

We Didn't Get to the Moon by Means of Leftist "Rationality"

"And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a base mind and to improper conduct." (Romans 1:28)

We didn't land on a second moon and two other planets either,¹ or survey the outer planets on the way out into space on these terms. Neither did the technology giants, who determine to straight-jacket communication on social media according to what they deem are acceptable **facts** and opinions, develop their powerful technology by embracing the irrationality they are imposing onto all of us.

Those standards which had guarded societal rationality down through time are now being discarded at an accelerating rate. Empirical² (scientific) facts for example, aren't only being **dis**-regarded at will; but are selectively being purged from public discourse even as we citizens are being badgered into accepting as true their claims despite being demonstrably false. In addition the *First Principle* of rationality thought, known as *The Law of Non-Contradiction*,³ is effectively selectively⁴ being ignored at will.

In a *Fact Check* column that has just been introduced to our local Summerset, Pennsylvania newspaper, *The Daily American*, titled "Biden Has Condemned Violence Before," Camilla Caldera cited several instances documenting his decrial of violence this past Summer. The problem with her assertion, however, is his/her failure to assign the blame for the nightly rioting on the streets firstly, specifically to Antifa and, to a lesser extent, Black Lives Matter, and secondly to Democrat mayors and other municipal leaders. Biden was indeed quoted as saying, "*I condemn violence of every kind by anyone on the left or the right. And I challenge Donald Trump to do the same.*"⁵ This chronic failure of Biden to speak to truth leads directly to the reaction by the Left to Donald Trump's speech which preceded (only chrono-logically) the rioting which occurred at the US Capitol on January 6 (2021). The Left committed two gross rational errors that led them to frame the events as being incited by Donald Trump's speech. Firstly, they quite clearly refused to watch his speech with the care and open mind that any scientific investigation required. And they took no care in specifying which specific aspects of his speech caused the rampage. Secondly, they refused to accept any blame for the one hundred nights of rioting under the jurisdictions of Democrat leadership. This posture likewise violated the scientific principle of assembling and assessing all of the evidence.

Further examples of sub-rational conduct by people who ought to know better can be found at my blog site include my post, "Leftism's Claim to be Champions of Science is a Gigantic Fraud."⁶ Similar posts that surround it highlight Leftism's cowardly and deceptive tactics. At bottom, departures from the strictures of logic and the disciplines of scientific methodology leads to utter absurdity. Romans 1:28 (above) highlights where that intellectual descent begins. This trend can never be creative and constructive in the concrete sense since it entails denial of the very reality that calls for addressing.

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¹ https://astronomy.wikia.org/wiki/Spacecraft_that_have_visited_other_planets

² Empirical facts entail physical entities which can potentially be experienced with our senses and examined by scientific instruments.

³ It says, "Contradictory truths cannot both be true in the same way and at the same time." Philosopher of science, Dr. J.P. Moreland says that science cannot effectively function in the absence of this law. *Christianity and the Nature of Science: A Philosophical Investigation*. (Baker, 1989), p. 118.

⁴ I use the word, "selectively" twice for the reason that neither of these facets of irrationality be employed uniformly since, to the extent that they are denied, they contradict the unshakably firm aspects of reality. For example, denying as real the image of a concrete barrier on the highway ahead will not diminish the damage it will cause by running into it.

⁵ January 8, 2021, p. B5.

⁶ www.offensivechristianity.blogspot.com, dated Nov. 20, 2020.