**France Goes Back - Before 1789**

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Shame on Sarkozy's France! Today, its Lower House has decided to march backwards in time, not to the tragic year 1915, but all the way back to before 1789, the year when the Age of Liberty of Man was proclaimed.

In Europe's Dark Ages, people were jailed for saying the "earth is round." Astonishingly, now in France freedom has lost. Some 38 parliamentarians have determined that those saying: "Tell me the truth about Ottoman Armenians...Was it only Armenians who perished?How can this be Genocide?" will be put in prison! Some land of liberty and freedom.

Zavalli Avrupa! Pity on leaders like Sarkozy... His popularity is down to 34%; in Spring he faces virtually certain defeat in presidential elections... So he decides to hijack Turkish history in a gambit to win Armenian votes! This man whose family roots lie in Ottoman Salonika.

God only knows what is in his mind: what "revenge" he is seeking? What arrogance is driving him?

Understandbly, every Turk is hurt. Some response is called for. The government in Ankara will now act, most likely over-react!

In the short-term, beyond cosmetic responses, nothing can be done. Destructiveness is always easier to accomplish than peacebuilding and reconcialition. The Ottoman Armenian tragedy can only be settled between Armenians and Turks... when two sides are ready. Opportunists like Sarkozy can only exploit Armenian weakness: Sarkozy is like a false 'friend' offering an alcoholic more booze to feel-good.

The remedy, surely, is in the long-run. I personally believe a time will come, some time in future, when cooler heads will prevail, both Armenians and Turks will sit down and reach mutual understanding over the tragic events of 1915. Then there will be joint healing for the massive death and destruction suffered by both sides in Anatolia when the Ottoman Empire collapsed in blood and tears....

French, and other imperialists, bear a major responsibility in those tragic events in WWI... and, maybe deep in Sarkozy's inner soul and Ottoman past, there is buried a heavy layer of personal and collective French guilt for what actually happened then.

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