

Appendix B – Musings on the Socialist Pipe Dream

“There are two and only two ways of acquiring wealth:

- 1) the economic means - voluntary production and exchange
- 2) the political means - confiscation by coercion” (Rothbard).

Our government has embraced the political means of acquiring wealth: transfer payments – stealing from Peter and Paul to give to Judas. The Obama administration is determined to “transfer authority for crucial life-decisions from the individuals who make them to the State.” By catering to all our basic needs: “The State is going to leave us with authority only in the sphere of determining how to spend our pocket money” (Jouvenel).

It is common knowledge in Christian circles – at least in those that understand biblical economics - that socialism is economic suicide. It has a 100% failure rate everywhere it has been implemented, because it is based entirely on *stealing*. But does that deter those who worship at its holy grail? Not if you are one of those who receives the stolen booty or is in charge of distributing it after it has been stolen. Working *for the man* frustrates the socialist’s ambitions, but receiving cradle-to-grave welfare support *from the man* is deemed acceptable.

“The delusion that a single person or group of government planners could possibly possess such information and manage an entire economy is what Nobel laureate Friedrich von Hayek called the *pretense of knowledge* or the *fatal conceit*. Central planning inevitably leads to economic chaos” (DiLorenzo).

We won’t have to wait long until the deleterious effects of the out-of-control printing press kicks in. *Quantitative easing*, a euphemism for government sanctioned counterfeiting, is a tool of choice for thieves like Greenspan, Krugman, Paulson, Geithner, Franks, Dodd, and Bernanke. As long as these financial bootleggers are manning the electronic still, our economy will be nothing but one bursting bubble after another.

How can we audit the Fed and get it either under control or preferably dissolved? As far as I can see, the American people don’t stand a chance of survival as long as the current banking system is in place. If the cartel controls stocks, bonds, real estate and commodities such as gold and silver, where can an American put his remaining money before Pelosi steals it? It seems like gold possession is a good idea, but most 401k programs don’t allow that flexibility. Besides, the system may be rigged here, too.

“Last November, I estimated the size of the gross stock of global debt instruments at \$90 trillion for mid-2000. How much capital would it take to control the combined gold, oil and commodity markets? Probably, no more than \$200bn, using derivatives” (Schoon).

It’s rather disconcerting to discover the depth of corruption and criminality in our economic and political system. I am becoming more convinced that the *5,000 Year Leap* (Skousen) is about to be followed by a *50 Year Fall Flat on Our Face*. And while I think the orchestration of this crash course has been engineered by men and women empowered by Satan, I also recognize that God has a hand in it.

“God’s role in this unbreakable connection is not merely an internal or subjective response to human behavior; rather in some sense God intervenes, completes the inherent connection between action and consequence, turns the effects of one’s actions back on the actor, and abandons the person to the consequences” (Via).

The outward form this has taken in our country is the gradual invasion of the Democratic Party in the past century by socialism. This religious system masquerading as social justice is the *scourge of the planet*. It has and will continue to enslave millions of people, including those in the United States. It will take a monumental effort to pierce the lie that socialism is a moral system. One third of the U.S. population appears to have no more understanding of the prosperity provided by the private sector than does the President.

“The private sector is so foreign to our President that he would need a passport to go there and a translator to understand what is happening ... We put a guy in the White House who has no experience running anything. In that sense, the joke’s on us. But again, it’s not a joke. America simply cannot afford another four years of on-the-job training” (Jindal).

Any system that takes away your right to privacy, to think what you want, to buy and sell what you want, and to protect your private property, is satanic, not moral. The goal of the Democratic Party (and many Republicans) is to create such a prison system, although they will dress our slavery in genial garb.

“The American people, true enough, are sheep. Worse, they are donkeys. Yet worse, to borrow from their own dialect, they are goats. They are thus constantly bamboozled and exploited by small minorities of their own number, by determined and ambitious individuals, and even by exterior groups. The business of victimizing them is a lucrative profession, an exact science, and a delicate and lofty art. It has its masters and it has its quacks. Its lowest reward is a seat in Congress” (Mencken).

It is these very victimizers in Congress and the other branches of our government that should be despised, and I am glad to see a segment of our population realize this by the protest signs at Tea Party gatherings. The big question is: Are there enough of us to vote the poltroons and scoundrels out of office? Or will the systematic, socialist demolition of our country continue unabated for another Obama term in office? It’s a battle of religious philosophy, and I am not certain that Christianity and freedom will win over socialism and totalitarianism.

“For six thousand years at least, a majority has generally believed in pagan gods. The latest pagan god is Progressivism, socialism by a nicer name. Its goal is slavery, no doubt about it. When anyone says, ‘a planned economy,’ he means, a control of the human energy used in producing and distributing material goods, by an Authority consisting of a few men, and according to a plan made by those men – and enforced by the police” (Lane).

The historical trend seems to be toward slavery under the guise of security, theft under the utopian mirage of social justice, and totalitarianism under the shadow of benevolence. I do not under-estimate the power or numerical strength of our internal enemies. I hope we are able to bring reformation peacefully, but I fear there will be violence before freedom is restored to the nation established by our founding fathers.

“I like to think of my behavior in the sixties as a ‘learning experience.’ Then again, I like to think of anything stupid I’ve done as a ‘learning experience.’ It makes me feel less stupid. However, I actually did learn one thing in the 1960s (besides how to make a hash pipe out of an empty toilet paper roll and some aluminum foil). I learned the awful power of make-believe. There is a deep-seated and frighteningly strong human need to make believe things are different than they are ... It was this kind of hoggish appetite for epistemological romance that sent my spoiled and petulant generation on a journey to Oz, a journey from which some of us are only now straggling back, in intellectual tatters” (O’Rourke).

I hope the drug-induced stupidity of my generation will come to an end soon, but I believe that is *Oz-thinking* rather than objective reality. The truth is ... I think the 1960’s and 1970’s socialist flower-children have been totally mesmerized by Beelzebub, Screwtape and Wormwood. Christians of America, you have your job cut out for you.

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