

We --- you and I --- are, after all, the sum and substance of our values.

*What we do,
how we live,
and the opinions we hold
reflect these values
as clearly as a mirror on a sunny day.*

Consider where that locates you on others' radars when you subscribe to the fact that only things in your immediacy are relevant to your being.

Any crime committed against humanity, regardless of where and when, should not escape your judgement simply because it happened on the other side of the world or centuries ago.

Neither time nor distance should dim your view.

And yet you hear it bruited about by the insensitive and unthinking that the myriad misdemeanors in the history of mankind can be somehow excused --- and in some cases even deemed laudable --- because they were perpetrated way back when an acceptable world view of the matter seemed to tolerate such things.

History is rife with solid examples of this; for the sake of brevity, I put forward only two, although they are of a scope and reach sufficient to cover all else:

Slavery and genocide by military might or colonization.

By what metric of common decency was it ever deemed to be right to foist these sadnesses upon peoples virtually defenceless in the face of an "advanced" technology that simply followed the precepts of "Might is right!" and "I know what is good for you!" philosophies and had the means and inclination --- and, most importantly, the stomach --- to enforce them?