

And in my eyes Nigel Farage is a Thatcherite (though he never says so), and if he's gaining Labour and Conservative votes, it's because he's made in a similar mould. And clearly it attracts the old Thatcherites, but not the old Torys. And it attracts the aspirational working class.

Nigel Farage is the true heir to Thatcher.

I've been arguing to try hard by 40-year struggle to get Idle Theory into the world ~~was~~ is over. Who knows whether I succeeded or not? But I certainly tried to put an idea into the world. And I'm not in the least bit sure that a second try will do any better. Why should it? The first try was perfectly well done. It was my best shot. Maybe I could have added a bit more. But does it really matter?

Idle Theory is all over. It's been and done. It was a momentary new idea, which got lost. Like most new ideas do. There's nothing new about that.

I found out today that the name of the Yorkshire Landlady of the Hareshoe is called Amanda. A very Latin name for a Yorkshire woman!

I sat in the sun in the magic garden up at back of the Hareshoe.

And I've got a new card for my mobile phone.

And, yes, I can return euros to Barclays. 10 years so I was told that I couldn't. It seems the policy has changed.

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I think that the main thing to come out of that Durban documentary last night was that the traditional land-owning conservatives were anti-capitalist, and were quite happy with the post-war statist settlement. I'd never seen them before, but in retrospect, they were never trying to undo the consensus. And they were alarmist. And so inclined to be closer Nazis.

Lunch at Chez Pascal. Followed by a very dazy afternoon and evening - not unusual when I have one of those lunches.

Visited Linden to check things over, as A & H are off to Portugal tomorrow for a week.

I was arguing last night that Idle Theory is something I've already done, and there's no point in re-doing it. It would be like some band re-issuing the same piece of music. Idle Theory is a way of thinking about life. Some people find it attractive. Most people don't. I think it's a new approach to some old problems. Quite how far it gets is open to question. It's pretty light weight.

I think that all anyone can do with an idea is to set it out and publish it, and hope that it sparks a bit of interest. And there's been a glacial flicker of interest in it. It didn't pass entirely unnoticed. A lot of people have liked it - including some McLunas - The latest is Ian Stone - it's brother -

What more can one do? We live brief lives, and maybe we have an idea or two, and set them out as best we can. Idle Theory is a sparky idea, much like the orbital siphon or constant A/P cell division. They're minuscule contributions to human thought.

But we seem to be living in a time when people think less and less. We seem to be descending into a new dark age of irrationality.

The new way of doing things is to just shove people down. Smoking causes lung cancer. Carbon dioxide causes global warming. The debate is over. All must conform. We're rapidly moving into an era of mindless conformity. And utter barbarity.

And whatever the doctrines to which all must conform, one can be certain that they are mistaken, because no debate about them is permitted. Decisions made on such a basis are bound to be wrong. Doctrinaire solutions won't work.

And so the result will be economic depression and growing poverty. There can be no other result.

And civil war.

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All my ideas are rational. Idle Theory is a rational idea. The orbital Sipher was a rational idea. And Constant A/V theory. And so on. But the theory that I've increasingly by accident is irrational. Or semi-rational. And it afflicts everything. More or less the entirety of science is now non-rational. And also politics. And ethics. And everything else.

All my ideas are rational, and all of them are mathematical or logic.

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Everything is disintegrated. A & H don't really want to buy me any tobacco when they go on holiday to Portugal. It'll take them at most half an hour to find some tobacco, but they don't want to do it. But they want me to look after Society for a whole week.

~~My~~ All my friends have gone. But my ancient affection for my brother still survives. Or for how much longer? Up ahead I can see the division between us is only deepening.

It's all that ever happens here days. All that ever happens is a matter of deepening division. I don't think my brother is going to survive this attack which has destroyed all my friendships will also destroy my fraternal bond.

Things fall apart.

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I think I'm going to become extremely isolated. I won't just be isolated from all the friends I used to have, but also from my own brother. Who is planning to campaign for EU membership. Although he does understand why I'm not an enthusiastic EU member.

We're bound to fall on each other! We're in head-on collision.

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The point, perhaps, is that my life has profoundly changed in recent years, and the old life has been swept away. And Idle Theory belongs to the lost world, the convivial world.

The new world is much harsher and coercive and shrill. And I belong to the Resistance.

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A was saying yesterday that, since he was born in Scotland, he regarded himself as British. He thinks that all Brits should be able to vote on Scottish independence.

But he's also pro-European. He doesn't seem to have realised that British life completely vanishes into Europe, dissolving like a sugar cube, and his British identity along with it.

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Over at A & H's. Society seems pleased to see me. Bought him pitted tomatoes for a treat.

And watched the final day of the Masters at Augusta, which occupied 6 hours of BBC2 programming. The winner was a self-taught golfer with an unusual swing.

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Very sunny. I caught the sun a bit. I've bought my little tobacco plants with me. I need to get some exercise. I'm very out of shape.

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UKIP are polling 20%. The Conservatives are on 29% and Labour at 35%. But since UKIP is taking votes from all the parties, there'll be very interesting to see how they do in the European elections in May.

The trouble with the pro-market class is that they're all heavily 'progressive', and the British people are fairly conservative. UKIP is really just a traditional conservative party. It's not surprising that their star has been rising.