

ORDER OR CHAOS - WHAT IS IT TO BE?

Abalinx Peter Adamis 11 August 2015



On the 11 August, 1259 "Mongke Khan, the Khagan of the Mongols, dies while conducting a siege. His death sparked a succession crisis in the Mongol Empire between his brothers Kublai Khan and Ariq Bke."

Courtesy: Dates in History. Pic: tales beyond belief

It is well known that out of the chaos Kublai Khan goes onto unite China and in doing so creates a whole new dynasty that is emulated by succeeding emperors. Power without bloodshed has and always be in collusion to achieve the objectives being pursued. A copy of the article may be viewed at abalinx.com

Some 756 centuries later on the 11 August, 2015 political parties within the state of Victoria having lost their credibility with the revelations of travel rorts, Royal Commissions, alleged fraud and corruption can no longer look at third world and developing countries and say that they are corrupt. Some political observers would say that power is prone to seductive corruption and a loss of the reality. This may be true but now and then a figure rises out of the chaos to bring about order and credibility that those who follow have a strong foundation upon which to follow.

Political parties within Australia are no different except that bloodshed is replaced by humiliation, embarrassment, loss of face, loss of credibility and are cast aside never to rise again. Take for example the Labor party and their respective leaders. They have had their fair share of trying to do what they think is in the best interests of the country and yet despite their powerful positions were always subject to the wiles and professional lobbyist within the caucus and that of their members. In some cases those with the best of all intentions were howled down because they drifted from the accepted and acknowledged philosophies.

The Democratic grew in popularity on the slogan of "Keeping the bastards honest" and yet once Don Chip the leader retired there was no one of his calibre to replace him. The ultimate humiliation was when the Democratic leader was seduced to change political parties in mid stream and left a dying political party to seek out its own demise and eventually to become a party with few followers. On reflection one must admit that the

early Democrats had a lot of things going for them and would have done well had they invested in charismatic and good leaders?

I can still remember reading the news of old Black Jack McEwen, standing up for his party in front of everyone, against all opposition and calling a spade a spade. I can also remember the political brawls between Arthur Calwell and Sir Robert Menzies, each following their own destiny and ending up near the end as friends. The battle of egos between Paul Keating and Bob Hawke was nothing short of two old gladiators battling for baton to gain Caesars throne. John Howard was another who had his battles early in his career battling members within his own party and only a few were aware of his lofty ambitions to obtain the throne. However despite all the proxy political battles, factional infighting and grabs for power order somehow always managed to emerge out of the mire of chaos.

Today being the 11 August 2015 is a defining moment in the history of the Victorian Division of the Liberal party. A time where all the cards are placed on the table, a spade is called a spade, members political agendas are exposed, members credibility is challenged, political campaign paradigms and workplace cultures that belong to a bygone era are cast aside and a generational change finally begins to break through the untilled and raw earth of politics to take their place in the new world. What will all this mean to the average person in the street? Put it simply it means that it is merely a matter of conjecture to the few, a vindication for the political oracles and prophets and enlightenment to the many.

At the present moment, the Liberal Party in Victoria faces its greatest challenges on how to move forward in a manner that is both appealing and alluring to the general public. It was crushed in the polls, at the last state election, racked by factional battles; disunited young Liberals each group being controlled by recalcitrant figures with their own political agendas and a growing discontent amongst its membership base. The few that had the courage and tenacity to stand up to the bullies and sycophants of the party were humiliated and howled down because they dared to challenge the status quo. Will they be vindicated once the God Chaos who reigned supreme for the past decade be thrown into the bottomless pit and thus allow sunlight to emerge once again. This author at least hopes so.

Mind you, this author has always felt that it's time for change given the reforms of David Kemp, who despite his good intentions, failed when he miscalculated and underestimated the relevancy and integrity of the grassroots members. The reforms did not bring about the changes that one expected and one can truthfully say that despite ones academic qualifications and life experiences; one must never forget that essence of power comes not from one man's writing but from the grassroots. Tony Snell who is basically a decent bloke as past President must along with his followers, share equally the blame for the poor showing in the polls and for the baggage they have left behind. Whatever that may mean to the grassroots is something that needs to be considered at the next state Council elections.

Whatever the case maybe, whatever the chaos or disarray, one thing can be certain and that is that good leadership is required more than ever at this very time. It will take time, much effort, conciliation, regrowth and the foundations laid for a generational change to take root, developed and nurtured in order to meet the challenges of the future. At the present moment the only one with the strategic and political will to see this through to the end degree is Michael Kroger. There is no room for error and an inquisition is not the answer. Let those responsible for the baggage and paradigms of carnage leave quietly.



Peter Adamis is a Journalist/Commentator and writer. He is a retired Australian military serviceman and an Industry organisational & Occupational (OHS) & Training Consultant whose interests are within the parameters of domestic and international political spectrum. He is an avid blogger and contributes to domestic and international community news media outlets as well as to local and Ethnic News. He holds a Bachelor of Adult Learning & Development (Monash), Grad Dip Occupational Health & Safety, (Monash), Dip. Training & Assessment, Dip Public Administration, and Dip Frontline Management. Contact via Email: abalinx@netspace.net.au or via Mobile: 0409965538