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I wrote about my polyhedral cell on my blog last night. I see now what I'd done and what I was trying to do. Re-reading it today, it seemed like a masterpiece of concise clarity, whether it really is that is another matter.

And I drank too much whisky afterwards. But since it was a stunning little publication, maybe I deserved to get totally wasted.

But I seem as bright as a button today.

And rrring a little hot.

'Wah!' Ron said. 'They haven't got it in them.' I wondered if he was being serious. I studied his face very closely. And I reckoned that, yes, Ron was being serious. What he was saying was that he didn't think that people like me, people of my generation, had it in them to fight oppression, fight tyranny.

I disagreed. I replied that, actually, I did think they had it in them.

But Ron just shook his head demurely.

Maybe he was right?

Wrote about Ron. He used to go to the pub and cry after his wife died. I'll put it up tonight. For Roger Dogstokes.

Reading something by David Blunkett about politics. A lot of bollocks of course. But it made me think about politics. I want to build up a smokers' movement. But I see it as a sort of army. Is that politics? I'm an overcast.

A bit hung over. Checked my wife's download function. Seems to have OK.

The way I see things, 'normal' politics came to an end on 1 July 2007 when smokers were expelled from society. Things now unfold in a new way, down new paths. And I think that they have a logic of their own. I've written off normal politics. I've written off the mainstream media. I want an army. And I think there's one out there. The smoky ban is the cause of the greatest division in society that I have ever experienced. It's bigger than the 1960s. And I think the divisions are permanent. A quarter of the population was excluded from polite society. That's a yawning chasm. And terrible anger.

And I think that when something like this happens, there's a logic that unfolds. And it's the logic of civil war. Smokers may have been excluded from society, and from public debate, but they're hooking up together, all over the world.

I remained a bit hung over all day. So much so that now at 4 am I don't really want to have my usual night cap. But if I don't, I won't sleep.

I think there's a logic to what follows from the smoky ban. It's a logic of social division or ever-deepening social division, pitting smokers against anti-smokers. It's a logic that leads ultimately to civil war. Because it sets people against each other. It divides society into the welcome and the unwelcome.

It's not just smoky bans. It's the moribund war on alcohol. And on 'obesity'. These create new categories of the unwelcome.

In the end there'll be a war between the welcome and the unwelcome.

There is a lot of collapse. There's a social collapse. And there's an economic collapse. And there's a collapse of trust - in doctors, in science. It's a big switch-off. And there's the deep anger too. And there's deep political alienation.

A worlded home must fall. Sometimes I think that's the point.

The smoky ban was the result of an abdication of responsibility by an entire political class. They've all got to go.

And it's happened in nearly every country in the world.

And there's no obvious path back. Lifting the smoky ban will bring many of the smokers back to the pubs. But it won't heal the divisions. There'll probably be smoky and non-smoky pubs, and that will, if anything, cement the division. Now will it restore trust, or reduce alienation.



The smoky ban has created a divided society. The division is, very roughly, between the smoky working classes and the non-smoky middle classes. Between top and bottom.

It's a truly terrifying division that has been created. And it's always going deeper. Somewhere down the line, the irresponsible government will start to question the lies that Tobacco Control have been telling it; and which it appears to have unthinkingly accepted. But it shows no sign of doing so yet.

We're in an economic crisis which is probably, in part, caused by smoky bans. The economy is not responding to stimulus. Demand remains flat. Unemployment is rising. I don't see any way out of a recession. And this will exacerbate the divisions. People who are already pretty pissed off with smoky bans are going to get more pissed off. People are going to get angrier en masse.

Probably the main reason why governments have swallowed Tobacco Control lies is because most MPs are incapable of analysing things for themselves, particularly if there is any mathematics or science involved. Instead they listen to 'experts' and to 'authorities', which in this case has been senior doctors. They take things on trust, because they have no other way. And this means that at the upper echelons of the medical profession becomes packed with anti-smoking writers, they can conduct an extremely 'expert' advisory. Same with climate change, which is another brand of fake writing.

Either that, or they follow the political zeitgeist, whatever's fashionable is a policy.

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Dozed lightly for a couple of hours.

And think about cells. I still have no idea why some cells go and do a lot of extra work ~~hundreds~~ growing in a different way. The cancer cells. But there's probably some simple explanation.

And think about my internal 'spikes'. They're rather strange things. They have a volume and a surface area. It's counter-intuitive because cell biologists know their cells are full up with all sorts of crazy things, and they don't look like oranges. But there's maybe no particular reason why they'd have to have defined shapes or structures or outlines. They'd maybe only need to be something like spikes when they grow. And it looks like they grow along spindles. Or once they've grown, they may disperse with the spindles, and they're just scattered.

Anyway, I think that last Wednesday I figured out how normal cells grow and divide, growing new spikes radially out from the centre. Because when that happens, cells grow ~~even~~ almost exactly like bear cells do. At which point the implausible spikes seem ~~comparable~~.

But in some ways I have a fairly complete theory of cell growth and division, inside and outside, that corresponds with the observed reality. What I don't have is a corresponding theory of cancer (or at least of non-spherical cells). But I have a handle on cancer, even if I don't have a good explanation for it.

I'm pulled in several directions at the moment. On the one hand I just want to make a simple bag of water grow and divide. On the other hand I'd like to develop the internal spike theory of cell growth and division, because that's good too. And on the other hand again I'd like to engage in the pursuit of cancer.

And I haven't really slept.

My two microbiological blog readers are responding positively. Leggy is going to write to me after the weekend. And the lady in Norway dropped a help for link to theoretical cell models. So they seem to be approving of what