

Democracy is nearly dead but long live Freedom!

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I recall my school years where the head teacher asked our class “Do you think you live in a free country”? Most responded yes and a few kept quiet not knowing what the answer should be.

Then he asked “Are you free to steal”? “Are you free to murder”?

Of course the answer was no. He went on to explain that in order to have freedom we need to respect our laws and these laws are underpinned by our democratic system.

Later serving as a councillor I saw a stone tablet on the Town Hall with the words:

“The four pillars of Government are Justice, Religion, Counsel and Treasure”

I have since reflected upon these words and whether our freedoms are being protected.

- So far as religion is concerned this has been fragmented with the Christian Church largely replaced with football, celebrity cult and other non-indigenous religions.
- Treasure has been destroyed by a fiat based debt system so that we have financed a trade deficit for the last 50 years by selling off the UK and issuing debt.
- Counsel had worked for many years with a sort of consensus between the two main political parties that sought to serve their view of national interest. However, we now have reached the point where global interests have subverted our Parliament and many are self-serving careerist politicians.
- Our Justice system is still intact but is coming under pressure from the sheer scale of societal issues and being drawn into adjudicating neo-liberal values rather than leaving society to self-regulate in this area.

Are we now at the point where the rot is so bad that our freedoms are under threat? Brexit was the largest democratic mandate in our history and if our Parliament denies this they will have finally removed one of the pillars of sound Government. Our treasure is all but gone and successive Govts have been mortgaging the rest of UK Plc. Our justice system is under pressure where physical crimes of theft and lesser assaults are not prosecuted but neo-liberal values such as offensive speech are accorded undue attention.

Religion is no longer there as a single pillar to glue society and therefore a new religion of revolution will inevitably fill the void. This revolution will first manifest itself with a fractured Parliament and if we are subjugated to a higher EU (European Union) we will have many of our own ‘gilets jaunes’ spilling out onto the streets. There may well be violent anarchists amongst them and the higher EU authorities will seek to suppress these forces with a supranational army or police force.

I hope this is not the path our politicians take and they respect the democratic will of the people. If not they will have pushed this once great nation toward a revolutionary path where freedoms will be lost and the future is unknown.

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