

Why Are Old Systems Still True Today?

Growing up as a child I was crazy inquisitive. ‘Why is the sky blue?’ ‘Why are the oceans different colors?’ ‘Where do people come from?’ Now keep in mind, this is before the Internet, so anyone with solid, believable answers was revered. This is seen in decreased demand and increased skepticism of ‘self-help’ speakers and life coaches since the rise of the digital age, where anyone may double check someone’s facts within seconds on their phones. But why do some of these old ideas still hold such power today and why have we not adapted to new ways of thinking?

One simple answer to refute new ideas is that the new socially progressives believe they can ‘nerf’ the world and decrease insensitive thoughts – and this idea is not that far off. Have you seen the new gender pro-nouns that Harvard is asking people to use?ⁱ He, she, they, ze – where “they” and “ze” are now gender neutral pronouns that the college is asking to use in light of this new “trans-promoting” society. How can anyone be proud of their own personal upbringing if they do not associate to any of these ‘popular movements?’ Black Lives Matter? Bring Back Our Girls? He For She? Kony 2012? How many of these movements have actually gained any traction? And how many of these have floundered into the wind?

What about the sparsely populated states that hold the first caucuses – like Iowa or South Carolina? Why can the United States not hold the first polls in the states that have large populations – like California, New York, or Texas? Many academics and conspiracy theorist alike, believe that big money, the 1%, or the ‘aluminum’ may be societally stopping real change and having the public fight about “social” struggles like abortion, religion, or gay rights. By not allowing areas that have real melting pots to have impacts on voting, it is not allowing true impact in society to have legal change until years later when sparsely populated areas of the United States have finally agreed to those values. True areas of change in the country take place in the densely populated areas like cities; but it is the important ideas that

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get into these small areas, like Iowa; whom hold their beliefs for change as a new forever in America. So which could be better?

Religion is one system that, even with new technology and science, still hold true today as well. Areas of the Middle East, Catholicism, and 'fly-over' states with super churches – all of these different types of religion have a variety of different areas that 'elders' still hold true, despite new engrossing evidence that is against it. What do you, as the reader; think about the systems that make them dress up in costumes or gowns that show them reverence? Is it not reasonable for them to wear something that makes them perceived as an equal, so that when a judge or priest speaks they are taken realistically and personally? It is so confusing, that as a highly educated individual, one are supposed to take a judge seriously when they are making a mockery of themselves with those funny cloths. Simple conversations add so much to everything, and they are not willing to do this; instead they lecture. Instead they would rather put themselves on a specific type of pedestal and elevated to different tactical levels in society.

What do you think about the college systems and having a lecturer at the head of a classroom, in this digital age, when teaching over the Internet might be better? Of course we do, all of us do, and a lot of the students do as well.ⁱⁱ When students at UCSD were asked, "Do you think that the systems and strategies used to teach you are antiquated?" 61% said 'Yes.' And more surprisingly, that same 61% said they would rather be self-didactic and learn about what they feel is interesting, rather than have to go through standardized curriculum at such a late age in life.

With this never ending and ever increasing technological shift we have begun with the Internet, some old frames of thought should be kept and others should be abandoned. However I challenge you to consciously think about these changes and decide which ones you are willing and unwilling to let go – rather than have popular culture dictate it for us.

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ⁱ <http://www.citylab.com/navigator/2015/09/ze-or-they-a-guide-to-using-gender->

ⁱⁱ Brett Blazys support study with UCSD undergraduate population

(1) Do they think the systems in which college is taught they are in are antiquated?

(2) Is the only reason you are in a good college, is to get a good job?

(3) In this Internet age and if you could be a self-didactic, would you rather do so?