

Yankee Steve's Column
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Mixed Emotions

Did you hear about the guy who watched his mother-in-law drive off a cliff in his new car only to say later that he had mixed emotions?

Well that is how I feel when I think of Obama. Let me explain.

While surfing the radio the other day something caught my attention. I stumbled across a preacher whose dire predictions about the future startled me. I thought to myself, "I hope he's not right."

Now I am all for radio preaching. However, this guy wanted to give his listeners the impression that he was levitating somewhere just above the Mount of Olives and that he was privy to something we needed to hear. The audience was told that the evangelical cause was about to collapse and that his woeful prediction would come true in about ten years.

Now I know that some people would like that result, but I really don't think that is what the future holds.

I fully anticipate the opposite. I expect that America may be on the verge of a spiritual awakening.

Now I may be wrong because I am not what theologians call an Enthusiast. I do not believe that God talks to me or for that matter to anyone else in the way that He used to talk to the prophets and apostles of the Bible. Scripture says, "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah," but I am no Jeremiah nor do I expect to meet up with anyone like the weeping prophet. If alive today, he would shed a river of tears over what has happened to America spiritually and economically.

Can you believe it? America was founded by God-fearing men and women but its solvency is now in the hands of atheist Communists in China.

Not a prophet, I am an avid reader who collects books. These books prove that history repeats itself. They indicate that time and again, poverty has had a powerful effect on people, and that **church attendance always improves:**

- ✓ when stock and bond markets crash,
- ✓ when credit ratings are downgraded,
- ✓ when people who have really tried can't find work,

- ✓ when an idiot like Representative Barney Frank [D-MA] becomes so desperate to excuse his ineptitude that he tries to blame the Standard & Poor's downgrading of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac on defense spending, and
- ✓ when the president has to take to the airwaves to pep-talk a worried nation.

Irony or Providence

Is it not ironic that President Barack Obama, a man with no religion at all, who like Aaron Burr and Thomas Jefferson has used religion for political gain, should enact policies that in the end will serve the cause of religion? We have a president that has sidled up to every kind of wrongdoer - abortionists, feminists, homosexuals, communists - and in spite of that he may be the president whose actions will precipitate the spiritual awakening America so desperately needs.

Listening to the Wrong People

Space doesn't allow for a complete listing of all that Obama has done, which no self-respecting conservative would have thought of doing, but I can mention the most important ones.

- Obama, on entering office, placed jobs on the back burner. This neophyte, next to President Calvin Coolidge is intellectual pygmy, acted as if the task assigned him by the American people would be solved easily. Observing his body language told me that he had underestimated the problems the U.S. was facing on the economic front.

- Obama vigorously pursued his entitlement agenda. It was payback time for the progressives who had gotten him elected. The smooth-talking socialist devoted an entire year to the passage of Obamacare which is now seen to be the leading reason why employers are not hiring.

- Obama started borrowing a la British economist John Maynard Keynes [1883-1946]. He floated a stimulus program that gave bankers and businessmen the willies. Of course he did this with the permission of the Federal Reserve which has become the fourth branch of government. Businessmen, whose feet are on the ground, now know that America may yet become insolvent which explains why bankers are not lending and why businesses are not hiring.

- Obama widened the war in Afghanistan which is costing the taxpayer \$1 million annually per soldier. Need I tell you that wars are never good for the economy? Wars must be paid for with taxpayer money, that if left to the citizenry would better be pumped into our economy which is 70 percent consumer-driven.

The Future

I will go out on a limb here -

1. Things will get worse before they get better.

2. Gold will go to \$2,100 an ounce.
3. The Fed has run out of ideas so it will begin printing money.
4. Obama will remain an ideologue, a socialist. He will continue to push for entitlement programs even if they ruin the economy. Socialists have their head in the clouds. Why just today, when addressing the nation, he returned to his favorite theme when he again declared war on the rich, the people who already pay most of the taxes.

As long as Obama is president we will have to experience what Dickens called “hard times.”

He must be voted out of office, but since I believe that Obama will be re-elected I can only say, “See you in church America!”

Ever yours,

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