Yankee Steve's Column

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Dear valued reader,

I wish you a happy Thanksgiving.

As you know my weekly column is not devoted to religion. However, a holiday like this one allows me the opportunity to mention God. This is not out of place because we are not only thankful, we are thankful to God.

Of course I realize that any reference to God is meaningless unless it takes into account the fact that God is not the author of death, but the bringer of life. This week's column will acknowledge that truth.

Sincerely, Steve

Who Will Miss Turkey Day?

Barack Obama will soon takeover the oval office. Should that concern you? It should if your current home is your mother's womb where typically children spend the first nine months of their lives. It has become apparent that the president-elect has a quarrel with children, unborn or born.

Never has America elected a president like Obama. However, we should not think of him as unique because he will become our first black president or because he was elected after it was discovered that he has more skeletons in his closet than a stadium full of politicians.

No, Obama is unique because he has from the get-go planned to make child killing easier than ever before. He seems to be emotionally invested in this. Unlike other presidents who have gone before him this is high on his list of priorities. Even President Bill Clinton regretted that abortions had increased during the Bush administration.

Remember that Obama is a Socialist, and as such he as no regard for those who have a conscience for such things. He will do what he wants even if it keeps the rest of us up nights thinking about the fact that America is sliding toward a precipice. We are fast approaching the day when scientists will determine policy.

Maybe I can explain why Obama is so very cold and calculating. Much of Obama's campaign funding came from organizations that dedicate their time and money to child killing. Obama may be insecure and at times adolescent, and from what I can see pretentious, but still he is street-wise, he knows that its pay-back time.

If Obama has his way, the road before America will be soaked with blood. Is this the infrastructure Democrats are always talking about which they intend to pay for with federal tax dollars? The Hyde Amendment, which prohibits the allocating of federal funds to pay for abortions, will go up in smoke. Dare I say it, Joseph Mengala "the angel of death" has come back from the dead.

Some people to the right of Obama might made fun of his big ears. I would prefer that we look directly in his eyes with one question in mind. Are we staring into the face of evil?

Atheism Gets an "F"

The president-elect brings to mind a character named Haman in the Old Testament book of Esther. He is the fellow the Jews boo and hiss at when they celebrate Purim. Haman came to a bad end, but not before he hatched a plot to destroy the nation of Israel. It is an instructive, yet entertaining story he was made a fool of by a beauty queen.

Homer says that Helen of Troy "was as delightful as an evening breeze dressed in the beauty of a thousand stars." Nevertheless we should prefer Esther inner beauty to Helen's. The historical account in Esther tells about the uncanny way in which God insures that the right person is in the right place at the right time to the right effect, while the Helen tale is a clever rendering of an ancient poet who weaves together history and legend as if the two were the same.

The book of Esther is an interesting Bible book in that it shares something in common with the U.S. Constitution. Neither mentions God, no not even once. But these two inspiring documents do not need to mention God for us to believe that their authors would have replaced our modern word "serendipity" with "Providence," a word that frequently fell from the lips of the Pilgrims who celebrated the first Thanksgiving.

Does anyone think that the Constitution's authors did not want us to reflect on the way in which God had provided freedom and justice for those who fought in the Revolution, or that the opening words to that revered document could have been penned by atheists?

We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings ("blessings" is a biblical word) of liberty to ourselves and to our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Now I am not suggesting that the book of Esther and the Constitution are alike in every way, the former is inspired by God while the latter is of human origin, but they do teach the same lesson: atheism doesn't sustain us. God is in the here and now; His footprints are everywhere.

If we become familiar with the background of these two documents, and the turbulent history which occasioned them, it is unlikely that we would ever conclude that the saving of Israel from destruction under Haman and the liberation of America from the tyranny of King George, was anything less than an act of God. In both cases and against all odds, the weak prevailed over the strong.

This is heartening because the lives of a lot of defenseless children are at stake. Obama may even want Americans to pay for abortions in other counties.

It's All in the Timing

While far from her native country, Esther took the place of a deposed queen in the harem of the Persian king Xerxes. Was that an accident of history, or had she been promoted because of an invisible hand?

I may ask the same question about children in America. Will it be an accident of history if someone is able to stay the hand of Obama, or will it be a sign of divine Providence? And if someone steps on to the stage of history, will the Obama's of our world attribute that to politics or chance? Those who know will be reminded of a passage in Isaiah where the prophet ridicules those who trust to the gods of "Good Luck and Fate" [Isaiah 66:11 CEV] or the gods of the prochoice Lobbyists.

Those of us who believe in Providence should not doubt that a deliverer may yet appear, one who will save countless children from death. Remember that Xerxes was no paragon of virtue, yet he was brought to the aid of a beleaguered people. It just might be that Obama will discover that there truly is an omniscient God, or if he chooses to remain recalcitrant, he may go down in history as the one president that more than any other waged a losing war against children.

Obama has voted four times against the Born Alive Protection Act (through which children are to be saved alive after having survived a botched abortion), but Haman had the gallows in place, and Britain's King George led the greatest army and navy in the world, and look what happened. The Jews went home to Israel, and the Americans founded the first modern democracy.

I can see why the Pilgrims often found comfort in the adage: "One Almighty is better than all the mighties."

This means that God could set Obama aside at any moment along with all his pro-choice ruffians about to be installed in the cabinet. This is His show. He can bring down the curtain or change the props anytime He pleases.

After the same fashion Esther was told by the prophet Mordecai that if she refused to help her people then someone else would. If the Congress and the Supreme Court go along with the deleterious reasoning of the Obama-ites then God will find another way to bring to an end the wanton killing of unborn children. God never paints Himself into a corner. What we know for sure is that the horrors of abortion will some day come to an end.

But maybe there will be more than one person who will speak out about abortion. Maybe their will be a groundswell. Suddenly, as if on cue, we will begin marching toward Washington. Can you picture it? The roads, bus and train terminals, and airports will be filled with modern day pilgrims. The prayers of those who landed here in 1620, who wanted America to become "a city set on a hill," will have guided us down through the centuries.

I love the thought of it. Not thousands but millions and millions of Americans would assemble on and around the steps of the U.S. Capitol, and House speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate majority leader Harry Reid won't know what to say. So what else is new!

Something like that could happen. It happened once in ancient Israel [Judges 20:1-20]. People woke up to the fact that something had taken place in their midst that was altogether intolerable. They just began marching toward the tribe of Benjamin with the serious intention of righting a wrong. Apathy became unfashionable. Tolerance was no longer tolerated.

Suddenly one day our nation will awake, as if coming out of a long sleep.

People will begin to reckon with the fact that Planned Parenthood (which is chiefly responsible for introducing into American society the idea that abortion on demand must be tolerated) began under the auspices of Margaret Sanger [1879-1996], who like Obama, was a dedicated Marxist/Socialist.

One Nation under God

Now there are different ways of waking up from sleep. Sometimes a gentle touch will not do. We may have to be shaken.

What am I saying? Our nation, like every nation, is indeed under God. And that being the case America will have to answer to God. I mean to say that it just might be that we will suddenly be awakened from our long sleep by a jolt the likes of which no nation has ever experienced. The Puritans knew, "God's patience is lasting, but not everlasting."

How then should we think of Obama and his supporters who want to deny children their first inalienable right, the right to life?

They are a danger to us all. We should treat them in the same way that the beloved apostle John treated Cerinthus the heretic. John refused to remain in the public baths of Ephesus for fear that the place would come crashing down around him.

Let us hope and pray that during Obama's administration that what amounts to an overt disregard for human life will not be accompanied by catastrophe.

In order to discredit Marxism we added the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. Now let us live as if we understand what that phrase means. <u>In saving countless children marked</u> for death, we may in fact be saving America.

Of course some one will tell us that we have to be tolerant of other opinions. Don't tell that to Aristotle - "Tolerance and apathy are the last virtues of a dying society."

Not everyone is tolerant or apathetic. Listen to Dr. Alveda King, niece to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This bold woman knows right from wrong. She says, "Pro-lifers must promise to

redouble our efforts to resist anti-life proposals, speak up for the babies and, above all, pray... The elections are over. The pro-life battle begins anew."

If we win the pro-life battle Dr. King is referencing, many children that would have missed Thanksgiving will soon be dangling their feet at tables all over the country. The tables at which they will be sitting, God be thanked, will be spread with delectable foods. But nothing that pleases the eye or pallet will demonstrate more fully than these priceless children that God rules in the affairs of men and nations.

These little ones, like brands plucked from the fire, will have been saved from death sentences from those who regard them as nothing more than population numbers in the next census.

Those of us who think differently can rejoice in the knowledge that God made us, and He made all who will or will not survive the present day genocide.

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who made us, and not we our selves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise.

Be thankful to Him and bless His name. [Psalm 100:1-4]

Ever yours,

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