GLOSSARY

Most words have multiple definitions. In addition, nearly all words carry connotations. Connotations are sometimes used by others to intentionally misrepresent an author's meaning.

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/connotation?s=t>

Also, understanding the context is crucial to proper interpretation, in that it allows you to select the proper definition and apply the appropriate connotation.

So the purpose of this brief glossary is not just to expand upon the definitions of some words and phrases that I use ... but also, to provide an explanation of the context and connotations of those words and phrases.

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“The Oligarchy”

"A form of government in which all power is vested in a few persons or in a dominant class or clique; government by the few."

This has been the model for human societies since we first transitioned from hunter-gatherers (about 10,000 years ago) into farmers and merchants who lived in ever larger cities, states, and finally countries.

The greatest threat to Oligarchs is Democracy, which is why they do everything in their power to stop its advance. Since they are vastly outnumbered they can only succeed in maintaining control over the masses with the help of "enablers." Throughout history, these enablers were military men who protected the interests of the Oligarchs.

Oligarchs soon discovered that through religion they could control the masses without resorting to force (as often). Obviously it was better to do it the easy way than the hard way.

But with the recent rise of Democracy, Oligarchs have been forced to enlist the aid of other groups in order to maintain their control over the resources. These new groups include politicians (whose job it is, to legalize the theft of wealth from the masses, and transfer it to the Oligarchs); and also, legions of voters (aka "useful idiots") controlled by propaganda; without whose support, they would be forced to resort to the use of force.

To be clear: not all rich people are Oligarchs, nor are all politicians enablers. If only it were that simple.

Analogy: Oligarchs are the “plantation owners” and the rest of us work for them and survive at their descretion.

<https://www.differencebetween.com/difference-between-oligarchy-and-vs-plutocracy/>

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“The Regressive Left”

This term might be used by a Conservative as an insult against anyone who is not on their team. That is not how I use it.

Just as Conservatives are composed of many different groups with many different motivations for choosing to be a Conservative, likewise, Liberals (or Progressives) also include many diverse factions.

One of the most despicable groups is The Regressive Left. They claim to hold dear, progressive values such as equality, tolerance, free speech, etc. Yet this subset of progressivism betrays the very ideals they claim to cherish. The most common examples include physically trying to shut down the free speech of Conservative voices (or anyone who disagrees with them); defending the most misogynistic religious organization on the planet; and defending minorities even when those minorities are wrong or have committed crimes.

They are the anchor around the leg of Progressivism.

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"Mental Disorders"

Last time I checked, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental disorders (DSM) described nearly 300 conditions that qualified as "mental disorders."

While it might be possible that there is a perfect human out there who is entirely free of any mental disorder ... I highly doubt it.

It is more likely that everyone exhibits some mental disorder; the only questions being: "How many disorders and to what degree?"

So when I refer to religious belief as a mental disorder, that doesn't mean that I am calling that person "crazy" (that is a word that is used mainly as an insult and has no clinical meaning). I am basing my claim on the definitions given in the DSM.

While the DSM cannot call religious belief a mental disorder without risking nationwide riots and violence (in one of the most religious nations on Earth); the definitions given for many mental disorders clearly describe ... religious belief.

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"Ghost Worshipers"

Religious believers often bristle at the label "Ghost Worshiper" ... right before they drop to their knees to worship their invisible ghost.

If they resent being called what they are, then maybe they should consider being something else. But the truth is, that most of them are quite proud of being Ghost Worshipers, and think that anyone who isn't one of them is immoral, or even evil.

As humanity moves into the scientific age, fewer and fewer well-educated people believe in ghosts. So religious people go to great lengths to distract everyone from what they really are: Ghost Worshipers. But while "God" may sound powerful and mighty ... He's still just a ghost.

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"Agnostics"

An agnostic is simply an atheist ... with a wife and kids.

Agnostics do not believe in any god. But they are quite aware of the danger that they would place themselves in, and their families, if their disbelief were carried beyond the mere agnostic position of ... "I don't know."

(technically, Agnostics believe that it is not possible to ever "know," however, the term is generally applied to anyone who doesn't take a position of belief on religion).

Religious believers will usually allow someone to go "relatively" unharmed as long as they remain quiet about their disbelief and stay in the closet. This tells you far more about religious believers than it does about nonbelievers.

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