

The Birth of a Secret Society

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Before we can understand the underlying reason that men choose to conceal their speech, thoughts and writings, it is necessary to know the cause and effect of their thinking and behavior as written in recorded history. Man has always been an inquisitive creature. He has learned to create and control fire which not only keeps him warm in cold temperatures but also how to use the oxidizing result in order to heat prepared food for his ingestion. He has evolved from building shelters out of branches and timber to using stone which he found to be extremely durable against the elements of nature. This step by step evolution in man is still being experienced in all the components which make up our almost stable civilizations. After early man found what he considered a primary solution to his survival, his attention was then drawn towards organizing himself and the particular group of which he formed a part.

Organization seemed very beneficial when it came to building shelters and hunting for food. Among the first things learned by these ancients was that as an organized group survival became less strenuous. However, in spite of this minute type of organization, the human found himself lacking some ingredient which would allow him to roam freely and rest at will in his environment without any fear of predators and his own species. This gave rise to the beginning of the ability to utilize a form of diplomacy through the use of common sense reasoning. The skills learned for hunting and building were now considered second nature and using the creativity of the mind became the first priority in what they considered the final solution to not only survival, but living in peace and without fear.

As man continued to evolve, his learning curve versus time became steeper and discovery, inventions and rules for the government of specific groups flourished. He began to increase his knowledge of the arts and sciences but soon discovered that the more he learned, the more he wanted to know. This explosion of knowledge led to a clear understanding of the inner workings of the human mind and the ability or disability of the mind to comprehend certain natural laws of life. That is, the perception of the creation of life and the expiration of the same which we call death. He also sought an explanation of all the forces of nature that existed at that time and even today. Among these laws of life was human behavior that was based only on different levels of intelligence. We have applied laws to these forces and currently use them for our benefit but prior to reaching the stage of controlled application,

man began to personify what he didn't understand and could not find an explanation for. Whether beneficial or destructive, a force was classified as such and attributed some supernatural power of good or evil. In addition, this fear which resulted from ignorance compelled man to begin to appease individual forces, applying names for each and performing rituals which supposedly would convert their power for collective benefit.

This ancient practice of appeasement took place in all the countries and continents where a human being existed. The four forces of nature were considered deities and were prayed to when it was necessary and according to their belief. The same can be said of any and all behavior and actions taken by individuals and/or collective groups for reasons of survival and well being. Those that revealed extraordinary knowledge and leadership skills were chosen as their King or Emperor. Sometimes he was personified as a deity and in many cases assigned a status worthy of worship. During this time, there appeared among the human a small percentage of those that took reasoning and logic to a higher level. Their desire for intellectual light was an ongoing quest which continued constantly, but their main objective was also to share each element of knowledge that was uncovered with their fellow man and thus achieve a Utopian type civilization. Two separate paths were taken by those that achieved some understanding of human nature through instruction by the Adepts.

The first path was to educate the masses to the extent that their reasoning became enhanced and which assisted them in the decision making process that was beneficial in all aspects of their lives. At this stage creativity became enforced and each passing decade resulted in better commodities and economies within the societies in which they lived. The biggest problem that always faced society has always been an adequate food supply but in the majority of countries and/or continents, this problem has been kept to a minimum due to the continued maintenance of education. Ideas and creativity not only came from those that studied in schools of higher learning, but also from those that lacked such training. Sometimes the one that observes a problem outside the whole, is the one that generally offers the best solution. There is no doubt that an educated populace filters down knowledge to all members of that group. Therefore, an underprivileged citizen can also make a positive contribution to the society in which he forms a part.

The second path is one in which instruction by the Adepts was and is still used for utilizing the knowledge of human nature against the masses. If a group possesses a belief that has been handed down to them for many generations, then they are encouraged by some to continue in their belief, even if it's a superstitious one or if they are in error. This is but one of the many inhumane ways that tyrants have success in controlling a society and keep them subjugated without any fear of reprisals. What better way to gain the confidence of a society than to build on their thoughts and beliefs regardless of how erroneous. This type of methodology assists in control of the emotions which ultimately leads to full submission of the will. Then there is the induction of a lack of individual self confidence which contributes to the

prevention of free expression. This inducement can be in the form of terrorizing individuals and groups. In any case, inculcating fear on ignorance seems to yield the end result required by a usurper of power. The list is ad infinitum on whatever method or tactic is used to sustain a populace (large or small) in a state of mental lethargy.

Those that choose the path that knowledge is good and should be shared for the benefit of mankind always find themselves in confrontation with adverse reactions of those that prefer man to always be on a low level of comprehension. In order to minimize chronic confrontations, the holders of knowledge and truth went underground in order to form an organization in secret well out of the reach of these tyrants. In this secret cabal, knowledge continued to be disbursed to the people but it was found that not all individuals among a populace were receptive to the teachings handed down by the Adepts for their benefit. Now the organization which was compelled to become secret, had to be selective before they transmitted their knowledge to any individual. Thus - we have specific persons with a treasure of knowledge and willing to share it but can only do so secretly and only to those they find worthy to receive it. This scenario not only appears to be an explanation for the beginning of our Order, but it seems to hold true for almost all secret societies founded for the reasons mentioned above. Although the above mentioned cabals were formed in secret, their primary goals have always been to raise man to a higher level of enlightenment.

It has always been known that a little knowledge is dangerous. Incomplete access to understanding human behavior will usually lead to seeking the path of least resistance when it comes to laboring for ones self and his fellow man. Armed with enough understanding of human emotions and the conditions that result in different reactions, the devious ones take pride in uniting covertly in order to undermine any person or persons that represent a threat to their goal of controlling others. These types force themselves to meet secretly because if they performed underhanded acts in an open society, their existence would definitely be short lived. If the time and effort spent by them to affect control over a populace was used in a positive equivalent way, the results would no doubt increase the benefits enjoyed by said populace as well as themselves. It is this lack of understanding our intellectual limitations that causes our emotions to submit to the “take the easy way out” syndrome. There is no doubt that idleness denotes the want of productivity in man and in the end it leads to malevolent thoughts and self destruction. The fate of this type of “secret society” is usually sealed at the very onset of its existence.

It would do well for us to recap that the two paths mentioned above were taken because the groups or organizations choosing to meet secretly, had the common denominator of fear. So - fear of persecution is the culprit that engulfs both good and evil types of humans which ultimately must hide in order to pursue their objectives.

An additional path worthy of mention here and which leads to secretive behavior

has existed on a personal level and among groups since time immemorial. The homosapien has learned how to achieve a bond with his fellow human, and in addition, to labor and live together in peace and harmony for their collective benefit. Our learning process is a continuing one and we can rest assured that at sometime in our journey through life we embrace a sense of self satisfaction for our accomplishments. Achievement is based on our desire and receptiveness to learn and understand our world, its inhabitants and to possess a skill which would contribute to the advancement of the individual and those surrounding the immediate society in which he lives. Even possessing all the necessary attributes mentioned, we sometimes are prevented from sharing what we are sure is an obvious truth. We refrain from bringing up subjects that are truth related because it may be misinterpreted by those that have not yet opened their minds to acceptance of reality no matter where that reality comes from. In addition, the messenger of truth then finds himself refraining from revealing what he has discovered to one or more of his fellow man until he is assured that his revelation is not beyond the comprehension of those to whom it is directed. Fear is what we feel when we have compassion and do not wish to alienate a friend or a brother by transmitting information that is interpreted as demeaning to their character or beliefs. Sometimes discretion is the better part of valor when participating in a discussion with someone we consider a friend or brother.

The above is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the endless reasons that humans find themselves in not being able to speak openly and in seeking peers that will participate and accept free expression of thought. When such peers are found, a secret society is born.