

## Loose Change

The American 44<sup>th</sup> President promised “Change.” What few people who were not caught up in self-serving emotion asked was, “Who, What, When, Where, Why?” So, change we got. God help us!

The Wise Man once said (and I paraphrase), “The wise manager uses from his resources both what is tried and true and what is new and innovative.”<sup>1</sup>

The key word there is “both.” Millions have worked, strived, suffered and died to determine what is tried and true. The American Republic was founded on what is tried and true. Yet, even the principle midwives of that Republic had their doubts. They knew that someday we could lose it all.

John Adams (1735 - July 4, 1826), the 2<sup>nd</sup> President, said, “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.” And, “But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever.” History tells us that Adams died wondering if the American Republic would survive.

Thomas Jefferson (1743 - July 4, 1826), the 3<sup>rd</sup> President, said, “The last hope of human liberty in this world rests on us. We ought, for so dear a state, to sacrifice every attachment and every enmity.” He called the American Republic the last hope of human liberty.

Yet, after 230 years we got “Change.” And most of it was not for the good. A nation with the precious heritage (precious meaning in short supply, scarce) of the American Republic cannot dilute its heritage by mixing it with all sorts of unproven tyranny.

Some may ask then, “What is wrong with innovation? What is wrong with change? What is wrong with progress? Aren’t we supposed to use our innate creative powers?” That all depends . . .

“Progressives” like to give new names to things that they want to “Change.” When grace and mercy fail in them they demand “tolerance.” Conservatives, especially Christian Conservatives stand back in awe at the audacity and presumptive attitudes of progressives. “Where do they get this stuff?” Are they really that naïve, that stupid? Indeed, many of them are brilliant. They are drawing from their own reserves. What are those reserves and where do they come from?”

The same Wise Man also said that good resources inside a person produce good things and that bad resources inside a person produce bad things “<sup>2</sup> That is the key.

There is a story attributed to the ancient Greeks about the scorpion and the turtle. The scorpion cannot swim, so he asked the turtle to carry him across a river on his back. The turtle refused and said, “When we are in the middle of the river you will sting me and we will both die.” The scorpion responded, “I will not sting you. That would be insane. I need you to get me to the other side of the river. Would I kill myself as well?” So, the turtle saw the reasonableness of that and took the scorpion on his back to cross the river. When they were about halfway across the river the scorpion stung the turtle. The turtle asked, “Why did you sting me? Now we will both die.” The scorpion answered, “I could not help it. It is my nature.”

People will want and produce out of their own nature. Again, John Adams, “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

Christianity and Humanism are both religions. Adams was a Christian, Jefferson was a humanist. They *designed* the American Republic. A sincere Christian is moral. A sincere humanist is moral. Somehow those two mindsets produced and refined the most unique and lavish Republic in the history of the world. “Progressives” are neither. Progressive standards resemble one particular world philosophy, communism.

Now we may have a change to reverse “Change.” God help us again.

There you have it.

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<sup>1</sup> Jesus of Nazareth, The Bible, Matthew 13:52, 28 A.D.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus of Nazareth, The Bible, Matthew 12:35, 28 A.D.