

# The Final Blow?

Is this the final blow? An unforced error, without firing a shot, the false prophets are claiming victory. The British have voted in a referendum to leave the European Union. Has the nation that once ruled a significant part of the world and bravely fought to defeat the evil Third Reich been reduced to a crumbling footnote in the history books. While not the great power it once was, Great Britain flourished as part of the EU.

Society today expects instant solutions to everything. The great recession certainly has caused pain throughout the world but responsible leadership has been making great strides to recover from the devastation. Globalisation has done a great deal to begin leveling the playing field between the have and have not regions of the globe. Economic unions and global trade agreements shifted some of the wealth from the very rich to the very poor peoples of the world. True that some of the post WWII exponential growth in the wealthy nation slowed somewhat but the starving nations shared modestly in the prosperity of the new world order. The disparity in the sharing of the wealth certainly needed to be addressed but without any prosperity there is nothing to be shared. Just as progress was beginning, the false prophets who thrive on the misery of others, did all they could to disrupt the natural progression of sharing more equitably.

There are those who benefit from economic downturns and isolationist economics but in the long run a few benefit but the majority suffer from such a turn of political policies. The doom and gloom sewers of discontent promise to restore the past glory and prosperity only to cause untold misery to the vast majority around the globe and often reaping huge rewards for themselves and the like-minded.

Time will tell how this historic event will unfold. Will Great Britain dissolve? Will Scotland and or Ireland Secede? Will England be left to fend for itself? The benefits of being part of a huge economic group like the EU have always been enormous for not only the Brits but for all the member nations. The free movement of citizens, goods and services knowledge and expertise provided a security and prosperity unattainable by the majority of the member nations on their own. Like any union there were growing pains but none were unresolvable and despite the diversity and historical conflicts among its members peace prevailed for decades. Humanity has to learn that there is no free and cocooning is dooming to failure. Progress is rarely if ever revolutionary. True lasting progress is virtually always evolutionary.