Freedom from the Powers and Principalities:

The Importance of Knowing History in Order to Resist "Popular Opinion"

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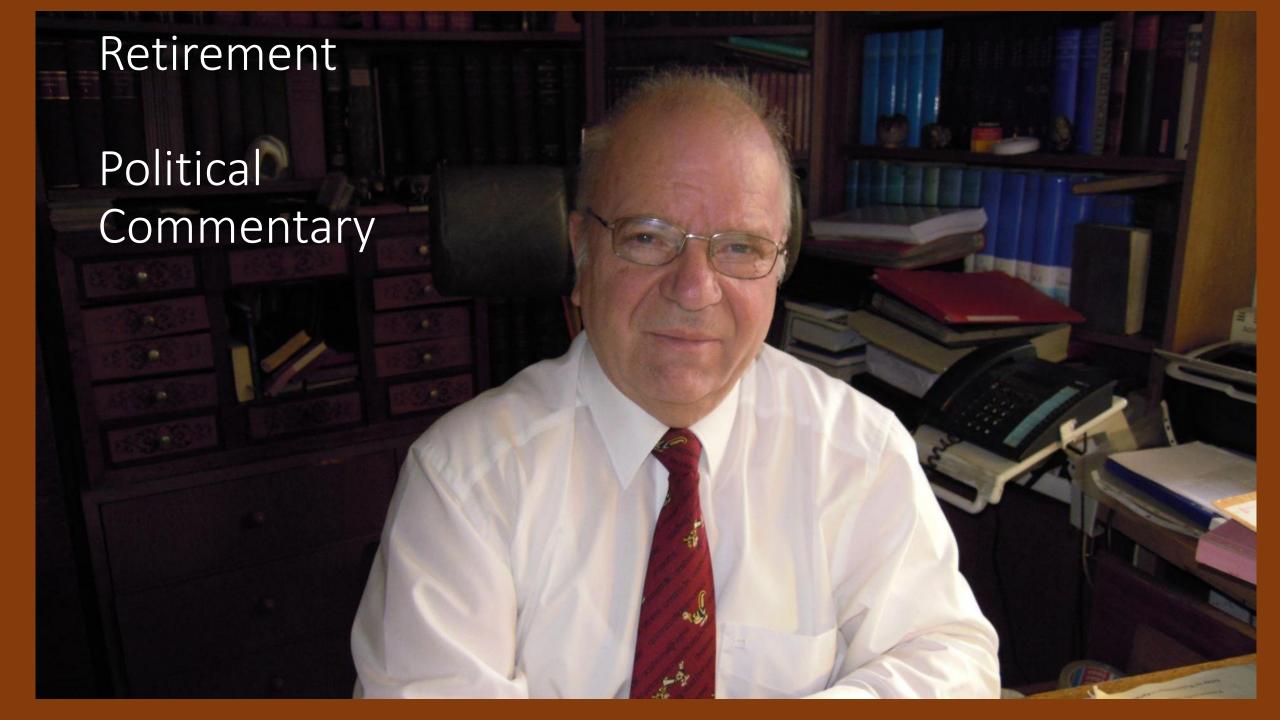
East Berlin, 1977-1990



German Bundestag (Parliament), 1990







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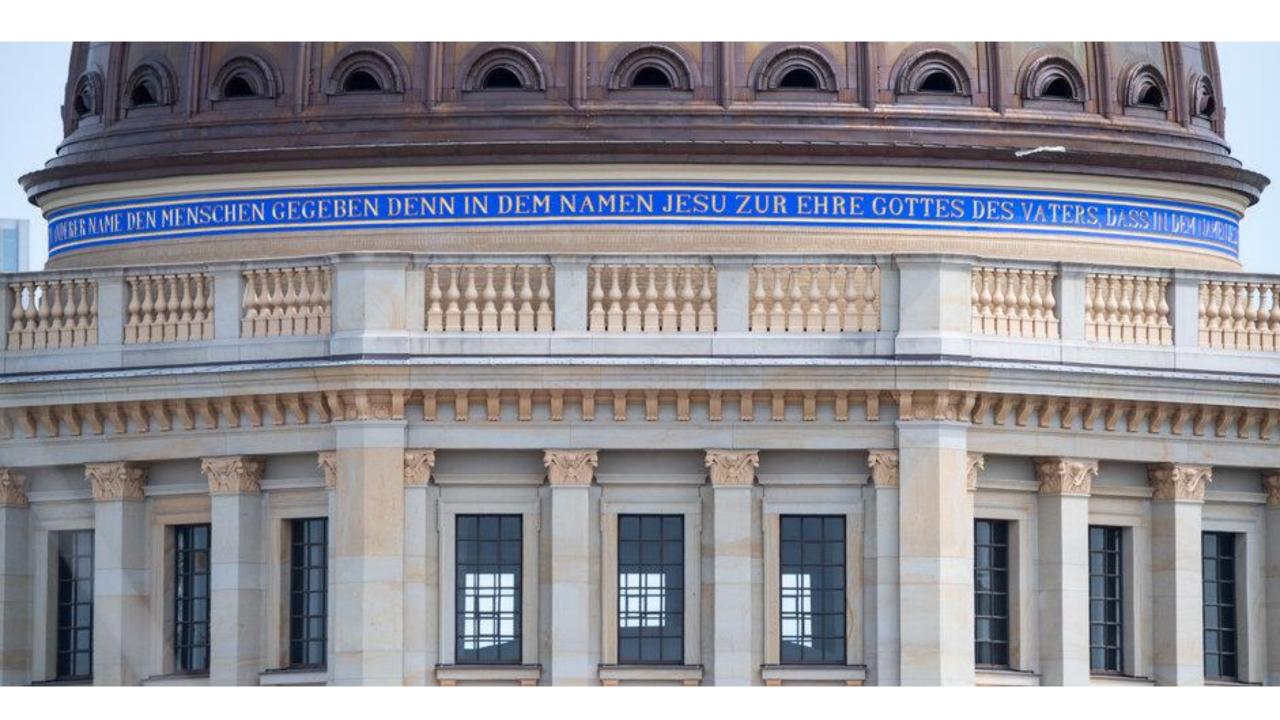






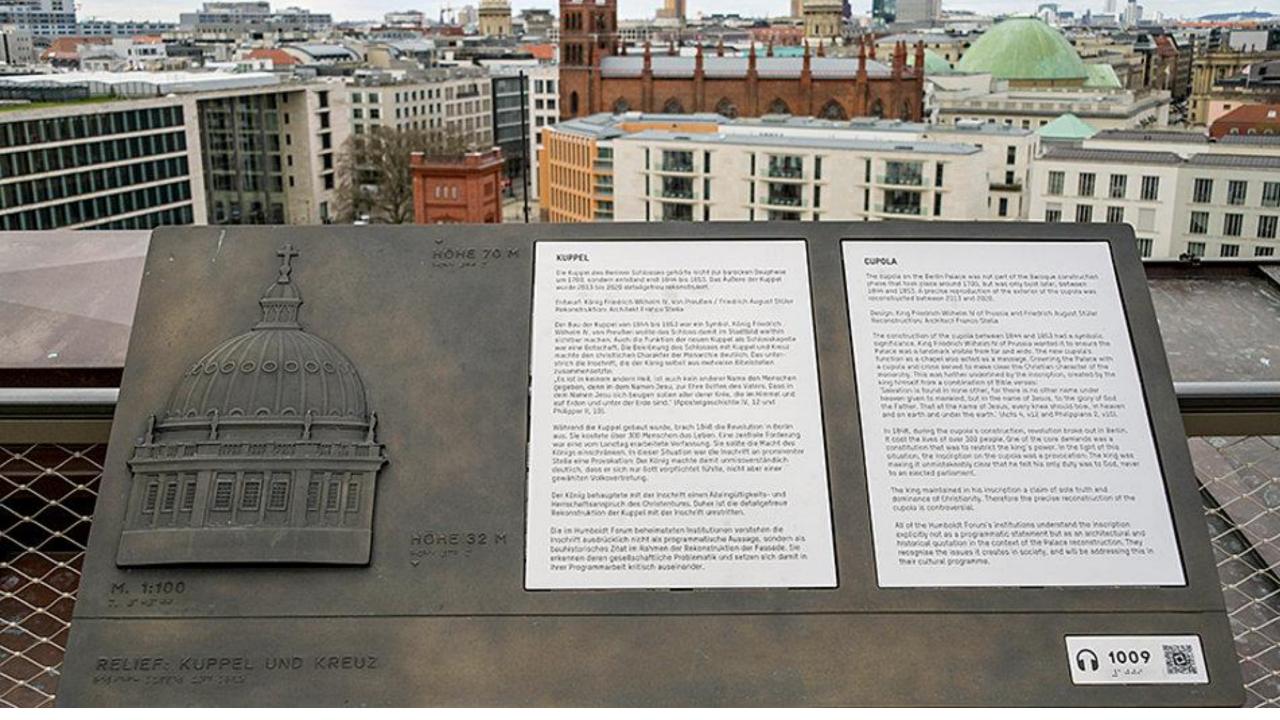






There is salvation in no one else and in no other name than the name of Jesus, to the glory of God the Father (Acts 4:12)

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth (Phil. 2:10)



The explanatory text:

"With the inscription the king asserted Christianity's claim—and his claim—to universal and absolute domination" (therefore, "every knee shall bow")

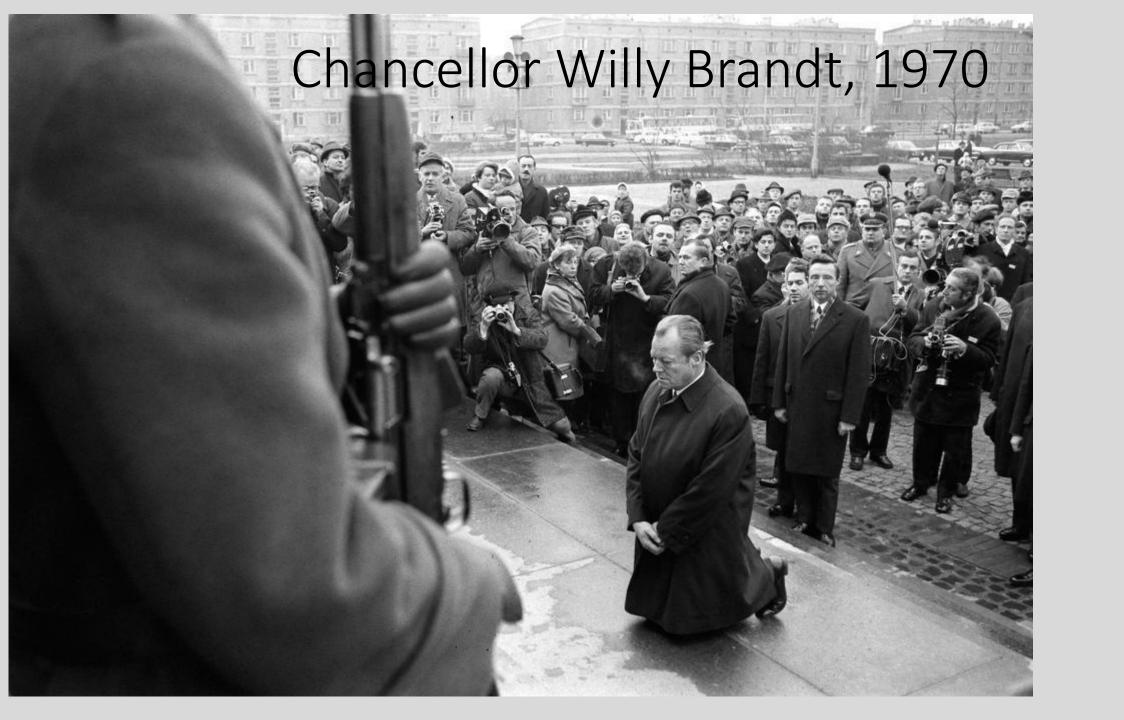
Schröder's response:

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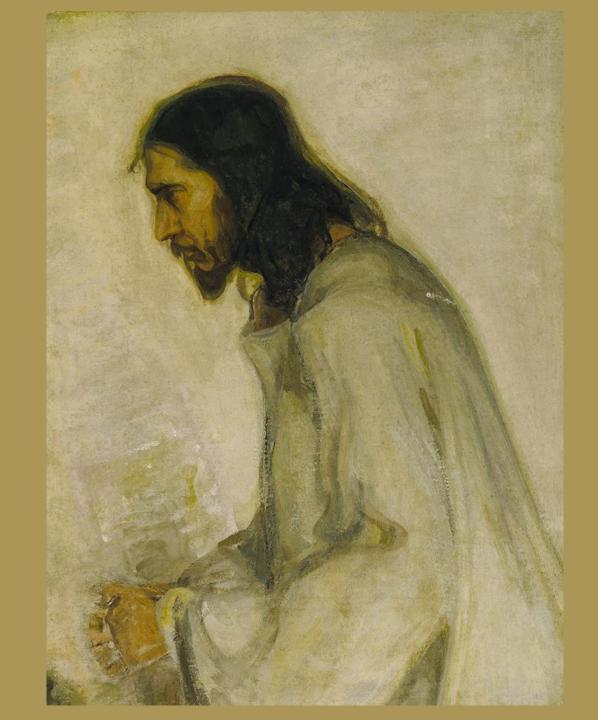
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"The Savior"

Henry Tanner, c. 1905



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6th Century Mosaics

Ravenna, Italy "Tradition means giving votes to the most obscure of all classes, our ancestors. It is the democracy of the dead. Tradition refuses to submit to the small and arrogant oligarchy of those who merely happen to be walking about."

— G.K. Chesterton, 1908