

Yankee Steve's Column

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The Inauguration of Barak Hussein Obama

America on the Brink

America has turned the corner. Or maybe I should use another cliché, and say we are standing on a slippery slope.

The inauguration on January 20, 2009 of Barak Hussein Obama represents a singular turn of events. Never has any president ever been elected while it was known when elected, he was going to defer to those who have designs on our Judeo-Christian heritage. It is likely that he will see fit to do this because he has no convictions of his own. He is a product of our modern world.

Obama promised change. There will be change, but for the worse. Now that he is president it will be harder for us to be Christians.

Two forces are at work in America - the forces of indecency and reckless abandon, and the forces that have from old steered us in the direction of time-honored mores which the founding fathers said were grounded on *eternal principles*.

There are on the one side those who would opt for an open society, where just about anything goes, and then those who know that an open society is not the same as a free society. To the latter we owe the freedoms we now enjoy. To the former we owe less than nothing.

None of this is new. In the *Republic* the philosopher Plato rejected democracy because he knew that in some cases it can be used to serve nihilism or the idea that truth, moral or other, is only a matter of opinion. Plato understood that moral certainties evaporate when a nation's laws are not anchored in eternity, no matter how much its people bandy about the word "democracy."

I would add that this fact did not escape those who led our young republic. John Quincy Adams denounced what I would call an open society for the very same reason. Adams said, **"This principle, that a whole nation has the right to do whatever it pleases, cannot in any sense whatever be admitted as true. The eternal and immutable laws of justice and morality are paramount to all human legislation. The violations of those laws is certainly within the power of a nation, but it is not within the rights of nations."**

In other words those who know that their laws originate in eternity have every right to enter into contention with those who call for an open society. We need courage and a vision of what America will look like if we sit idly by and do nothing. At stake is our democracy.

In Obama, What Are We Getting?

Some of us might think that a beatnik or hippie now sits in the oval office; and that someone more at home in New York's Greenwich Village has moved into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Obama could even rummage through his papers and come up with some of his own third-rate poems. Certainly that would qualify him as a beatnik. When we add to this that he has a history of his own confessed drug use we have in Obama the genuine article.

Quite possibly, the most liberal man to have ever sat in the U.S. Senate, has become the 44th president. This has to mean that half or more than half of the nation over which he presides should think of him as an extremist. America for the most part leans to the right. When polled, Americans do not favor abortion on demand, and when going to the polls, they have demonstrated overwhelmingly that they believe that homosexuals should not legally marry.

So what should we do now when a leftist like Obama is our president? We should come out swinging, for unless we do we will have to live with the ill effects of an open society. Remember, open societies always implode.

Rendering What to Caesar?

It seems as if it was yesterday when I translated the New Testament. This was one of the best projects I ever completed. It led me to conclude that the New Testament not only contains the word of God, but that it is the Word of God. I also concluded that the Bible contains all that we need for life and godliness. Therefore that would mean that I have been biblically instructed as to how to think about government.

However, when I realized America had sent to Washington a man so completely devoted to liberal causes as Obama, it made me think that the Bible might be out of touch with reality. I felt this way for a moment because the Bible says that I have to honor those who have found their way into the government. I came up short because I know that I will never be able honor Obama, either as a man or politician.

Permit me to go into this in more detail.

In the Scriptures we read "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." [Romans 13:1]

Does this text tell me that I have to respect Obama, when I know that he has intentionally surrounded himself with individuals that none of us would want to do business with, or trust with our accounts, or even have over for coffee, people like Eric Holder?

Study the passage for yourself. Simply stated, the apostle Paul is saying that governments are put in place by God in order to prevent the ever present anarchist from wrecking society. We are required to honor those in government only so far as they represent the way in which God has ordained government as an instrument of order.

Therefore, Paul teaches, if a person is not a revolutionary they have nothing to fear from the government. Also, a poorly run, but honorable government, is better than no government at all because it is in the interests of any and all governments to maintain order. This was so obvious to the founders of America that they wanted us know that they had distanced themselves from anarchists. They wrote in the *Declaration of Independence*,

“Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.”

That is an elaborate way of saying that the founders were not 1960s radicals; for one thing they were well-read; they bathed, they were chaste, and they revolted against the government only after they had been pushed to the limits of endurance. This is what the stinging line “**it becomes necessary**” means which like the line just quoted can be found in the opening of the *Declaration*.

I can amplify this further. The reformer John Calvin asked his followers in France to rely on the courts when addressing the problem of injustice. He cautioned them against the use of force. In other words do not follow the example of Bill Ayers, the radical friend of Obama who bombed New York City police headquarters, the U.S. Capitol, and the Pentagon because he was a rich kid with a twisted mind who grew to hate capitalism, the very thing that made the Ayers family rich.

The followers of Calvin listened to the advice of their leading scholar until they drew the conclusion that French courts would never grant them justice. (The same thing happened in America where Calvinism was very much in evidence.) Consequently, France lost perhaps its best citizens when 400,000 Huguenots departed for the new World and elsewhere. But I hasten to ask, is there no place for civil disobedience; must we be the ones who are uprooted and must resettle?

You know what I am going to say. We need to disobey the government when that government requires that we participate in evil, or when it asks us to acquiesce to what we know is truly evil.

Why should those who stand for decency and right thinking get up and leave? This is their country. They were here before liberals and humanists were ever thought of. The upright cleared the forests, built schools and factories, sweated in the sun, and finally, pushed the Brits back up into Canada. They did all that, not the quislings who sit on the left side of the aisle.

When America was founded there were no Obamas, no Kennedys, no Pelosis, no Harry Reids, that is, no liberals. The liberals only came along when the work was done. Those who believe in right living and eternal verities were the ones who built this nation. Yes, they did by jiminy by gum! So I hasten to add that they should not leave; and that if the liberals want to stay in America they should consider traditional values and leave well enough alone.

Can you imagine what our history would look like if the liberals were on board the Mayflower and not the Puritans? I shudder to think. The American eagle would never have taken flight.

Civil Disobedience - Bravo, Paul!

The same apostle who wrote the N.T passage I have quoted above went to the gallows for defying an edict of the emperor Nero, who along with the Roman Senate had declared that Christianity was an illicit religion [religio illicita].

Christians have always and I am sure will always practice civil disobedience. Case in point, four Turkmen soldiers said to be members of the Baptist denomination. On hearing of them years ago I have never been able to forget their story. This was when that part of the world was ruled over by Socialists. Their government sentenced them to death because they refused to participate in a cruel and merciless slaughter of peasants, mostly women and children.

Take up your cross, Jesus said, because civil disobedience, from time to time, will be expected of you. No one can be a practicing Christian in China unless they disobey the state. No one can be a practicing Christian in Vietnam unless they do the same, because Vietnam, like China, is Socialist.

In our culture the screws are being tightened because men like Obama, men who reason along the lines of Socialism, have no capacity for differing opinions. This is the way with Marxist Socialists no matter where they work their schemes. It is always the same. Why should Socialism, with its dictatorial nature, differ because it has been transplanted from Europe to America?

Dare I say it, no one will be able to be a practicing Christian in the government of Barak Obama unless he or she practices civil disobedience. In some cases careers will have to be forfeited altogether, especially those in the military. For one thing Obama is out to change the military in order to promote the homosexual agenda. Those who resist will retire early or be discharged along with those educators, who think that homosexuality represents both a mental and a physical health hazard.

Obama has made his move. All who subscribe to decency, and are pro-family, will have to go along with his policies. With his election the dam broke.

Do Not Take Me to Your Leader

Permit me to dip into American history in order to show why I refuse to honor Obama as a man and that I truly believe that his "Christianity" is nothing but a gimmick which he effectively used in order to gain access to the black community.

We are a free nation today because we knew what we were getting in King George III of England, and we had no reason to believe that he would change. George III did not merit our respect, only our opprobrium, and American patriots gave him just what he deserved.

Americans forget that our nation came into being because the early patriots were willing to call a spade a spade. Example: *A Dialogue between the Devil, and George III, Tyrant of Britain.*

This anonymous piece of early American literature surfaced in New England in 1782. Whoever wrote it should have received a medal. It is appropriate for what some Christians will have to face now that Obama is president. (His re-education and sensitivity program, intended for the military and the public schools is in line with the gay agenda and it will cost them their jobs if they make their opinions known, or if they differ with what “experts” think about homosexuality.)

Let me quote from the above-mentioned document.

Devil. George hearken to my council.

George. Thy servant attends.

Devil. George you lie like hell [when you present yourself as one who is just and temperate] for you have employed Indians, Negroes, Tories, thieves, robbers, counterfeiters of money, and the off-scouring, scum, and sweepings of the world; formed treaties with the little nabobs of Hesse and Brunswick, who compared with America, are no more than a hen roost to a kingdom. George, when you address me do it in a language of truth; I allow you to lie to everyone else; but don't tell foolish lies that no body will believe, as you and your ministers often do.

Now let us update this remembering all the while that if American colonials felt they had the right to vilify King George. Likewise we have the right to pour contempt on Obama and his gang of self-righteous liberals who know nothing of true tolerance, and will be unsuccessful in convincing us that they have the nation's best interest in mind.

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Devil. Obama hearken to my council.

Obama. Thy servant attends.

Devil. Obama you lie like hell. You have presented yourself as a traditional freedom-loving American. Everyone knows that you are a Marxist. Now you cannot lie to me. I know what you are. Remember, I was the one that masterminded your becoming president so that I could finally purge the military, the government, and even the churches, of those that up to now have fearlessly stood for decency. I created your persona as that of a nice guy who likes chicken salad sandwiches and open beaches, when really you are at heart some one who is both ruthless and cunning, who everyone knows is ill-equipped for the position you have been awarded. Remember, you work for me so don't try to fool me.

You have relied on an international criminal George Soros, Hollywood moguls dedicated to promoting homosexuality, Planned Parenthood which has blood up to its elbows, etc., and you

have made it look as if a tiny minority of liberals is as important as the majority of Americans; and besides all that you have been assisted in your climb to power by those who are no better than you are when it comes to truth-telling. A man is known by his friends and look at who your friends are. Isn't it a fact that you hang with liars and that your administration is peopled with culprits and tax cheats?

Obama, I hate it when people like you try to fool me. You can fool the American people, known throughout the world for being naive, but you can't fool me. You got blacks to vote for you in overwhelming numbers because they wanted to feel accepted in a country which had abused them, but you do not have their best interest at heart. Soon they will realize that they have been fooled even more than white people.

Obama, remember one thing, I invented lying. I am the devil, and I based your campaign on a single lie, that you believe in freedom, when really all you believe in is an *open society*. Through you I will open the flood gates to abortion rights, and rights to which no homosexual should ever be given, and to the notion that truth is what you say it is because there are no eternal verities.

What Do We Do Now?

We fight! To do so we should know what we are getting in Obama. He shares none or very little of our traditional values. Therefore we must spend the next four years denouncing him and the policies he pushes.

No, we don't want anarchy, but we also don't want liberalism either because liberalism, just like anarchy, will lead to the same destination: chaos. Almost all republics like ours implode; and they almost always unravel for the same reason, a refusal to believe in timeless truths.

“Public virtue cannot exist without private, and public virtue is the only foundation of republics.” [John Adams]

Now that is good, and I wish I had said it!

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