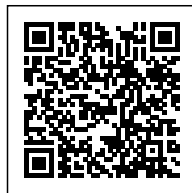


JANUARY 6TH: REQUIEM, HEROISM AND RENEWAL

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To those engaged in the decades-old fight against globalism, what occurred in [Washington, DC, on January 6th 2021](#), comes as no surprise. Defeat and tragedy are expectations when the individual must, with unending heroism, contend with institutional power - which in its vastness is both disconcerting and frightening.

But then, no one ever said that heroism was easy. Being heroic means being very lonely, for just when you think you are surrounded by supporters, you find that you're all alone and must fight alone. Being heroic means never quitting, that you reach deep down inside yourself to tap into strength with which to overcome insurmountable odds, because there is no one to help you. Being heroic means starting all over again when everything falls apart because there are no other options. All this is clearly summed up by Winston Churchill's observation: "Success is a series of failures."

What happened on January 6th was certainly heroic - the people asserting their will on those that seek to rule over us. However, as often happens, the people were also betrayed by those who acted as their leaders. When push came to shove, said leaders were well-ensconced in their various safe-places.

But first the defeat and the tragedy. I know several people who went to Washington. Their expectation was that the man whom they had implicitly trusted was gathering them in the capital because he had a trump card up his sleeve, which he would at last reveal - and that he would at long last bring down the hammer to finally right some of the wrongs. In other words, people who came in their hundreds of thousands to Washington - came seeking justice. It was not a show of force, but a show of unity against the tightening vise-grips of tyranny.

Instead, what awaited the people was grim tragedy. Sure, there were fiery speeches, with the [right phrases](#) shouted to elicit cheers. [Demands were made](#) from those present ("You'll never take back our country with weakness - you have to be strong!"). Of course, no one explained to the crowd why it had been gathered, let alone what was expected from it, and what being "strong" meant.

But a lot of steam was let-off. And that was it. And that was the only point of the entire exercise. There was no card up any sleeve. Heck, there wasn't even a sleeve. Once the speechifying was done, the leaders expected everyone to just go home. The cast of thousands was no longer needed; it had served its purpose of being useful props in the grand theater of bravura and aggrandization. The same people I know, who attended, afterwards told me - they felt used.

It was more of the usual. Politicians who talk the talk, but are MIA when it comes to doing something. It's one thing to speechify. It's quite another to make what you said in the speech reality. There is an old Latin saying, *acta non verba* (deeds not words). But then who knows Latin any more... Better to spout than to believe.

Every crowd gathers for a reason - and when that reason is missing, there is confusion, followed by frustration and then anger. That is what happened on January 6th, for there was no real purpose to the huge gathering. It was all just to "demonstrate" some vague show of "strength" to an elusive foe. At best, it was a "feel-good" moment. At worst, it was a [grand betrayal of the people](#).

But the dynamics of what occurred next is very telling. We have all seen the videos of people storming the Capitol and being met with police [who did not hesitate](#) to use [pepper spray, flashbangs, clubs](#), and a bullet in one instance. Of course, [throughout the summer when BLM and Antifa rioted](#) and burned down cities and businesses, the police shot no one - because the rioters were the right type of human beings. In fact, the police was nowhere to be seen and so cities burned and some 30 to 40 people died.

January 6th had to be different, because the wrong crowd had gathered. The police were prepared and ready to use all force necessary - and so four people were killed. In the rapidly shifting dynamic of the headless crowd, the vacuum of being leaderless is quickly filled by haphazard action. The violence only happened because those that had organized the rally had no interest in actually leading it - and so people did what seemed sensible - and this led to the tragedy.

When people got inside the House, they milled about in front of the Chamber, inside which police and security personnel stood behind barricaded doors, guns drawn and aimed at the crowd (who were unarmed).

Suddenly, a solitary shot was heard. A woman, with a Trump flag draped around her, crumbled to the floor. She had been shot in the neck. [Here is a video](#), which is very graphic (**discretion is advised**). She likely died on the spot, murdered by a security man inside the chamber who can be seen quickly lunging forward and firing. Why did he feel it necessary to use lethal force? Was he commanded to do so? Why did he choose this woman to fire at? She was targeted, because he only fired the one shot and then vanished. Who knows if the truth will ever emerge? Regardless, the video evidence of the crime is very clear.

The victim's name was [Ashli Babbitt](#), a married, 14-year US Air Force veteran, who had completed four tours of duty. The poignancy is replete - here was a woman who fought for her country and who was then murdered in the halls of her Congress. There were [no regrets](#), however - because she was the wrong type of human. And, of course, the police shot nobody, and no guns were drawn, [when the right type of humans](#) stormed the Capitol. "Justice" is [always swift](#) when meted out to the wrong kinds of humans.

It is alleged that [the other three](#) were killed as a result of police action. But that remains to be seen. A policeman [also died](#); it is still unclear as to how.

If anything good can come out of all this misery, it's this - there can be no alliance between the system of politics that currently exists in all Western democracies and populism. Why? Because the ideology that fuels the system is progressivism (which is always wrongly labeled as something other than what it really is - why that is an interesting question). And progressivism is innately anti-human, for it must continually overcome those that are deemed regressive. People always get in the way of progress, and so they must be steamrolled.

This is why there are now [growing calls to "cleanse"](#) America of "Trump supporters," who have long been [labeled as regressive](#). This is not rhetoric. This is the very root of progressivism. Those that stand in the way of progress, must be overcome or destroyed. In this [ideology](#), humans come in two types - those that are either for or against progress. That is the logic behind [violence against Trump supporters](#) - first dehumanize, then destroy. This is [now understood](#) as "protecting democracy."

Society is a great big petri dish in which all kinds of social engineering must forever be implemented in order to demonstrate that progress is indeed being made. This is why the propaganda for "progress" is so relentless.

It's a simple dynamic really - but a dynamic that is also very poorly understood, and therefore very difficult to fight, let alone defeat. In fact, most people believe in progress and cannot imagine life without it. Things always must get better, and we must use politics to that end. This is also the tragic mistake made by most populists. They do not understand that progressivism is the true enemy of populism - not "Marxism," "communism," or "socialism" (whatever these terms still mean). It comes as no surprise, therefore, that populists are forever fighting chimeras.

So, what is the way forward now? It is pointless describing what is wrong, while never saying what to actually do about it. Most people are lost in the playhouse of such description - it keeps everyone busy, while the world is controlled by others. Has that not been the grand theme since 2016 - endless griping about how corrupt everything is, "the swamp," with no one stepping up to the plate and actually doing something about it? The fact is you cannot use the system to destroy the system. The sooner populists realize that - the further ahead they will be.

To make sure that the deaths of the four MAGA-martyrs are not in vain, this is what populists must do, or start to do. This isn't easy. Nothing is ever easy - the problem is so vast that populist victories must be small, and they must be incremental.

Here is what I suggest...

Stop complaining. Yes, we all know how bad things are. No one needs more descriptions of how things are falling apart. Of course, it is always easier to criticize than to build. But make an effort to offer hope and encouragement. Don't traffic in despair. There is a great hunger for vision. True leadership is not about uttering the right slogans and talking point. True leadership is about teaching how to build. In fact, despair is the real "swamp" that is drowning populism.

Stop feeding the beast. Politics is irreparably broken and endlessly corrupt. It cannot be fixed by electing "better" candidates. Instead, learn to create micro-communities. Find ways to grow your own food, create your own electricity, set up your own schools. Learn to control your own lives, rather than relying on the government. Government-control is always tyranny. Build shadow economies so you can stop feeding the system with your taxes, your effort, your ideas and your labor.

Stop being compliant. The system does not work for your benefit. It exists to dominate you. Find ways, no matter how small, to resist. Learn to mark your independence by becoming truly ungovernable. The easiest way is to stop funding political parties with your money. And for Heaven's sake - do not vote for any of their candidates. Why support the elite who have no interest in you? Unite against their governments, their systems. If you must be political then pool your talents and start a populist party and try to win local elections with your candidates. This is the long-march. Do not look for instant solutions - because there are none.

Stop supporting crony capitalism. Learn to be entrepreneurial. Understand the function and purpose of big money, and find ways and means to subvert it. The easiest way, for example, is to stop supporting mega-corporations - they are all tyrannical. This may sound like complete heresy, but cancel all your social media accounts. Stop shopping at big-box stores. You'll be the happier for doing so. Do not let large companies define the meaning of your life.

On a positive note, get in the habit of looking for beauty, say, in music, in painting, in gardening, in woodworking. Add to the beauty of the world - no matter how small. Do not let mega-corporations hijack your time.

If, as many are predicting, January 6th is the start of a revolution - make sure it's the right one. Do not get sucked into the rhetoric of others, who will use you for their ends.

Also, make sure you understand that true revolutions are not political; they are moral and spiritual. Good politics can only be the result of good morals. Looking for good politics first is a fool's errand. There must be something unchanging and constant to guide human destiny. That is true populism, which clearly understands that human worth can never be defined by political agency.

It's a tough slog ahead. We will need a lot of populism to get through it. Do not lose your way. Do not lose hope. Build your own populism. That is true liberty. That is true heroism.

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The [image](#) shows, "Der Sämänn" ("The Sower") by Albin Egger-Lienz, painted in 1903.

