

Pangolins

Nobody asked but ...

Once again, I have anecdotal evidence about humanity that is very dreary. Mark Twain said, “Always do right. This will gratify some, the rest will be astonished.” The reason for astonishment seems to be that there are damned few who are compelled to do right — much fewer **always** to do right.

Take, for instance, the sad tale of the pangolin. Statists will insist that we need states to prevent the illegal trade in pangolin scales, and consequently the extinction of the species. I would ask, “How’s that working out for you?”

The thing is that it would be a long time before logic and order corrected the ills of the state — if ever. But there is also the thing that statists are clueless about statism being necessary **THOUGH** evil. Statism is useless **AND** evil. Statism is wrong **AND** evil. There is nothing that government does which non-government can’t do.

— Kilgore Forelle