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**Interpreting Quotes – “Our Final Awakening”**

Directions: I have broken down one section of Chen Duxiu’s 1916 article, “Our Final Awakening,” into 3 parts. You are going to attempt to analyze the meaning of those 3 parts in the chart below.

Statement that precedes the 3 quotes: ***Those with shallow views all expect this to be our final awakening, without understanding how difficult it is to put constitutional government into practice.***

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| **Part of quote:** | **Ideas for what it means:** |
| *There is no difference between the* ***shameful disgrace*** *of* ***submissiveness*** *of men of ancient times hoping that* ***sage*** *rulers and wise ministers will practice* ***benevolent*** *government and present day men hoping that* ***dignitaries*** *and influential elders will build a constitutional republic.* |  |
| *Why should I reject the desires of dignitaries and influential elders, who are after all a part of the people, to build a constitutional republic? Because a constitutional republic cannot be conferred by the government, cannot be maintained by one party or one group, and certainly cannot be carried on the backs of a few dignitaries and influential elders.* |  |
| *A constitutional republic which does not derive from the conscious realization and voluntary action of the majority of the people is a* ***bogus*** *republic and bogus constitutionalism.* |  |