

**LISTEN TO ME ! I AM THE ‘VOICE’ OF REASON !**

Of late, the reading public of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) has been bombarded with the political thoughts of apocryphal, influential men and women in staged interviews that have more of the mark of propaganda than anything else.

**TARGET** () shall not bore Subscribers by reiterating some of the many epideictic utterances of these interviewees and instead, sum up these eristic, oracular statements as follows:

*‘If Jupiter is brain to the world, then the man who organises and presides over human affairs can logically consider himself as a part of that all-governing mind. Humanity, rightly or not, has almost always conceived of its god in terms of Providence: Providence, or nature, as providing protective care.’*

Jupiter, also known as Jove, was, to the Romans of the Republican and Imperial Eras (509 BC – 284 AD), as the god of the sky and thunder and the king of the gods. Jupiter was the chief deity of Roman state religion until Christianity became the dominant religion of the Empire.

One has to assume that the babblings of these long-winded, important men and women of the sovereign, Chinese territory of Hongkong had had their suggestive dithyramb vetted by the powers that be in Beijing, the Capital City of the PRC.

It stands to reason that these Beijing puppets were unlikely, on their own bat, to have had the courage and perspicacity to make the definitive statements that were carried, prominently, by most of the popular print media of the territory.

Which tends to make one ponder whether or not the HKSAR media that gave such prominence to these loquacious purveyors of political trite, on their front pages, by refraining from being objective were, in fact, acting as overt, surrogate actors on the political stage.

Traditionally, front pages of print media are reserved for breaking news events, not for the opinions of brightly coloured members of the family, Mermithidae, dressed up to resemble homo sapiens.

And, thus, it follows that, without doubt, those members of the HKSAR Fourth Estate that determined to place the oral utterances of these Mermithidae on their front pages have, always, been covert set designers for the political plays, acted out in the territory, the apocryphal entertainers, being the star performers.

That which, to this medium's thinking, is – and should have been – of great concern to those people, who read the oracular utterances, was that the statements, all contained innuendo of a not well-concealed threat to the 7.30 million residents of the 416 square miles that constitute the HKSAR.

This is suggestive of the rewards-and-punishments theory.

This theory was first developed by Dr Burrhus Frederic Skinner, an American psychologist and behaviourist.

Professor Skinner developed this type of conditioning as a tool to learning when he was, between 1958 and 1974, Professor of Psychology at Harvard University, The United States of America.

Professor Skinner maintained that a certain behaviour and a consequence, therefrom, either a reward or punishment, have a connection that brings about learning.

Many of the statements of these well-advertised, HKSAR political pawns, endorsed by Beijing, without question, emphasised that, in the best interests of the entire populace of the territory, one should hearken diligently unto the words (Jeremiah 18:19) of the utterers ... for those who stray off the path of righteousness could well suffer the consequences for their apostasy.

Whether or not the statements dissembled, only Jupiter may know, but one would hope that the interviewees could well, in the future, bear the brunt of their actions if it should come to pass that their messages were not ex cathedra.

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