

Friday with Fred – June 16, 2017



## **Those who Fail to Learn From History are Doomed to Repeat It**

*Attributed to George Santayana*

There is no doubt that we are living in a changing time in America. The spiritual temperament is noticeable not only in millennials, but in almost everyone regarding things that are eternal. Change is also demonstrated in an increasing range of psychological maladies, and a distinct sociological malaise, as well as a plethora of political manifestations-- i.e. the horrific shooting this week at the Republican congressional baseball team practice.

I would like to ask Bernie Sanders a question; When has socialism ever not resulted in an ineffectual economy, an incompetent nation or the rise of an immoral dictator? History has instructed us that Fascism, which normally leads toward a form of functional socialism, is an authoritarian and nationalistic system of governmental and social organization. It is often synonymous with authoritarianism, totalitarianism, dictatorship, despotism and autocracy.

Modern world history has also shown that under this form of government as demonstrated by Stalin, Hitler, Mao, Pol Pot, Castro and others, hundreds of millions of people have been killed in the name of "the fatherland" or "the people." Many more millions have been tortured and maimed for life. The loss of life, not to mention the loss of personal property and personal freedom from 1930 until today is incalculable. Venezuela, Brazil and Greece also serve as modern moderate examples of national incompetence and the rise of the "strong man." The scary thing about stupidity is that it is so self-satisfying.

Plato said, "If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools." If we do not hear these words and heed these words we will suffer the consequences.

I am not trying to be a political scientist or advocate for a particular form of government. In this world, all forms will be tainted by fallen and finite people. However, we are waiting for the True King to bring a perfect form of government.

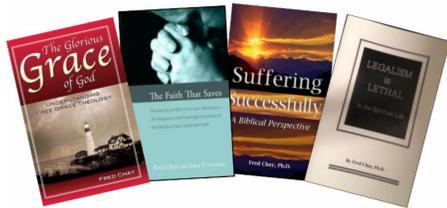
I am, however, trying to bring attention to the fact that the world is still falling apart. It is still degenerating, dying, and is soon to be destroyed. And we are still the messengers to proclaim the love of our Messiah to the world. But mark it well, the days ahead will not be easy for the Church.

As Carl Henry said of Jesus, "He planted the only durable rumor of hope amid the widespread despair of a hopeless world." The world still is and Jesus still does.

Serving Him with you  
Until He comes for us,  
Fred

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