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## The Search for Intelligent Life

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**T** **HE** search for intelligent life must begin in the capitals of the world. Every form of government has its flaws. Representative Republics historically lead to oligarchies and instead of creating a king who controls everything; he is simply replaced by a herd of ministers. There are some exceptions as always to any general statement. There are individuals who truly mean well and remain sufficiently independent which is the key. **They are the minority, but they may be our only hope.** For you see, when the ***shit-hits-the-fan***, they may be the people who are able to step forward with a viable plan. Our greatest problem is always the two party system. There are die-hard socialists and die-hard goose-stepping right wingers. No matter what anybody says or what evidence is gathered, these extremists will never be persuaded to change their mind. Reason and intelligent conversation are lost on these types of people. Keep in mind that elections are won with only about 10% of the population swinging back and forth between the left and right. That is scary. For the level of independent thinkers is quite low. The politician who votes his conscience in a representative form of government is the rarest of all politicians. It is more important that the candidate is showing his willingness to be independent than being a drone of the two party system.

Labels of left and right sometimes make no sense. In Australia, it was the Labour Government that put in place the reforms that have placed the nation in a great position as pensions are funded. Yes, they promised benefits for the people, but they delivered! It is not the promise that is wrong, but the lack of supporting what you promise. In America, they promised everything, but funded nothing. The purpose of civilization is to create a group for some group benefit. We are not citizens who are here to just pay taxes and get nothing in return.

Politics always divides into a two party system. This leads the majority of politicians to merely jump to whatever their **PARTY** tells them to do. Therein lays the problem. We do **NOT** elect the bosses or the **PARTY**. Welcome to twilight zone that is a gray area where all **REPUBLICS** wonder off the path cutting secret deals in the woods. Two party systems emerged even in Rome – **Populares** (Caesar) against the **Optimates** (Pompey-Cato/Oligarchy). This seems to be human nature and as such, there is a propaganda mantra that accompanies each wing.

There are some members of Congress with who I remain in contact. They are intelligent and complain about the inability to move the body without a crisis. The majority are **NOT** there to fix the system, but to work it for whatever agenda they used to get elected. There will be no public hearings that try to figure out if the system will fail. That is far too public. The best we can hope is for quiet behind-the-scene meetings to address the future.

While ***history is a catalogue of solutions***, the likelihood of us skipping the pain and getting down to the benefits is probably just a pipedream. I have studied just about every form of government that has taken place trying to find that best fitting solution. Let me state this upfront. Even Thomas Jefferson did not expect America to last this long because there simply is a cycle to everything.

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## The "Tree of Liberty" letter

From Thomas Jefferson to William Smith

*Paris, November 13, 1787*

DEAR SIR, -- I am now to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of October the 4th, 8th, & 26th. In the last you apologise for your letters of introduction to Americans coming here. It is so far from needing apology on your part, that it calls for thanks on mine. I endeavor to show civilities to all the Americans who come here, & will give me opportunities of doing it: and it is a matter of comfort to know from a good quarter what they are, & how far I may go in my attentions to them. Can you send me Woodmason's bills for the two copying presses for the M. de la Fayette, & the M. de Chastellux? The latter makes one article in a considerable account, of old standing, and which I cannot present for want of this article. -- I do not know whether it is to yourself or Mr. Adams I am to give my thanks for the copy of the new constitution. I beg leave through you to place them where due. It will be yet three weeks before I shall receive them from America. There are very good articles in it: & very bad. I do not know which preponderate. What we have lately read in the history of Holland, in the chapter on the Stadtholder, would have sufficed to set me against a chief magistrate eligible for a long duration, if I had ever been disposed towards one: & what we have always read of the elections of Polish kings should have forever excluded the idea of one continuable for life. Wonderful is the effect of impudent & persevering lying. The British ministry have so long hired their gazetteers to repeat and model into every form lies about our being in anarchy, that the world has at length believed them, the English nation has believed them, the ministers themselves have come to believe them, & what is more wonderful, we have believed them ourselves. Yet where does this anarchy exist? Where did it ever exist, except in the single instance of Massachusetts? And can history produce an instance of rebellion so honourably conducted? I say nothing of it's motives. They were founded in ignorance, not wickedness. God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a rebellion. The people cannot be all, & always well informed. The part which is wrong will be discontented in proportion to the importance of the facts they misconceive. If they remain quiet under such misconceptions it is a lethargy, the forerunner of death to the public liberty. We have had 13. states independent 11. years. There has been one rebellion. That comes to one rebellion in a century & a half for each state. What country before ever existed a century & a half without a rebellion? & what country can preserve it's liberties if their rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance? Let them take arms. The remedy is to set them right as to facts, pardon & pacify them. What signify a few lives lost in a century or two? The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots & tyrants. It is it's natural manure. Our Convention has been too much impressed by the insurrection of Massachusetts: and in the spur of the moment they are setting up a kite to keep the hen-yard in order. I hope in God this article will be rectified before the new constitution is accepted. -- You ask me if any thing transpires here on the subject of S. America? Not a word. I know that there are combustible materials there, and that they wait the torch only. But this country probably will join the extinguishers. -- The want of facts worth communicating to you has occasioned me to give a little loose to dissertation. We must be contented to amuse, when we cannot inform.

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There are a few brief shining moments in history where it appeared man had stumbled upon the perfect government. Spain for a brief while had a totally paper currency system and there was no inflation. They proved the object of money matters not, it was all about responsible control. The Italian Republics had their moments in the sun. For you see, coming out of the Dark Ages, Italy had no king. Places like Venice emerged as a Republic, as did Florence and Genoa. The interesting aspect is that Genoa

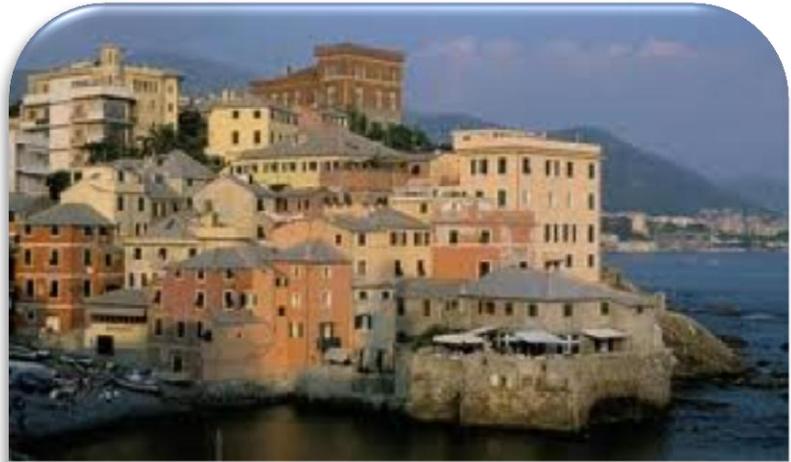
had a republic ruled by the rich, but it benefited everyone with no class warfare. Why? Because the power was vested in one person only for one year, no one would pass a law that would harm themselves knowing they would be returned to the ranks of the ruled after one year. Our problem today is our representatives do not return to the fold. In Genoa, the rich families then benefited Genoa as a whole because they saw Genoa as competing against the other Republics. There was no internal clash for profit. It was all about trade.

There have been bad governments as well that subordinate liberty to the will of the state. Sparta was a model for Marxism in ancient times, and the state always came first just as the children were taught in



Russia. Our two party system is a derivative of this system for unelected people pull strings and elected members cote generally with the party defeating the purpose of a representative government.

So as elections appear around the world, look for those individuals who will have the courage to stand up to those **Party Bosses** who dictate to the rank file. We need non-party drones in office to perhaps do the right thing. This is not a time for **Party Politics**. To save tomorrow, we need desperately unbiased politicians who will make decisions for themselves. Even if their decision is wrong, the key is independent thought.



*Genoa*