

I HAVE SEEN A VISION OF OLD GHOSTS

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I have seen a vision of old ghosts, specters of once exorcised demons, rising up from their mystic tombs to walk the earth once more, and I must cry out.

I've been reading Eric Matasis biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and I am deeply disturbed by the obvious parallels between Germany at that time and our own present political landscape.

I have become increasingly convinced that this forthcoming election is not just another contest between opposing political parties with differing platforms and plans for achieving similar goals. No, rather, as in the Germany of Bonhoeffer's day, the present contest will result in either the continuation of our free Republic, or our demise into the bonds of socialism and the resultant slavery of dependency. We should never forget that it was a fledgling Republic that Hitler replaced with the "National Socialism" of the Nazi party.

In our time, one side has already manifested not only its penchant for the exact same horrors that Hitler bestowed upon his nation, but its support for and intention to perpetuate them. First the Nazis embraced abortion, and any child thought to have a possible defectiveness in either mind or body was eliminated. Eventually that was expanded to include any infant that did not fit the desired ethnic mold.

Then all those who were thought to have long-term illnesses or handicaps were "transferred to other facilities," where over 5,000 quietly and mysteriously disappeared.

Next it was the old and infirmed. I am appalled at the readiness of one of our political parties to embrace euthanasia and assisted suicide in certain states where they hold an elective majority.

In Germany euthanasia was forcibly practiced and then followed by a death certificate that told the family the cause of death was "pneumonia" or some similar "natural cause." And remember, all this was in the early stages of Hitler's reign of terror.

Next Hitler turned his attention to one group of people (the Jews), and turned every problem in the nation into a racial problem. Radical racial politics was his long suit and he wore it at every opportunity.

He pitted public opinion against the aristocracy and the industrialists and took their estates and their businesses. And he finally destroyed the Church, along with over six million Jews and millions of others.

I could go on but I sure you get the drift. Socialism in any form always offers something enticing to one class of people, but since government does not produce wealth, it can only get what it gives from those who do. They call it, "the redistribution of wealth," the Bible calls it stealing. And control? The old saying is still true, "He who pays the piper calls the tune."

I see the things which one party supports and endorses, and I tremble that they may be empowered by our own elective act to make all of it the America of the future, because the future they want to give us is filled with the howling ghosts and demons of a not too distant past.