

## “The Santayana Factor— Tales of the Kings”—III

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### □ Two Swans

- Economist Nouriel Ribini: “The first lesson is that crises are not ‘black swan’ events, using the terminology of my friend Nassim Taleb. They're not just random outcomes. They are the result of a buildup of financial and policy vulnerability and mistakes—excessive risk-taking, leverage, debt, and so on. The first chapter of my book is called ‘The White Swan’ because these events are predictable. *But generation after generation, we seem to forget the past.* When there's a bubble, there's euphoria. There's irrational exuberance. Consumers can use their homes like ATM machines. Governments and policymakers are happy because they get reelected. Wall Street makes billions of dollars of profits. Everybody's delusional.” (emphasis supplied)  
[http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10\\_21/b4179045095128.htm](http://www.businessweek.com/magazine/content/10_21/b4179045095128.htm)
- “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.” (*Last Day Events* 72)

### □ One King

- II Chronicles 26:5—“As long as he sought the \_\_\_\_\_, God gave him \_\_\_\_\_.”
- “As long as he sought the LORD, God gave him success” means that the “failures” you experience along the way are in fact \_\_\_\_\_ in disguise.
- II Chronicles 26:16—“But after Uzziah became powerful, his \_\_\_\_\_ led to his downfall.”

### □ Three Lessons

- Lesson #1: Start \_\_\_\_\_—depend \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lesson #2: Stay \_\_\_\_\_—depend \_\_\_\_\_.
- Lesson #3: Beware \_\_\_\_\_.
  - “The cup most difficult to carry is not the cup that is empty, but the cup that is full to the brim. It is this that needs to be most carefully balanced. Affliction and adversity bring disappointment and sorrow; but it is \_\_\_\_\_ that is most dangerous to spiritual life.” (*Ministry of Healing* 212)
  - Revelation 3:17—“I am rich and increased with goods and have need of \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ corporate dependence upon God more strongly than collective \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Nothing \_\_\_\_\_ our corporate dependence upon God more forcefully than collective \_\_\_\_\_.
    - *Great Controversy* 41: “By \_\_\_\_\_ they [the church] \_\_\_\_\_.”
    - II Corinthians 12:10—“When I am [we are] \_\_\_\_\_, then I am [we are] \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Luke 23:46

*“Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit”*

Lord, success, victories, pride, strong, on God, strong, on God, the cup that is full, prosperity, nothing, signals, prayer, triggers, danger, defeat, conquered, weak, strong