

## THE LESSON WE NEVER LEARNED FROM HISTORY

'History repeats itself.' Or so they say.

Yet it's curious how so many people *actually* accept this axiom, without ever questioning the *premise* on which it rests.

Many regard the economic cycle of '...prosperity-recession-depression-threat of war-War!-recovery...' as an almost *natural* progression of historic events, as if somehow, they were all pre-destined. Thus, the inflationary spirals, high unemployment, mass unrest, impending national bankruptcies, the build-up of government arsenals, the threat of nuclear war; all these and more come to be seen as *part* of that ever-lasting, ever-repeating cycle of 'human history.'

'It's *inevitable!*' Or so they say.

We say it's *not* inevitable. But we *will* admit that it has been the *observable pattern* of history for almost as long as history books have been in existence.

So *why* does history 'repeat' itself? *What* is that supposedly invaluable 'lesson from history' that so many fail to grasp? And *why isn't* the 'lesson' *self-evident*, if it's so invaluable?

Why? Because in the same way that we've come to accept the above-mentioned cycle as being 'inevitable', we've also come to accept the uncounted thousands of *relatively minor* situations and events that make the *major* historic trends impossible to avert. You know --- 'little' things.

Like letting our governments get away with nationalizing and monopolizing complete sectors of industry and commerce. Like letting them 'centralize' government authority. Like letting them establish 'civilian security services'. Like letting them impose 'metric' --- or official bi-lingualism. Or like accepting government control and regulation of the media. Or like *censorship*. (over

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And why do we always let them get away with all these 'little' things? *Partly because* all of the 'little' things, on an individual basis, seem insignificant when compared to the global problems of starvation, famine, and war --- *big* things. But the *main reason* is because of that less-than-self-evident part of our lesson from history: that if we let governments get away with the 'little' things, the *major* trends and problems will become inevitable. It's only a matter of time --- and there's *never been an exception to the rule!*

**Freedom Party** believes that the *purpose of government* is to *protect* your freedom of choice, *not* to restrict it.

Because *government*, you see, *is an instrument of force*. And there's the lesson we never seem to learn from history: that using force to achieve objectives will *force us* to face the consequences.

Asking governments to offer any services *other than in the defence of individual rights* is the same as giving those governments the right to *initiate* the use of force against our neighbours and against ourselves, and that's a clear *violation of individual rights*.

Governments *take*; they do not *earn*. Governments *threaten*; they do not *encourage*. That is the *nature* of government.

Once we've accepted the *use of force* as a legitimate manner of achieving our objectives (noble or not), then we've already lost the moral (and legal!) right to object to the consequences. And the greatest consequence of all is our loss of freedom, a loss that is *always* followed by the constant threat of economic chaos, civil strife, and of course, even war.

What *price* freedom? What *cost* the lack of it!

We know about *freedom* because we make it our business to know. Make it *your* business to know. Think about it. And if you have more questions, call us. After all, freedom of choice is what we're all about!

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