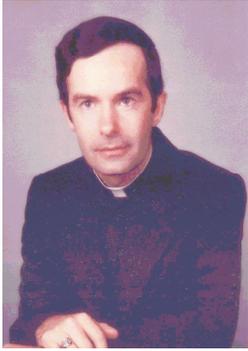




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"The sun rises and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises" (Eccles. 1:5); the cyclical pattern of history never ceases to intrigue. Contrasting current events with their historical counterparts is like viewing reflections in a mirror.

The first pair of cyclical events

begins with the War of 1812. The British invaded the US, then marched into Washington, D.C., to seize and occupy public buildings including the capitol and White House. Dolly Madison fled with what valuables she could carry. Then, in the 21st century, the cycle came full circle in two phases. First, the continental US had never been attacked again until 9/11/01. Next, on 1/6/21, a group once again marched on the capitol, seizing and occupying the building, sending the occupants fleeing for safety. The difference in this latter event is that it was motivated by emotion instead of reason, unorganized, and did not have a clear objective. It gave the participants a fleeting emotional high, sabotaged the strategy of sympathetic members of Congress, accomplished nothing for the conservative cause, imitated the barbarism of Antifa, conceded to liberals the illusion of occupying the moral high ground they did not earn and do not deserve, and put conservatives on the defensive wasting time and resources on damage control. The liberal media continuously shows the capitol being attacked. Yet, they say nothing about the liberal mayor of D.C. calling for the destruction of the Washington and Jefferson Monuments. Now, attention is focused on who should be blamed.

Whether it is apocryphal or not, a story is told about James Watt, credited with inventing the practical version of the steam engine. As a boy, he observed the steam escaping from the spout of his mother's tea kettle. For an experiment, he plugged the spout and the kettle blew its top. He deduced that the force of steam could be harnessed for useful purposes. Conditions occasionally cause people to feel the need to blow off steam. Frederick the Great, king of 18th century Prussia, understood this. He once remarked that he and his people had an understanding. They were free to say what they wished; he was free to do what he wished. Liberals, in the

quest for power, and the judiciary, in its abdication of power, either do not or blatantly refuse to understand this. Regarding the judiciary, liberals and their mouthpieces in the media never tire of their ventriloquist performance of chanting the mantra that claims pertaining to the 2020 election being illegal are unsubstantiated and false and no proof has been shown. Proof should only be revealed in court. You do not show your cards before you play the game. However, the judiciary repeatedly refused even to hear the case. Did they fear the evidence would prove the election results were illegal? Were they intimidated by threats of violence from Antifa, BLM Marxists, and the rest of the radical left?

Regarding the secular humanists on the liberal left, they scorn the First Amendment and are determined to silence, discredit, marginalize, and destroy their conservative and Christian counterparts by ignoring, excluding, intimidating, suing, and physically attacking them. They called the capitol rioters criminals, insurrectionists, anarchists, and worse; they benignly referred to the rioters in the Ferguson area of St. Louis, Portland, Oregon, and other cities who attacked innocent citizens, looted businesses, engaged in arson and vandalism as mere demonstrators and protesters. Liberals dominate the entertainment industry, most mass media and internet networks except radio, and public education. Journalists, educators, and students who refuse to conform are fired, blackballed, denied promotions, and threatened. Confederate and Christian symbols are being desecrated or banished. During the last election, conservatives' campaign signs were repeatedly stolen. Multiple US flags appeared with a few Confederate flags at the capitol riot. Yet, the Confederate flag was castigated while the US flag was not. Why? Liberals have co-opted the US flag; they cannot co-opt Confederate flags. Misconstruing the words and intentions of Jefferson in a private letter, secular liberals twist the meaning of the First Amendment to compartmentalize, isolate, and silence Christians, not only from political and academic, but all social discourse. Liberals have composed lists of known conservatives and corporate donors they threaten to punish. If it were not for the secret ballot, they would target every conservative Christian voter. Liberals emulate the same strategy as Communists and Moslems. Freedom of speech, equal rights, toleration, compromise, and peaceful

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co-existence are unacceptable. They will not stop short of their goal of total annihilation of all opposition and total domination. If we continue in the direction we are currently going, a two-camp solution in the US between liberals and conservatives is becoming as impossible as a two-state solution in the Middle East.

The second pair of cyclical events begins with Cromwell in 17th century England. Cromwell deposed the king and established Puritan control of the government. When he died, the former regime was restored. Even though Cromwell was dead, they were consumed with a thirst for revenge and intoxicated by vindictive hate. Cromwell's corpse was disinterred, a mock trial was held, his corpse was hung from a gallows, and his decapitated head was mounted on Westminster. Only recently, within one week from 1/6/21 to 1/13/21, this cycle came full circle with two riots at the capitol. The first was by a mob of private citizens; the second was by a mob of congressmen. As a result of the last election, legally or illegally, liberals' control of the levers of political power has been restored. They have impeached a second time, seek to convict, and have dismembered the administration of the president after he has left office and, for the present, is politically dead. While conservatives are now at a political disadvantage, liberals seek to put their knees on conservatives' necks.

The same advice applies to those who attacked the capitol that applies to liberals. The end does not justify the means. If illegitimate means are utilized to reach an end, those means denigrate the end. Regardless of who is currently in power, events will continue to transpire. The cycle of history will continue to revolve. As the old adage says, "What goes around comes around." Eventually, secular humanists liberals and their Marxist allies will have a lesson to learn from the conjunction of historical and current events. "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people..." (Lev. 19:18) We can disagree and compete with each other. We can defend ourselves when attacked. We can seek justice. But, there is a limit to conflict. We are not to exact revenge. Exceed that limit and there will be a price to pay; there will be consequences. "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." (Rom. 12:19), Heb. 10:30)

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