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Futility to Opportunity

As I read “The Roots of Obama’s Rage,” which served as the basis for Monday’s Cult Football article “The Fruits of Obama’s Rage,” I developed a new respect for the president. Furthermore it solidified my belief that Barack Obama has the most specialized worldview of any American leader in our history. Sadly that specialization is not what is now needed and in the vision of true capitalism, his obsolete vision of the future based on anti-colonialism, while it has some merits in opposition to crony global capitalism, substitutes nothing but global governance solutions. Both are just different spin of the Babylonian worldview “that if we all work together there is nothing we can’t achieve.”

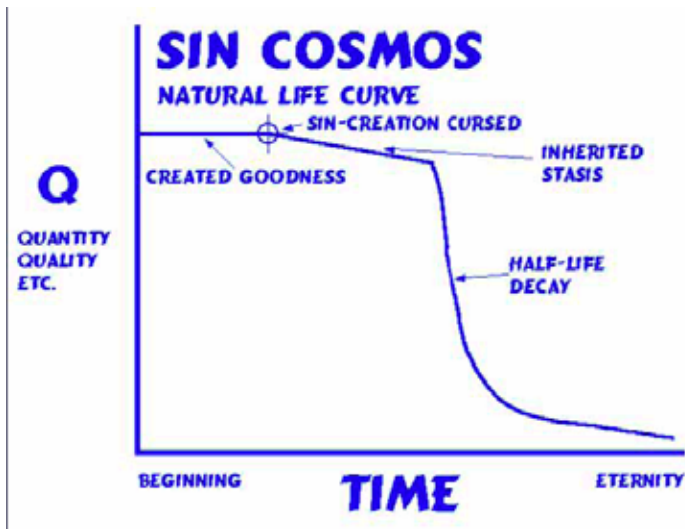
Other than the religious dogma of mankind becoming god in our own eyes, the natural law fundamental of this worldview is the reality that it is totally based upon overcoming entropy by some intellectual evolutionary leap, that in some way can overcome the

thermodynamic laws of physics. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, this has never happened, and it is never going to happen. That is true even if we are successful in aligning all the good karma and channeling all the hope of wishful thinking into and intellectual Big Bang.

A world of naturalistic materialism can only mix up things of the created natural material world, while we like to call it development or evolution, in reality it actually increases entropy and hastens the reality when it will all run out of gas. Depending upon your worldview of whether of Obama’s “Hope ‘n Change,” is good or bad, his anti-colonialism has been found wanting in less than two years. For an illustration we offer the visual graph of the Sin Cosmos below and some context here:

What sets the founding of the United States of America apart from other modern nation states, except for Israel, is that it began on the basis of Divine Providence





rather than solely human enlightenment or Divine Manifest Destiny. The human enlightenment present in the founding of America was based on the understanding that what the founders were trying to pull off was completely impossible by only human achievements.

One the terms that have recently come into vogue in these troubled times is “American exceptionalism.” The way it is spun, American exceptionalism has always been the providence of the American Dream. The spin therein proceeds with the thought that to restore that American exceptionalism view, we need to move forward to continue that dream. More truthfully we need to go back to the fundamentals that made that view a reality and restore reality to American Dream prominence.

The fundamental problem with American exceptionalism lies in its definition. The founders looked at American Exceptionalism essentially in the terms of Divine Providence. Beginning in earnest with the presidency of Andrew Jackson and flowing through Woodrow Wilson we see American Exceptionalism defined essentially as Divine or Manifest Destiny. Beginning with FDR and his New Deal we see this American Exceptionalism become totally man centered in the Babylonian model.

To redux we need to not only understand that Divine Providence is the true source of American Exceptionalism, but also this God centered definition is our only hope for overcoming the depravity that is sucking us into the Slough of

Despair. The important point to realize is that this rapidly approaching midterm election is not going to get us out of the swamp, the most that can happen is that we are able to obtain a different pair of waders.

As in The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner, there is water, water, everywhere and none of it fit to drink. We have created a swamp culture, seventy percent of which is based on debt driven deficit consumer spending. All the best minds of swamp draining economists have done is shift our rose colored glasses of the Laissez Faire Social Darwinists, to the Walmart version of designer shades of the Collective Elitist Social Darwinists.

Those who are afloat in their boats continue the metaphor of Reagan’s “a rising tide floats all ships” while they rearrange their deck chairs, and the not so enlightened complain that all they have is a pair of leaky waders we bought back when we entertained the illusion of true prosperity. All we really want now is to be able to touch a firm bottom and not continue to slog through the mud and the muck.

Enough of the metaphor alerts. The United States (and the world for that matter) needs to get back to the principles of Godly organization, where we create wealth rather than just consume it. Metaphors aside, we really have to know that we have reached the bottom before we can begin the foundational changes required to build anew, without repeating the continual mistakes we have made for a very long time.

First of all we have to quit blaming this whole mess on Barack Obama and/or George W. Bush. Depending how you look at the problem it goes back at least a generation, or two, or three, perhaps a couple of centuries. That is simply entropy doing what it does.

Next we need to realize that our best efforts don’t deserve a shining city on a hill or even a McMansion in the suburbs. For the most part it his human nature to believe it is our right because we are so special, and to a great extent our debt driven consumer religious culture and mediocre educational bureaucracy have reinforced that lie. However individual slothfulness, even if we work hard for it, really doesn’t give meaning to the reason why we are here in the first place, what we are to do while we are here, and what will happen to us when we die.

The good, bad, and ugly truth is that everyone who reads this article and those who don’t are here at this

time to fulfill a calling of Divine Providence. In this case Providence is not a city in the Baptist colony of Rhode Island. That means in a world in which sin and death are reality, your toys and your nice kitsch furnished domicile is not, and never will be a mansion in glory.

In the proper economic perspective, what eternal wealth will you take with you when you die?

Once you look at your pilgrimage here in that light, then you become usable for the opportunities that exist in this life to counter the reality of physical entropy.

Only in Christianity is the concept of eternal life a true reality that begins with what is called saving faith and entry into the Kingdom of God. This transcendence of the temporal common is essentially the process that you can begin your training for that eternity — here and now. Furthermore through the redemption and justification through the propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus Christ, signifies God’s adoption of you as one of his children.

This new position allows God to begin the processes that allow the re-creation or redux of totally new creations utilizing the resources of the fallen world. In simple terms God allows you to begin the process by which his new heavens and new earth will be recreated miraculously at the end of time.

In that light a whole lot of physical stuff loses a lot of its meaning and a lot of physical stuff which we really never considered of merit before; seems to

create an eternal reality.

As an only child, like our president, I could understand some of the loneliness and other struggles he faced growing up. In that illumination it is a miracle that he is not now a deceased surfer dude, who died long ago over a drug overdose. Instead he had the strength of personality to overcome his childhood liabilities to become president of the United States.

The question that will be brought to the fore during the American midterm elections is not will Barack Obama “move to the center” as Republican and Conservative pundits regurgitate, but rather can Barack Obama leave behind the reality of the history of the unreal dreams he got from his father and move into the future in which Divine Providence will again show the world that God is not just a Holy God of the Law, but also the God of mercy and grace?

Barack Obama understands the sins of America’s fathers and the sins of the colonialism of the world perhaps better than any elected leader in history. The prophet Jonah understood the sins of Nineveh as well as the grace of God in his time, but was never able to move from the legalism to God’s grace. That is really the change that Divine Providence seeks from Barack Obama and the American people. That was a choice that the people of Nineveh successfully transitioned. That success is the choice that the world will see begin to transform in North America. Stay tuned to see how God works out the details.

In contrast of essentially being an orphan raised by radical grandparents, I had the good fortune to be raised by two of the best parents humanly possible. Sure they had some faults, but compared to the parents of anyone else I know, mine were the best. I was given the opportunity to test my limits and then when I failed they were there with love and support. With that type of security there was never really any reason to test the limits of what I could get away with, because resistance was not so much futile but unnecessary. I think the Bible describes it as unconditional love, something very rare in this world, especially for one’s parents.

When we look at opportunities that we have been given as the adopted children of God, it too must be accepted in that unconditional love paradigm. So in John’s gospel when we read in Chapter 15:5: *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do*



nothing.”

The meaning of that verse is probably the most relevant text for my last thirty years, for it was about that time when I gave total control of my life to God. In that interlude I have learned as Paul how to live with money and not. I have also learned that the basketball point guard who always wants to make things happen can't — if the Lord isn't in it. The alternative is to walk away and do your own thing, which I have been trained reluctantly to no longer attempt.

So that puts me in this position in the Nowhere woods of NE Washington with not a whole lot of money, but never having been on food stamps, but again never having what most people would consider a steady job or paycheck the last thirty years.

I have the technology to basically create wealth out of the ground through precious metals extraction, which was very viable when gold prices were a third to one quarter what they are today. I can put together the company in a few months, but as stated earlier, until the economy hits solid ground, currently the shifting ooze and mud makes even the relatively easy, almost impossible. When and if the Lord wants it to happen he will prepare the path that utilizes God given talents much superior to my writing abilities and miles ahead of my editing skills.

So if the United States is to change to bring it back into line with the will of God through Divine Providence, Christianity is going to have to lead the way. That will take a real miracle, for a great deal of the church lacks the discernment to understand that to be the solution, in God's eyes you can't be part of the problem.

Put another way, you really can't create Godly wealth from human material affluence. But once Christians again look at the miracle that saved a wretch like me, instead of the priggish preachers of material wealth, it is going to either take some time, or some tuff times, more than likely both.

Is it worth it?

Biblical parables are really applications of eternal life realities brought into this common fallen world. Hence for example, when Jesus speaks of the separation of the sheep from the goats in Matthew 25, he is speaking about that eternal kingdom (the church) in the natural common world, in times not all that different that we face today. In the proper eternal life context, Jesus is speaking of church cleaning, not fixing the world.

Keith Green, now deceased, one of the founders of contemporary Christian music has a song about the parable that points out, “the only difference, between the sheep and goats is what they did; and did not do!.

Contrary to the American religion, which Ben Franklin so eloquently stated in, “Heaven helps those who helps themselves.” The Reformation that will redux the United States will not be a religious awakening as popularly understood, but rather a humble acceptance of the Word of God as the creative agent that not only created the universe, but still overcomes the entropy of this world with the miracle that can be best described as Wonder Springs.