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 Adam Piggott3d

I agree with this. Vox's use of the SSH is far too simple and restrictive, which I think is by design. It is often used to put people in a box and make them shut up. Your views are irrelevant because you are a lowly gamma, etc. My main criticism of the SSH is that it offers no hope. There is no possibility of change or renewal. This is contrary to everything that I have observed on this topic during my life.

A child's upbringing is critical. Environment plays a huge part, and thus change is possible; extremely difficult but possible. Sometimes that is the cross that God provides us and our road is to overcome those early obstacles. Vox shuts that door, and mocks people for questioning it.

I think that divorce and divorce culture has had the biggest impact of this type on children as regards to the effect of their environment on their development. The results are in after 50 years and the results are not positive in any way.

I look forward to your book. This counter balance is desperately needed. We cannot rob our men of hope. To do so is evil as far as I am concerned.

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 The Kurgan2dEdited

Author

I would not class the SSH as evil. I do think it has utility that is at least potentially more useful than not. But I also think people tend to simplify the SSH more than required, (as well as "complicate" it too) which probably makes it somewhat more of a further "mechanising" of humanity at a broad level, which is a general and unfortunate tendency people in general have when faced with any new technology as well as taxonomy that relates to people. Because, indeed, MPAL

There is some evidence (quite a bit more difficult to present than the SSH, as it is far more subtle) that there is "some" validity to at least certain aspects of astrology. Every study I have seen supposedly "debunking it" was atrociously designed, yet I do not care enough one way or the other to either study it further, or design an experiment to investigate it better. Because even if I did and even if I managed to confirm my suspicions on it, invariably, humans would end up using it as some sort of label/club/limiting descriptor to state that "all cancers are weak pains in the ass" or that "Leos are truly the best people" and so on, in effect reducing any possible positive use one could make of it to a net negative when compared to the negative uses people would subject it to.

The "simplification" of the SSH by people other than Vox is unfortunately inevitable and a net negative, but that can hardly be blamed on Vox. He created or invented a tool. Which definitely has utility. How others use it is really out of his hands to a large degree.

As for your criticism that he designed the SSH purposely as a way to shut down his critics, I again, don't think so at all. I think he simply created the SSH as a way to classify, in general terms, various types of people. And as with any man, certain types of men are ones he likes less than others. I can relate in a number of ways:

1. I had developed my own taxonomy long before Vox publicly described his. I never made mine public in writing at the time, but friends of mine who I discussed it with could attest to this. My version was far less detailed than his as I only had Alphas (which maps to his Alphas pretty much one for one), Scouts (which maps to his Sigmas closely though not completely) and Betas which was purposely left as a far more generic "catchall" classification which in essence contains all the other classifications he came up with (Betas, Deltas, Omegas, Lambdas, Gammas). I was aware that in my classification Betas was a VAST range of men, but as my own way of classifying things was primarily concerned with noticing which type of men could be "dangerous" the details were irrelevant for my purposes, since when push came to shove, despite the differences and vast variety of Betas and thus their responses, none of them would be a threat (at least to me). Such a relatively narrow purpose would hardly be useful to others, and though it has infinitely more nuance than how I presented it here, as that was its main purpose, a publication of it would only have overall negative effects as it would be reduced to this rather limited overarching principle.
2. Had I made my classification public, I have no doubt most people would have tried to claim scout or alpha status while trying to either redefine, or further classify the Betas into categories that right or wrong would have been wholly irrelevant for my purposes. And undoubtedly some fantasists would have created entire categories to elevate themselves and excuse their flaws.
3. The IQ gap is a very real thing, and it sounds, looks, and probably feels generally "arrogant/elitist" to people that have that 30 point gap from the person higher up on the IQ ladder when the "mask" slips. Each man I have known with an IQ in the 150+ range has a more or less generic "go to" mechanism for dealing with the teeming masses of idiots we are surrounded by. Inevitably at times the mechanism fails regularly and our true frustration/contempt/irritation with the lower IQ crowd glimpses through, and can appear over-harsh, arrogant, unjust etc etc.

I have tried to explain this in terms of an analogy from a comic book I read in my teens that struck me very much at the time for how precisely it modelled my own general experience of other people. It featured quicksilver (one of the "evil" mutants that sided with Magneto against professor X and the X men) whose superpower is superspeed at (if I recall right) something even faster than The Flash (different universes as the Flash was DC and the mutants were Marvel comics) anyway he is arguing with his wife I think and the writing representing his speech goes from normal sized, to smaller and smaller to a mere line. The scene shows his wife going from upset to worried to kind of scared... as seen from Quicksilver's perspective (his name is Pietro by the way). He then realises his wife can't understand him anymore and it is here we find out that his superpower is ALWAYS ON. For him to have a normal conversation with literally EVERYONE around him he has to speak in what to him is slow motion. ALWAYS.

I know precisely what that feels like.

Almost everyone I know thinks I am an impatient man. I think the only person that understood how actually patient I am was my brother when he correctly explained to a group of people we were with that in reality my "impatience" was due to the fact that by the time everyone around me had understood step one of whatever was happening, I had seen steps one through ten and revised them twice and was patiently waiting for them to figure out step two when instead they were busy fucking up step seven out of sequence because they missed steps two through six.

When Vox calls out someone as a gamma, he's mostly right and even if not the confluence of reasons why he may decide that person X is not worth wasting any further time on, are probably several hundred reasons more than you can imagine.

I tend to be even more brutal in my online discourse. I simply ban or block random idiots with zero warning. He generally gives them a couple chances. The fact you or others may not be able to see or follow his reasons is, frankly, beside the point.

As an example, because we know each other, mostly, and because I think it can be useful to others too, look at the length of this reply to your comment. Imagine if I (or Vox) had to do this with almost every comment we get. It's literally impossible.

Metaphorically speaking: Some mass graves are inevitable.

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 Adam Piggott2d

A few points. I didn't state that the SSH is evil; rather, Vox's use of it to destroy hope in men is evil. Once a gamma always a gamma and all that.

Vox did not merely develop the SSH to simply classify people. He explicitly uses it to silence his critics. He wrote and published a book on it. That is not a private use of a privately designed system. He flings it around like confetti at a parade.

His calling out of a gamma might often be correct, but his stance that a gamma can never change is awful and against everything that God teaches us. A gamma is a man mired in sin. Telling lies is a great example of gamma behaviour. A man can ween himself off that behaviour, but according to Vox he cannot and nor should he even try.

I too have critics, as well as readers who leave nasty, stupid or disruptive comments. What I don't do is to attempt to publicly psychoanalyse them with my own made up social classification system. In fact, I rarely respond to comments at all. I do utilise the banhammer, however.

There is much truth in the SSH, that I do not dispute. Vox's ability to classify men into behaviour patterns is indisputable. Where I disagree is on two major points:

No man is just one of the traits. We have most of the traits within us all of the time, but one will inevitably be more dominant than the others. The degree to which a man has the negative traits under control is the most important factor to consider personally in regards to this information. I have seen men who I would classify as predominately alpha suffer a personal setback and revert to insane gamma behaviour in an attempt to get even with those who betrayed him.

And the second point is that men can change. Men can rise from great personal adversity and overcome childhood trauma that may well have destroyed other men. It is often what you overcome that defines who you are as a man, and I agree with you that environment as a child has a great deal to do with this.

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 Vox Day1d

Change what? I've never said men cannot change. Men can certainly change their behavior. They can change their outcomes. But they will never be rid of their internal behavioral patterns or the instinctive reactions that drive them.

A Gamma is always a Gamma in the same way that an alcoholic is always an alcoholic, and relapse is always waiting.

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 Vox Day1d

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There is no possibility of change or renewal of one's behavioral patterns after a certain point in one's life. That's an observable fact, no more contestable than observing the same thing about one's height or one's shoe size.

I don't mock people for questioning the SSH. I hold them in contempt for being so observably stupid, especially on the basis of such transparent motivations.

The SSH doesn't rob anyone of hope in anything that matters. The Omega who serves God faithfully and well has more genuine hope than the jade Alpha whose status is so high that he needs the promise of multiple cheerleaders and cocaine just to get out of bed in the morning.

If you're putting your hope in socio-sexual status, you do not have a solid grasp of what is good and what is evil.

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 Adam Piggott10h

Oh what tosh. You don't believe the rubbish you wrote here for a second, you're just writing it to justify yourself. You put people in a box, label them and then tell them that they can't get out of it. You then treat certain of these archetypes as untouchables and justify treating them that way due to your own imposed definitions. It may as well be a modern version of the caste system.

Transformation in Christ is possible for any man. You try and rob them of that hope and I think it's appalling.

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 Vox Day7hEdited

You're a liar and your accusations are observably false. I have no need to justify myself. You, right here, are justifying my observations made 16 years ago.

Look at how your theology is entirely based on your own feelings of past rejection and your desperate need to escape those feelings. Which is how I, and everyone else, can see that you're a Gamma male.

Of course, we already knew that from your "Gentleman Adventurer" handle. That's how totally obvious these things are.

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 Adam Piggott6h

And there we have it, another entry in the international best selling hit, "Everyone who disagrees with me is a gamma".

Also, big words from someone whose handle translates to the "voice of god".

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 Vox Day5h

The Kurgan disagrees with me all the time. He's obviously not a Gamma.

The relationship is not causal.

You're lying again. And that's not what my handle translates to either, but that's merely your ignorance. Your rhetoric is weak because it doesn't point to the truth.

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 Adam Piggott5h

"The pen name Vox Day (used by author Theodore Beale) is a play on the Latin phrase vox Dei, which translates directly to "the voice of God." If you meant the longer Latin phrase "vox populi, vox Dei," it translates to "the voice of the people is the voice of God.""

Who is the liar here? You fling around the accusation of gamma so liberally because deep down that's exactly what you suspect you are. Now I'm done here, but you have a nice day now.

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 The Kurgan4h

Author

Far be it from me to get in the middle of this one way or the other, so consider this merely as a comment made by a wholly neutral commentator on the sidelines speaking for the benefit of the crowd that is no doubt fomenting itself into yet another online blood-lust chant of "fight, fight, fight!". As far as I know, and I'm happy to be corrected if wrong on it, I think if my memory is more or less right on it, the blog being called Vox Popoli is indeed a reference to "the voice of the people" possibly because it is where originally people could comment on whatever was on the blog. As for the name Vox Day, his name is Theodore (God Adorer) which gets shortened to Theo (God) and Day is the English word rather than the Latin Dei. So it more correctly translates to either Theo's Day, or Voice of the Day (i.e. Theo's blog post of the day). Can the interpretation (technically in error) be as you have made it? For sure, but that's the joke. While not everyone will appreciate it, and many, maybe even most, will assume it's an arrogance of spectacular size to use the double entendre as a joke, it is funny to at least some of us, precisely because in actual fact, it is absurd to think that Theo the man would not immediately bow his head to the floor in humility before God. I am guilty of the same sort of thing, but it is primarily an IQ test of sorts. Those who can't get the joke, or are fooled by it, and get offended by it, are generally not worth wasting any further time with. The clue would be in the "odd" spelling of Day to present as Dei instead. Fairly sure that even if Vox is not necessarily fluent in Latin this is so basic it's not a "mistake".

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 Vox Day5h

You're a retard. Piggy. And you're wrong.

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 Joe Katzman10h

CS Lewis was likely a gamma. Cardinal Richelieu good odds. Scott Adams definitely. No hope? There's lots, so long as that hope is invested realistically.

Real hope starts with: know thyself.

Each state has its own strengths and pitfalls, but they are observably very unequal. If you can accept all that, you can do 2 things. One, work to become the best version of your state. Two, try to change your stars at a deep level long-term. The first is required, the second is optional.

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