Fighting for What We Value in a Lost World

What is it that we as a culture have traditionally valued above all else?

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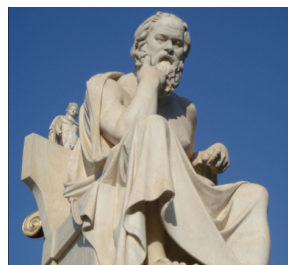and safety of our children*

*The ability to provide
for our families*

*The preservation of family,
faith, and cultural traditions*

National identity

Justice and fairness

The pursuit of truth

Across the globe and over time, we see evidence of the high value that humankind has placed on these things, particularly here in the West, traditionally a bastion of Judeo-Christian culture. Over the course of the last century, however, Western society has seen these traditional values steadily eroded and diminished.

As just one example, the family's primary role in the care and teaching of our children has been largely supplanted by the state.

So has the family's role as provider, as the state now underwrites the provision of education, health care, and social supports. Further, as state and corporate oligarchies continue to erode the ability of the working class to adequately meet their families' material needs, it is supplanting their role in this area as well.

Further, the primacy of family, church, and culture in providing a lens through which we understand our world, one that shapes our morality and our identity, has been replaced by a pervasive (and perverse) manufactured culture delivered through Hollywood, television, the music industry, and social media.

Over the past several decades, our national identity itself has been attacked by relentless messaging that denies or degrades its value, instead promoting a globalist perspective where national identity has no place.

Justice and fairness, once shaped by a rich Judeo-Christian tradition, has morphed into a parody of itself embodied by the "woke" culture, where a person's value is determined by his or her level of oppression, the ultimate goal being "equity", or equal outcome (not equal opportunity) for all, and where justice is applied on a sliding scale in accordance with the same goal of equity.

The pursuit of truth has also fallen victim to the attack on our cultural heritage. The Western world has a rich history in the areas of philosophy, religion and science, one that is founded on the core belief that truth is an absolute, and that it is that is knowable. From this base arose a system of scientific enquiry and a tradition of open discourse. Today these core tenets have been rejected, and truth has been redefined as subjective and essentially unknowable. Consensus, not truth, represents the highest authority, and so consensus must be reached, and then accepted as truth by all. To refuse to accept the verdict of the majority is seen as an attack on the truth as they see it.

If you value something, you will fight to preserve it

The wars of the past were essentially battles for those very things.
If an assault on their land threatened their livelihoods, homes and families, the people mounted a swift defence.
If the autocratic rule of a despotic leader threatened to deny them a system of justice and fair governance, or threatened to destroy their heritage and history, they rose up in opposition to this tyranny.

But what happens when the worth of these things has been steadily eroded over generations- if they are no longer seen as valuable and worthy of defending?
What if, in our own eyes, we had no family or community, no cultural or national heritage, no system of beliefs, that we would be willing to stand and fight for?

Arguably, we would become a part of what we see happening around us at this very time. People who see no reason to fight to protect and defend their families and fellow citizens, their land and livelihoods, or to speak up against the destruction of every legal and civil institution in our society. People who will defend the very authors of our destruction to their last breath, because, to them, they represent comfort, safety, and identity.
People who concede to mob rule and group think, and work to banish all "otherness" from their midst.

For those of us fighting to hang on to all that makes us human- that which marks us as image bearers- it is becoming an increasingly lonely, difficult, and treacherous battle. Never have we needed a clarity of purpose, and the protection of the full armour of God, like we do now.