

POEM OF THE WEEK

A MORAL ISSUE?

"Is your personality a moral issue?
We are obligated to be better human beings".
The two sentences appeared in an email,
I received. Caught my eye. Caught my attention.

"We are obligated to be better human beings".
In the chaos of the modern world, is there any question?
Any doubt? Maybe there is; free will and modern conservatism
Make an ugly mix. People are angry about being angry

About being angry. We get your point. Being angry
about being angry about being angry! Got it.
So much misdirected, needless anger is unhealthy
And bad for the blood pressure (I am told).

That's half the question, the 'we are obligated' bit.
What are we obligated to do, work on, personality?
Wait, slow down; let's get this in context!
Statement 1: Your/our personality is a MORAL ISSUE!

Statement 2: We are obligated to be better human beings.
Do I consider myself to be part of the moral crisis?
Is there one? The collective pronoun "we" is used;
You aren't fooled; it's getting personal; very personal.

For the past forty years plus, society (meaning we)
Have embraced selfishness; artfully packaged, of course;
Neoliberalism worships the free market
(as in a free market economy). We? Some of us.

Then along came Covid 19; it toppled everything on its head.
Economics 101 became "how do we deal with this"?
The problem of a free-market economy is its inequities.
Its yawning gaps in the distribution of wealth.

Is addressing this discrepancy something we must face?
If we are "obligated to become better human beings?"
The answer is "yes". Is war a crime? This came up
During the Nuremberg Trials, and was quietly shoved aside

(Political sensitivities). 1. Who we are is a moral issue
(How else do you define personalities?). 2. Our obligation
to be better human beings. Shouldn't this become a topic
of major interest? Considering the money spent on wars

and war machines; the destruction; the refugee crisis it causes.
Is war a crime? Is making war a crime? For the sake of peace;
Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!. For the record, Is the subject up for debate?
Yes! Yes! Yes! Yes!

So, my friends, the topic has been tabled and is open for
(constructive) debate. 1. Is our personality a moral issue?
2. Are we obligated to be better human beings?
Let the discussion begin.

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