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I have just finished reading your dissertation on the cause of terrorism, wars, etc., and I am amazed that one who would claim to be a member of the intelligencia, as you define it, can be so far off base.

First of all, one does not need to be included in the top 10% in terms of rational capability to figure out that the world we live in is not perfect, never has been and never will be; and that those self-styled anti-culturists who insist that hundreds of years of cultural growth has brought us to the end of a dead end street, are blinded by their refusal to see the light. Furthermore, our civilization is as good as it is only because of what's been learned from all the mistakes that have been made by members of the so-called intelligencia who promote things like Victory City.

You are flat wrong when you maintain that all or most evil emanates from religious indoctrination; while diehard deistic advocates are only half wrong when they insist that all that's good emanates directly from the same source.

The important thing to acknowledge is that emotion of a positive nature has built our civilization (culture) up to the point that we enjoy today. Furthermore, the only organized force of any consequence behind that tremendous movement for good has been the great religions despite the mistakes by misled zealots that seem to bug you and others into unreasonable concern about the impact of those errors. I hesitate to think what the world would be like if Madelyne O'Hare and her ilk had been able to dry up the very source of emotional strength whose residual impact has brought us to where we are. You do Albert Einstein and Benjamin Franklin a grave injustice when you imply that they would support your extreme point of view, because those men did not question the residual impact of religion.