

Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Readers,

Is this the end of the Rogue Submarine series?

Possibly.

I wrote Rogue Outlaws to be the end. Finale. Finé. Done. No more.

But maybe not. Allow my self-indulgence...

I started drafting Rogue Avenger in 1996. It took me nine years to write while I learned my craft, slowly, and with a lot of rejection and frustration. I was an arrogant prick with visions of fame and fortune. Now, 25 years later, I write for my enjoyment and learning, and for yours.

But will I write again?

I've put down the Rogue Submarine series indefinitely. It's accomplished what it needed to accomplish, even though it seems to have all been unintentional.

Jake and I relieved much anger and found God. His 'injury' was HIV and a lost naval career. Mine was an extremely rare orthopedic injury. His path to God took him across the world in a submarine. Mine went through Lourdes, France, where I received my minor healing miracle.

When you run into Jesus face-first after decades of atheism, you change.

So, I've changed.

If you've read Rogue Outlaws, you noticed I went heavy on the preaching. Much of it was warranted as closing out character development, but I can't help myself from weaving Christianity into the narrative. My six-book supernatural series, started five years ago, already reveals this tendency. And now that I've been through my Lourdes experience, my complete transformation into a Christian has eradicated any interest in writing about world events.

And why bother with the world? It's beyond hope IMHO. I think we'll fall into a great depression and/or world war before it gets better. Then again, God could stay the execution. So, all my writing must be about conversion and repentance.

If I ever write Rogue P, I imagine it would include Christian themes, but the story would have to be about accomplishing a mission, as always—the stuff you expect and the reason you read adventure novels.

But what mission?

That's the first challenge of writing a book in this series. I look at maps and read about conflicts to wonder where the fleet may intervene for the sake of good. But for me, the sake of good is the conversion of sinners into saints. Exclusively. If you're not moving towards God, you're moving towards perdition. There's no middle. The mercenary fleet would become a Christian navy.

If there's interest in this, and if I could keep it unobtrusive for secular readers, it could work. Let me know your thoughts now and throughout 2021.

Thank you,
John