'Aging idiots' gloomy world forecast for grads

The current generation of young university graduates must head into a gloomy future with their eyes open, a sociologist said Wednesday.

The sociologist, Dr. Irving Goldstein, who was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree at the convocation of the University of Manitoba, said there are growing epidemics in high hopes for so-called "graduates." They will be found in a world "somehow governed by aging states," and deterred by social forces not yet seen to know much about, said Dr. Goldstein, a sociologist at the University of Pennsylvania.

"We fear that the future we have learned to mistake the wrong motives for the wrong," he said.

The Alberta-born professor recently delivered a series of interviews in which he saw the rise of populism, nationalism, authoritarianism, and disavowal of mainstream society by the upper class of society as "the financed of all.

"The rebellious students of the times were right in the sense of insurrections and the adults who opposed them, he said. But they didn't understand the strength of these weak moments and rebellion ended not in a pag but in a boutique as dropouts of the 1960s climbed down to making a conventional living.

Not that the world was not in the past, there never were any "good old days," he said. "Every revolution has vanished in the dark.

"But these are remembered later for their leaders who lose informed times... will have to be whipped," he said.

Even potential social problems as a goal have less potential as the power of class distinction fades and people are "hardly lost in better," Dr. Goldstein said.

"The only worlds left free in us to create are those of the past," he said, warning graduates to remain clear-headed and conscious.

Dr. Goldstein, who will continue to teach in the fall, called for a new moral society. "I hope your adventure will be exhilarating by the press."

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