

Nationalism's Impotency

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Nationalism alone cannot save nations. Only God can save nations. This is sad because many nationalists today, young and old, are good men who love their country, and wish to save its history, identity and culture from being washed out by internationalism. They recognize globalism as the enemy, but at best they do not see, at worst they do not want to see, what the Psalmist said long ago:—

“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.” (Ps. CXXVI,1–2)

In Paris two weeks ago, I met just such a watchman. He is a French journalist who published recently a booklet entitled “Inquiry into the Future of the National Movement,” with which he sympathizes. The booklet consists of interviews which he held with 16 leading French nationalists (not a pejorative term), and it concludes with his own summary of the situation. Amongst other things he writes what must be familiar to many a national movement today:—

“Looking back objectively at the 35-year record of the “Front National,” one is bound to admit that despite the movement’s merits, the commitment of its members and the courage of its leaders, it has succeeded in stopping nothing: neither the foreign invasion of France, nor the passing of laws cutting back freedom, nor the dismantling of our sovereignty, nor the giving away of our frontiers, nor the giving up of our currency, nor the destruction of our agricultural and industrial infra-structure, nor the promulgation of laws opposed to family and to natural morality . . .”

Dear watchman, until the French people turn back to Our Lord,

you nationalists are trying to make bricks without straw. Any nation is doomed where in the public domain the Lord God has been allowed to become the Great Unmentionable. May he have mercy upon all of our apostate nations.

Kyrie eleison.