, given the ongoing rivalry for *superiority* between humanity's *descent* era *masculine* and *descent* era *feminine* 'sides' – reminiscent of the mutual dependency in a loveless marriage of convenience – it's meaningless to address the problems of just one side without including the other.

The backlash: *Papa's* desperate but doomed fightback

The counterbalancing response of humanity's *masculine* side has been an increasingly desperate attempt to re-enforce old-style male superiority all over the world. This has taken the form of hostile, aggressive confrontations and conflicts, often accompanied by extreme and disproportionate violence, individual and collective.

All of which suits the purposes of control-craving *Mama SCAB* and her associates, who continue to profit from financing expensive wars and their expensive aftermaths, ie supplying loans for the weaponry and other resources desperately sought by the combatants. Then, within each state, there's the burgeoning prison industry which also needs financing.

So, as humankind struggles to evolve beyond its troubled collective adolescence, at least one clear lesson can be drawn from this unsustainable situation: both the sovereign nation state and SCAB's central banking empire are no longer viable entities. Only fear and mental inertia, resulting from generations of inbred programming into thinking in *descent* era ways, are sustaining these persistent symptoms of humanity's present dysfunctional condition.

The stakes have been raised

Meanwhile, the stakes have been raised significantly by a seemingly endless wave of volunteer Muslim suicide bombers and murderous armies seeking martyrdom. These are mostly young males whose idealism and aggression has been fired up, and who've been promised both glory and plenty of delayed sexual gratification in the afterlife.

Such volatile, emotional extremism – whether aggressive or withdrawn – is a normal characteristic of *adolescence*, both in an individual and as a sign of humanity's collective adolescence. However, at the heart of any typically ferocious adolescent anger – for example, towards *hypocrisy* – there is usually a kernel of truth.

One other factor, for those who are open to more esoteric thinking, is the principle of **reincarnation**. Under this, the present attraction of a military career could well be a carry-over from a previous incarnation in which the life of a warrior of some kind ended unfulfilled for one reason or another.

Is there a more sane way ahead? This is all proving increasingly challenging to the long held assumptions and attitudes of Western, Christian, Jewish and secular cultures. As a consequence, they are now being forced to start thinking beyond the limits of their familiar comfort zone mind-boxes. For they've previously assumed themselves to be inherently *superior* members of the human race, and as such, have acted as though they fully deserve all the privileges and excesses in which they've been indulging, while the *inferior* 'others' struggle along, divided and ruled, in servile deficiency.

So, as humanity's adolescent *descent* era *feminine* side, epitomised by *Mama SCAB*, finds itself in a futile ongoing conflict with its adolescent *masculine* side, in the form of *Papa State*, it becomes obvious that both *Mama* and *Papa* are symptoms of a greater sickness. A more sane way, instead of humankind's two complementary opposite 'sides' clashing and damaging the wellbeing of the species as a whole, would be to maintain a dynamic, balanced equilibrium between our masculine and feminine aspects.

As a consequence, in a more mature adult world those individuals most attuned and sympathetic to the real needs of humankind will have to be encouraged to take on positions of authority, responsibility and leadership – not in pursuit of personal worldly gain or glory, but in order to steer humanity as a whole into a new phase of human evolution on Earth. This

will be an era in which meeting *real human needs*, wherever they're found, takes precedence over any immature and irresponsible claims to a right to live in self-indulgent excess of such real needs, regardless of any previous worldly status of 'superiority' that may be used to try and justify living a life of selfish greed and vanity.

At present this may seem a highly unlikely scenario, but every new development has to start somewhere, and the seeds of this one are already scattered worldwide. A radically new and explicit code of morality and ethics, based on a fuller understanding of the whole human condition, is now required – that is, in order to create a whole new ethos amongst humans on Earth. Such an all-inclusive understanding is broadly outlined in ***The Threshold Perspective***, along with a practical vision for the next phase, in the chapter entitled ***One Humanity (OH)***.

The alternative – allowing the current status quo to continue because of *fear, greed, selfish personal ambition* or *apathy* – would mean allowing the present pattern of degeneration into escalating extremism and a *neo-feudal, medieval* kind of *fascism* to continue unopposed until it passes a point of no return. Thus, as suggested at the start of this piece, the current extremes of aggressive violence being perpetrated, along with all the financial deception and fraud, highlight a dawning realisation that there is now a real choice – that is, for all human beings who are awake to these matters – concerning which way we intend this world to proceed and evolve.

However, this will require some significant overview and insight, such as that revealed from the *Threshold* perspective, combined with courage and perseverance, in order to progress beyond the present unwholesome status quo.

So, how has humanity come to feel so powerless about its own destiny? Individually and collectively, most people feel they have little influence on world events, whether it's a question of 'Who's in charge?', 'Who gets what?', 'What to believe in?'... or trying to cope with the ever-deteriorating state of this earthly environment-

Keeping humanity preoccupied with these concerns, and in endless rivalry and competition, has so far been an effective diversionary tactic, a *divide-and-rule distraction*, used by power-lusting minorities. They are the *ruling elites* worldwide, who have thus been able to maintain their privileged positions, however bad things are for the majority.

These few always appear to have smarter ways of operating than the rest. They know how to keep 'winning' and stay on top, however detrimental the overall effect to the rest of humankind. And so they've kept the deprived, divided and disempowered 'many' in ignorance and fear, deeply discontented, insecure and greedily craving various forms of self-indulgence as a compensation.

As a result, all on Earth continue increasingly to suffer the consequences. And one of the main consequences is the increasingly extreme and callous violence among certain young males. That is, until a sufficient number of individual human beings realise their *collective identity* and are able to live as the *one humanity* they actually are, instead of allowing themselves to be divided and ruled by a perversely motivated minority amongst them.
