

The 'Key'

I want to start by thanking all of you who attended and supported my event The 'KEY'. It was an entertaining night for all and the information presented has provoked a lot of interest since.

As those of you who were there know, a lot of work and effort goes into organising such events and the presentation itself took many hours of research and labour to prepare. Special thanks go therefore to all my helpers, especially Jimmy and my very loyal students, Rhiannon, Ali and Donna who all came a long way from out of town for the night. Thanks also to my wonderful musicians William and Tanya!

QUOTE:

Humans have changed little since the Stone Age. Yet, within the last century, humans so completely changed this planet that the backlash is felt in us whether we want to acknowledge it or not.

Unknown

Thoughts on Personal Responsibility:

I was watching a documentary a little while ago in which the career ambitions of a young man from a small ethnic community living here in New Zealand, was the focus of the storyline. He and his siblings and parents were members of a small minority Christian sect arrived here originally as refugees from a war torn middle-eastern country. At the behest of the community, the young man's father took up the post of priest to the faithful. A stern, pious man, he clearly expected his family, particularly his eldest son, to participate fully in church life and to abide by the strict life of the faithful. The son however, was plainly conflicted between a deep desire for a career in an altogether different direction, that of acting and film, and fulfilling his father's ambitions for him as a man of the cloth. Therein lay the paradox of the documentary; a son's conundrum: to please his father by following a life of strict religious adherence, or his own equally deep need to pursue his own temporal path.

As his father's eldest son, he had been given the responsibility of Leader of the church's Youth Group. Problem was, he had been so busy pursuing an acting role over the past few months that it had been quite some time since he had actually attended either church or the youth group. It was clear he just wasn't that personally devout. Summoned to a

meeting of his fellow Youth Group leaders who were as young in years as he was but much more strident in their views. They castigated him for not fulfilling his duties, pressuring him to get his religious act together. It was clear he was a reluctant participant at best and that his heart lay elsewhere. One of his protagonists was particularly censorious, reminding him he was *expected* to act as 'role model' to their younger community.

The next scene was of him dutifully attending a church service where a group of pious elders were answering questions about what they perceived as correct thinking. Our promising young actor posed an interesting question to these elders; one he said that had been asked of him and that was serious in spite of its jocular tone. The question was this:

"What is the difference between a man who regularly attends church to pray but who does not believe and a man who believes but who prays when gambling in a casino?"

Predictably of course, no one present got the humour in the poser, none laughed and a very awkward moment ensued. The look of resignation on the young man's face said it all.

However, what struck me the most at that point was this; the young men, who had castigated our young Oscar hopeful, had they been Muslim, would most certainly have been judged fanatics and as such been proclaimed *dangerous*. Indeed I have often heard the religiously rabid, of all denominations described as *dangerous*. New Zealand's self anointed Bishop Tamaki, is one such example that comes to mind as often having been described as a menace. I might personally be tempted to agree if he didn't seem to me to be quite simply ludicrous.

Nevertheless, the issue the clash between zealots and non zealots raises is this: of the two, the rabid, controlling, zealot and the reluctantly acquiescent, who is the more dangerous?

I'll leave you to come to your own conclusion but to quote Edmund Burke, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing."

Agreeing for the sake of peace is but to *buy* peace at a very high price and usually results in no peace at all. History abounds with examples, none more than Chamberlain's "peace in our time" as he returned

from Hitler's Berlin in 1939 and the eve of World War II.

Put another way, those who follow do not discover, those who truly forge their own paths don't seek to be followed.

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Book Review

Finders Keepers

A tale of Archaeological plunder and obsession

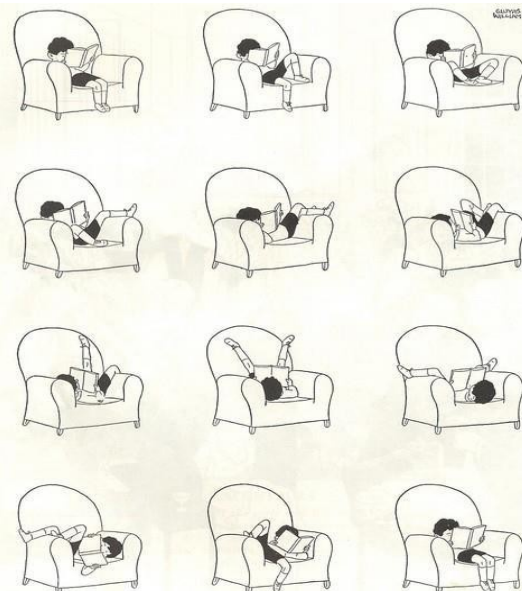
By Craig Childs

Every once in a while one stumbles across a book that just turns out to be a real delight. Craig Child's *Finders Keepers* is one of these; a real surprise. An active relic hunter himself, with hands-on experience of archaeological digs and years of tramping across continental North and Mesoamerica as well as China and Tibet, he has the real story teller's knack of spinning a gripping yarn. But these aren't just dry stories of old things dug up out of the ground and catalogued then put into some darkened museum for people to file past in long, hushed queues. Instead Childs poses some fascinating questions to those of us interested in history and the past. To quote the dust jacket, "At the heart of Child's story lie difficult questions. To whom does the past belong? Is the archaeologist who discovers a lost tomb a hero – or – a villain? If someone steals a relic from a museum and returns it to the ruin from which it came, is she a thief? A vibrant and passionate controversy rages around these issues, just beneath the dusty surface of what most people imagine is the staid field of archaeology. Craig Childs investigates scientists, thieves and contested land claims as he explores the field's transgressions against the cultures and object it endeavours to preserve and study. Written with the lyrical grace that is Craig Child's hallmark, *Finders Keepers* is a dashing tale of crime and detection, mixing adventure, science and philosophy. It is also an astonishing ghost story – an intense examination of man and nature and all that is left behind."

From my point of view it's a brilliant read and one I whole heartedly recommend!

QUOTE:

'Dreams don't work unless you do.' Anon



PORTRAIT OF A SMALL BOY READING

Osama bin Laden's Feng Shui Confirmed

With the recent release of US Navy Seal Mark Owen's controversial tell-all book 'No Easy Day', the location of Osama bin Laden's bedroom and location at death has been confirmed as I predicted it was most likely to be at my Annual Talk, in the South and Southwest sectors. Facing SE as the house did, the South and West Sectors had the lethal Mountain Stars **5** and **3** in them respectively. Mountain Star **5** being the very worst and often leading to real disaster, this is the sector in which he had been sleeping. He was shot and reeled backwards into the Southwest Sector with its Mountain Star **3**, a star infamous for its connection with violence and aggression. From Owen's account, all deaths in the house that night were violent.

John Key continuing to have a difficult year as

predicted: At the same talk I also predicted that Prime Minister John Key would have yet another difficult year. The recent controversy over the Kim.Com case has highlighted this but the year is not yet over. His luck should improve next year however.

QUOTE:

'An entire sea of water cannot sink a ship unless the water gets inside the vessel. Similarly, the negativity of the World cannot bring you down unless you allow it to get inside you.' Goi Nasu

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