

**TODAY'S PSEUDO-INTELLECTUALS SEEM TO DELIGHT  
IN HARVESTING THE '*FRUITS*' OF DAYS OF YORE**

About 419 years ago, a rather intelligent and talented man wrote the following:

*'The evil that men do lives after them;  
The good is oft interred with their bones'.*

The name of that rather intelligent and very talented man was Mr William Shakespeare.

He penned the above sentence in 1599 in his immortal play: '*The Tragedy of Julius Caesar*.'

Sadly, Mr William Shakespeare died relatively young, at the age of 52 years, but his works live after him.

He is revered as having been the greatest of all writers in the English language; as well as being the world's pre-eminent dramatist.

Almost daily, now, criticism of Mr Donald John Trump, the elected President of The United States of America, bombards one's ears and mesmerises one's eyes, as one pseudo-intellectual after another harvests the '*fruits*' of the purported evil deeds of days of yore, allegedly perpetrated by this 72 year-old man.

These pseudo-intellectuals appear to delight in regurgitating these deeds, professing that they are definitive proof that that man, living and working at Number 1600, Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington D.C., as being unfit for his high office.

**The Many Wonders of Criticism**

One wonderful aspect of criticism is that it is, in fact, infinite and abiding.

The majority of criticism of President Donald John Trump, espoused by these pseudo- intellectuals, is, for the most part, '*ad hominem*' in nature.

That is to say that it is appealing to the feelings and/or prejudices of those who read or listen to the diatribe rather than to intellect; or, directed against a person rather than the position that that person is maintaining.

In today's world, due to, inter alia, the Internet, the speed of the spoken and written word has the ability to be disseminated round the world, almost instantaneously.

If the criticism of the pseudo-intellectuals is repeated sufficiently loudly and incessantly long, and if it is seemingly intelligible, it tends to commove many listeners/readers to believe that that which they have heard (or have read) as being truth.

The criticism posits an element of fact to many a listener/reader, appealing as it might to perfectible human nature.

What evil deeds of yesteryear have most people not indulged in, in youth, only to regret in adulthood?

In Romans 2:1, one is taught in formative years:

*‘You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on another. For on whatever grounds you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgement do the same things.’*

None of us are without sin; of that there is no question.

History, no doubt, will record the pernicious utterances of these pseudo-intellectuals, especially those in the employ of today’s media of international renown.

As with the onset of a pruriginous infection, whereby severe itching is almost always an immediate symptom, animadvert becomes ampliative; and, the person to whom it is directed might find it difficult not to accept, at least in part.

### **Riches and the Man**

For what reason may a man not condemn riches in his own coffers, as in another man’s?

It is said that the greater man, who is honestly poor in the midst of plenty, is most secure, that is, free from temptation of those who have plenty.

For the poor man, he preaches no contempt of riches; alternatively, the rich man does not extol the benefits of poverty.

This is, inter alia, because one would not properly know how either the one, or the other, would behave in the contrary condition.

If there were nothing else in poverty, it must be the knowledge of friendship: The most-desirable of all blessings is when every man leaves the poor, less those that love the poor, regardless.

What a pity, it may be said, it is to place happiness in life in amassing copious quantities of gold, silver, diamonds and other cosmetic baubles when bread and water is a sufficiency for all!

A mediocrity of fortune, coupled with the gentleness of mind, may well persevere most men from fear and envy.

Which man could consider the blessings of coveting nothing?

In parsimony, a little is only too often a sufficiency; frugality, on the other hand, makes a poor man rich.

It is well known that he who has the least to lose has the least to fear.

Few men desire power to do mischief despite that which one may be led to believe by listening to the many utterances of the pseudo-intellectuals of today.

They seem to delight in daily recitations of malicious trite as voluminously as one excretes waste material from one’s body via the descending colon, exiting from one’s anus – also on a daily basis.

That President Donald John Trump has, to his credit in a matter of only 18 months since his inauguration as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of The United States of America, many major successes that his predecessors had failed to achieve is testament to his nous and perspicacity.

But praise of accomplishments appears not to be part of the vocabulary of the pseudo-intellectuals.

Anyway, criticism laced with vituperation is much cheaper than praise, n'est-ce pas?

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