

Why Worry About Canada?

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We are blessed to live in a great country! A grateful newcomer to Canada, so humbled by this reality, was puzzled by the CHP's perception of our impending crises. With the abundance of material, metaphysical and abstract blessings Canada is known for, it is no wonder we are the envy or the destination of freedom-loving people around the world. Why in the world, then, does our national anthem express this commitment to "stand on guard" for Canada? Might there be threats to all that is good in our land; or are we afraid that sharing it freely could diminish our share of the blessings? Could we ever be faced, as was my Father's generation, with a megalomaniac whose goal it is to rule the world – including us? The following was my response to this new Canadian.

Let us never delude ourselves that humankind is evolving to a higher plane of some sort. Rather, entropy pulls us ever-downward and away from the Centre that holds all things together, and we are impeded on every hand by our own fallen nature, by spiritual Evil, and by neglecting God's purposes for our lives.

Many wise people have left us with observations and wisdom that assure us freedom is NOT free, and not to be taken for granted. While we maintain an attitude of gratitude, let us also be vigilant. Your life may be good, and peaceful, and satisfying, but there is an enemy who prowls around seeking to devour what God has called 'good'. History is the witness of this reality.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same." — Ronald Reagan

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." — George Washington

"Liberties aren't given, they are taken." — Aldous Huxley

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner." — James Bovard

"In a room where people unanimously maintain a conspiracy of silence, one word of truth sounds like a pistol shot." — Czesław Miłosz

Democracy is not a perfect system, for it allows for a possible tyranny by the majority, or of a megalomaniac, or even a menacing minority. The majority cried "crucify him!" Still, democratic rule is preferable to the alternatives. But the freedom inherent in it is only deserved and protected by those who understand the place of mutual self-restraint, and the concept of accountability to a Higher Power than any democratic ruler. — E. Taylor

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that, the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits with the result the democracy collapses because of the loose fiscal policy ensuing, always to be followed by a dictatorship, then a monarchy.”

— Alexis de Tocqueville

The fourth verse of ‘Oh Canada’ goes like this: (and yes, it is a prayer!)

*Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our Dominion in thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God, in thee,
A lasting rich reward,
As waiting for the better day,
We ever stand on guard.
God keep our land glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!
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And so, we continue to “stand on guard”, to work to restore what we’ve lost, and resist assaults, subtle or outright, on the blood-bought freedom we now enjoy.

Will you stand with CHP Canada in defence of our heritage? Join today.¹

Footnotes

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