



JANUS BROTHERHOOD & BYZANTINE POLITICS

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An analysis of various social media outlets, mainstream media, conversations and political observations since 2015 all indicate that the election was a forgone conclusion. The language and political strategies used by all sides of the Victorian Liberal Party was commensurate with perceived loss of power and influence and their reactions to sudden change. These colourful and sudden changes within the Liberal Party was similar to bursts of spring flowers (Generational change) blooming for the first time on political fertile soil. (Liberal party membership).

However that political fertile soil was found to contain toxic elements, remnants of previous administrative regimes (Janus Brotherhood) that once exposed to the elements contaminated the roots of the young flowers and eventually caused their demise. Attempts to change the political soil using filters (social media and leaks to the press) failed to address the toxic elements from undermining the roots and the stems of the spring flowers. Corruption, arrogance, abuse of power, disloyalty, undermining, loss of trust, entrapment are all reminiscent of Byzantine politics and the search for a new Emperor began.

Some fell on their swords through sheer arrogance, others continued to wallow in the political quagmire seeking a way out and the alleged entrenched elite funding recalcitrant wannabe colours of the rainbow individuals to do their bidding. Errors of judgement and political strategic decisions on campaign directions using American style techniques in an Australian environment was akin to handing the "Mace" of power to the opposition. The only winners at this very moment are the Greens, Labor and the minor parties. The Liberal party is currently seeking scapegoats and political heads to decapitate at a time when olive branches should be the order of the day.

The cliché of an ancient past; "United we stand, Divided we fall"; still stand true and is a well and tried paradigm that needs to be revisited and allow time to heal the javelins that have been tipped with bitter and selfish toxic elements. The main destructive models and concepts that led to the election loss can be directed to those of the Janus Brotherhood. They know who they are and unfortunately the battle lines now are clearly defined. There are indeed remnants of the Old Guard that still believe and continue to demonstrate Liberal part values. (I am one of them).

Those who use power and influence as playthings need to reflect upon their actions and decide whether to continue to remain members. Those who use the colour of their skin, community, culture, education, ideology and religious beliefs; need to think twice before pursuing personal agendas, vendettas, otherwise the Liberal Party will cease to exist as a political alternative to the Greens, Labor and the minor parties. Everyone and I mean everyone must get behind Robert Clark and Michael O'Brien for better or worse. Whether you agree or not with them does not mean that you should lose faith in Liberal party values but continue to demonstrate those values in public without fear of retaliation or ridicule.

Back to basics is not a dirty word and the Janus Brotherhood need to realise that history has always judged harshly those that seek to fulfil their political buckets with the heads of those who led the Liberal Party the past four years. Generational Change willing occur and those young Liberals now know who they can trust and follow. I have much confidence in their resilience and ability to recover and wrest control of the party in the near future. The Old Guard should merely remain as mentors, advisers and counsellors to the new generation. In closing I repeat again the cliché: United we stand - Divided we fall.