Golding’s Truth of Humanity

Rousseau is a smart and well-known philosopher for his time, but his outlook on people and their natural state of mind is incorrect. In the book *Lord of the flies,* by William Golding, a group of prep school boys are flying overseas when they lose function of one of the engine and crash land on an island; all adults are killed but most of the boys survive. The kids vote ralph to be their leader and he establishes rules, shelters, jobs and builds a signal fire. Things are going quite well, until the fears introduced by one of the kids starts to break and get inside the other kids heads causing them to begin not following the rules and without the rules from society the older kids become irrational as they follow Jack. things between Jack and Ralph keep getting more and more intense leaving all the kids on edge till a fight breaks out, leading to the death of two more and the murder attempt on Ralph. Likewise, twenty-one years ago a girl by the name of Reena Virk was tortured and killed by the brutality of her school peers, but if the kids truly understood the effects that laws and rules would have she could be alive today and all of this is why **William Golding is right. If it were not for rules and laws all would lead to chaos as demonstrated in the symbolism from the *Lord of the flies* andthe murder of Reena Virk from 20 years ago.**

*Lord of the Flies* is a very good example of what would happen to people when all laws, rules and authority figures are removed from the equation. The book portrays five main entities’ Law and order, saint, rationality, fear and human instinct. first, there is law and order, or Ralph and he tries to set up some new laws and rules for the kids to go by, but as the story goes on he loses the other kids to the realization of there being no consequences of breaking laws; straying away to join Jack and his primitive savagery. The next one they lose is Simon, the saint, after the original laws and order where broken, it left Simon, in the book he represents religion and in our past we relied on the rules of the bible and the 10 commandments; however this too is another set of laws set by someone else and the kids kill Simon to represent the second wall of laws being destroyed. Now we have rationality represented by Piggy; after all the higher power rules are removed such as law and religion, it only leaves the morals and rationality of the kids, and as Jack is confronted by Ralph he is shown to still have some rationality in him as Jack did not attack Ralph right as he saw him, but as things got heated, they burst into a fight and in this fight all the kids lost their rational behaviors represented by Roger pulling the lever releasing the rock, cracking Piggy in the head, sending rationality to a watery grave; this is shown by two people Jack and Roger. Jack is the first person to go back to his natural ways, he realizes that there are no laws holing him down anymore and it allows him to pull in the other kids, to allow them to go back to their original ways; the most obvious of this is Roger in the beginning he would through rocks at kids but not hit them: “Yet there was a space round hennery… into which he dare not throw, invisible yet strong, was the taboo of the old life. Round the squatting child was the protection of parents and school and policemen and law” (Golding, chapter 4) this quote shows the humanity in the kids and how over time they will lose their ways. However at the end of the book he is the one who kills Piggy with the rock.

Reena Virk was a 14 years old girl, who lived in Victoria, B.C. Her class peers told her about a dock party that was happening later that night; however unbeknownst to Reena, she was tragically murdered. Twenty-one years ago, on November 14, Reena Virk was brought under a bridge where seven girls and one boy proceeded to hit, kick and burn her with the ends of cigarettes. Reena begged and pleaded for them to stop, but they did not; they continued hitting her till she escaped. She stumbled away from the kids. Unfortunately, one girl and the boy followed Reena and preceded to hurt her some more, before they held Reena’s head under the water until the last of her life left her mouth. These kids where only 14-15 years of age and when one is at this age they are in a state of mind where one feels like they understand the law and reappreciations but, at the same time they feel untouchable. Because of this, it allowed their true nature to show two of the kids letting their primal urges to fully take over. All of this raises a question, if all “Humans are born good, and that it is the society that corrupts the noble savage” (Rousseau internet). Then how did society become corrupt in the first place, as humans make up society, we created it and formed it, how would society become corrupt if humans, the basis of society become corrupt in the first place.

Because of these reasons the *Lord of the flies* with its symbolism of the characters, and the realization of their no longer being any laws to stop them, allows them to let out their true primitive natures, killing Piggy and Simon and attempting to kill Ralph. Also, the Reena Virk murder case, this was a truly cruel and tragic fate, but it shows what humans would do when left without the thgovernment or the idea of government. These two evidences show that **William Golding is right. If it were not for rules and laws all would lead to chaos as demonstrated.**

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