

This is AM with your CC.

FOR THE LAST 8 YEARS I HAVE COMPLETELY TUNED OUT THE NATIONAL NEWS. AS THE ECONOMY CONTINUED TO CONTRACT--AND HOPE ALONG WITH IT--I COULDN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO BE AFFECTED BY THE NEGATIVITY. AS OUR COUNTRY ROTTED AWAY, THE ONLY THING I COULD AFFORD TO DO WAS FOCUS ON MY BUSINESS.

THE JOYOUS ELECTION OF D.T. HAS RENEWED THE ECONOMY. REKINDLED HOPE.EVERY MORNING WHEN I READ THE NEWS IT IS LIKE CHRISTMAS! HOW DID THE DONALD WIN TODAY?

BUT LET'S TAKE A STEP BACK. LET'S REMEMBER THAT FOR HUMAN BEINGS, FREEDOM IS NOT THE NORM. FREEDOM MUST CONSTANTLY BE FOUGHT FOR.

A LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF MANKIND GIVES ONLY A FEW PERIODS IN TIME WHEN FREEDOM WAS ON FULL DISPLAY.

THE EARLIEST EXAMPLE IS COVERED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT--THE BOOK OF SAMUEL, CHAPTER 8--WHERE THE ISRAELITES ARE WARNED ABOUT THE DOWNSIDES OF HAVING A KING, ALL THE TAXES AND OTHER INDECENCIES THAT COME WITH IT. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT DESPITE THAT WELL REASONED WARNING, MEN OFTEN PREFER BIG GOVERNMENT TO SELF GOVERNMENT.

MANY PEOPLE THINK OF ANCIENT ATHENS AS A UTOPIAN DEMOCRACY. THIS ISN'T QUITE RIGHT. ITS HARD TO GIVE THE FREEDOM LABEL TO A PEOPLE WHO USED THEIR SUPERIOR NAVY TO DEMAND TRIBUTE FROM THEIR NEIGHBORS. GOING SOUTH TO SPARTA, IT'S A MARXIST UTOPIA, THE HIGH CLASS ENSLAVED MANY SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS. THE FREEDOM AWARD WOULD HAVE TO GO TO THE BEOTIANS--THE CATTLE PEOPLE--WHO FINALLY GOT FED UP, FREED THE SLAVES OF THE PELOPONNESUS AND DEFEATED SPARTA.

IN THIS EXAMPLE, A FREE PEOPLE FORMED AN ARMY OF AMATUERS THAT SUCCESSFULLY DESTROYED THE MOST ADVANCED WARRIORS OF THE AGE. A FREE PEOPLE, IF INVOLVED, WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE.

THE ROMAN REPUBLIC DID OK WITH FREEDOM,BUT THE LEFT WING PUSHED A LITANY OF REALLY BAD IDEAS, INCLUDING PRICE CONTROLS, WELFARE, RATIONING, CLASS WAR AND THESE POLICIES DESTROYED THE COUNTRY LEADING TO JULIUS CAESAR AND THE MISERABLE EMPIRE.

YOU WONT LIKELY FIND ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A FREE PEOPLE WITHOUT KING OR OLIGARCH UNTIL YOU GET TO THE UNITED STATES. SO WE ARE IN A VERY SMALL CLUB. THE THEORIES OF SOCIALISM SOUND GOOD TO THE IGNORANT AND DIMWITTED, BUT THEIR PROMISE OF EQUALITY AND HARMONY ALWAYS LEAD TO DESTRUCTION AND SERVITUDE. IN THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WE ALMOST FOLLOWED THAT TYPICAL COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY AND THREW EVERYTHING AWAY IN FAVOR A CENTRAL OVERLORDING OLIGARCH.

I GUESS THE LESSON HERE, IS THAT THE ONLY THING THAT PREVENTS THE DECLINE OF FREEDOM, IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO SOMETHING.

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