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The Fruit of Obama's Rage

This week's Cult Football column uses as its basis a brief review of "The Roots of Obama's Rage," the rapidly rising best seller by Dinesh D'Souza, currently number 10 in all books on Amazon.com.

The essence of the book is that Barack Obama's worldview is basically the worldview of his father, who was a African, socialist, anti-colonialist; a failed one at that. The merit of the book is the author, D'Souza, grew up in India in the era of anti-colonialist efforts. As a result the author as a broad knowledge of that mindset unavailable to those of us raised in a thoroughly western culture. That, in total context, includes the president of the United States, and includes the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Furthermore the book doesn't provide any evidence of some conspiracy theory that Barack Obama is attempting to put together a group of Marxists to bring about a western style fascist

state. On the contrary the book does an excellent job of making Obama sort of a lone wolf, who is attempting to create a father figure from what he believes are the best points of his father's worldview and basically ignores his faults. To accomplish this, it seems to follow that Barack must turn a blind eye to the reality that his father really didn't possess what most would call any redeeming social values.

As a result our president, is attempting to succeed where the wisdom and intellectual elitism of his father failed miserably. This reinforces our analysis before this book, that Barack Jr. doesn't fall too far from the tree of Barack Sr., which is a trait of most boys. In that wisdom sons have a tendency to follow in the father's foots steps, or reject them and head off in a different direction.

Because Barry Obama never knew his father and had really no real knowledge of his father's lifestyle, Obama has put together a father figure from



surrogates that he believes will create a father in the best illumination of Barack Sr.'s worldview and philosophy. Sadly that worldview was never workable in his native Kenya, nor will it work as Barak Jr. attempts to change the United States and the world into that asinine utopia.

So as the United States midterm elections draw nearer, the political rhetoric heightens, and no one seems to realize that the president has a much larger and more consistent agenda, than either the Democrats or the Republicans, either have the ability to admit, or probably more important, really don't have the fortitude to go there.

As I watched Fox News Sunday, the program began with Republican Eric Cantor and Democrat Debbie Wasserman Schultz arguing about the future of the United States. That was followed with Karl Rove and Joe Trippi again making irrelevant points about the obvious. Then I realized that neither parties' worldview is anymore in touch with the heartland American worldview, than the anti-colonialism of our president. All are at least thirty to fifty years out of date with the every day reality faced by typical traditional Americans.

The United States needs new leadership with a real understanding of the reality of the present and not some solution based upon a progressivism, in which mass or limited federalism has the answer to the ills of the republic.

So let us attempt to put this into some context of the Fruit of Obama's Rage, for if it were not for the election of Barack Obama, none of this chaos would have occurred. The United States would then be without hope for a future other than, gross consumerism based upon leveraged debt. Most of that debt caused by a housing bubble in which countless Americans were encouraged to buy homes, not only could they not afford, but debt that had become the source of a faux-wealth, masquerading as prosperity.

We have the reign of Alan Greenspan at the Fed to thank for this, yet he still states that he never saw this all coming. If true, that is the truly frightening thing to come out of all of this. To create and promote a housing Ponzi scheme on the rest of the world is bad enough, but to do that and then admit you were too stupid to know what you were doing, is truly an entry into a world where any

type of world economic stability is an illusion wrapped in a universal lie.

According to Wall Street speculators, as of this writing, the hope for America is some sort of Fed stimulus, which will in some way devalue the dollar, while at the same time, counter deflationary pressures brought about by the reality that past economic stimuli have had little if any effect. All the while politicians, including Obama, pontificate about the pedant, and ignore the reality that they, both the president and the political parties, no longer have the wherewithal to propose or manage any change we can believe in.

As President of King's College in New York City, Dinesh D'Souza is attempting to do what we adventure to do here at Wonder Springs; that is to strive to make the Christian Biblical worldview relevant to a world, which Christianity has become just another religion among all the others. As a result his book doesn't delve into the religious aspects of Obama's rage and how that is different than not only the theology, but also the historic worldview of Christianity.

Within that Christian worldview Obama's rage turns into a fruit that will bring about opportunities for God to bring about changes within the culture of the United States and the world that has slowly, through the natural law of entropy, slouched toward the historic sinful goal of mankind. That goal is to create a world and a worldview in which God, if he exists at all, is irrelevant to the evolutionary ascendance of mankind to be the masters of not only our universe, but the real universe. In archaic terms we are guilty of blasphemy and proud of it. Sadly in Augustinian terms, Christians have abandoned the City of God and moved their religion into the City of Man.

To show the contrast between the Divine Providence that created the founding of the United States, and the Divine Destiny and secular progressive social Darwinism that has been our worldview in the progressive era, the Biblical worldview focuses on the inalienable rights and power manifest in the unique characteristics of the individual; whereas the focus of human utopias is on the collective good of humanity. This of course allows for the emergence of an evolutionary elite that rises above the masses. These masses being defined as those who still hold religious views, especially Christian or Orthodox Jewish worldviews.

Recent spin has focused on the president's religion, especially that many Americans think that Barack Obama is a Muslim. The president himself has made that claim that he, "came to his Christianity by choice later in life." While this implies somewhat of a superiority over those who were raised in the church and never have seriously questioned that belief, never answered is the question is Obama's Christianity, orthodox in the historic sense of Christian doctrine, or is it really a cult or occultist?

Obama's Christian worldview is based on the Christianity that he learned from Jeremiah Wright's church in Chicago, and where he was a parishioner for over twenty years. The doctrines of Reverend Wright are that of Black Liberation Theology founded and promoted by James H. Cone. In those doctrines Jesus is not a Jew, but a black Jesus. The world is not a world divided between sinners saved by God's grace and those not so blessed, but between the oppressors and the oppressed. Salvation is not based upon God's grace given and received by the individual, but by a collective salvation earned by the oppressors giving back the fruits of their oppression to the oppressed.

Put into the context outside blatant racism, liberation theology finds its roots in Latin American politics and is really just a religious expression of anti-colonialism of which D'Souza's book does an excellent job of defining as Obama's Rage. Before he became Pope Benedict XVI, as a Cardinal, he defined the redemptive politics of liberation theology as: "Wherever politics tries to be redemptive, it is promising too much. Where it wishes to do the work of God, it becomes not divine, but demonic."

Not to cast any more dispersion on the president's Christianity, we can still plainly see that when you couple Obama's anti-colonial worldview with the "mess he inherited from George W. Bush," you find the reality of God's Providence to bring the United States to the point where it can no longer rely solely upon the wisdom of human enlightenment to bring us through these troubling times.

Put in twenty-first century terms, we feel comfortable in relying on collective evolving enlightened human reason to fashion our destiny.

It appears that that worldview is not currently working as we hoped. Therefore we will probably bypass the American exceptionalism of Divine Destiny from Andrew Jackson through Woodrow Wilson, and substitute the "moral therapeutic deism" of the last generation. How long will it take and how deep will we need to fall before we look to Divine Providence for a way upward?

God only knows.

That point whenever and however it comes, will be brought about by the maturing of "The Fruit of Obama's Rage." That is something we all need to remind ourselves as we begin to understand that the world is a much more complex than what we have lazily assumed for a generation. In a way it will not be an awakening like experienced before the American Revolution and during the Second Great Awakening, but more like the Protestant Reformation where the secular church was separated from secular government. This time this reformation will separate secular religion of evolutionary human enlightenment, from secular government and God will raise up his people like the prophet Ezekiel foresaw in "The Dry Bones Valley."

In that future, we will finally be able to fully understand the Divine Providence of, "The Fruit of Obama's Rage" and understand: "The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their stronghold in the time of trouble." Psalm 37:39