

Yankee Steve's Column

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Dear valued reader,

Something other than faith will be needed if you choose to accept as fact a story handed down to us by Muslim scribes. According to their findings the prophet Mohammed traveled by horseback from Arabia to Jerusalem, and then with a mighty thrust the same winged creature carried the prophet up and above the cosmos all the way to the 7th heaven where the prophet had an audience with God. All this we are told, took place in one night.

There were no credible witnesses to this happening. We have to take the word of Mohammed. And realizing that Islam's prophet was not a man of his word will accept his word insufferable.

Need I say it, credulity and faith are not the same thing? I may want to believe something, but faith is based on facts and not on wishful thinking. Faith lifts us out of the realm of the absurd. It accords with reason and fact-finding.

The horse of the prophet was appropriately named Lightning, or if Arabic is your native tongue, "Barack!"

Another Barack has offered his services. And once again we have been asked to go beyond faith. We have been assured that if we patiently ride out the fiscal policies of Barack Obama that the 44th president of these United States will carry us to paradise. Everyone will have food, health insurance, and a job. As a matter of fact he will even throw in victory in Afghanistan, improved relations with the merciless and treacherous government of Iran, nuclear disarmament, and an orderly departure from troubled Iraq.

Could you ask for more than that, and all this from one man, a lone figure that so far has not been able to get his staff together because of what his administration might call the "meddlesome" IRS.

The President of the Czech Republic, Vaclav Klaus, thinks that we are in for a surprise. Klaus, a trained economist, whose country has prospered ever since it turned its back on Socialism, said that if we listen to Obama (and we might add Prime Minister Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom) his economic policies will lead us down the "**road to hell.**" No wonder Obama ducked a meeting with Klaus when he was in Prague.

Apparently, economist and social commentator Thomas Sowell also knows what Klaus knows.

Barack Obama seems determined to repeat every disastrous mistake of the 1930s, at home and abroad. He has already repeated Herbert Hoover's policy of raising taxes on high income earners, FDR's policy of trying to micro-manage the economy and Neville Chamberlain's policy of seeking dialogues with hostile nations while downplaying the dangers they represent. [2/7/09]

Feted by a gaggle of Socialists and accompanied by a horde of media sycophants (who want us to believe that Obama has just returned from a successful tour of Europe), the president has plans for our country that belie his supposed stance as a capitalist. We now have someone in the White House who doesn't like capitalism and the free market no matter what he says because it is not what he says that counts, but what he means when he says what he says.

Isn't it marvelous that our president should learn from the president of France which has a Gross Domestic Product that is just a fraction of our own, in a country where he has faced stiff resistance when promoting capitalism.

“ . . . the economic maelstrom that has captivated the world's attention for the last 17 months is not a crisis of capitalism but, in actuality, a breakdown of a system that has drifted away from capitalism's most fundamental values.” [President of France Nicolas Sarkozy, *Moneynews.com* 2/2/09]

Obama is so radical and misinformed that even his loyal followers, distinguished economists like Paul Krugman, have abandoned ship. [*Newsweek* 4/6/09] This is not to suggest that Krugman has adopted the Austrian (i.e., conservative) view on economics, but he has realized that Obama is a radical; and that if trends continue Obama will go on without him. Krugman could not be more laconic. I quote him, “Obama is wrong.” Now that is eloquent. It leaves nothing to doubt.

Obama is governed above all by his approach toward government. That approach is simple, so simple that a child could understand it---the government is your parent, and like a good parent it is responsible for everything that affects you. As such parents they exert their authority. Parents also like to think that they have the right to keep secrets from their children. If necessary they will even use code words or spell out those words which they think will unduly alarm or excite their children.

It is no different with the Obama government. More than one reputable columnist seems to have discovered that Obama is into bait-and-switch. The Obama government uses code words and from what we can see it specializes in euphemisms. What this works out to mean is that Obama thinks that he has to pull the wool over our eyes and that he should do this because it is for our good. We are just children and as such we must not become alarmed. Father knows best.

Above all Obama does not want us to make the connection between his government and the radical Paris Commune [Communist 1848] which seized control of the credit industry. Nevertheless we should make the connection. The *Wall Street Journal* [2/6/09] reports that Obama, and his somewhat vacant Secretary of the Treasury Tim Geithner, were dismayed to find out that three of the banks they had sent money to were sending the money back. How dare they do that?

Geithner and Obama, true Socialists that they are, know that they cannot control what does not take money from them. And control is what it all about; Socialists may be less violent than Communists, but they want the same thing, complete control of everything, so much control that the private sector becomes a thing of the past. Now the government is allowed to do what it never has been able to do in the past; it can invest; it can go into business and if it chooses to it can throw good money after bad. It can shore up banks and companies that no self-respecting

investor would touch; and all because it takes a parental approach toward the economy and the nation at large.

Listen once more to Sowell, **“We have become such suckers for words that politicians can spend our tax money like a drunken sailor, provided they call it ‘investment.’ At least the drunken sailor is spending his own money but people look down on him because he doesn't call it ‘investment.’”**

I began talking about this because I want to fix the idea in your mind that Barack Obama will not carry us up to paradise no matter what name you give him.

This is why I have included in my remarks for this week a special report on deficit spending and the way it will beggar the nation and with that lead us down the road to Socialism. We will become another England. I hope you will take the time to read my thoughts. I want the readers of OldLineConservative.com to know one thing about Socialism that it is terribly consistent; it always leads nations down the wrong path, the road to economic hell.

Ever yours,

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P. S. Remember that we embrace the resurrection as an article of faith. We can believe in the resurrection because the event was accompanied by eyewitness accounts. As a matter of fact these accounts were articulated by reliable people who were willing to vouch for what they had seen at the cost of their own blood.

We may rely on these eyewitness accounts of the resurrection because not one of the eleven appearances of the risen Christ took place in a hallucinatory setting. Going above and beyond that, the resurrection was predicted by the prophets and afterward by Jesus Himself, that same Jesus who saw the image of Himself in Nathaniel when He said, “Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no stealth or subtlety whose word is bond.”

Have a wonderful and glorious Easter. Christ lives!

Note: Coming Soon “Communism and Ethnic Groups in America - Jews, Blacks, Hispanics, and Anglo-Saxons”
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