BREXIT: TO LEAVE OR NOT TO LEAVE, THAT IS THE QUESTION...

“It was You who set all the boundaries of the earth’ - Psalm 74:17

Politics is outside the scope of our mandate and ordinarily we wouldn’t engage in such, but with the EU referendum fast approaching, we thought we’d throw in our lot, for what it’s worth! Our personal position is that we believe it’s time to extricate ourselves from this geo-political empire that controls and demands so much of this little, yet once great nation.

The first ‘Reich’ (empire) in Europe was established by Rome. The second Reich was the Napoleonic. The third was Hitler’s Nazi empire and today we have what one might call the ‘fourth Reich’ – the EU. The Caesars, Napoleon and Hitler all shared a desire for ‘centralised control’, but what they failed to achieve by violence and force, happened by common agreement. We must now decide whether we want our nation to continue to be part of this confederacy.

Any union, whether between people or nations, carries a spiritual dynamic. There is if you like, a quasi spiritual-political soul-tie: one that is proving to be increasingly unhealthy for the UK on many levels. Today we are tied to Europe in so many ways, controlled by unelected people whom we don’t know, of other cultures and traditions. We ought to consider what spiritual consequences these ties may have on our nation. Is this union pleasing to God, or would He have us break the ‘soul-tie’, which is damaging us or holding us in bondage?

“Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely” - Lord Acton.

History demonstrates no empire lasts forever, sooner or later the lusts of men for power lead to corruption, and conflict inevitably follows. With this in mind, the EU model, however good it seems, is unlikely to last and will collapse. The only question is when? And what will be the spark that sets the forest alight? It could be financial, political or perhaps even the refugee crisis tipping Europe’s demographics into uncharted waters.

What is noteworthy in the debate is how the pro-lobbyists are using fear to warn us of the consequences of leaving. Whereas by comparison, those who wish us to leave are, for the most part, simply highlight the benefits. The use of scaremongering is an old trick to manipulate people, and has even been supported last week by the intervention of President Obama in the Brexit debate. As many commentators have rightly asked: what is it to do with the US? There is no way the Americans would allow a similar devolution of powers, so why is Obama so keen for us to do so? Is it the highly questionable TTIP US-UK/EU trade agreements by
which they seek to empower US suppliers by disempowering European and UK business?

Whatever the answer, and one could debate the pros and cons for days, as followers of Jesus Christ we must first and foremost seek the kingdom of heaven on this matter. Let us shut out the media and ask God what He thinks.

What does He say about the blending and assimilation of nations under one government - nations whose boundaries He has set?

“And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.” - Acts 17:26

“He makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations and disperses them.” - Job 12:23

There are thirty-four instances of God setting boundaries in the bible. Being that the earth is His and all that is in it, is it for man to determine borders by amalgamating boundaries? Such action seems to fly in the face of scripture, as it’s not just geographical boundaries that are at question. There are cultural, financial and spiritual considerations.

As Europe finds itself accommodating millions from the Middle East, bringing with them different cultures, traditions and beliefs, she is learning the hard way that many do not wish to assimilate. She is learning that they would rather change Europe’s culture to match or at least accommodate theirs - something that’s already creating conflict, and is evidenced in part by the growing presence of the European Task Force to combat civil unrest.

“When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance and divided the human race, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the people of Israel.” - Deuteronomy 32:8

“You gave them kingdoms and nations, apportioning them as frontier boundaries. They took possession of the land of Sihon, the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og, king of Bashan.” - Nehemiah 9:22

It is our belief that Britain has held a special place in God’s heart; after all, we could not possibly have ruled two thirds of the planet had He not been with us! It was said that the sun never set on the British Empire. This remarkable achievement was
accomplished without the EU and its web of lies and corruption. Let us not forget we were once called ‘Great Britain’ - long before the EU existed! If Britain achieved such great things before, surely she can do it again, without Europe - if she turns back to God. This nation needs Him, not Europe.

The bible tells us God establishes borders and causes nations to rise and fall, and shows His mercy or wrath towards them according to their deeds. Britain has committed great sin against God in recent decades, even legislating against Him. But He is a God of mercy and opportunity who always longs for His people to return to Him. If we repent and turn to seek His face, He can still bless us again - the fervent prayers of the righteous (even a few) can still avail much.iii One man prayed in Israel and the rain never fell for three years!iv

In conclusion, we encourage you to seek His face and pray; keeping in mind it is God who sets the boundaries of the nations, not man. When man seeks to be like God and do as He does, it’s likely to be against God’s will, and when we go against Him there are always consequences. The last 40+ years of EU membership, in which we have ceded much autonomy and authority to Europe, have shown us that. Pray and seek His counsel on how to vote.

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i http://bible.knowing-jesus.com/words/Boundaries
ii http://www.statewatch.org/analyses/no-122-egf.pdf
iii James 5:16
iv 1 Kings 17