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History Unfolding

By Dr. David Kaiser

[Comment by Ron: Take the three minutes to read this. Maybe David is wrong, but what if he is right? After the article are two short commentaries, one by Larry Schweikart, and one by Ron Cooper.]

I am a student of history. Professionally, I have written 15 books on history that have been published in six languages, and I have studied history all my life. I have come to think there is something monumentally large afoot, and I do not believe it is simply a banking crisis, or a mortgage crisis, or a credit crisis. Yes, these exist, but they are merely single facets on a very large gemstone that is only now coming into a sharper focus.

Something of historic proportions is happening. I can sense it because I know how it feels, smells, what it looks like, and how people react to it. Yes, a perfect storm may be brewing, but there is something happening within our country that has been evolving for about ten to fifteen years. The pace has dramatically quickened in the past two.

We demand and then codify into law the requirement that our banks make massive loans to people we know they can never pay back? Why?

We learned just days ago that the Federal Reserve, which has little or no real oversight by anyone, has "loaned" two trillion dollars (that is \$2,000,000,000,000) over the past few months, but will not tell us to

whom or why or disclose the terms. That is our money - Yours and mine. And that is three times the \$700 billion we all argued about so strenuously just this past September. Who has this money? Why do they have it? Why are the terms unavailable to us? Who asked for it? Who authorized it? I thought this was a government of "we the people," who loaned our powers to our elected leaders. Apparently not!

We have spent two or more decades intentionally de-industrializing our economy... Why?

We have intentionally dumbed down our schools, ignored our history, and no longer teach our founding documents, why we are exceptional, and why we are worth preserving. Students by and large cannot write, think critically, read, or articulate. Parents are not revolting, teachers are not picketing, and school boards continue to back mediocrity... Why?

We have now established the precedent of protesting every close election (violently in California over a proposition that is so controversial that it simply wants marriage to remain defined as between one man and one woman. Did you ever think such a thing possible just a decade ago?) We have corrupted our sacred political process by allowing unelected judges to write laws that radically change our way of life, and then mainstream Marxist groups like ACORN and others to turn our voting



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system into a banana republic. To what purpose?

Now our mortgage industry is collapsing, housing prices are in free fall, major industries are failing, our banking system is on the verge of collapse, social security is nearly bankrupt, as is Medicare and our entire government. Our education system is worse than a joke (I teach college and I know precisely what I am talking about) - the list is staggering in its length, breadth, and depth. It is potentially 1929 x ten...And we are at war with an enemy we cannot even name for fear of offending people of the same religion, who, in turn, cannot wait to slit the throats of your children if they have the opportunity to do so.

And finally, we have elected a man that no one really knows anything about, who has never run so much as a Dairy Queen, let alone a town as big as Wasilla, Alaska. All of his associations and alliances are with real radicals in their chosen fields of employment, and everything we learn about him, drip by drip, is unsettling if not downright scary (Surely you have heard him speak about his idea to create and fund a mandatory civilian defense force stronger than our military for use inside our borders? No? Oh, of course. The media would never play that for you over and over and then demand he answer it. Sarah Palin's pregnant daughter and \$150,000 wardrobe are more important.)

Mr. Obama's winning platform can be boiled down to one word: Change. Why?

I have never been so afraid for my country and for my children as I am now.

This man campaigned on bringing people together, something he has never, ever done in his professional life. In my assessment, Obama will divide us along philosophical lines, push us apart, and then try to realign the pieces into a new and different power structure. Change is indeed coming. And when it comes, you will never see the same nation again.

And that is only the beginning...

As a serious student of history, I thought I would never come to experience what the ordinary, moral German must have felt in the mid-1930s. In those times, the "savior" was a former

smooth-talking rabble-rouser from the streets, about whom the average German knew next to nothing. What they should have known was that he was associated with groups that shouted, shoved, and pushed around people with whom they disagreed; he edged his way onto the political stage through great oratory. Conservative "losers" read it right now.

And there were the promises. Economic times were tough, people were losing jobs, and he was a great speaker. And he smiled and frowned and waved a lot. And people, even newspapers, were afraid to speak out for fear that his "brown shirts" would bully and beat them into submission. Which they did - regularly! And then, he was duly elected to office, while a full-throated economic crisis bloomed at hand - the Great Depression. Slowly, but surely he seized the controls of government power, person by person, department by department, bureaucracy by bureaucracy. The children of German citizens were at first, encouraged to join a Youth Movement in his name where they were taught exactly what to think. Later, they were required to do so. No Jews of course,

How did he get people on his side? He did it by promising jobs to the jobless, money to the money-less, and rewards for the military-industrial complex. He did it by indoctrinating the children, advocating gun control, health care for all, better wages, better jobs, and promising to re-instill pride once again in the country, across Europe, and across the world. He did it with a compliant media - did you know that? And he did this all in the name of justice and... change. And the people surely got what they voted for.

If you think I am exaggerating, look it up. It's all there in the history books.

So read your history books. Many people of conscience objected in 1933 and were shouted down, called names, laughed at, and ridiculed. When Winston Churchill pointed out the obvious in the late 1930s while seated in the House of Lords in England (he was not yet Prime Minister), he was booed into his seat and called a crazy troublemaker. He was right, though. And the world came to regret that he was not listened to.

Larry Schweikart comments on this article
as requested by ARK

Do not forget that Germany was the most educated, the most cultured country in Europe. It was full of music, art, museums, hospitals, laboratories, and universities. And yet, in less than six years (a shorter time span than just two terms of the U. S. presidency) it was rounding up its own citizens, killing others, abrogating its laws, turning children against parents, and neighbors against neighbors. All with the best of intentions, of course. The road to Hell is paved with them.

As a practical thinker, one not overly prone to emotional decisions, I have a choice: I can either believe what the objective pieces of evidence tell me (even if they make me cringe with disgust); I can believe what history is shouting to me from across the chasm of seven decades; or I can hope I am wrong by closing my eyes, having another latte, and ignoring what is transpiring around me..

I choose to believe the evidence. No doubt some people will scoff at me, others laugh, or think I am foolish, naive, or both. To some degree, perhaps I am. But I have never been afraid to look people in the eye and tell them exactly what I believe-and why I believe it.

I pray I am wrong. I do not think I am. Perhaps the only hope is our vote in the next elections.

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Yes, I've seen this for some time. There are a lot of good points (we need transparency of the Fed, or better yet, no Fed---the country got along just fine without a central bank with almost no panics or depressions for about 30 years from 1833-1863 (the Panic of 1857, we have shown, being almost entirely caused by the Dred Scott decision).

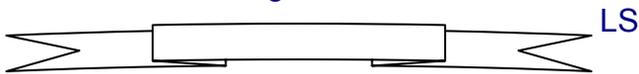
*"Intentionally de-industrializing our economy." Sure. Just like we intentionally de-agriculturalized our economy over the previous century. Economies change, and it's not about heavy industry any more.

*I agree on the schools. I don't think this was deliberate, but the inevitable result of a) relaxing standards about communists after that "evil" McCarthy, b) not recognizing that radical leftists play by different rules, so that conservatives will in the name of tolerance allow a leftist on the faculty, but when leftists have a majority they will NEVER allow a conservative on knowingly.

*Contested elections---yes and no. Nothing was more contested than the election of 1860---you might remember we actually had a war over Lincoln's election; and the election of 1876 still remains the closest in history (because Tillman actually won). Are we really more corrupt than under "Boss" Tweed, who would herd immigrants who couldn't speak English to the polls, give them a silver dollar and a shot of whiskey, and say, "Vote for Jackson?"

BUT: I do agree that this is shockingly like Nazi Germany prior to the crackdowns on ordinary Germans. I agree that there is more to Obama than is obvious, and if I was president and **deliberately** trying to destroy the U.S., I probably couldn't do a better job than he is doing. I'm less concerned with the money issues because as a free-marketeer, I understand that nothing recovers FASTER than the market if left alone. ONE DAY after Gorbachev allowed free prices, there were magically goods in Russian stores and streets. Do we have a SS system that is bankrupt? Sure. But imagine if we had a president and congress that would invoke a plan of privat-

izing it over a, say, 20 year period with gradual reductions in forced "contributions," coupled with an elimination of the corporate tax and a flat tax or fair tax. The stock market would explode so much that virtually all of the SS "debt" would be made up in private accounts in no time; government revenues would soar, and a short term bail-out of the remaining SS debt would be easy.



Concluding remarks by Ron Cooper

This article was written for quick impact without all details and without full explanation, yet it rings with much possible truth. What I hope for is history is not repeating itself. Yet, I will not hold out for that.

Solutions require action. Action requires prayer. Prayer requires study.

If you read this, I hope you are fairly informed on the state of this government and its direction. If you are calm about it, perhaps you are not well informed.

Actions I see needed are:

- to stay informed on current affairs,
- do everything you can to protect the Bill of Rights,
- join the NRA (they protect the 2nd Amendment most)
- live modestly and love your family,
- train yourself and everyone you can about the evils of evolutionary thinking,
- consider helping good people get elected and vote,
- be armed in the Word of God,
- plant a garden,
- be vocal in a loving way,
- support others who are doing these things,
- be trained in defensive weapons,
- refuse to be a victim (it's a course you can take),
- remember to fear God so much nothing else scares you, and
- remember God loves us and wants Love to be our first choice.

The following was given by Ben Stein at Christmastime on CBS Sunday Morning

[Editor's note: even though this was given back in 2005, it bears sharing even today. Embellished versions of this have made their rounds via email. Here is the actual text]

Herewith at this happy time of year, a few confessions from my beating heart:

I am a Jew, and every single one of my ancestors was Jewish. And it does not bother me even a little bit when people call those beautiful lit up, bejeweled trees Christmas trees. I don't feel threatened. I don't feel discriminated against. That's what they are: Christmas trees. It doesn't bother me a bit when people say, "Merry Christmas" to me. I don't think they are slighting me or getting ready to put me in a ghetto. In fact, I kind of like it. It shows that we are all brothers and sisters celebrating this happy time of year. It doesn't bother me at all that there is a manger scene on display at a key intersection near my beach house in Malibu. If people want a crèche, it's just as fine with me as is the Menorah a few hundred yards away.

I don't like getting pushed around for being a Jew and I don't think Christians like getting pushed around for being Christians. I think people who believe in God are sick and tired of getting pushed around, period. I have no idea where the concept came from that America is an explicitly atheist country. I can't find it in the Constitution and I don't like it being shoved down my throat.

Or maybe I can put it another way: where did the idea come from that we should worship Nick [Lachey] and Jessica [Simpson] and we aren't allowed to worship God as we understand Him?

I guess that's a sign that I'm getting old, too. But there are a lot of us who are wondering where Nick and Jessica came from and where the America we knew went to.

<http://www.benstein.com/121805xmas.html>

