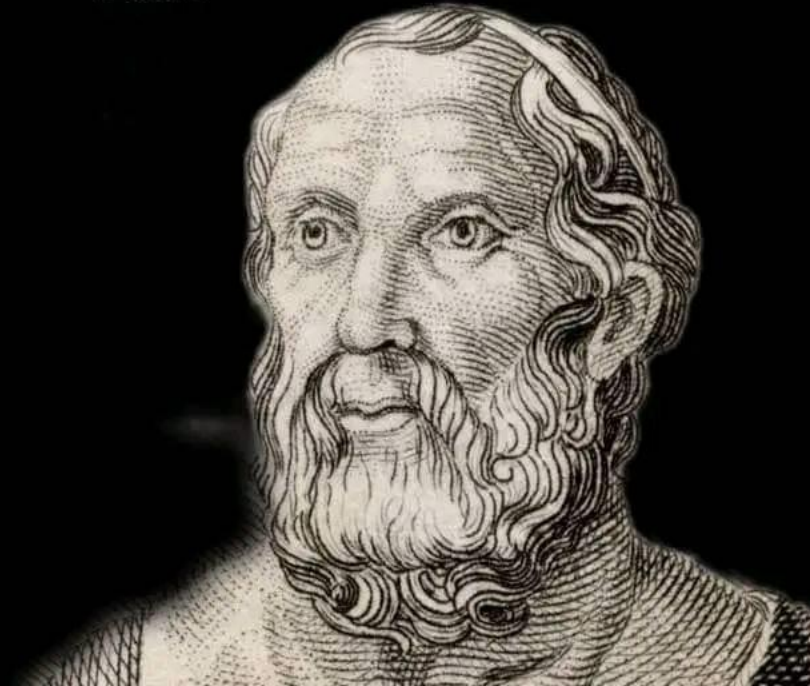


**“The price good men pay for
indifference to public affairs is
to be ruled by evil men.”**

— Plato



A key factor in this conflict is that our leaders have been MIA and AATW.* We trusted them as 'the authorities', and sadly, have paid for it.

It is up to us to pushback, redeem and reclaim the terrain.

- Missing in Action; Asleep at the Wheel



To think about

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Attributed to Dietrich Bonhoeffer



To think about

The great thing is to prevent [the person] doing anything ... The more often he feels without acting, the less he will be able ever to act, and in the long run, the less he will be able to feel.

CS Lewis



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Churchill is said to have won the war by talking about it. So let's start talking!



Can you up your game and pushback?





What will I do differently because of today?

Most of us have 'wiggle room' for one extra thing; what is yours?

Pushing through pain barriers and experiencing disapproval/exclusion by your 'tribe' are likely.

Factor in the costs now: you will cope better later.

Think 'Baby Steps' and Action, Action, Action!

Also, think SMART. Are your goals

Specific (simple, sensible, significant)?

Measurable (meaningful, motivating)?

Achievable (attainable)?

Relevant (reasonable, realistic, results-based)?

Time bound (time/cost limited, timely)?

<https://www.mindtools.com/a4wo118/smart-goals>

Finally, what can you actually visualise and experience yourself doing differently tomorrow, next week, next month?



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What can we do? i.

Educate ourselves on these issues.

Pray: solo; in clusters or groups; via Skype; daily, weekly, etc

Speak up: Via phoning; petition-signing; emails and letters.

NB: Use your own words!

Sign up: Receive updates from good organisations

What can we do? ii.

Ask your church to address these issues. If it refuses, hold it to account. If it cannot hear your concerns, perhaps it can hear the loss of funding and service!

Show up: To public events. Invite others along.

Disseminate helpful stuff via social media.

What can we do? iii.

Become an advocate/bridge builder. Watch out for 'like minds'. Do you know potential funders who could help?

Get creative! Use your giftings and friendship circles to raise awareness and finance and have some fun!

Throw a party; host an event (a ceilidh?); run a coffee morning; do a sponsored Green Clean in your town.

What can we do? iv.

Fuss. This 'liberation' is toxic: let's love enough to say it!
But that means doing one's homework first.

Offer hospitality.

Financially support good groups.

Support social conservatives in public posts. They are inundated by angry activists, so give them your support.

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What can we do? v.

Start a book/film club. Wilberforce Publications has excellent materials, as do groups like CIT/IFTCC.

Join a political party.

Focus on a few 'open-minded' friends/family and drip feed them important information.

Adopt someone who's been treated unfairly by the system.

What can we do? vi.

Invite speakers from today to address your church/
housegroup/network.

Volunteer time to a good organisation.

Start up your own group (monthly/quarterly, say) for support,
updates, resources and prayer.

Stand with groups who are already 'out there'.



To think about

Perception is everything. Wars are often won or lost based on how the actors perceive one another's strengths and weaknesses, not so much how strong or weak they are in reality.

Stella Morabito



