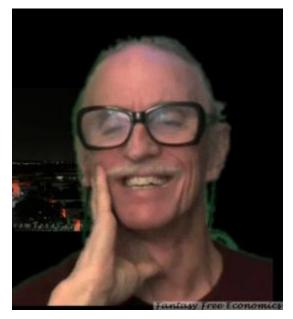
Why The European Union Is So Miserable Fantasy Free Economics, James Quillian

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Have ordinary citizens ever petitioned their government wanting to consolidate their governments into one unit? I remember no such initiative. So, does that simple observation mean anything? No, not unless you think about it.

Where do ideas for political initiatives come from? Do they just spring up from out of the concrete and embed themselves in the minds of the people? Probably not, but they do have to come from somewhere. Some might argue that these kinds of initiatives are divinely inspired.

There are other possibilities. In today's world all political initiatives are for profit. So, having all Europeans submit to a higher authority must be good for the various entities which make these things happen.

Here is exactly where the misery ensues. Remember the old and underused adage of natural law, that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Unfortunately that bit of ancient wisdom and logic is only used as a platitude. Take it seriously and the world looks a lot difference and what happens makes sense.

The consolidation of power is much more conducive to absolute corruption than is the corruption present in the governments of each individual country. So you folks in Europe end up living in a hopelessly corrupt system.

One other point is that anonymity renders each individual as meaningless to a system's leaders. So, if it seems nobody at the top loves you and you are only a cog in the wheel, that is because it is absolutely true.

Folks in Europe, don't think I am picking on you alone. Here in the U.S., we are already further down the road to destruction than you are. Organized crime owns our healthcare industry. Our life expectancy is plummeting. Our citizens are compliant to the point of self destruction. Join us if you wish but I seriously advise you not to.