

# GYMNASIUM OF MIND

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## The gift to the world from the American Indian - Robert M. Pirsig - "Lila"

Of all the contributions America has made to the history of the world, the idea of freedom from a social hierarchy has been the greatest. [...] To this day it's still the most powerful, compelling ideal holding the whole nation together. And yet, although Jefferson called this doctrine of social equality 'self-evident,' it is not at all self-evident. Scientific evidence and the social evidence of history indicate the opposite is self-evident. There is no 'self-evidence' in European history that all men are created equal. There's no nation in Europe that doesn't trace its history to a time when it was 'self-evident' that all men are created unequal. Jean Jacques Rousseau, who is sometimes given credit for this doctrine, certainly didn't get it from the history of Europe or Asia or Africa. He got it from the impact of the New World upon Europe and from contemplation of one particular kind of individual who lived in the New World, the person he called the 'Noble Savage'. The idea that 'all men are created equal' is a gift to the world from the American Indian.

## Atheists and Believers - A. Autino

**BELIEVER:** God is eternal, infinitely almighty good, omniscient, and besides...

**ATHEIST:** none god exists.

**AGNOSTIC:** about God, provided that He/She exists, we know practically nothing. But one thing we know: if He/She exists, should be infinitely tolerant, if He/She allows two pedantic pig-headed person as you are to keep on pontificating!



## Government - R. H. Heinlein

Government! Three-fourths parasitic and the rest stupid fumbling -- oh, Harshaw conceded that man, a social animal, could not avoid government, any more than an individual could escape bondage to his bowels. But simply because an evil was inescapable was no reason to term it "good."

## Children - D. Baroni

As children belong to the world, and not to their parents who raise them up, so Humanity belongs to the Universe, and not to Earth, that raised it.



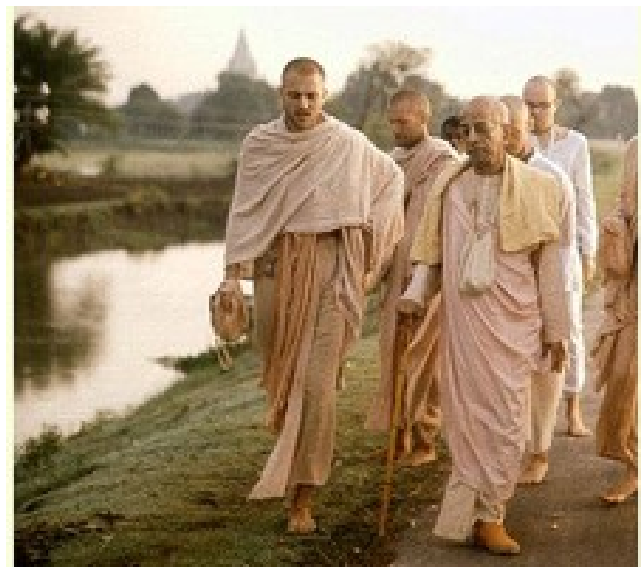


### **Destructivity - David Brin "Earth"**

Stephen Jay Gould condemned as a romantic nonsense the litany 'only man kills for sport, while the other animals kill for eating or to defend themselves'. Whoever observed a cat playing with a mouse - or a stallion fighting for predominance - knows that human beings are very destructive not because something fundamentally wrong exist in our nature. It is our power that increases the damages that we do, up to threaten the planet itself. [...] The irony of such myths of the wild noble, or of the noble animal, is that they are sustained with greatest conviction quite by the vitiated western people, whose comfortable culture was the first to feel so peaceful to promote a new tradition of self-criticism.

### **Secular Christianity - A. Autino**

One can share the most of the philosophy of love for humanity proposed by Jesus Christ even without believing in His deity. Therefore, one can be Christian without believing in God.





### **Tribal people and nature – David Brin "Earth"**

It exists the romantic idea that the tribal people - both the ancient and the ones living in the more and more scarce rainforests of today - they were in harmony with nature and they conducted an happy and egalitarian life. But the recent searches show that such belief is well distant from being true in general and, it is rather often entirely false. Despite the fervent desire to believe the opposite, the facts say that the members of almost all the "natural" societies ransack their own environment and their similars. The damages they cause are limited only by their scarce technology and by their modest number.



### **Love your neighbour as yourself - A. Autino**

It was written "love your neighbour as yourself". Seeing the amount of violence and injustice existing in the world, likely many people hate themselves and cannot bear themselves.