

# From the bottom of their hearts all they want is fair treatment for everyone

**D**espite the tuts and smirks of the Hems and Haws that will come as the Canadian Occupiers operate at a lower intensity for the winter, the discourse here at home and throughout the world has been changed. The talk now is of greed and its brutal application by the One Per Cent.

The frustration and anger, the sense of betrayal, that has been profoundly felt by millions have been given vent. No longer marking time for a messiah to put things right, the advance guard of the mentally alert took to the streets and became Occupiers.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, many mainstream pundits have been awash on focus despite a clear message that the occupations are a worldwide movement protesting corporate greed and economic inequality. At first the pundits ignored it. Then they scoffed. And some of them blinked through their scoffing and frothed. Now they'll take satisfaction at the Occupiers shrinking in numbers before the snarl of the Wolf Wind soon to leap in force from his Arctic lair.

But the Occupiers should take heart even as the turnouts dwindle. Any serious student of military campaigns knows that even the best troops need time to be brought back from the front lines to rest and renew themselves.

So the slowdown in winter will not be a defeat. It will be a time for renewal and preparations for the spring offensive.

The cause will still be there. The unmitigated greed of the One Per Cent will continue, if not grow more intense as these obsessive compul-

sives continue their plundering while being given license by politicians that they have bought and paid for.

Those blinded by prejudice sneer at the fact that many of the Occupiers are well dressed, have laptops, iPhones, iPods and Blackberries, and commercially made tents. They even mock the Occupiers for going home for baths and changes of clothes, and even to sleep there before rejoining the Occupations the next day.

As if there was something wrong with that.

Those with healthy minds are outraged by the greed and callous abuse of millions of decent, hardworking, (and would-be hardworking), victims of an economic system that has been led out of control. They are not interested in violence, or revolution; all they want, from the bottom of their hearts, is that the owners, the one per cent, treat the 99 per cent fairly.

The one per cent should stop dancing with contemptuous glee on the financial graves of those who have been brutally exploited in favour of the bottom line.

As the declaration for dignity mounts, the one per centers may discover that they may no longer be able to see their bottom lines.

They may wake up to the nightmare (for them) of their bottom lines being in the intelligent, creative, fair-minded control of the 99 per cent.

Peace be with you 99 per centers. Use the winter interlude to recharge your batteries and make plans. Meanwhile, take it easy, but take it.

Looking forward.

– *Carl Dow*

# Thanks, Yves! Welcome, Carl!

This issue of Humanist Perspectives Magazine heralds the beginning of a new era as Canadian Humanist Publications welcomes incoming *HP* Editor, Carl Dow.

Our outgoing Editor, Yves Saint-Pierre, deserves much praise for serving as *HP* Editor over the past two years. Since 2009, our readers have enjoyed his inspiring editorials and carefully chosen articles selected for our reading pleasure. Although his term as editor was relatively short, it has earned many accolades from our readers and this will be a memorable period for *HP* magazine. It has been a pleasure working with Yves and the members and staff at CHP wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

Carl Dow, has long identified himself as a Secular Humanist and has lived his life accordingly. Carl points out that journalism also

runs deep in his family genes. During one 18 month period he had a sister working at *The Toronto Star* and another sister at *The Toronto Telegram* while he worked at *The Globe and Mail*.

Carl is currently president of Ottawa Independent Writers and edits their publication *Capital Letter*. He also publishes an online news and news analysis magazine, *True North Perspective*, which is being read in up to 121 countries on all continents except Antarctica. He is working on that!

Carl looks forward to being Editor of *Humanist Perspectives* and the opportunity to continue *HP*'s proud tradition of reflecting the letter and spirit of Humanism. Welcome aboard, Carl Dow.

— *Simon Parcher, President, CHP*

## Letters

### Pascal's Wager

In his article, Reflections on Mortality, (Issue 176) Bill Broderick gives a concise description of Pascal's wager and why it has appealed to so many. I wish he had pointed out its essential error, which is concealed in the proposition that it does not hurt to bet that God exists.

Innumerable innocents have died in the wars that ensued over competing gods. And what creature comforts would we have today if belief in god precluded scientific experiment?

Pascal notwithstanding, the downsides to false belief are great indeed.

— *Geoffrey Milos,  
Toronto, ON*

### Feeding the Raging Monster

Madeline Weld's article, *Feeding the Raging Monster*, (Issue 178) was superb; concise, to the point, easily readable, well documented. I wish we had a hundred more like her. At least I'm forwarding it to a mailing list.

— *Harold Welch,  
Clandeboye, MB*

### Dear Henry Beissel:

I was very impressed with your editorial; "Fair Sharing Instead of Rampant Greed". The world can be a depressing place these days with all the turmoil going on in both the political and in the natural world. We humans have managed to botch up so many areas of our existence and management of this

earth. I dread what the future holds for the children being born today, especially in places where hope seems threadbare, and the world doesn't seem to care. Still, it is the only world we have, despite Stephen Hawking's suggestion we go elsewhere [in the universe], and I can only believe that, if it contains thoughtful people such as yourself who are willing to commit ideas and suggestions to print, perhaps there are answers to the many problems that confront us. The grass-roots uprising currently taking place may be the beginning of a greater and larger attempt to rectify the inequality that exists throughout the world.

— *Peggy Fletcher,  
Sarnia, ON*