Today, I received a very nice email asking me some good questions with a request that I post my answers. I don't have time right now to do anything more than simply to answer the questions with a promise to try and do something better when I have more time.

Here is an excerpt of the email:

I have a question and a suggestion.

The question:

Is Reason Radio an off-shoot of the Reason Foundation / Heritage Foundation. Is this more off Robert Poole's work?

Here is a link to Reason Radio. http://reasonradionetwork.com/

A suggestion:

Could you post an outline of the meaning of Fascism? It is an often used word, with various meanings, in your usage it appears to represent an "end times" out come to the present order, but I need more help on understanding the true nature of Fascism and I'm sure many others as well would like further clarification.

Mr. Mark Weber give an excellent lecture / description of the term Fascism this week on his "Mark Weber Report" which is hosted by Reason Radio. I'm wondering if I'm being indoctrinated by this listening to Mr. Weber and others like Robert Stark, also hosted on Reason Radio.

I would like to suggest you listen to Mr. Weber's lecture this week regarding Fascism, it is full of very interesting history. Fascism by his terms is far different than my current understanding. Perhaps you can help?

Here is the location of Mr. Weber's lecture in mpg format:
 http://reasonradionetwork.com/category/programs/the-mark-weber-report

Thank you,

Here's my answer:

<div align="center">The True Nature of Fascism</div>

You've asked some big questions that I'll try to answer to the best of my ability but first, I have to give you some background so that you'll have the context in which I think and write.

I was born in Idaho but spent my elementary school years in California. When I was in the 5th grade, my parents moved back to Idaho Falls where I lived until shortly after graduation. Idaho Falls was an interesting town from the standpoint that it was a farming community with a Navy nuclear submarine school and nuclear research facility. I went to school with the children of farmers and scientists. It was also Mormon Country. There were more Mormons per capita in Idaho Falls and the surrounding area than there were in Salt Lake City at that time.

There are two things that I should be eternally grateful to the Mormons for – my abhorrence for organized religion and the Mormon shunning of non-Mormons helped me to develop a cast iron shield against group think and peer pressure. So the answer to your question regarding an "end times" perspective is true – but not from the biblical perspective; rather it's from the perspective of a person who lived their life as an adventure free from the constraints of community and societal expectations.   I was the Captain of My Ship – and the Master of My Destiny and it is from that perspective that I see the "end times".

Children in the future will not be free to choose their own paths. Their paths will be chosen for them.   In the scientifically managed and controlled global system, they are a resource and central planners will determine their role in life. With cradle to grave records in a centralized repository, there will be no room for mistakes. Every step out of line will be recorded and cast in stone. I see it as life in a straightjacket and the coming death of the human spirit.

The irony in a life of ironies is that after high school I went back to California and after working for a number of years, I went back to school to become a computer programmer.   I designed and wrote systems for corporations – organizing, standardizing and regimenting corporate processes, defining roles for the workers that would be more efficient, cost less and provide more control. I never noticed a conflict with my personal philosophy because I was on the other side of the wall. I was free – designing systems for others.

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When I first started researching, it was to answer the following question: 'Why is this government permitting outsourcing of computer systems and importing foreign professionals to replace American professionals when this is a threat to our national security because of our dependence on computer systems?'   I had a personal stake in the answer because it was my career path that was being destroyed and I couldn't understand why "our" government was doing that. I couldn't define fascism. I had a definition for communism that I've come to realized was wrong, but neither of these two concepts crossed my mind in the beginning.

I found out that my career – as a part of an industry sector was traded away in an international trade agreement. I also found out that there was a pattern of trading away sectors of our economy in trade agreements.   In these trades, the financial sector wins. Our country and a majority of the American people lose – even if they were not directly affected by any single trade. The trades have had a cumulative effect that we are only now realizing as our economy, institutions and social structures, etc. are crashing down around our ears.

When I started this research, it was non-partisan. I'm an Analyst so I was looking at function – not form.   When I was introduced to education reform that involved a computer system, it was in my opinion, un-American and more suitable to the communist system of the Soviet Union or Red China. It got my full analytical attention. Following that, I discovered other newly re-designed systems of government that were also un-American. To simplify things, we'll just say that by un-American, I mean that corporations partnered with government did the designs in the corporate model of management of corporate assets. These systems were designed to socialize

the corporate costs of doing business while privatizing the profits made from "captive" customers with the force of government power behind them. These corporate government systems reduced people to inanimate objects to be managed. They are either assets or liabilities. In the corporate world, it's a bad thing to be a liability. In the world of a corporatized government, it's a danger of indescribable measure to be considered a liability.

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In photography, there is a method of taking pictures that involves the focus on objects. It's called 'field of vision'. Generally, there will be one object that is clearly in focus and the background will be blurred. You can see what the background is – but your attention is directed to the central object. You'll notice in Mark Weber's description of fascism, that his focus was of a political and philosophical orientation. If he were describing communism, he would have the same orientation. He's a historian and that's how he views the world. Everything else is in the background.

My orientation on the world is from a systems engineering point of view with political and philosophical considerations in the background – useful only to understand how the systems being designed were marketed to the outside world. There are always justifications and the selling of the concept is integral to the process of systems engineering. Whether the designers use politics or philosophy is irrelevant – whatever works to gain approval for the project.

My definition of fascism is the same as Mussolini's:

"Fascism should rightly be called Corporatism as it is a merge of state and corporate power".

Fascism and Communism were organizational structures for socialism. Socialism at its core, is engineering. The purpose of the engineering is to bring order to the chaos that the engineer sees. One man's order is another's tyranny. Corporatism uses the organizational and financial skills of the corporation and the police powers of the state. There might be a few good things that come of it – but ultimately, it's a bloody business because people have the idea that they should be free to make their own choices and not be told what to do and how and when to do it.

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One lesson I learned as a young programmer that has been helpful to me in other areas is that when one looks at anything that happened in the past, one must consider the conditions and knowledge of the time – put yourself back in that time and place and think from that perspective. Doing that, I went from thinking that my predecessors did really stupid things – to realizing that they were actually brilliant people working within the constraints of their time and if I could just be half as brilliant as they were, I'd be doing well.

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The Voice of Reason radio website appears to be professionally done and that takes money. Mark Weber is obviously not an amateur radio personality. Based on the name – VOR, one

would think they'd be connected to the Reason Foundation and/or Reason Magazine but I wouldn't make that assumption without knowing for sure. Weber did put a positive spin on fascism, which is the type of bias I expect from Robert Poole's marketing outlets. In the world of social engineering, Libertarians are the wreaking crew for Socialists. Libertarians break – Socialists rebuild.   At least that's how I see it.   As far as VOR is concerned, I'd have to listen to a lot more of their programming before I would put them in a category – and even if I did put them in a category, there is a lot to be learned from people like Weber – as long as you listen with a critical ear.   I too enjoyed his program.

Vicky
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