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WHO CARES? AND WHY DON'T WE? THE ATTACK ON WESTERN CIVILIZATION PART 3

PREFACE

NO PERSPECTIVE OF THE HUMAN JOURNEY IS MORE IMPORTANT AND MORE COMPLEX THAN THE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE THROUGH WHICH WE VIEW OURSELVES, OUR BELIEFS, OUR INSTITUTIONS, OUR PAST HISTORY AND OUR HOPES FOR THE FUTURE. THE CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE REFLECTS OUR ART, RACE, RELIGION, HISTORY, POLITICS, LAW AND MANY OTHER KEY ELEMENTS OF OUR PASSAGE THROUGH TIME AND TRIAL TOWARDS WHAT WE HOPE IS TRUTH. COMBINING ALL THESE MULTIPLE PARTS IN A SEEMINGLY RANDOM WAY, CULTURE TAKES ITS PLACE NEXT TO GENETICS AS THE MOST POWERFUL DETERMINANT OF OUR IDENTITY. IN THE WORLD OF IDENTITY, CULTURE IS WHAT WE CALL TODAY A FORCE MULTIPLIER.

TO CLARIFY OUR REFERENCE TO CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES, WE OFFER A FEW EXAMPLES THAT SUGGEST THEIR VARIETY AND IMPORTANCE. AS WE ARE CONCERNED WITH WESTERN CIVILIZATION (WCIV), THE MONOTHEISM THAT APPEARED IN THE NEAR EAST (NE) AND EXPRESSED ITSELF THROUGH THE THREE DESERT RELIGIONS (CHRISTIANITY, JUDAISM AND ISLAM) WAS BY ANY MEASURE, WESTERN OR OTHERWISE, AN EXTREMELY RARE AND CONSEQUENTIAL EVENT. ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINS OF THESE THREE FAITHS WERE HUMBLE AND SPREAD OVER SEVERAL CENTURIES, ALL CLAIMED THEIR DESCENT AND AUTHORITY FROM A COMMON RELIGIOUS SCRIPTURE.

OVER TIME, THEIR MONOTHEISM REPLACED THE ANCIENT

POLYTHEISTIC PRACTICES OF GREECE, ROME AND EGYPT THAT HAD BEEN THE PREFERRED FORM OF WORSHIP FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THROUGHOUT THE ANCIENT CLASSICAL WORLD. OVER MORE TIME, ISLAM WOULD EXPAND WEST ACROSS MEDITERRANEAN AFRICA AND EAST TO INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, WHILE CHRISTIANITY SPREAD NORTH AND CHALLENGED THE TEUTONIC, SAXON, CELTIC AND SCANDINAVIAN FAITHS/LEGENDS OF EUROPE.

MONOTHEISM IN OUR TIME IS STILL VERY MUCH A FORCE MULTIPLIER AS WE OBSERVE HOW THE COMPETITION BETWEEN ITS THREE DOMINANT FORMS CONTINUES TO FUEL POWER STRUGGLES AROUND OUR WORLD DESPITE THEIR INVOCATIONS OF PEACE. WE WILL REVISIT THIS IN RELATION TO ISLAM IN A LATER CHAPTER.

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IN 1543, NICOLAUS COPERNICUS, A POLISH ASTRONOMER PUBLISHED ON THE ROTATION OF THE HEAVENLY SPHERES IN WHICH HE PROPOSED THAT THE SUN IS THE CENTER OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM AND THAT THE EARTH AND OTHER PLANETS REVOLVE AROUND IT. THIS CONTRADICTED CENTURIES OF ACCEPTED SCIENCE WHICH HAD PLACED THE EARTH AT THE CENTER AND THE OTHER BODIES, INCLUDING OUR SUN, CIRCLING IT.

THIS NEW AND ACCURATE EXPLANATION OF BASIC SCIENCE HAD EXPLOSIVE TECHNOLOGICAL, COMMERCIAL AND RELIGIOUS CONSEQUENCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. SETTLED SCIENCE

ABBREVIATIONS LISTED ON PAGE 14

IN THIS ISSUE, WE EXPLORE CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED TO PERSIST. WE CITE THEIR HISTORICAL ORIGINS AND THE HARM THEY DO TO OUR CULTURE AND NATION.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, WE WILL EXAMINE OTHER AREAS OF OUR SOCIETY UNDER ATTACK BY ENEMIES OF THE WEST.

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DOES NOT CHANGE EASILY AND COPERNICUS' THEORY GAVE RISE TO ENORMOUS, DEMONSTRABLE SCIENTIFIC CHANGE THAT SUDDENLY PRODUCED A NEW REALITY.

ONCE COPERNICUS' "CAT WAS OUT OF THE BAG", ECONOMIC FORCES COALESCED BEHIND THE NEW TECHNOLOGY AND HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY. FOR INSTANCE, COPERNICUS LIVED AND WORKED IN THE TIME OF THE AGE OF EXPLORATION WHEN EUROPEAN EXPLORERS WERE CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE GLOBE AND CHARTING NEW ROUTES AND LANDMASSES. TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TASKS, SHIP CAPTAINS RELIED UPON ASTRONOMICAL TABLES WHICH MEASURED A SHIP'S POSITION BY CELESTIAL DISTANCES AND ANGLES.

IMAGINE, IF POSSIBLE, THE EFFECT OF COPERNICUS' REVELATION UPON MARINERS AND MERCHANTS WHEN THEY BECAME AWARE THAT THE TABLES THEY HAD USED FOR CENTURIES WERE NO LONGER VALID. AS IS COMMON WITH ALL SCIENTIFIC REVISION, THERE WERE THOSE WHO ACCEPTED AND THOSE WHO DENIED COPERNICUS' PRONOUNCEMENT, BUT THE MATH WAS ON HIS SIDE AND IN RELATIVELY ORDERLY FASHION SCIENCE WAS CONVERTED TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE SUN, NOT THE EARTH, WAS THE CENTER OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM.

"...NEWS COULD TRAVEL NO FASTER THAN BY FOOT— HORSE OR HUMAN."

SINCE THEN, NEW DISCOVERIES HAVE CONTINUED, ALTHOUGH KNOWLEDGE WAS SCARCE, CENTERS OF LEARNING FEW AND EVEN THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NEWS COULD TRAVEL NO FASTER THAN BY FOOT— HORSE OR HUMAN.

AND ON YET ANOTHER LEVEL, THAT OF RELIGION, COPERNICUS' NEW SCIENCE WAS A GAME CHANGER BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTED ESTABLISHED (I.E., ROMAN CATHOLIC) RELIGIOUS DOGMA. FAITH IN COPERNICUS' TIME ENJOYED A FAR LARGER IMPORTANCE IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIFE THAN IT DOES NOW, AND THE CHURCH FUNCTIONED AS A KEY EMPLOYER IN ITS COMMUNITY, THE CENTER OF ITS SPIRITUAL LIFE AND THE SOLE SOURCE OF EDUCATION. COPERNICUS' CHALLENGE, FOLLOWED A COUPLE OF GENERATIONS LATER BY GALILEO'S WORK AND THE EMERGING PROTESTANT REFORMATION, CHANGED EUROPE'S AND THE WORLD'S WAY OF THINKING AND OPENED THE WAY FOR A NEW AND WIDER CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE.

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TECHNOLOGY, ITSELF, IS AN ON-GOING CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE WHICH OFTEN LURES US WITH PROMISES THAT OUR HUMAN NATURE AND NEEDS ARE UNABLE TO KEEP. DESPITE OUR MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OUR HUMAN THOUGHT, BELIEF AND BEHAVIORAL PROGRESS HAS FALLEN FAR SHORT OF OUR TECHNOLOGICAL ACHIEVEMENTS. THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (IR) THAT BEGAN IN THE EARLY 19TH CENTURY WITH HARNESSING THE POWER OF STEAM FOLLOWED BY ELECTRICITY AND OIL CERTAINLY QUALIFIES AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC AND SOCIAL EVENTS IN OUR WORLD'S HISTORY. IT CREATED A DISTINCT CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE OF ITS OWN, WHICH DOMINATES MUCH OF OUR PRESENT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC THOUGHT AND NOW REVEALS ENVIRONMENTAL PENALTIES UNKNOWN AT THE TIME WE EMBRACED ITS BENEFITS.

THE IR PRODUCED MANY ADVANCES, METHODS, PRODUCTS AND OTHER CHANGES IN THE LIVES AND ECONOMIES OF OUR WORLD'S POPULATIONS, BUT ITS BROADEST AND MOST SIGNIFICANT WAS THAT IT COMMENCED THE PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING OUR PRODUCTIVE FORCE FROM HUMAN/ANIMAL MUSCLE TO NATURALLY PROVIDED FORMS SUCH AS STEAM, OIL, COAL AND ELECTRICITY.

FOR MOST OF ITS EXISTENCE MANKIND LABORED LONG AND HARD TO PRODUCE THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE. NOW, TWO CENTURIES SINCE THE IR'S BEGINNING, HUMAN LABOR PLAYS AN EVER SMALLER PART IN OUR GLOBAL PRODUCTION; LEISURE TIME UNKNOWN FIVE HUNDRED YEARS AGO IS COMMON IN MANY SOCIETIES; AND OUR PRODUCTIVE ENERGY CAN BE COMMANDED BY MACHINES/SYSTEMS AVAILABLE IN ALL BUT THE POOREST AND MOST UNDEVELOPED AREAS.

"WE CAN EXTRACT WHAT WE CAN FIND, BUT WE CANNOT PUT IN AN ORDER FOR MORE."

IN OUR RUSH TO SECURE THE BENEFITS OF THE IR WE FAILED TO REALIZE THAT IT, AND OUR SOCIETIES, ARE DEPENDENT UPON MATTER — EARTH, AIR, WATER, VEGETATION, BASIC CHEMICALS, MINERALS AND THE WAYS THESE CAN BE USED, EITHER SINGLY OR IN COMBINATION — AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF THIS MATTER IS FINITE. WE CAN EXTRACT WHAT WE CAN FIND, BUT WE CANNOT PUT IN AN ORDER FOR MORE.

OUR PRESENT CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE OF OUR WORLD IS MARKEDLY DIFFERENT FROM THAT WHICH WE INHABITED IN THE 19TH CENTURY. OUR NEW CAPABILITY RESULTED, FIRST, IN OVERPRODUCTION AND THEN IN OVERCONSUMPTION TO ABSORB THE OVERPRODUCTION. WE ARE STILL, IN THIS SECOND PHASE, CONSTANTLY SUBJECT TO THE URGINGS OF OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL

LEADERS TO BORROW AND BUY IN ORDER TO GROW.

IN OUR 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES' TRANSFORMATION, WE HAVE BECOME ADDICTED TO ACQUISITION, DEBT OF EXTRAORDINARY KINDS AND AMOUNTS AND TO THE BELIEF THAT THIS COMBINATION IS A SUSTAINABLE BASE FOR THE WORLD'S LARGEST ECONOMY. THESE FORCES CAN CHANGE OUR CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES AS READILY AS TECHNOLOGY AND, IN DOING SO, WILL CHANGE US AS WELL. IT IS AN INTERACTIVE PROCESS IN WHICH WE BOTH GIVE AND RECEIVE, MAKE CHANGE AND ARE CHANGED. AS OUR CULTURAL PROCESS IS THE RESULT OF BILLIONS OF CHOICES MADE IN DIFFERENT TIMES AND PLACES, IT REACTS ONLY SLOWLY TO EFFORTS OF HUMAN, CONSCIOUS CONTROL, THE MOST NOTABLE EXCEPTION BEING WHEN POPULATIONS ARE PUSHED TO TAKE COMMON ACTION BY IMPENDING NATURAL OR HUMAN DISASTER.

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THIS BRINGS US TO THE FOURTH AND FINAL TYPE OF CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE OF OUR LIFE-CHANGING PAST TWO CENTURIES. IT IS OUR GREATLY ENHANCED WAYS AND MEANS OF COMMUNICATING. MOST OF THIS CAME TO US THROUGH THE IR'S DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY AND ITS USE IN THE TELEGRAPH, PHONE, RADIO, TV AND COMPUTERS, AND BY EXTENSION IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR'S STEAMSHIPS, TRAINS, CARS AND PLANES.

OUR COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY'S DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN SO FAST AND SO VAST THAT IT CONVEYS NOT ONLY WHAT WE SAY, BUT ALSO HOW WE SAY IT OR WHAT WE MEAN. THE BEST ILLUSTRATION OF THIS IS IN OUR MAINSTREAM MEDIA'S (MSM) COVERAGE OF OUR GOVERNMENT/POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN WHICH LANGUAGE HAS BECOME FAR MORE GENERAL; SPECIFICS ARE AVOIDED AND QUALIFYING STATEMENTS ARE A "MUST". THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THESE EFFECTS ARE LIMITED TO OUR COUNTRY, AS VIDEOS OF MOST EUROPEAN LEADERS SHOW THE SAME TECHNIQUES ARE NOW STANDARD THERE. POLITICIANS AS A BREED SHARE MANY CHARACTERISTICS THAT ARE NOT LIMITED TO WCIV AND THE "HEDGED" STATEMENT IS GLOBALLY POPULAR. IT IS WHAT IT IS AND WILL PROBABLY SURVIVE AS A POLITICAL STAPLE UNTIL OUR CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE FINDS A REASON AND A WAY TO MOVE IT OFFSTAGE.

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THE PERSPECTIVES WE HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF THOUSAND YEARS BUT MOST OF THEM WITHIN ONLY 500 YEARS. IN EACH TIME FRAME, THEY RECORD THE DEATH OF OLD FRONTIERS AND THE CREATION OF NEW ONES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEM DEMANDS THAT WE STRETCH OUR MINDS AND EXPAND OUR VISION IN WAYS FOR WHICH WE ARE GENERALLY ILL-EQUIPPED.

FOR INSTANCE, COPERNICUS ENTERED A WORLD WHICH SAW ITSELF AT THE CENTER OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. WE NOW KNOW, THANKS TO HIM, THAT THIS WAS WRONG; WE ARE ONLY ONE OF THE PLANETS CIRCLING OUR SUN, BUT TECHNOLOGY MOVES ON. THERE IS MORE VIA OUR NEW ACCESS TO OUTER SPACE,

MADE POSSIBLE BY ROCKET PROPULSION AND TELESCOPIC LIGHT WAVE MEASUREMENTS, CURRENT SCIENCE SUGGESTS THAT OUR UNIVERSE IS HOME TO MANY GALAXIES, SOME OF WHICH COMBINE WITH OR DEVOUR OTHERS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY RECENTLY VOICED IS THAT OUR UNIVERSE MAY NOT BE UNIQUE EITHER; THERE MAY BE OTHERS. IN CONSIDERING SUCH THEORIES OUR LANGUAGE OF MILLIONS, BILLIONS, ETC. FAILS US IN THAT IT CANNOT CONVEY, IN ANY COMPREHENSIBLE WAY, THE MEASUREMENTS OF TIME, DISTANCE, HEAT, PRESSURE, SPEED, ETC. THAT GOVERN THE ACTIVITIES OF OBJECTS THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO ALLOW OURSELVES TO IMAGINE, BUT ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM.

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OUR THINKING, OUR LIVES AND OUR CULTURE HAVE DRASTICALLY CHANGED OVER THE PAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS. WE HAVE MET AND OVERCOME VERY DIFFICULT CHALLENGES IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AGRICULTURE AND, ESPECIALLY, MEDICINE. IN THE LATTER, OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HUMAN BODY AND OUR METHODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR TREATING IT HAVE GROWN EXPONENTIALLY IN JUST THE LAST HALF CENTURY.

BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR HUMAN PROGRESS? THERE, THE RECORD IS NOT GOOD. HUMANS STILL FIND REASONS AND WAYS TO KILL EACH OTHER BY MEANS OF WARS, WHICH THEY MOSTLY DESCRIBE IN RELIGIOUS OR POLITICAL TERMS, BUT, REGARDLESS OF THE LANGUAGE, ACCEPTING VIOLENCE AS A SOLUTION TO DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PEOPLE CONTINUES TO BE A GLOBAL PROBLEM AND A HUMAN FAILURE.

THE WEST IS NOT ENTITLED TO A "PASS" ON VIOLENCE. ITS SUPPRESSIONS AND EXTINCTIONS OF NATIVE POPULATIONS WERE AS BRUTAL AND SHAMEFUL AS ANY OTHERS. IT HAS MADE AN EFFORT TO MOVE ON, BUT VIOLENCE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR VIOLENCE STILL COMMAND FAR TOO MUCH OF OUR GLOBAL WEALTH, RESOURCES AND EFFORT.

TO CHANGE THIS WILL REQUIRE NEW CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES. UNFORTUNATELY, IN EACH OF THESE AREAS WE WILL HAVE TO CONFRONT AN INCREASINGLY AGGRESSIVE ISLAM ENERGIZED BY 20TH CENTURY OIL MONEY AND THE UNWILLINGNESS OF GOVERNMENTS HERE AND IN EUROPE TO DEFEND THE PRINCIPLES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR WCIV HERITAGE.

"...DETERMINED TO IGNORE OR DENY THE VERY REAL THREATS, AND THEIR SOURCES, THAT CONFRONT WCIV."

"UNWILLINGNESS" IS A KEY WORD HERE. WE MIGHT HAVE USED "FAILURE" WHICH WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE REFUGE OF LACK OF PURPOSE, BUT IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CORRECT BECAUSE THE POLICIES, ACTIONS AND REACTIONS OF OUR MEDIA, POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL, RELIGIOUS AND EDUCATIONAL ELITES WITH REGARD TO THE ENLARGING ATTACK UPON WCIV HAVE BEEN WILLFULLY DISMISSIVE OF ITS TRUE NATURE. THESE "LEADERS" HAVE BEEN COLLECTIVELY AND INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINED TO EITHER IGNORE OR DENY THE VERY REAL THREATS, AND THEIR SOURCES, THAT CONFRONT WCIV.

KNOW THE ENEMY

THE ABOVE PHRASE CAN PROBABLY BE FOUND IN MILITARY MANUALS THE WORLD OVER. IN CAPSULE FORM, IT'S A REMINDER THAT WE BE ALERT AND ATTENTIVE TO THE CAPABILITY FORMED BY OUR OPPONENT'S STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES SO THAT WE CAN EFFECTIVELY APPLY TO IT PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES THAT WILL GIVE US AN ADVANTAGE.

"KNOWING" OUR A/W (ANTI-WESTERN) FOE IS NOT A SIMPLE ACT OF DEFINITION AND CLASSIFICATION, AS WE FIND OURSELVES OPPOSED BY A COALITION OF MANY ELEMENTS AND INTERESTS. THERE IS NO NEAT, VERTICAL INTEGRATION, NOR AN AUTHORITARIAN STRUCTURE TO WHICH THESE ELEMENTS ARE ALL SIMILARLY ATTACHED. RATHER, THE A/W SEEMS TO ACT LIKE AN UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH A VARIETY OF ENTITIES THAT SHARE HATRED OF THE WEST CAN ASSEMBLE, EXCHANGE INFO, CREATE MESSAGES, DEVISE STRATEGIES AND TAKE ACTIONS — EITHER SINGLY OR TOGETHER, IN ONE LOCATION OR SEVERAL AND AGAINST TARGETS OFTEN CHOSEN COOPERATIVELY.

THE A/W UMBRELLA IS ENORMOUS. IT HARBORS MANY POLITICIANS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF LIBERAL LEFT (LL) PERSUASION HERE AND ELSEWHERE, AND IT IS ALSO HOME TO RACIALLY OR RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED GROUPS THAT RESENT WCIV'S TWO THOUSAND YEARS OF UNINTERRUPTED ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND POLITICAL PROGRESS.

THIS COALITION HAS BEEN OF GREAT BENEFIT TO OUR A/W FOES, AS IT REGULARLY ALLOWS THE A/W MESSAGE TO BE DELIVERED IN MANY DIFFERENT FORMS IN WAYS THAT BENEFIT FROM THE NUMBERS AND RESOURCES OF THOSE WHO DELIVER IT. THIS WORKS SOMEWHAT LIKE THE CHINESE WATER TORTURE SYSTEM IN WHICH ONE SMALL, QUIET, REPEATED DROP OF WATER IS EFFECTIVE IN SECURING INFORMATION/COOPERATION BY MEANS OF ITS CUMULATIVE EFFECTS.

THINK OF THE IMPACT ON OUR LARGELY UNPREPARED AMERICAN PUBLIC OF BEING BOMBARDED VIA OUR MSM BY A CONSTANT FLOW OF ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MESSAGES FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES WHICH CARRY THE SAME MESSAGE OF ATTACK AGAINST THE WEST. THIS "NUMBERS" FACTOR, HOWEVER, NEED NOT ACT AS AN ADVANTAGE THAT SERVES ONLY THE A/W. IT CAN BE USED AS A POWERFUL COUNTER-MEASURE BY THE WEST, AND ESPECIALLY IF A POPULAR MOVEMENT (POMO) HAS BECOME ACTIVE.

OUR POMO'S TASK IS TO DEVELOP AWARENESS, AND IT CAN BE DONE INCREMENTALLY. FOR THE POMO, THE A/W'S LOOSE, MULTIMEMBER COALITION WILL ENABLE IT TO DIRECT ITS EFFORTS TO TARGETS THAT CAN BE SELECTED BY SIZE, GEOGRAPHY, COST AND SPECIAL LOCAL CHARACTERISTICS — EITHER PRESENT OR PAST. MOST OF THESE CRITERIA, EXCEPTING GEOGRAPHY, ARE PRIMARILY DEFENSIVE IN NATURE. GOOD! THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR PRIMARY IDENTITY AND PURPOSE — THAT THE WCIV POMO'S GUIDING PRINCIPLE IS TO CREATE THE AWARENESS THAT WILL ENABLE AMERICANS TO DEFEND THEIR HISTORICAL CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE.

THIS BENEFIT WILL BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE

WCIV BECAUSE IT WILL ALLOW IT TO USE ITS LESSER TOOLS OF MONEY, PEOPLE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA REACH TO THEIR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. IN THE WORLDS OF PUBLICITY, PUBLIC RELATIONS (PR), NEWS AND POLITICS WHERE SIZE AND MONEY OFTEN DETERMINE OUTCOMES, THE A/W'S FRAGMENTED STRUCTURE REPRESENTS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN ITS RESISTANCE.

SCALE IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN MATTERS OF PUBLIC RESPONSE/COMMUNICATION AND IS CRITICAL IN THE FINANCING AND MANAGEMENT OF A POMO, AND WE WILL BE REPEATEDLY REMINDED OF THIS IN OUR EFFORTS TO CREATE AWARENESS OF THE ATTACK AGAINST WCIV.

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OUR FIRST EXPERIENCE OF SCALE IN DEFENDING WCIV IS IDENTIFYING THE MANY MOVING PARTS IN DIFFERENT PLACES AND AT DIFFERENT TIMES THAT ARE KEY CARRIERS OF THE A/W MESSAGE. THIS IS NEVER A FIXED NUMBER, AS THE A/W PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL AUTHORITY BUT THEY DO REFLECT POLITICAL, HUMANITARIAN, SOCIAL, RELIGIOUS OR ECONOMIC ISSUES OF THEIR HOME COUNTRIES FOR WHICH THEY HOPE TO ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION AND SUPPORT.

THIS SUGGESTS THE ACTIVITIES OF THE A/W COALITION'S MEMBERS MIGHT BE TOO SCATTERED TO BE EFFECTIVE. UNFORTUNATELY FOR THE WEST, THAT IS NOT TRUE. THE INTERESTS OF THE ENTITIES THAT COMPRISE THE COALITION AND THOSE OF THE COALITION, ITSELF, ARE BOUND TOGETHER BY SHARED PURPOSE AND INTERDEPENDENCE. AS EACH HAS CAPABILITIES THAT THE OTHER WANTS AND NEEDS AND AS WESTERN RESISTANCE HAS PROVED WEAK AT BEST, THEIR BOND HAS BECOME STRONGER. THIS WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT IN THIS AND FUTURE CHAPTERS.

ONE TRULY REVEALING CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE IS LANGUAGE WHOSE SCALE IS ENORMOUS BECAUSE WE PUT IT TO USE IN EVERY OTHER PERSPECTIVE. IN THE REALM OF COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE IS A CONSTANT, A SORT OF TRUE NORTH WITHOUT WHICH WE CANNOT PLOT EITHER OUR INTENDED NOR OUR ACTUAL COURSE OF ACTION. TO ILLUSTRATE THIS, WE WILL TAKE A LOOK AT TWO LANGUAGE CHANGES, ONE PAST AND ONE PRESENT, THAT SHOW HOW CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES CAN BE CHANGED, AND NOT FOR THE BETTER.

IN THE 1960S IN AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST MEMBERS OF A GENERATION BORN DURING OUR GREAT DEPRESSION CAME OF AGE AT A TIME OF POSTWAR SOCIAL DIVISIVENESS THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD. IT BANGED ON THE TABLE, DEMANDED POWER AND USED THE CHAOS AND TRAGEDY IN VIETNAM TO EXPRESS ITS SOCIAL RAGE — SOME JUSTIFIED, SOME NOT. THE INEPTITUDE OF OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN OFFICE WAS MATCHED BY THE IMMATURETY OF THE NEW, YOUNG "GENERATION OF THE FUTURE", AND OUR SOCIETY PAID A HIGH PRICE.

THE USE OF THE WORD "RACIST" WAS INFREQUENT AT THAT TIME AND WAS PRETTY MUCH CONFINED TO ACADEMIC/SCIENTIFIC TREATISES OR COMMENTS THAT RELATED TO DIFFERENCES IN

RACIAL ATTITUDES, CHARACTERISTICS, BEHAVIOR, HISTORY, HEALTH, ETC.

AT SOME UNKNOWN POINT VIA A HEADLINE, A BROADCAST, A SIGN FROM A PROTEST PLACARD, OR AN EPITHET HURLED AT POLICE, THIS WORD COMMENCED ITS TRANSFORMATION FROM MOSTLY NEUTRAL, ACADEMIC USE TO THE HIGHLY CHARGED, EMOTIONAL CONVEYANCE OF ANGER, HATE, ACCUSATION AND RETRIBUTION THAT IT IS TODAY.

AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT IN EARLIER CHAPTERS, IT IS NOW THE UNIVERSALLY PREFERRED, ULTIMATE TERM OF CONDEMNATION EMPLOYED BY THE A/W TO DEMEAN WCIV'S HISTORY, PEOPLES, INSTITUTIONS AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IDENTITY; AND, SADLY, IT HAS GONE UNCHALLENGED BY WESTERN PEOPLES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT MUSTER THE STRENGTH OF MIND OR CHARACTER TO REJECT THE CHARGES.

SIMILARLY, WE ARE NOW WITNESSING THE SAME TACTIC AT WORK IN THE A/W'S USE OF "NATIONALISM" OR "NATIONALISTS". AGAIN, THIS LABEL'S EARLY AND CUSTOMARY USE WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF HISTORY, DIPLOMACY, POLITICS OR ECONOMICS. LIKE "RACE", IT OCCUPIED A SPECIFIC, DIGNIFIED AND NEUTRAL SPACE THAT CARRIED NOT EVEN A SUGGESTION OF ACCUSATION AND SERVED OUR LANGUAGE WELL. NO MORE!

NATIONS WERE FORMED FROM PEOPLE OF SIMILAR NEEDS, BACKGROUNDS AND INTERESTS FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND ADVANCEMENT AND WERE USUALLY DEFINED BY DECLARED BORDERS. FROM EARLIEST TIMES THESE BORDERS WERE ESTABLISHED IN WAYS THAT UTILIZED NATURAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS RIVERS, MOUNTAIN RANGES, SHORELINES, ETC. UNDENIABLY, THE CREATION OF GOVERNMENTS WITH BORDERS, LAWS AND A CENTRAL AUTHORITY DESIGNED TO SERVE THE MANY, AS WELL AS THE FEW, INVOLVED THE SURRENDER OF SOME INDIVIDUAL PRIVILEGE.

DESPITE THIS, THE NATIONAL MODEL, WHETHER PUT TO USE BY MONARCHICAL, ELECTED, RELIGIOUS OR AUTHORITARIAN LEADERS, HAS BEEN A CONSTANT IN OUR PLANET'S CIVILIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SINCE THE MAYAN, EGYPTIAN AND CHINESE CIVILIZATIONS THAT PRE-DATED OUR PRESENT CHRISTIAN ERA AND ITS ROMAN AND GREEK PREDECESSORS.

IN OUR CURRENT TIME, TWO INSTITUTIONS HAVE EMERGED FROM OUR POSTWAR CONFUSION AND DIVISIVENESS THAT HAVE AIDED THE A/W COALITION IN CHALLENGING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BORDERS THAT HAVE STOOD FOR CENTURIES. THESE ARE THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) AND THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU). IN THE FORMER THE DISSENT IS MOSTLY POLITICAL, WHEREAS IN THE LATTER, EFFECTIVE INTERIOR BORDERS NO LONGER EXIST. THE VALUE OF THESE TWO OCCURRENCES AS AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON WAS NOT LOST ON THE A/W COALITION, BUT WAS IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED BY ITS POLITICAL GROUPS AND BECAME A PART OF THEIR ONGOING MESSAGE OF DISSENT AND ATTACK THAT WE HAVE SEEN PLAY OUT MOST POWERFULLY IN EUROPE'S AND OUR IMMIGRATION ISSUES.

IF WE LOOK CAREFULLY, WE CAN EASILY SEE HOW "NATIONALIST" AND "NATIONALISM" HAVE BEEN HIJACKED FROM THEIR ORIGINAL, NEUTRAL MEANING AND TURNED INTO AN ACCUSATION OF WIDE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND HUMAN FAILURE. LIKE "RACISM", THIS TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY ASSOCIATION.

IN ITS EARLY DAYS OF CONVERSION TO A UNIVERSAL ATTACK WORD "RACISM" WAS COMBINED WITH "PIG" SO FREQUENTLY THAT THEY BECAME JOINED IN READERS' MINDS IN A VERY NEGATIVE WAY. CONSTANT REPETITION REINFORCED THIS IDENTITY BLENDING TO THE POINT AT WHICH THE "PIG" REFERENCE COULD BE DROPPED AND "RACIST" COULD BE USED WITH THE SAME NEGATIVE IMPACT THAT "PIG" HAD PROVIDED.

THE SAME PROCEDURE IS BEING FOLLOWED TODAY WHEN WE NOTE THAT THE "NATIONALISM" BRAND IS BEING PAIRED WITH "RACISM" TO COAT IT WITH THE CONDEMNATION THAT "RACIST" HAS SO SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVED. BE AWARE AND NOTE HOW FREQUENTLY IN THE POLITICAL MESSAGES OF THE LL WHEN THEY MENTION "NATIONALISM" IT IS FOLLOWED BY "RACISM".

"...IN FULL VIEW IN THE LL'S LANGUAGE LABORATORY. "

WE HAVE WRITTEN BEFORE IN EARLIER ISSUES THAT DEALT WITH OUR CULTURAL IDENTITY ABOUT HOW CULTURES CAN BE ALTERED OR MOVED BY HUMAN AGENCY. WHAT WE SEE IN REGARD TO "RACIST" AND "NATIONALIST" IS THIS PROCESS TAKING PLACE IN FULL VIEW IN THE LL'S LANGUAGE LABORATORY.

A WAR OF WORDS

THE EXPLOSION OF POSTWAR POPULATION, TECHNOLOGY, WEALTH AND POWER IN AMERICA COULD NOT BE CONTROLLED. IT CONSISTED OF A COMBINATION OF FORCES THAT READILY EXCHANGED INFORMATION, TECHNIQUES AND FUNDING WITH EACH OTHER. IN THIS PROCESS SOME "TRUTHS" BECAME "INCONVENIENT" AND A DISTURBING NEW GLOSSARY DESCRIBING THEM WAS ADDED TO OUR LANGUAGE.¹ IT INCLUDED REFERENCES TO TOXIC WASTE, FRACKING, GLOBAL WARMING, OZONE DEPLETION, CLIMATE CHANGE, SEA LEVEL RISES AND OTHER CONDITIONS THAT APPEARED TO BE INCREASING IN FREQUENCY AND CONSEQUENCE.

ALL OF THESE QUESTIONED, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, OUR UNRELENTING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO CAPITALISM AND ITS FUNDAMENTAL ASSUMPTIONS THAT THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND RAW MATERIALS OUR SYSTEM NEEDS TO ENDURE ARE RENEWABLE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE IN QUANTITIES AND AT PRICES THAT WILL SUSTAIN OUR FUTURE EXPONENTIAL GROWTH AS THEY HAVE IN THE PAST.

THESE CIRCUMSTANCES SET UP A THREE-WAY CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR CORPORATE/SCIENTIFIC SECTORS AND GOVERNMENT DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH BOTH. THIS WAR WAS MOSTLY FOUGHT WITH WORDS IN PRESS RELEASES, BROADCASTS, NEWS BULLETINS, SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS, AGENCY DIRECTIVES, CONGRESSIONAL SPEECHES, CORPORATE REPORTS AND MSM PUBLICATIONS AND PROGRAMS.

IN ITS EARLY STAGES THIS WAR WAS FOUGHT ON THE LEVEL OF CLAIM AND DENIAL FOLLOWED BY COUNTERCLAIM AND COUNTERDENIAL, BUT, AS BOTH SIDES USED THE SAME WEAPON (I.E., LANGUAGE), THIS TYPE OF ESCALATION INEVITABLY LED TO STALEMATE OFTEN SO INTRACTABLE THAT RESOLUTION WAS ONLY POSSIBLE BY LEGISLATION OR SOME OTHER POLITICAL MEANS

INCLUDING THE “STRADDLE” TECHNIQUE OF EMBRACING OPPOSITE SIDES OF AN ARGUMENT.

THE RESULT WAS THAT, RATHER THAN ADMIT TO THEIR IGNORANCE OR ALIGN WITH ONE VIEW THAT WOULD PLEASE ONLY ONE SIDE, OUR ELECTED POLITICAL LEADERS AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS STARTED, IN THE G.W. BUSH ADMINISTRATION, TO DENY THE SCIENCE, ITSELF, NOT JUST THE FINDINGS AND RESEARCH OF INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS. THIS STRATEGY HAS COUNTED AMONG ITS SUPPORTERS STATE GOVERNORS, MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND PRESIDENTS. WHEN WE VIEW LANGUAGE AS A CRITICAL CULTURAL PERSPECTIVE, THE BATTLE OVER ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CITED ABOVE IS JUST ONE INSTANCE OF A TREND THAT SHOULD CONCERN ALL AMERICANS.

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DENIAL TAKES MANY FORMS, OFTEN WITHOUT REGARD TO TRUTH. IN OUR CULTURE AND NATION, I CAN DENY BOTH THE VALIDITY OF YOUR OPINION AND EVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR FACTS ON WHICH IT IS BASED. WHAT I CANNOT DENY IS YOUR RIGHT TO STATE IT. WE TEND TO THINK THIS IS A GIVEN IN OUR SOCIETY, BUT, IN FACT, WE HAVE ENTERED A TIME WHEN OUR RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT IS BEING LIMITED BY EFFORTS TO CIRCUMSCRIBE THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. IMAGINE, IF YOU WILL, INFORMATION AS A FLOW LIKE THAT OF A RIVER IN WHICH RESTRICTION UPSTREAM SUPPRESSES WHAT IS AVAILABLE DOWNSTREAM.

IN OUR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS THIS HAS TAKEN THE FORM OF THEIR AGENCIES’ EMPLOYEES BEING TOLD WHAT LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE AND WHAT IS NOT AND THEIR BEING SUBJECT TO THE RANKEST FORM OF EDITING — PARTIAL OR TOTAL CENSORSHIP. RESEARCH PROJECTS HAVE BEEN TERMINATED, ARTICLES’ PUBLICATION DATES INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED, EDITORIAL REVIEWS MANDATED, LANGUAGE CHANGED OR ELIMINATED, TOPICS SCREENED FOR “SUITABILITY” AND OPINIONS THAT DID NOT CONFORM TO THE POLITICAL STANDARD OF THOSE IN OFFICE WERE NOT ALLOWED EXPRESSION.

“QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, IT COULD UNSETTLE OUR CULTURE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.”

TOUGH STUFF; JOBS AND CAREERS WERE AT STAKE. AGAIN, IN THIS PROCESS SCIENCE, ITSELF, WAS DERIDED, NOT JUST THE THEORIES AND RESEARCH OF THOSE ENGAGED IN IT. WHAT HAS HAPPENED, AND HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY MANY AMERICANS IN AND OUT OF POLITICAL OFFICE, SEEMS INCOMPREHENSIBLE IN OUR 21ST CENTURY. WE HAVE LITERALLY ENCOURAGED A WAR OF ATTRITION BETWEEN TWO OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES — LANGUAGE AND SCIENCE, AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANY GOOD CAN COME FROM IT. QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, IT COULD UNSETTLE OUR CULTURE FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD.

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IT HAS NOT BEEN ONLY THROUGH EXECUTIVE ACTIONS THAT

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE’S INCONVENIENT THEORIES/DISCOVERIES HAVE BEEN BANISHED. POLITICIANS AND OTHERS SEEKING PUBLIC OFFICE HAVE READILY JOINED THOSE VOICES WHICH DESCRIBE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND THEORY AS A “HOAX”. WHEN, HOWEVER, THEY LINE UP ON STAGE FOR NOMINATING “DEBATE” APPEARANCES AND ARE ASKED DIRECT, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS REGARDING THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL POSITIONS, THE ANSWER VERY OFTEN BEGINS WITH “I’M NO SCIENTIST, BUT ...”. THIS PUTS THEM IN THE UNTENABLE POSITION OF BEING ENOUGH OF A SCIENTIST TO REJECT CONTEMPORARY THEORY, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO ACCEPT ITS ORIGINS, EXISTENCE AND THE VALUES OF THOSE WHOSE LIVES AND LABORS HAVE PRODUCED IT.

THIS FALL OUR ELECTRONIC VOTING DEVICES WILL BE DUSTED OFF AND OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM WILL AWAKE, EMERGE FROM ITS HIBERNATION AND, FOR A PERIOD OF A COUPLE OF MONTHS, DOMINATE OUR MSM COMMENTARY. THIS IS, OF COURSE, NOT “THE BIG ONE”. IT IS A KIND OF A PREVIEW FOR THE MAIN EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN 2020 FOR WHICH TENTATIVE AND DETERMINED CAMPAIGNING AND MSM COVERAGE WILL COMMENCE AFTER THE NEW CONGRESS IS SEATED IN JANUARY, 2019.

IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AS IN THE LAST, OUR PLANET MAY DELIVER INCREASINGLY FREQUENT OR VIOLENT INCIDENTS SUCH AS EARTHQUAKES, FIRES, HURRICANES, TORNADOES, DROUGHT, FLOODS, RISING SEAS AND EXTREME TEMPERATURES. THERE WILL STILL BE THOSE WHO CRY “HOAX” AND THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN AVOIDING THE TOPIC BY ANY MEANS POSSIBLE INCLUDING THE NOW FAMILIAR “I’M NO SCIENTIST, BUT ...” WHAT WILL BE MOST IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTALLY FOR OUR COUNTRY AND ITS ONGOING POLITICAL DEBATE IS TO NOTE CHANGES IN ATTITUDE OF THOSE ELECTED REGARDING THE TRUTHS OR FALSEHOODS OF PLANETARY ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND HOW WE MAY APPLY THIS KNOWLEDGE, AS IT EMERGES, TO OUR POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT.

BEYOND SCIENCE

IT IS NOT ONLY IN OUR PERSPECTIVE OF SCIENCE THAT OUR LANGUAGE HAS BEEN CONTROLLED/SUPPRESSED FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PURPOSE — BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. ARGUABLY THE MOST NOTABLE OF THE LATTER WAS PRESIDENT OBAMA’S ELIMINATION FROM ALL GOVERNMENT RECORDS OF REFERENCES TO “ISLAMIC TERROR” OR “TERRORISTS”. THIS NECESSITATED, IN ADDITION TO NORMAL AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS, THE REWRITING OF MILITARY TRAINING, MISSION AND CONDUCT MANUALS. THE COST IN TIME AND MONEY CAN ONLY BE ACCEPTABLE IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE BOTH HAVE LOST VALUE — THE NATION’S CAPITAL.

“IT IS THE THOUGHT POLICE WHO ENFORCE IT.”

AND, USUALLY, WHERE THE LANGUAGE POLICE ARE, THE THOUGHT POLICE ARE NOT TOO FAR BEHIND. IN THE PAST TWO DECADES WE HAVE WITNESSED THE PROSCRIPTION BY THE LL OF THE USE OF THE PHRASE “ILLEGAL ALIEN” TO REFER TO PEOPLE

FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE ENTERED THE U.S. WITHOUT ITS AUTHORIZATION. AS THE MSM WERE MORE THAN WILLING ACCOMPLICES IN THIS LANGUAGE CHANGE, THE USE OF “ILLEGAL ALIEN” DROPPED SHARPLY AND THE PUBLIC BECAME CONDITIONED TO ITS MORE RESTRICTED USE. BUT THIS SWITCH WAS NOT MERELY A MATTER OF LANGUAGE. ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO CHANGE THE PUBLIC’S ATTITUDE TOWARDS ILLEGAL ALIENS AND TO PRESENT THEM IN A SOFTER, KINDER WAY THAT OBSCURED THEIR ORIGINS (FOREIGN) AND THEIR METHOD OF ENTRY (ILLEGAL)! IN SHORT ORDER, THEY BECAME SIMPLY “UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS” WITH “HUMAN RIGHTS” TO BE ADMITTED WITHOUT LIMITATION AND TO BE PROVIDED WITH UNENDING FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL SUPPORT BY THE U.S. TAXPAYER. IT WAS THE LANGUAGE POLICE WHO ENGINEERED THIS TRANSFORMATIVE PROCESS; IT IS THE THOUGHT POLICE WHO ENFORCE IT.

AND IT IS THE THOUGHT POLICE WHO HAVE BEEN THE KEY MOTIVE FORCE IN ESTABLISHING AND PUSHING THE CONCEPTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT GO FAR BEYOND FDR’S JANUARY, 1941 STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH THAT DECLARED ALL PEOPLES WERE ENTITLED TO FOUR BASIC FREEDOMS — FREEDOM FROM WANT AND FEAR, FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION. THESE HAVE A RELATIVELY TAME RING TO THEM NOW, BUT IN 1941 THEY CAPTURED HEADLINES. THERE WERE NO GLOBAL, OR EVEN REGIONAL, FORUMS SUCH AS THE UN AND EU AND FEW HEADS OF STATE HAD INTENT OR VISION BEYOND THEIR BORDERS EXCEPT, OF COURSE, THE GERMANS AND JAPANESE WHO WERE THEN PREPARING FOR WAR WITH THE U.S.

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IN OUR MULTI-CULTURAL, MULTI-ETHNIC, MULTI-POLITICAL AND MULTI-GRIEVANCE WORLD PEOPLE IN ALL PARTS OF IT CAN MAKE A CLAIM OF SUPRALEGAL, HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE VAST WEALTH, OPEN TERRITORY AND POLITICAL FREEDOMS OF THE U.S. AND THEY DO SO RESENTFULLY BECAUSE THEIR NATIVE CIRCUMSTANCES DO NOT INCLUDE THESE BENEFITS.

THESE RESENTMENTS HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED BY THE A/W TO THE POINT WHERE THEY ACT AS BOTH A PRIMARY UNIFYING FORCE AND A HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WEAPON. CONSIDERING THE MANY DIFFERENT INTERESTS AND IDENTITIES THAT GATHER UNDER THE A/W TENT, THIS IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT, AS WITH A PHONE CALL OR AN EMAIL THEY CAN BE CONTACTED AND ALERTED TO IMPENDING EVENTS OR FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION.

IN OUR TIME, THE PREFERRED FORM OF ACTION IS THE PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION SUCH AS PARADES, PROTESTS, STRIKES, SIT-INS AND OTHER DISTURBANCES, LARGE OR SMALL, LENGTHY OR BRIEF. PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS SUCH AS THESE WERE EXTREMELY RARE PRIOR TO WW II, BUT ARE NOW FREQUENT AND REGULAR OCCURRENCES. WHY?

THE ANSWER IS THE BROAD AND INSTANT COVERAGE MADE POSSIBLE BY OUR MSM THAT SERVES TWO IMPORTANT PURPOSES. IT ALLOWS THE EVENT, ITSELF, TO BE VIEWED WHEREVER OUR ELECTRONIC MESSAGES ARE RECEIVED, AND IT ALLOWS THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THE DEMONSTRATION TO SEE THEMSELVES IN REAL TIME OR LATER. THIS SELF-OBSERVATION HAS INTRODUCED

A NEW ELEMENT INTO PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS: SOME ARE PURE PROTESTS WHILE OTHERS CARRY WITH THEM THE MOOD AND MESSAGE OF A FESTIVAL.

MANY DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SINGLE PURPOSE, SINGLE SPONSOR EVENTS — WHETHER SPONTANEOUS OR ARRANGED — BUT THE EFFORTS OF A LOCAL GROUP TO ORGANIZE AN EVENT CAN INCLUDE ASKING OTHERS TO JOIN AND PARTICIPATE, ESPECIALLY IF INDICATED TURN-OUT APPEARS LOW. SIMILARLY, THE LARGE NATIONAL OR INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS OF THE A/W ALLIANCE CAN OFFER ASSISTANCE VIA THEIR MONEY, MESSAGES, MEDIA AND METHODS. THE A/W HAS BECOME ADEPT AT THIS KIND OF MANIPULATION. IN ITS SPHERE OF MANY DIFFERENT POPULATIONS, ISSUES AND IDENTITIES, A RIGID POWER STRUCTURE CANNOT DELIVER THE SUCCESS OF CREATING INTERACTION THAT RESULTS FROM CONSTANTLY, SLOWLY STIRRING THE POT.

REGARDLESS OF CAUSES, MESSAGES AND EVENTS, OUR TECHNOLOGY HAS TRANSPORTED US TO A NEW ERA IN WHICH ALL PUBLIC EVENTS HAVE A DIMENSION OF PERSONAL PRIDE, IDENTITY, CELEBRATION AND PUBLICITY. THE RESULT IS ONE OF REAL MUTUAL BENEFIT IN WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL NEED/WISH TO CELEBRATE SELF IS AIDED BY THE GROUP’S SUPPORT AND RETURNED IN THE FORM OF ADDED ENTHUSIASM, NUMBERS OF SUPPORTERS AND AN EXPANDING ZONE OF INTEREST, COMMENTS, QUESTIONS AND CONVERTS.

“AND IT IS OUR ENEMY.”

IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC OPINION AND DEMONSTRATION WE FACE A NEW AND INESCAPABLE TRUTH — THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LOCAL DEMONSTRATION, OR EVENT, ANYMORE. REGARDLESS OF ITS SIZE OR IMPORTANCE, A LOCAL EVENT OF MODEST SIZE AND SUBJECT TODAY CAN, IF PROPERLY DIRECTED, “GO NATIONAL” TOMORROW. OUR GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES WERE SLOW IN RECOGNIZING THIS LEVERAGE, AND EVEN NOW FAIL TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE WAY THE POWER OF INFORMATION AND ACTION FLOWS THROUGH THE A/W COALITION AND ENERGIZES ALL ITS LEVELS. AND IT IS OUR ENEMY.

FOR THE WEST, THE MOST DIFFICULT ASPECT OF THE WAR BEING WAGED AGAINST IT IS THAT ITS ATTACKS DO NOT COME IN A MASS, UNIFIED MANNER, BUT RATHER IN MILLIONS OF SMALL, DISGUISED, DAILY EFFORTS AND MESSAGES THAT NEITHER OUR CITIZENS NOR OUR LEADERS PRIORITIZE AS AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT. THIS WIDESPREAD INDIFFERENCE IS WHY AWARENESS MUST BE BOTH THE POMO’S STARTING POINT AND EVENTUAL GOAL. PUBLIC AWARENESS WILL ALSO DETERMINE THE STRATEGIES AND METHODS THAT THE POMO WILL EMPLOY IN ITS ATTEMPTS TO ALERT THE NATION TO THE THREAT POSED BY THE A/W.

THIS PROBLEM IS NOT INSOLVABLE, BUT IT IS SERIOUS. UNDER IDEAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR A REPUBLIC SUCH AS OURS, INFORMED PUBLIC OPINION WOULD ALLOW OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO DEFEND OUR CULTURE AND SOCIETY. BUT THERE IS NOTHING IDEAL ABOUT OUR SITUATION. OUR LEADERS IN CONGRESS HAVE CORRUPTED OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BY ACCEPTING MONEY AND OTHER BENEFITS FROM SPECIAL INTERESTS AND THEIR LOBBYISTS, AND THE PUBLIC

IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY INFORMED TO MOUNT THE EFFORT NEEDED TO BREAK THIS BOND.

AGAIN, IN A PROPERLY FUNCTIONING REPUBLIC THE MSM, WHICH ENJOYS SPECIAL STATUS AND PRIVILEGES IN OUR DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT, WOULD TAKE UPON ITSELF THE TASK OF CREATING AN INFORMED ELECTORATE BY OFFERING IT A STEADY STREAM OF CLEAR, FACTUAL AND UNBIASED REPORTS THAT SPELL OUT THE HISTORY, MOTIVATION AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF OUR SITUATION AND WHAT CHOICES ARE AVAILABLE TO US.

THE CYNICAL AMONG US WILL OPINE THAT SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD NOT WORK, BUT THINK BACK TO THE EVENTS SURROUNDING OUR FOUNDING WHEN THE THIRTEEN COLONIES' INFREQUENTLY AND IRREGULARLY PRINTED LOCAL NEWSPAPERS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE INDEPENDENCE ISSUE PLAYED A CRITICAL PART IN MOVING IT FROM RUMOR TO REALITY.

BUT THAT WAS THEN, AND THIS IS NOW — AND THE SAD TRUTH IS THAT OUR MSM CANNOT UNDERTAKE SUCH A VITAL ROLE BECAUSE IT LACKS THE NECESSARY INDEPENDENCE; BECAUSE IT IS ITSELF BIASED AGAINST WCIV; AND BECAUSE ITS PEOPLE, PROGRAMS AND POLITICOS MOSTLY ALIGN WITH THOSE OF THE LL. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE A/W COALITION.

"...AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, EVEN THEN IT WILL HAVE TO BE EARNED."

BEAR IN MIND THAT OUR POLITICAL PALETTE HOLDS VERY FEW TRUE COLORS. THERE'S GREEN FOR MONEY AND RED FOR BLOOD AND THE REST IS AN ASSORTMENT OF BLENDS. THAT IS NOT WHAT WE WERE; IT IS WHAT WE HAVE BECOME. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECLAIM OUR BETTER SELVES, OR OUR BETTER VIEW OF OURSELVES, QUICKLY. THE UNDERSTANDING NECESSARY FOR THAT TRANSFORMATION WILL HAVE TO BE LEARNED AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, EVEN THEN IT WILL HAVE TO BE EARNED.

OUR GOVERNMENTAL CORRUPTION IS DEEPLY IMBEDDED AND WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEPARATE OURSELVES FROM IT EASILY, BUT IT MUST BE DONE. HUMAN AGENCY CAN INFLUENCE AND ALTER OUR CULTURE AND SOCIETY, AS IT DOES OUR GOVERNMENT, BUT WITH CULTURE/CIVILIZATION THE TIME IS LONGER AND THE PACE IS SLOWER. THE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS NEEDED ARE AWARENESS AND WILL. THEY ARE AMONG THE MISSING NOW, BUT THEY ARE QUALITIES THAT POMOS CAN GENERATE AND RESTORE.

WAYS AND MEANS

THIS IS A PHRASE USUALLY ASSOCIATED WITH OUR CONGRESS WHERE IT SERVES AS A TITLE FOR WHAT IS PROBABLY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' MOST POWERFUL COMMITTEE. WE WILL USE IT IN THIS AND FUTURE CHAPTERS TO ILLUSTRATE THE MANY OPPORTUNITIES AND METHODS THAT THE A/W EMPLOYS TO ATTACK OR WEAKEN WCIV. AGAIN, THE A/W IS NOT A COHESIVE BODY THAT FUNCTIONS SMOOTHLY WITHIN EITHER A FIRM STRUCTURE OR AUTHORITY.

RATHER, IT IS A SHARED PURPOSE, LIKE A CRUSADE, THAT IS

ABLE TO ATTRACT AND DIRECT THE ENERGIES OF ITS MEMBERS. WHILE THEY ARE OF MANY DIFFERENT ORIGINS, SIZES AND INTERESTS, THEIR COMMON GOALS HAVE BEEN PUT TO EFFECTIVE USE BY THE A/W. AND ALTHOUGH THE A/W HAS BEEN ABLE TO SHAPE, DIRECT AND MAGNIFY THE FORCES OF ITS MANY MEMBERS, THEIR ASSOCIATION IS NOT ONE OF EQUALS, AS THERE ARE SOME WHOSE RESOURCES AND IMPACT FAR OUTWEIGH THOSE OF OTHERS —MOST NOTABLY ISLAM, WHICH WE WILL DISCUSS IN DETAIL IN A LATER CHAPTER.

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"RACISM", AS WE HAVE NOTED, HAS BECOME THE "ONE WORD KILLS ALL" WEAPON OF CHOICE OF OUR TIME. FIRST, IT HAS IMMEDIATE APPEAL TO NON-WESTERN CULTURES THAT HAVE HAD TO WATCH WITH GREAT ENVY, BUT LITTLE RECOURSE, THE 1,000 YEARS PROGRESSION OF WCIV'S WEALTH AND POWER. THIS PROCESS OF ADVANCEMENT OCCURRED AS OTHER CULTURES/SOCIETIES ROSE AND FELL, AND INCLUDED PERIODS OF GLOBAL EXPLORATION AND COLONIALISM WHICH BROUGHT ENSLAVEMENT, ABUSE AND EXTINCTION TO NATIVE CULTURES.

THE RESULTING ANTAGONISMS COMBINED WITH ENVY TO PRODUCE A LEVEL OF POWERFUL ANGER BENEATH THE SURFACE OF MANY SOCIETIES. AT VARIOUS TIMES AND PLACES, WHEN IT EXPRESSED ITSELF AND GAINED PUBLIC ATTENTION BY ERUPTING, IT WAS ROUTINELY QUASHED BY THE WEST'S SUPERIOR POLITICAL, COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY POWER.

"TODAY, NOTHING IS SEPARATE; EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ARE JOINED AND INSTANTLY VISIBLE."

THIS PATTERN OF WESTERN POWER DOMINANCE MEETING MOSTLY SEPARATE INSTANCES OF RESISTANCE WAS TERMINATED BY THE TWO GREAT GLOBAL CONFLICTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY AND THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTIONS IN TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION THAT FOLLOWED THEM. TODAY, NOTHING IS SEPARATE; EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE ARE JOINED AND INSTANTLY VISIBLE.

THE SECOND ASPECT THAT HAS MADE THE CHARGE OF "RACISM" SUCH A LETHAL WEAPON IS THAT IT LAYS A MESSAGE OF GUILT ON THE RECIPIENT WHICH THROUGH THE LL IN THIS COUNTRY AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WEST HAS BEEN ACCEPTED WITHOUT ARGUMENT.

IT IS DOUBTFUL WHETHER THE FIRST PERSON TO USE "RACIST" FOR PEJORATIVE REASONS, AND TO MOVE IT FROM ITS HISTORICAL SENSE TO ITS CURRENT ATTACK STATUS, HAD ANY INKLING OF THE SUCCESS HIS/HER CHOICE WOULD PRODUCE. HERE AND ELSEWHERE, PEOPLE REACTED IN EXTREME WAYS — OFTEN DISPLAYING FEAR OR PANIC AT ANY ACCUSATION, OR EVEN SUGGESTION, OF "RACISM". IN AMERICA NOT SINCE OUR 17TH CENTURY COLONIAL TIME HAD GUILT OCCUPIED SUCH AN IMPORTANT PLACE IN OUR SOCIETY'S THOUGHT AND BEHAVIOR.

THE MASS ASSUMPTION OF GUILT IS A CURIOUS PHENOMENON. MOST RECENTLY IN OUR TIME, WE HAVE SEEN IT AT WORK IN GERMANY AS THE RESULT OF ITS NAZI BRUTALITY AND OPPRESSION;

AND IN OUR OWN COUNTRY IN THE WAY OUR INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS ROILED OUR POSTWAR POLITICS/DIPLOMACY. ONCE, HOWEVER, THE LL WITNESSED HOW READILY AMERICANS ACCEPTED THE “RACIST” CHARGE AND WERE COWED BY IT, THEY RAMPED ITS USE UP TO THE GLOBAL LEVEL WITH AN EXTENDED MEANING OF MORAL, POLITICAL AND EVEN HUMAN FAILURE. SADLY FOR US, OUR LENGTHY EXPERIENCE OF RACIAL CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE HAVE MADE THE USE AND ABUSE OF THE CHARGE OF “RACISM” MORE INVITING AND EFFECTIVE HERE THAN ELSEWHERE.

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THROUGHOUT THE FORMATION OF OUR AMERICAN IDENTITY DEFINING EVENTS HAVE PRESENTED PROBLEMS WHICH, BY OUR FAILURE TO RESOLVE THEM, HAVE BECOME CONTRADICTIONS AND NOW EXIST AS FLAWS WHICH WE OVERLOOK, BUT WHICH ARE SEEN AS OPPORTUNITIES BY OUR ENEMIES. THIS IS IMPORTANT FOR THE POMO TO RECOGNIZE AND TO USE IN CREATING AWARENESS.

FOR MOST OF ITS HISTORY AMERICA, WAS A LAND WITH A CULTURE IN WHICH THE WHOLE WAS GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS AND IN WHICH ITS VARIOUS PEOPLES AND TRIBES (I.E. PARTS) ASPIRED TO BE TRANSFORMED AND ABSORBED BY THE WHOLE. IT HAD BEEN THIS WAY SINCE WE FIRST BECAME A NATION AND THEN GREW IN CONTROLLED NUMBERS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

THIS IS NO LONGER TRUE, AS IS EVIDENT BY OUR EMBRACE OF POLITICAL CORRECTNESS (PC) AND MULTICULTURALISM (MC) WHICH EMPHASIZE AND CELEBRATE “PARTS” — NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL. THESE ARE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE WEAPONS WHOSE DIN AND CLAMOR OF MANY VOICES DEMAND TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF THE WHOLE WHILE THEY MAINTAIN THEIR SEPARATE IDENTITIES.

OUR POLITICAL RESPONSE HAS BEEN TO STEADILY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF “PARTS” (I.E., IMMIGRANTS) AND, THEREBY, THE DEMANDS UPON OUR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RESOURCES. BY ANY OF ITS CONSEQUENCES, THIS PROCESS CAN BE VIEWED AS ONE OF SEPARATION FUELED BY CYNICISM AND LOSS OF TRUST IN OUR VALUES AND INSTITUTIONS.

“AWARENESS IS THE FIRST, CRITICAL STEP!”

IT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO GROWTH OF GREED AND CORRUPTION IN OUR GOVERNMENT, ELECTORAL FRAUD/SUBVERSION AND A PERSISTENT FAILURE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE LIST GOES ON; THE THREAT IS REAL. THE A/W FORCES ARE AT THE GATE. FOR THE LAST HALF CENTURY, OUR INTERNAL CONFLICTS AND CONTRADICTIONS HAVE COMFORTED THEM. THEY WILL NOT GO AWAY IF WE SIMPLY WAIT AND WONDER, BUT THEY CAN BE SOUNDLY DEFEATED BY THE INFORMED WILL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN REAFFIRMING NATIONAL VALUES, UNITY AND PRIORITIES IN THEIR CULTURE AND GOVERNMENT. AWARENESS IS THE FIRST, CRITICAL STEP!

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IN A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC SUCH AS OURS, IF TIME AND CIRCUMSTANCE CHANGE AND RENDER OUR LAWS NO LONGER ADEQUATE, POSSIBLE OR MEANINGFUL, THEN THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED BY THE MEANS PROVIDED IN OUR CONSTITUTION. THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED BECAUSE CONGRESS LACKS THE NECESSARY JUDGEMENT AND FLEXIBILITY THAT OUR FOUNDERS ASSUMED THEIR SUCCESSORS WOULD HAVE AND USE. QUITE TO THE CONTRARY, OUR LEGISLATIVE BRANCH HAS DISPLAYED A CLEAR DRIFT IN ITS COMMITMENT FROM IDEALS TO IDEOLOGY.

THERE ARE SEVERAL FACTORS “IN PLAY”. WE HAVE BOTH A CORRUPT AND COMPLIANT CONGRESS AND A MSM EMPOWERED BY WEALTH, TECHNOLOGY AND REACH. THIS IS A POWERFUL COMBINATION WHICH SEEMS TO FAVOR CREATING PUBLIC OPINION RATHER THAN REFLECTING IT

TRUTH IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS MAY, LIKE BEAUTY, LIE IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER. NEVERTHELESS, WE THINK THAT OUR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST QUARTER CENTURY HAS ABUSED OUR TRADITIONAL CONCEPT OF GOVERNMENT AND PUT IT AT RISK. THE BEST WAY TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, “HOW COULD IT HAPPEN HERE?” IS TO ASK IT NOW RATHER THAN WHEN IT’S TOO LATE.

OUR PURPOSE IN THESE COMMENTS ABOUT OUR GOVERNMENT IS NOT TO ENGAGE IN SOME DON QUIXOTE-LIKE QUEST FOR TRUTH, BEAUTY AND JUSTICE — TO WIN THE UNWINNABLE FIGHT, TO DREAM THE IMPOSSIBLE DREAM — BUT TO REALIZE THAT THE FLAWS OF JUDGEMENT AND JUSTICE THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED IN OUR GOVERNMENT ARE TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE A/W AND WILL BE EFFECTIVELY USED AGAINST US.

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THESE CONFLICTS WHICH WE HAVE ALLOWED TO EXIST ARE OFTEN ROOTED IN THE VAST WEALTH AND POWER THAT AMERICA HAS CLAIMED IN THE TWO GENERATIONS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE THE END OF WW II. THEY ARE NOT, OF COURSE, ALL IDENTICAL, OR EVEN SIMILAR, IN THEIR ORIGINS OR CONSEQUENCES, BUT MANY REVEAL TWO NEGATIVE CHARACTERISTICS AS PRESENT IN OUR BEHAVIOR AND OUR TREATMENT OF NATIONAL PROBLEMS — PRETENSE AND ABUSE. IT’S LIKELY THAT THESE PATTERNS WERE JUST TOLERATED AS A MEANS OF AVOIDING AN ESPECIALLY THORNY PROBLEM AND HAVE GAINED IN POPULARITY BECAUSE OF THEIR SUCCESS. BUT THEY CARRY RISKS; THEY LULL US INTO A FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY, THEY DAMAGE OUR RELATIONS WITH OTHERS AND WITH OURSELVES AND THEIR EFFECT UPON OUR CULTURE, BOTH PAST AND FUTURE, IS UNHEALTHY AND SELF-DEFEATING.

LET’S LOOK AT A FEW EXAMPLES OF THESE TWO FACTORS — PRETENSE AND ABUSE — AT WORK IN OUR CONDUCT OF GOVERNMENT. SINCE OUR FOUNDING WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY CLAIMED THAT OUR DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL SYSTEM PRODUCES A GOVERNMENT THAT IS SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS AND, INDEED THERE IS SOME TRUTH IN WHAT WE SAY, BUT, AS OUR NATION HAS GROWN IN SIZE AND COMPLEXITY, WE HAVE LET SOME IMPORTANT VALUES SLIDE.

OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM NOW HAS PROBLEMS THAT WERE UNKNOWN IN ITS EARLIER TIME AND FORM. MOST NOTABLE IS THAT

CORRUPTION AT ITS LOCAL LEVEL IS IN MANY PLACES A MIRROR IMAGE OF WHAT TAKES PLACE AT OUR UPPER STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS. THERE WAS SO MUCH MONEY CHASING VOTES AND IT HAD TO GO SOMEWHERE.

SO MUCH FOR PRETENSE; WHAT ABOUT ABUSE? WELL, WE HAVE ABUSED OUR SYSTEM OF CHECKS AND BALANCES WHICH IS THE FOUNDATION THAT MAKES OUR THREE BRANCH GOVERNMENT SO UNIQUE AND ENVIABLE. OUR SENATE, WHICH HAS PRIDED ITSELF FOR TWO CENTURIES ON BEING A SOURCE OF EFFECTIVE AND CIVILIZED GOVERNMENT, IS HOPELESSLY DIVIDED WITH MOST OF ITS VOTES DETERMINED BY IDEOLOGY RATHER THAN THE ISSUE. THIS HAS RESULTED IN NUMEROUS IMPORTANT ISSUES BEING DECIDED BY STRAIGHT PARTY LINE VOTES — WITH FEW OR NO CROSS-OVERS.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF OUR ABUSE OF OUR CHECKS AND BALANCES SYSTEM HAS BEEN THE POLITICIZATION OF THE SUPREME COURT AS SHOWN IN ITS APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE AND ITS DECISIONS. NO LONGER A POLITICALLY NEUTRAL GROUP OF DISTINGUISHED JURISTS THAT REGULARLY PRODUCED WIDELY DIFFERENT VOTE TALLIES IN THEIR OPINIONS, IT IS NOW SEEN BY THE PUBLIC AND THE MSM AS A KIND OF POLITICAL REFEREE AND AS A POLITICAL TRIBUNAL OF LAST RESORT.

THESE CHANGES IN OUR CHECKS AND BALANCES ARE NO SMALL MATTER! POLITICALLY, THEY ARE THE GROUND SHIFTING UNDER OUR FEET WHICH IS A DANGER SIGNAL WE SHOULD NOT IGNORE. WE HAVE BROUGHT THIS ABUSE UPON OURSELVES AND SEEM NOT TO HAVE THE WILL TO CHANGE IT.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF ABUSE THAT CONTRADICTS OUR PRETENSE TO GOOD GOVERNMENT DELIVERED BY OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM HAS BEEN THE RISE OF LOBBYISTS IN THE FUNCTIONING OF OUR GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE SO NUMEROUS NOW AND SUCH A UBIQUITOUS PRESENCE IN OUR CONGRESS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO AS “OUR FOURTH BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT”.

IT WAS NOT ALWAYS SO. AS RECENTLY AS THE END OF WW II A SINGLE LOBBYIST FOR A LARGE CORPORATION WAS EMPLOYED TO EXPLAIN TAX, PRODUCT AND LEGAL MATTERS TO RELEVANT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. TODAY THE SAME CORPORATION MAY BE REPRESENTED BY A LARGE LAW FIRM WHOSE OPERATIVES FULL TIME IS DEVOTED TO SECURING THE COOPERATION AND VOTES OF OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

MONEY AND OTHER BENEFITS FLOW AND VOTES ARE CAST; IT’S AS SIMPLE AND EASY AS THAT. BUT OUR RECENT INCLUSION OF LOBBYING IN OUR POLITICAL PROCESS BODES ILL FOR OUR GOVERNMENT. AS THE RESULT OF IT WE HAVE LOST BOTH INNOCENCE AND CREDIBILITY — AGAIN, AMONG OTHERS AND OURSELVES. IS THERE A VOTE IN CONGRESS THAT WILL CALL FOR CHANGE?

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BUT OUR FOCUS IS ON OUR CULTURE AND ITS PERSPECTIVES WHICH EXTEND FAR BEYOND CONGRESS AND ITS LEGISLATIVE FUNCTION. A CASE CAN BE MADE THAT, TWO OF OUR MOST EVIDENT EXAMPLES OF CULTURAL PRETENSE AND ABUSE HAVE OCCURRED IN THE CONTENT AND MANAGEMENT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL

SYSTEM AND OUR MSM. PARENTHETICALLY, THESE TWO PUBLIC INFORMATION SECTORS OF OUR SOCIETY, ALONG WITH RELIGION, LAY CLAIMS TO THE STRONGEST PROTECTIONS AND GUARANTEES OF INDEPENDENCE AVAILABLE UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION.

AND YET THE STANDARDS FOR HISTORICAL TRUTH AND FOR APPROPRIATENESS OF BEHAVIOR AND TASTE OF THE SUBJECTS AND INFORMATION THEY OFFER HAVE DECLINED SO STEADILY AND STEEPLY THAT WE MAY HAVE REACHED THE BOTTOM. EVEN ALLOWING FOR DIFFERENCES IN INDIVIDUAL TASTES, THE POSTWAR DECADES HAVE DISPLAYED A PERSISTENT “DUMBING DOWN” OF OUR EDUCATIONAL AND MSM INSTITUTIONS’ “PRODUCT”. WHY?

THERE ARE TWO LARGE-FOCUS TRENDS THAT CAME INTO PLAY. IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM FACULTIES, TEXTBOOKS AND COURSES INCREASINGLY REFLECTED THE POLITICAL SHIFT TO THE LEFT THAT BEGAN IN THE KENNEDY AND JOHNSON ADMINISTRATIONS AND THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF THE UNION DOMINATED DEPT. OF EDUCATION. IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR UNIVERSITIES, BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC, TO EXPERIENCE POLITICALLY BASED BATTLES WITHIN THEIR FACULTIES TO DETERMINE WHAT COURSES WOULD BE TAUGHT AND WHAT THEIR CONTENT SHOULD BE. FOR LIBERAL ACADEMICS THIS BECAME A SELF-CONFIRMING TREND AS THEIR NUMBERS GREW.

THE SECOND TREND WAS ALSO SUBJECT TO POLITICAL INFLUENCE ALTHOUGH THIS WAS GENERALLY NOT ACKNOWLEDGED. FOLLOWING THE EXPANSION OF OUR COLLEGES DURING THE HIGH ENROLLMENTS OF THE POSTWAR G.I. BILL YEARS, OUR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES FOUND THEMSELVES WITH ENLARGED FACILITIES WHICH HAD TO BE FILLED TO MAINTAIN PROFITABILITY. THIS WAS DONE. POSTWAR POPULATION FIGURES, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO RISE STEEPLY AND HAD TO BE ACCOMMODATED.

THE NATURE OF THIS PRESSURE WAS MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMICAL BECAUSE OF RACIAL, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS THAT MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR SCHOOLS TO ELECT NOT TO AWARD DIPLOMAS TO SOME OF ITS STUDENTS. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT SUGGESTS A SHIFT IN PUBLIC PERCEPTION, FOR, WHEREAS OUR GOVERNMENT GUARANTEES US THE RIGHT TO A FREE EDUCATION, A GROWING PORTION OF OUR POPULATION BEGAN TO INTERPRET THAT AS A GUARANTEE OF A DIPLOMA.

THE POSTWAR POPULATION BOOM MEANT MORE AND MORE STUDENTS HAD TO BE EDUCATED AND THAT THE NUMBER OF THOSE WHO FAILED WOULD INCREASE PROPORTIONALLY. THE REMEDY THAT SATISFIED PARENTS, POPULATION, ADMINISTRATORS, TEXT BOOK PUBLISHERS AND THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION (I.E., THE TEACHERS’ UNIONS) WAS TO LESSEN SCHOLASTIC REQUIREMENTS AND INCREASE ACHIEVEMENT BY “DUMBING DOWN” COURSE CONTENT.

OUR EDUCATIONAL AND MEDIA ESTABLISHMENTS ARE KEY CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES AND YET WE PRETEND TO ONE VALUE AND DELIVER ANOTHER THAT IS TAINTED BY POLITICS AND PROFIT WHICH WILL ALWAYS BE PRESENT IN OUR “CAPITALIST, FREE MARKET” ECONOMY, BUT THE DECLINE IN QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL AND MSM “PRODUCT” HAS BEEN CLEARLY VISIBLE OVER RECENT YEARS. THE QUESTION WE AS A CULTURE AND SOCIETY MUST ASK IS THE ONE WE DO NOT ASK — WHY?

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OUR INQUIRY INTO OUR PRETENSE/ABUSE PATTERN OF CONDUCT WOULD BE FAULTY IF WE DID NOT INCLUDE HOW WE APPLY IT TO OUR NATIONAL FINANCES. FOR TWO CENTURIES OUR ECONOMIC POLICIES AND DEVELOPMENT HAVE BEEN FORMED BY THE IR — FIRST THE IMPROVED MASS PRODUCTION METHODS MADE POSSIBLE BY STEAM, COAL, OIL AND ELECTRICITY AND THEN BY THE MASS CONSUMERISM NECESSARY TO BUY THEIR OUTPUT. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT BOTH PRODUCTION AND CONSUMERISM, OUR CAPITALIST PRIVATE SECTOR PUT FORTH THE THEORY THAT THE TWO, WHEN COMBINED EFFICIENTLY, WILL PRODUCE PERMANENT, PROFITABLE GROWTH, EVEN THOUGH THE NATURAL RESOURCES MENTIONED ABOVE, ON WHICH THIS GROWTH IS PREDICATED AND WHICH TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO WERE THOUGHT TO BE UNENDINGLY AVAILABLE, ARE NOW VIEWED AS HAVING SHRINKING AND FINITE LIVES.

THIS CONSTITUTES A TOTAL RESHAPING OF THE ECONOMIC FOUNDATION FOR WHAT IS POPULARLY REFERRED TO IN MSM/ GOVERNMENT AND BY THE PUBLIC AS “THE AMERICAN DREAM”. IT IGNORES THE “LAW OF LIMITS”; IT IS BASED ON THE FALSE PREMISE THAT THE BENEFITS OF EXPONENTIAL GROWTH WILL ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE FROM FINITE RESOURCES. THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE NOW, AND YET WE ALLOW OURSELVES TO PRETEND THAT IT IS — A FORM OF ABUSE AGAINST OURSELVES AND OUR OFFSPRING.

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IN OUR FREE-MARKET, FREER SPENDING, BUSINESS AS USUAL ECONOMY WE PERMIT AND ENCOURAGE MASSIVE BORROWING UNDER THE PRETENSE THAT WE CAN/WILL AFFORD IT, AND THAT IT IS A GENUINE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL “GOOD”. THE ABUSE DOESN’T SHOW IN OUR GAUDY, CONSUMER ECONOMY, BUT IS CLEARLY VISIBLE IN OUR REGULARLY REPORTED, BUT DRAB, GOVERNMENT STATISTICS THAT YEAR AFTER YEAR HAVE CHARTED THE INCREASES IN OUR NATIONAL DEBT. IT NOW STANDS AT ABOUT \$22 TRILLION DOLLARS — A FIGURE THAT EXISTS ON A DIFFERENT SCALE FROM THOSE TO WHICH OUR MINDS OR IMAGINATIONS CAN RELATE. THAT IS NOT A FAILURE ON OUR PART; IT IS SIMPLY BEYOND US, A FORM OF SELF-IMPOSED ABUSE.

WE DO HAVE AT OUR DISPOSAL AN ORDERLY BUDGET PROCESS WHICH WAS OBSERVED BY BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS FOR MANY YEARS, BUT IN RECENT YEARS HAS MOSTLY BEEN DISCARDED IN FAVOR OF “CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS” WHICH AVOID THE HARD LEGISLATIVE WORK OF COMING TO AGREEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL AMOUNTS AND WHICH FAVOR CONGRESS’ DEEP IDEOLOGICAL DIVISIONS. THE LATTER HAVE BEEN WITH US SINCE OUR EARLIEST TIMES, BUT COULD BE SURMOUNTED IN DEALING WITH MATTERS OF NATIONAL INTEREST OR URGENCY.

NOT SO TODAY; THE MONEY DAZZLES TOO MANY OF OUR ELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE POWER THAT ACCOMPANIES IT IS NOW SO CONCENTRATED THAT IT WORKS AGAINST THE CRITICAL SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC BALANCES THAT OUR FOUNDERS LABORED TO ESTABLISH. AS FOR THE FUTURE, OUR CURRENT POPULATION OF 330 MILLION IS EXPECTED TO REACH

AROUND 450 MILLION BY MID-CENTURY AND OUR NATIONAL DEBT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE FROM ITS PRESENT 78% TO 155%²

THE PROBLEM IS THAT, DESPITE THESE LARGELY INCOMPREHENSIBLE LEVELS, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH THEM AND SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS RESTS WITH A FIXED NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THAT THE SENATE WHICH IS OUR SENIOR CHAMBER HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF ONLY 100. LOOKING AT THE SENATE AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WHICH IT MUST ACCOUNT, THIS EQUATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE IN BALANCE. WE FIND ONE MORE FINANCIAL CONTRADICTION IN THE OPERATION OF OUR FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM’S MICRO-MANAGEMENT OF OUR ECONOMY WHICH INCLUDES THE SETTING OF THE NATIONAL PRIME RATE OF INTEREST FROM WHICH ALL OTHER PERSONAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES FOLLOW. AS INTEREST RATES AFFECT THE MONEY SUPPLY AND LOAN VOLUME, ADJUSTING THEM HAS BEEN AN ACCEPTED AND USEFUL TOOL IN FIGHTING INFLATION.

A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO WE CAME ACROSS A REFERENCE THAT “THE FED” WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANOTHER RATE CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE THE RATE THEN IN EFFECT MET ITS TARGETS FOR INFLATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. FOR INFLATION, A LEVEL IN THE 3% TO 4% RANGE THAT WAS CITED AS ACCEPTABLE SET OFF SHOCK WAVES AND RAISED QUESTIONS. WHY?

FIRST, INFLATION IS NOT REGARDED AS AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT OR A UNIVERSAL “GOOD” BY EVERYONE. IT IS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS “THE SILENT KILLER” AND “THE TAX ON EVERYTHING THAT EVERYONE MUST PAY”. IT’S CLEAR THERE ARE DEEP DIVISIONS AMONG OUR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LEADERS OVER THE VALUE, USE AND CONSEQUENCES OF INFLATION. THEIR ARGUMENTS MAY BE LENGTHY AND INFORMATIVE, BUT STILL MAY NOT ANSWER THE QUESTION, “WHAT IS IT? SILENT KILLER? OR UNIVERSAL GOOD ?”

IF WE SET OUR MEMORY MECHANISM BACK TO THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN THE LATE 1970S, WE CAN RECALL A RELENTLESS RISE IN INTEREST RATES THAT PUSHED THEM INTO DOUBLE DIGIT NUMBERS IN THE 15% TO 18% RANGE. NOT SURPRISINGLY, THIS WAS VIEWED AS A NATIONAL CRISIS. THE PHRASE “UNIVERSAL GOOD” WAS NOT HEARD; NOR WAS THERE ANY CALL TO INCREASE RATES FURTHER. THE HIGH RATES, THEMSELVES, WERE EVIDENCE OF IMBALANCES WITHIN OUR BANKING SYSTEM, BUT THE PUBLIC WAS WELL AWARE THEY WOULD RESULT IN HIGHER PRICES THROUGHOUT THE ECONOMY.

WITH THE MEMORY OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION IN MIND, THE ALLIED NATIONS’ ECONOMIC LEADERS MET AFTER WW II AT BRETTON WOODS, NH TO ASSEMBLE A NEW INTERNATIONAL BANKING AND CURRENCY SYSTEM, AND ADOPTED ONE BASED ON THE THEORY AND MEASURES PROPOSED BY JOHN MAYNARD KEYNES WHICH EMPHASIZED THE ROLES OF DEBT, CREDIT AND DEFICIT FINANCING. AND, AS THE RESULT OF OUR TURN TO KEYNESIAN MONETARY POLICY, WE EMBARKED UPON A PERIOD OF INFLATION AND MONETARY EXPANSION.

ONE OTHER SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM BRETTON WOODS WAS THE REPLACEMENT OF THE BRITISH POUND AS THE PRIMARY, OR RESERVE, CURRENCY WITH THE U.S. DOLLAR WHICH HAS RETAINED ITS UNIQUE STATUS TO THIS DAY AS THE BASIS FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL TRADE. WE SAY “UNIQUE” BECAUSE ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT ONE MUST BUY AND SELL DOLLARS TO ENGAGE

IN WORLD TRADE, THE EXCEPTION BEING THE U.S. WHICH CAN PRINT, RATHER THAN BUY, DOLLARS. WORKING ON THE THEORY OF “DO WHAT YOU DO BEST”, WE PRINTED A LOT OF DOLLARS IN THE LAST 70 YEARS AND HAVE SEEN THE VALUE OF OUR DOLLAR DECLINE IN PURCHASING POWER TO ABOUT \$.04 OR \$.05. CALL IT “CURRENCY DEVALUATION”; OR CALL IT “INFLATION”; THE RESULT OF OUR POSTWAR POLICIES AND THEORY HAS BEEN A VERY REAL DROP IN OUR DOLLAR’S VALUE.

EPILOGUE

WE MENTION OUR NATION’S FOUNDERS FREQUENTLY IN OUR COMMENTS — AND ALWAYS WITH GREAT REVERENCE. THEY WERE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS OF EFFORT TO WHICH THEY APPLIED THEIR INTELLIGENCE AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. THEY WERE THINKERS AND COULD EXPRESS THEMSELVES IN WAYS BEYOND THE ASPIRATIONS OR COMPREHENSION OF OUR CURRENT GENERATION. AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL IN THEIR USE OF LANGUAGE WERE OBTAINED FROM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES THAT OFFERED ONLY A VERY SMALL MEASURE OF THE FACILITIES, FACULTY AND COURSES AVAILABLE AT OUR LARGER, WEALTHIER AND MORE NUMEROUS SCHOOLS TODAY.

THE TASK OUR FOUNDERS FACED WAS DAUNTING. FIRST, THEY HAD TO CONVERT THEIR INDIVIDUAL DREAMS OF INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT INTO A WORKING MODEL; AND THEN THEY HAD TO PERSUADE 13 INDEPENDENT COLONIES TO JOIN TOGETHER AS COMMON PARTS OF THE NEW WHOLE. THIS WAS NOT EASY BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHARED THEIR ENGLISH COLONIAL STATUS, THEY EACH HAD DEVELOPED SPECIFIC ECONOMIC AGRICULTURAL, POLITICAL, LEGAL AND CIVIC DIRECTIONS THAT RESISTED BEING TRIMMED DOWN TO “ONE SIZE FITS ALL”. FOR THE MOST PART, THE FOUNDERS WERE HIGHLY, SUCCESSFUL IN ELIMINATING, COUNTERING OR MODIFYING THE NUMEROUS CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS THEY CONFRONTED.

ONE SUCH CONTRADICTION, SLAVERY, WAS SO BITTER AND POWERFUL — ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY AND POLITICALLY — THAT IT WAS PASSED DOWN TO LATER GENERATIONS. IT WAS A DEAL BREAKER IN THE 18TH CENTURY AND AGAIN IN THE 19TH, EXCEPT THAT IN THE LATTER IT BROKE THE UNION TOO. SLAVERY, ITSELF, IS GONE, BUT THE HERITAGE OF THIS SEARING, CIVILIZATIONAL ISSUE AND OUR MANY FAILED ATTEMPTS TO CORRECT IT ARE STILL WITH US. GOING BACK, AS IT DOES, BEFORE OUR THIRTEEN COLONIES BECAME A NATION, THE SLAVERY ISSUE QUALIFIES AS OUR NATION’S LONGEST CULTURAL CONTRADICTION. IT ALSO STANDS AS A CLEAR WARNING OF THE DAMAGE THAT CAN BE DONE BY UNRESOLVED CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS.

OUR POSTWAR ADVANCES IN WEALTH, POWER AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE PRODUCED THEIR OWN CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS WITH URGENT CALLS FOR ATTENTION. THESE CONTRADICTIONS, OR ONES SIMILAR TO THEM, ARE NOT LIMITED TO OUR 21ST CENTURY AMERICAN CULTURE. OVER TIME, THEY HAVE COME AND GONE AND THEN HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY OTHERS MORE SUITED TO THE NEW TIMES WE HAVE CREATED AND THE NEW PEOPLE WE HAVE BECOME. EACH IN ITS OWN WAY EXPRESSES A CONFLICT WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RESOLVE.

THEY CAN DISAPPEAR WITHOUT INTERVENTION BY PEOPLE OR GOVERNMENTS. THEY CAN BE BYPASSED BY TECHNOLOGY AND, AS IN THE CASE OF OUR CRITICAL IMMIGRATION LAW, THEY CAN BE CREATED BY FAILURE TO ENFORCE OUR LAW AND CAN BE CURED BY SIMPLY CHANGING IT. BUT, ESPECIALLY IN POLITICS, WHAT SEEMS TO BE AN EASY FIX CAN BE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT.

WE ARE AT A STAGE WHERE OUR CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS DISTURB US MORE THAN THEY USED TO. AT THE TIME OF OUR FOUNDING OUR MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE WAS INDEPENDENCE AND THE FORMING OF A NEW KIND OF GOVERNMENT BASED ON INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNAL RIGHTS UNDER AN ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF LAWS DERIVED FROM STATE OR FEDERAL AUTHORITY. OUR NATIONAL EXCITEMENT, ENERGY AND PURPOSE COMBINED TO OVERCOME LESSER ISSUES AND PROBLEMS IN OUR FOUNDERS’ PURSUIT OF A NEW FORM AND PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT UNKNOWN TO THEM, THEIR EARLIEST COLONIAL FOREBEARS OR ANY INHABITANT OF WESTERN EUROPE FROM WHICH THEY ALL HAD COME.

WE DO NOT HAVE THEIR SHARED SENSE OF MISSION WITH ITS ANTICIPATION OF UNIQUE SUCCESS AND DIVINE FAVOR. INDEED, EVEN OUR INCREDIBLE COMMUNICATION AND IMAGING TECHNOLOGY COMES OFF FLAT AND FORCED WHEN IT ATTEMPTS TO PORTRAY THE POLITICAL ENERGY RELEASED BY THE WORDS OF JEFFERSON, ADAMS, WASHINGTON, PAINE, MADISON AND FRANKLIN WHICH HAVE ILLUMINATED WESTERN CULTURE FOR TWO CENTURIES.

DIVINE FAVOR WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN OUR FOUNDERS’ THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS AND WAS CLAIMED AND CALLED UPON THROUGHOUT OUR EXTRAORDINARY CENTURY OF WESTERN EXPANSION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OUR FRONTIER WITH THE SETTLING OF OUR WESTERN, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN BORDERS. EVERY ACCOUNT OF THE PIONEERS’ LONG AND HAZARDOUS TREKS WAS LACED WITH BOTH APPEALS AND THANKS FOR DIVINE FAVOR. AS WHOLE VILLAGES AND PARISHES OFTEN EMBARKED EN MASSE, THEIR COMMUNAL FAITH PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED COMFORT, UNITY AND PROTECTION.

THESE TWO EVENTS — THE CREATION OF OUR GOVERNMENT/ NATION AND THE SETTLING OF THE AMERICAN WILDERNESS BY LONG LINES OF WAGONS CONVERTED INTO HOUSEHOLDS — BECAME THE SOURCE OF OUR AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM (AE) WHICH FROM ITS EARLIEST EXPRESSION WAS MARKED BY AWE, FORTUNE AND GRATITUDE AS WELL AS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

THAT FLAVOR NO LONGER EXISTS. TODAY, AE IS MOST OFTEN AND WIDELY PROFESSED BY SPECTATORS AT PUBLIC EVENTS (POLITICAL, SOCIAL, ATHLETIC, ETC.) WHO SPONTANEOUSLY AND REPETITIVELY CHANT “USA, USA”. THIS VERSION OF AE IS NOT ABOUT AWE, FORTUNE AND GRATITUDE. QUITE THE CONTRARY, IT IS ABOUT COMPETITION, POWER AND SUPERIORITY.

THIS IS AS CLEAR AN EXAMPLE OF CULTURAL CONTRADICTION AS WE CAN EXPECT TO FIND. OUR FIRST, AND SOFTER, SENSE OF AE HELD ITS OWN UP UNTIL WW I WHICH ALSO WAS ABOUT COMPETITION, POWER AND SUPERIORITY; AND WHICH, AFTER THE WAR, COMBINED TO FORM THE BASE OF THE ERA OF INTENSE NATIONALISM THAT UNDERLIES MANY OF OUR GLOBAL CONFLICTS TODAY.

BY ANY STANDARD, THE TRANSFORMATION OF AE FROM A LOCAL SENSE OF REVERENCE TO ONE OF INTERNATIONAL POWER STATUS IS EXTRAORDINARY, AND COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED WITHOUT THE

ASSISTANCE OF EARLY 20TH CENTURY TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES IN AIR TRAVEL, RADIO AND FILM. ALL OF THESE, IN SHRINKING THE WORLD, INCREASED COMPETITION FOR ITS GROWING SUPPLY OF BENEFITS.

A TRULY SEMINAL EVENT IN THIS PROCESS OCCURRED AT THE 1936 OLYMPICS IN BERLIN WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL GAMES, THEN STILL RESTRICTED TO AMATEUR CONTESTANTS, WAS TURNED INTO A DISPLAY OF GERMAN POWER BY EXAGGERATED SOUND AND LIGHT LEVELS, CHEERING SPECTATORS, MARTIAL MUSIC, THOUSANDS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL IN FULL UNIFORM AND SWASTIKAS IN UNCOUNTABLE PROFUSION. FOR THOSE WHO VIEWED THE 1936 GAMES, EITHER IN BERLIN OR BY NEWSREEL, THERE COULD BE NO MISTAKING THEIR PURPOSE. THE ATHLETES AND THEIR CONTESTS WERE SECONDARY; THE MAIN EVENT WAS NAZI GERMANY'S DECLARING ITS REGAINED POLITICAL AND MILITARY POWER TO THE WORLD. COINCIDENTALLY, HITLER'S OLYMPIC "SOUND AND LIGHT" SHOW DEALT AN EARLY, BUT MORTAL, BLOW TO THE OLYMPIC AMATEUR IDEAL FROM WHICH IT WOULD NEVER RECOVER.

THE WAY AHEAD – HOW?

"...QUIETLY, EFFICIENTLY AND WITH NO APPEAL PROCESS."

IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES EXPERIENCE THE KIND OF CONTRADICTIONS FOUND IN OPEN SOCIETIES. AFTER ALL, THE LATTER REPRESENT A DIVERGENCE OF THOUGHT, A SORT OF DUALITY, THAT AUTHORITARIANISM NEITHER ENCOURAGES NOR TOLERATES. BEST GUESS IS THAT THEY ARE DEALT WITH IN THE SAME WAY AS DISSENT AND OTHER VENTURES BEYOND THE "PARTY LINE" — QUIETLY, EFFICIENTLY AND WITH NO APPEAL PROCESS.

STILL, IN OUR OPEN SOCIETY, WHETHER WE VIEW THEM AS A BLESSING OR A CURSE — AND THEY CAN BE BOTH — THEY CAN, IF ALLOWED TO FESTER, GROW FROM MINOR IRRITANTS TO MAJOR ISSUES. WE HAVE SEEN THIS IN OUR INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE IMMIGRATION ISSUE IN WHICH A HALF CENTURY OF REFUSING TO ENFORCE EXISTING LAW HAS MADE THE ISSUE LARGER, MORE PAINFUL AND MORE DIFFICULT TO SOLVE FOR ALL PARTIES INVOLVED. TODAY, THIS CONTINUING CONFLICT TESTIFIES TO TROUBLING FAILURES IN OUR LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL AND ENFORCEMENT POLICIES.

THE AE SITUATION IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT BEING MOSTLY A MATTER OF HOW WE SEE OURSELVES AND NOT DIRECTLY AFFECTING OUR GOVERNMENT PROCESS. BUT, NEVERTHELESS, IT REACHES OUT FURTHER THAN WE THINK, AS THE IMAGE WE HAVE OF OURSELVES INVARIABLY AFFECTS THE IMAGE OTHERS HAVE OF US. ONCE RELEASED AND SET IN MOTION THAT IMAGE CAN BE CIRCULATED, EMBROIDERED, DENIED, WHATEVER, BY OTHERS. OUR ONLY WAY OF CHANGING IT THEN WILL BE OUR CONDUCT.

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WE HAVE CITED MANY AREAS OF CULTURAL CONTRADICTION THAT WE HAVE ALLOWED TO GROW TO OUT-OF-CONTROL STATUS AND THAT NOW THREATEN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED BY OUR FOUNDERS OVER TWO CENTURIES AGO. THIS RELATIONSHIP DID NOT ALWAYS SUCCEED IN ITS AMBITION, BUT FOR MOST OF THAT TIME IT WAS A UNITING FORCE — SOMETHING THAT WE STROVE FOR AND THAT GUIDED OUR DESTINY. OVER THE YEARS WITHIN ITS FRAMEWORK, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT HAVE MOSTLY BEEN ABLE TO SORT OUT DIFFERENCES, REGROUP AND PUT OUR EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF SOCIAL/POLITICAL ENERGY TO THE DEMANDS OF A PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL FUTURE. THAT METHOD AND MOMENT NO LONGER EXIST AND THEY CANNOT BE REGAINED BY REPEATING THE ERRORS OF THE PAST — JUST BY TALKING, HOPING AND DOING NOTHING.

IN THE BEGINNING THE CONGRESS WAS COMPOSED MOSTLY OF EDUCATED, SUCCESSFUL LEADERS OF THEIR COMMUNITIES WHO UNDERSTOOD THEIR CONSTITUENTS' PREFERENCES AND COULD LEAVE THEIR HOMES AND BUSINESSES FOR 3 TO 4 MONTHS TO DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES THE ISSUES THAT REQUIRED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

THROUGHOUT ALL THEIR DEBATES THERE WERE DISTINCT, AND OFTEN SHARP, PARTY DIFFERENCES, BUT, WHILE THEY WERE SPIRITED IN NATURE, EVERY MEMBER KNEW THAT HE WAS CALLED, BOTH BY HISTORY AND HIS CONSTITUENTS TO A HIGHER MISSION — THE CREATION OF A FUNCTIONAL, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT FROM THE VALUES PROCLAIMED IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AND CONSTITUTION.

TODAY, OUR CONGRESS USES A DIFFERENT MODEL OF OPERATION AND OUR HISTORICAL CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED. NOT SURPRISINGLY IN SOMETHING AS INTRICATE AS POLITICAL REPRESENTATION, EVEN CHANGES DESCRIBED AS "MINOR" CAN HAVE MAJOR CONSEQUENCES.

THE OVERARCHING COMMITMENT TO THE IDEAL OF GOVERNMENT NO LONGER EXISTS. WITHOUT THIS HIGHER "MISSION", PARTY DIVISIONS AND SQUABBLING ON A MEAN LEVEL HAVE BECOME THE NORM FOR LEGISLATIVE CONDUCT. DEBATE FOR MOST OF OUR HISTORY HARBORED AN ELEMENT OF PERSUASION WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. BUT DEBATE, AS MUCH AS WE MAY RUE ITS LOSS, IS A BY-PRODUCT. THE LACK OF COMMITMENT TO OUR FOUNDING IDEALS OF GOVERNMENT AND OUR ABANDONMENT OF THEIR PURSUIT COULD PROVE FATAL TO OUR DEMOCRACY. PRESENTLY, THEY ARE SERIOUS WOUNDS FROM WHICH WE BLEED UNITY, HONOR AND DISCIPLINE. IF WE DO NOT HEAL OUR PRACTICE AND VISION OF GOVERNMENT, THEY WILL BECOME MORTAL. THIS BARRIER BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AS OUR FOUNDERS CONCEIVED IT AND HOW WE PRACTICE IT IS THE MOST BASIC AND PAINFUL OF ALL OUR CULTURAL CONTRADICTIONS.

TIME HAS BECOME AN ADDED FACTOR IN SEVERAL WAYS. FIRST, THE WIDE PRESENCE OF LOBBYISTS ADDS EXTRA STEPS TO A COMPLICATED PROCEDURE, AS LOBBYISTS AND THEIR CLIENTS EACH HAVE INTERESTS AND LANGUAGE THAT MUST BE INCLUDED. ADDITIONALLY, THE PERSISTENT GROWTH OF OUR POPULATION, ECONOMY, SPECIAL INTERESTS AND TECHNOLOGY HAS EXPANDED THEIR DEMANDS UPON GOVERNMENT EXPONENTIALLY AND COMPRESSED THE TIME AVAILABLE TO ANY SINGLE ISSUE. AS THE

CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR MOVES TOWARD ITS NEXT RECESS PERIOD, THE PRESSURE FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION INTENSIFIES WITH PREDICTABLE RESULTS. THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS HAS BEEN LIKENED TO MAKING SAUSAGE, AND NOT AS A COMPLIMENT. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT ACCELERATED SAUSAGE MAKING, OR LEGISLATION, IS MORE ATTRACTIVE.

LEGISLATION WILL BE RUSHED; LAST MINUTE CHANGES AND DEALS WILL BE MADE; AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL VOTE ON BILLS THEY HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO READ. THESE ARE CONSEQUENCES OF GOVERNMENT WHOSE NATIONAL MISSION HAS BEEN REPLACED BY CONTINUAL CONFLICT OVER POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, MONEY AND POWER. IN DESCRIBING CONGRESS' PRESENT STATE WE HAVE USED GENERALIZATIONS WHICH HAVE THE BENEFIT OF BEING BROAD, BUT MAY OBSCURE ERRORS OF OMISSION OR FACT.

THIS FLAW, HOWEVER, DOES NOT EXCUSE THE MANY CORRUPTIONS OF CONGRESS' FUNCTIONS AND VALUES THAT HAVE ACCUMULATED IN THE POSTWAR PERIOD. FINANCIAL, SEXUAL, POLITICAL AND ELECTORAL MISCONDUCT ARE SO WIDESPREAD AND ACCEPTED THAT THE NATURE OF THIS BRANCH OF OUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ALTERED, AND IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHETHER IT HAS THE WILL OR ABILITY TO REFORM ITSELF.

THAT LEAVES THE TASK OF REPAIR UP TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHO, UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION, HAVE THE POWER TO ELECT OR REMOVE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. BUT HERE WE FACE ANOTHER OBSTACLE IN THAT OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS TAKES PLACE AT THE STATE/LOCAL LEVEL WHERE BALLOT ACCESS IS CONTROLLED BY OUR TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES — THE SAME ONES WHO CONTROL CONGRESS AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ITS DECLINE.

OVER PAST DECADES THE AMERICAN PUBLIC'S OPINION OF CONGRESS HAS COME TO REFLECT ITS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ITS MEMBERS' ABUSE OF OUR SYSTEM AND THEIR STATUS, BUT THE MONEY/POWER OF OUR TWO PARTIES AND THE SPECIAL INTERESTS THAT SUPPORT THEM HAVE HAD THEIR WAY AND THEIR DAY. THE ONLY INSTRUMENT NOW CAPABLE OF PRODUCING ELECTORAL CHANGE ON THE SCALE NECESSARY IS THE POMO. IT, AND ONLY IT, HAS THE VOTING NUMBERS, POLITICAL MASS, ENERGY AND MORAL FORCE TO BRING ABOUT THE REORDERING OF OUR CONGRESSIONAL METHODS AND ATTITUDES OF GOVERNMENT. AND THE POMO IS SUCH A POWERFUL MECHANISM THAT IT CANNOT BE IGNORED BY OUR MSM.

IF SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL REPAIR OUR GOVERNMENT, RESTORE OUR VALUES AND CORRECT THE COURSE OF OUR CULTURE. THIS IS HUMAN AGENCY AT WORK. THERE WILL BE STRUGGLES AHEAD IN DEEP WEEDS AND, LIKE HIAWATHA³, WE WILL BE TESTED MANY TIMES IN MANY WAYS . WE WILL BE THE TARGET OF MORE ARROWS

FROM OUR ENEMIES THAN PRAISE FROM OUR FRIENDS. BUT THIS MUST BE DONE. IF NOT, THEN WCIV WILL NOT SURVIVE IN WHICH CASE ITS LOSS WOULD NOT RESULT FROM OUR FAILURE, BUT RATHER FROM A LACK OF WESTERN WILL AND CONCERN.

ABBREVIATIONS

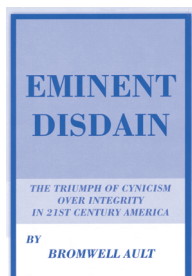
AE	AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM
AW	ANTI WEST(ERN)
EU	EUROPEAN UNION
IR	INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
LL	LIBERAL LEFT
MC	MULTICULTURAL(IST)
MSM	MAINSTREAM MEDIA
NE	NEAR EAST
PC	POLITICAL CORRECTNESS
POMO	POPULAR MOVEMENT
PR	PUBLIC RELATIONS
UN	UNITED NATIONS
WCIV	WESTERN CIVILIZATION
WW	WORLD WAR



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END NOTES

1. AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH. DOCUMENTARY FILM, DIRECTED BY DAVIS GUGGENHEIM; PRODUCED BY LAWRENCE BENDER PRODUCTIONS, SCREENPLAY BY AL GORE 5/24/06
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