

# Is he inexperienced, inept or something much worse?

by Keith Wilkerson, managing editor

Is there something seriously wrong with the man in the White House?

From the right as well as the left, alarms are being raised. Is the problem inexperience? Incompetence?

Or something much worse?

On the right-wing fringe are those convinced that

Barack Obama is on a mission to bankrupt America and force us into a one-world monetary system as well as a global government. More moderate Washington insiders say he is just an impractical ideologue — an academic socialist — in over his head and doesn't have a clue of what damage he is doing.

But no matter the theories, it's hard to find anybody

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Obama expresses frustration

## Feds try to deport terrorist's son who became a Christian

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

It was a matter of life and death for the young Palestinian.

If the Obama administration had been allowed to deport the defector from the terrorist group Hamas, it could have meant his execution.

But he's a Christian, not exactly an Obama priority. So, that's

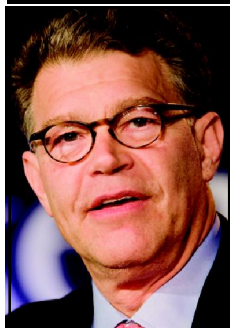
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## Did voting felons give Democrats the Senate?

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Was Minnesota's junior U.S. Senator Al Franken elected by felons who voted illegally?

That's the contention of a conservative watchdog group that compared convict records with polling place sign-in sheets.

It took six months and multiple appeals before the Minnesota

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## Prayer now illegal on Supreme Court steps?

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

The opening salvo has been fired in an insidious, liberal move to substitute "freedom to worship" for America's two centuries of "freedom of religion."

The difference is significant — as a group of junior high students learned when they were barred from praying

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## Abortions funded despite Obama vow

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

Throughout the debate over Obamacare, almost everyone in the pro-life community told anyone who would listen — as well as those who refused to listen — that the new health care reform law would result in federal tax dollars being used to pay for abortions.

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## Why allow a mosque at NYC's Ground Zero?

by Billy James Hargis II, publisher

Why would militant Muslims want to build a 12-story-tall mosque at New York City's "Ground Zero"?

Indeed, why would the Islamic Brotherhood want to build a cultural center at the site of the worst loss of life during the September 11, 2001 Islamist terrorist attacks on America?

Could it be for the same reason that Muslims have built mosques on the site of their greatest victories throughout history? The al-



A New Yorker protests the mosque plan

Aqsa Mosque sits squarely atop Jerusalem's Temple Mount — where Israel does not dare remove it.

One of the largest mosques in the world is at the site of one of Christendom's most historic defeats where Constantinople and the Asia Minor fell to the Ottoman Turks in 1453.

The Aya Sofya Mosque in what is now Istanbul, Turkey, was once St. Sofia's Church, the largest cathedral in the world for nearly 1,000 years.

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## How the left manipulates hate

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

"You're a racist!"

"No, you are!"

"I am not, but you are!"

In today's academic world, where morals are laughed at, Christianity is regarded as a mental illness and capitalism is snickered at as an "old, failed idea of the past," racism is the ultimate sin.

Lying about who is a racist is an everyday tactic. Lying itself is no longer "wrong," particularly if it is effective in discrediting an opponent.

So, it should be no coincidence that with the November elections looming, panicked liberals have shifted into overdrive attempting to convince voters that anybody opposing Obama is a racist.

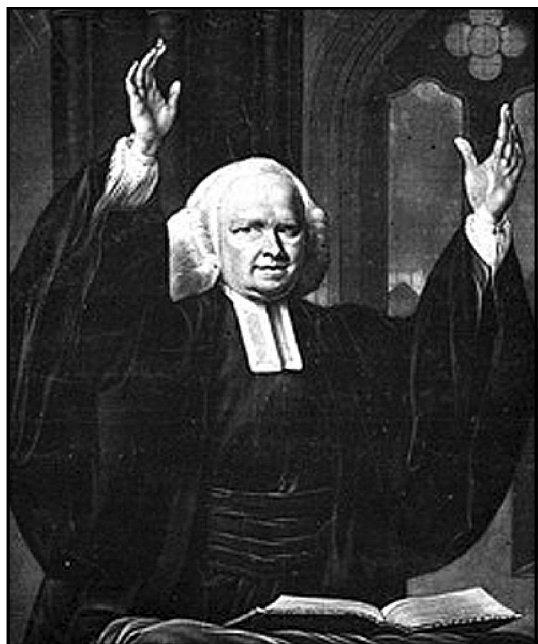
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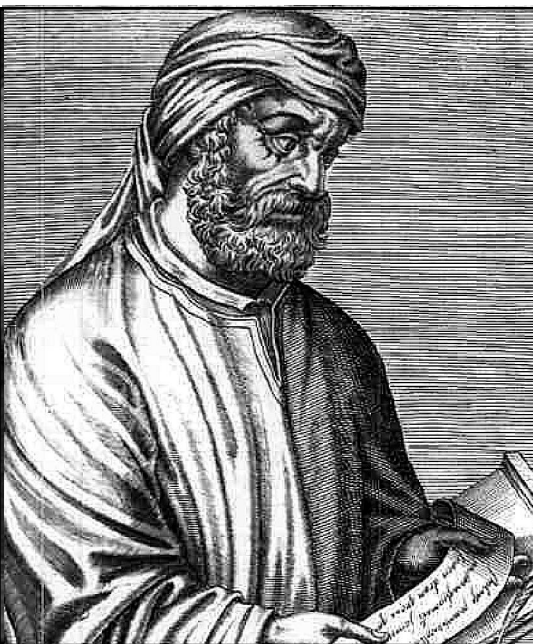


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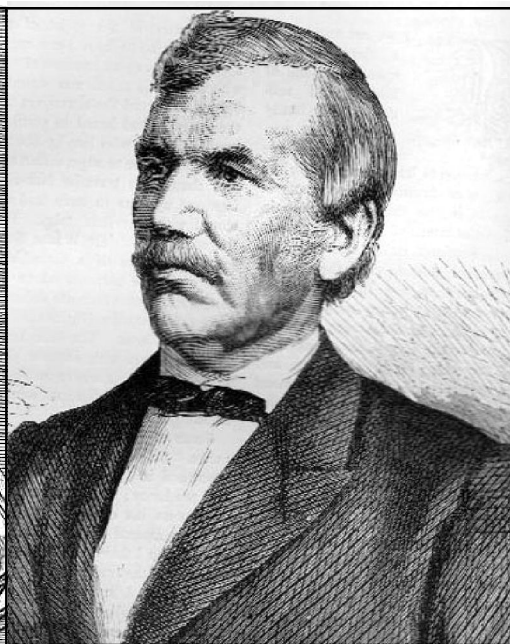
AND YOU SILENCE THE OPPOSITION WHICH ENDS THE ARGUMENT ALLOWING YOU TO CLAIM VICTORY.



George Whitfield



Tertullian



David Livingstone

You have received the faith from a great cloud of witnesses and you have the duty to pass on this faith to future generations.

We Christians have a race set before us. It is marked out by the Word of God and by the examples of faithful servants, a great cloud of witnesses who have already completed their race with honors.

“...run with patience...” We need to persevere and run with patience and endurance inspired by the examples of those who have gone before us. Hebrews chapter 11 reminds us of some of the great patriarchs that have gone before us.

# Persevere with endurance!

by Peter Hammond, special to *Christian Crusade Newspaper*

*Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

Hebrews 11 and 12 remind us that we have the great privilege of being part of God's family. We are His sons and daughters. We are part of God's team. And we are in a cosmic marathon relay race.

We win by being faithful to previous generations of the faithful and carrying the torch they so valiantly carried, passing this flame of faith and freedom to the next generation, who must faithfully carry it to future generations.

Our Father is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – we need a multi-generational vision.

*And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also (2 Timothy 2:2).*

The apostle Paul disciplined Timothy in the faith and solemnly charged him to entrust these doctrines to faithful men who would be able to teach others also.

## Here we see four generations being disciplined in the faith

*“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...”* We need to derive inspiration from the lives and legacy of the heroes of the faith, our spiritual ancestors, the prophets, the apostles, the church fathers, the martyrs, the missionaries and reformers. There on the battlements of Heaven on the grandstands, so to speak, those who have run the race with honors are cheering us on: Elijah, Daniel, Peter, Paul, Origen, Tertullian, Augustine, Patrick, Columba, Boniface, Wycliffe, Hus, Luther, Tyndale, Zwingli, Calvin, Knox, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitfield, William Carey and David Livingstone and so many others. Their examples should inspire us and encourage us and urge us on to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

*“...let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us...”* We need to separate ourselves from all those hindrances that slow us down, from the weights that hold us back and from the snares and entanglements that trip us up. Nothing can be tolerated that gets in the way of our discipleship and service for our Lord and Savior.

Athletes do not load up backpacks full of rocks to lug around the track. No marathon runner would attempt to win the race while dragging balls and chains around their ankles and nooses around their necks! So, then, also we need to repent from all known sin. Restitution frees us from these obligations and liberates us from the snares of the devil. To run the race, we need to be free of fear and from all those things that keep us from finishing the race. Doubt, discouragement, distraction, deviation and defilement all spell defeat and death. We must determine to separate from all that holds us back.

*“Let us run with patience the race that is set before us...”* You need to be dedicated to run the race, to finish the race, to win the prize of your high calling in Christ Jesus. Run with endurance! This is not a short distance sprint. It is a long distance marathon. And it is a marathon relay race involving multiple generations.

creatures for the year that they were confined in the Ark during the flood. The Ark reminds us that in the ship of life we are all crew, none of us are passengers. We have work to do.

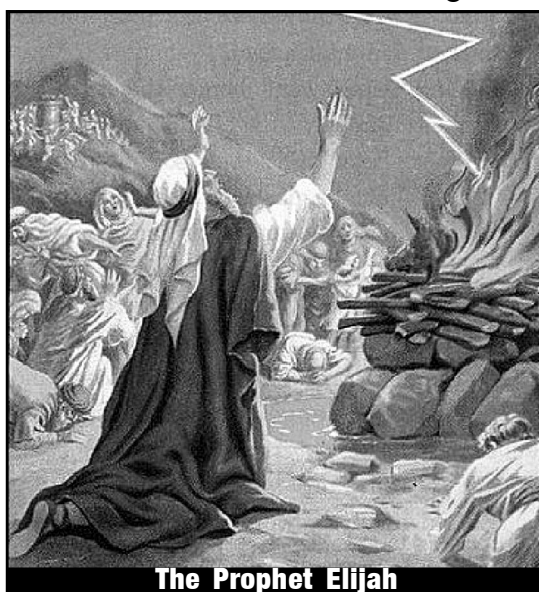
Abraham left his home and country and even offered to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Sarah was barren her whole life and late in life gave birth to a child, Isaac. Joseph lost his freedom and his family. Betrayed by his brothers he was condemned to slavery and unjustly accused, he was incarcerated in prison.

Moses willingly forsook the comforts, riches and power of Egypt. David risked all for God's honor, walking into the valley of the shadow of death to confront the fierce giant that all the army of Israel dreaded. All of the prophets and apostles suffered persecution and most gave their lives for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

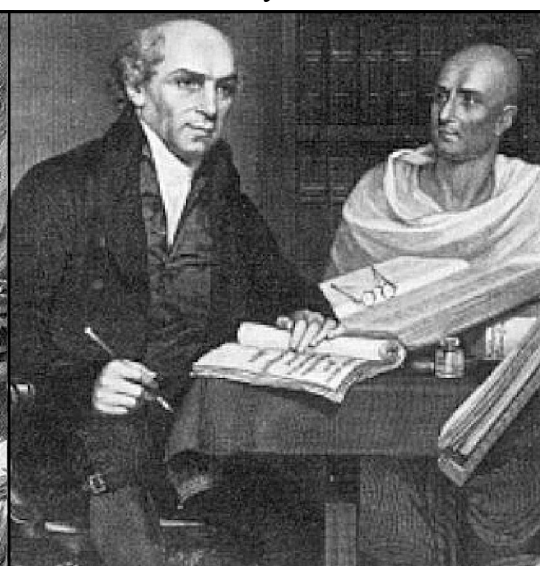
## Consider the great obstacles they overcame

Think of the overwhelming challenges that missionaries such as Patrick, Columba and Boniface overcame in order to evangelize and disciple the savage tribes of Europe. Think of all that John Wycliffe, Jan Hus and Martin Luther had to confront as they sought to bring Reformation to a Europe steeped in superstition and heresy. English Bible translator William Tyndale had to flee to Europe and live as an outlaw

with a price on his head, continually on the run as he sought to translate the Bible into English and have these first printed copies of the New Testament in English smuggled back into England. The first consignment of thousands of English New Testaments were intercepted and burned. Tyndale had to make a new print run, but finally succeeded in providing



The Prophet Elijah



William Carey

the first printed English New Testaments in defiance of the laws of the day.

Fiery evangelist and debater extraordinary William Farel won whole cities to Christ with his dynamic denunciations of error and bold proclamation of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Although poverty stricken and deprived of a high school education, William Carey persevered to launch the modern missionary movement. Funding himself by repairing shoes and teaching himself many languages, Carey inspired many more to mission work and devoted the last 42 years of his life to churches and Christian schools in India. He translated the Bible into a staggering 36 different Asian languages. He ended such terrible practices as widow burning and launched a Reformation that brought dynamic change to India.

Despite working 14 hours a day, six days a week in a cotton mill from age ten to 20, David Livingstone overcame great obstacles to get to the mission field and then to explore vast sections of Southern and Central Africa, being the first messenger of the Gospel in many previously unexplored regions.

Inspired by his example, Mary Slessor became a missionary to Calabar in what today is Nigeria. Livingstone also inspired many other missionaries including Dr. Kenneth Fraser who converted and disciplined the Moru tribe in Equatoria, Sudan.

# A math whiz who admits he needs the Almighty's help

compiled by the *Christian Crusade* staff

A 39 percent rate hike by a major California health insurance company has been averted by a Christian mathematician who figured out that Anthem Blue Cross had made serious errors in predicting its costs.

The 60-year-old will tell you candidly he couldn't have done it without God's help. "David Axene," writes Duke Helfand of the *Los Angeles Times*, "was flat on his back in a hospital bed with a swollen left leg. His kidneys had shut down. His blood pressure had plunged. Doctors pumped him with potent antibiotics to stave off a deadly infection

"Yet there he was sifting through spreadsheets on his laptop, cradling his cellphone to his ear, waving off doctors to finish another conference call."

California's top insurance watchdogs had asked Axene to go through a mountain of Anthem Blue Cross paperwork, trying to find flaws in the company's request for a massive rate increase.

"Anthem's plan to impose higher premiums had outraged consumers and politicians alike," writes Helfand. "President Obama seized on the furor, criticizing Anthem's increases on national television as he tried to revive fading support for his healthcare overhaul.

"California regulators were bound by law to accept the rates as long as Anthem could show that it used at least 70 cents of every dollar in premiums to pay medical claims. In the past, Anthem's requests had sailed through with barely a peep from officials. Not this time. The outcry was too great to ignore.

"That's where Axene came in."

An actuary is a mathematician who analyzes the financial impact of uncertainties

— and provide clients such as insurance regulators with expert assessments of whether rate increases are based in fact.

California asked Axene for an impartial judgment. The stakes had never been higher for the 60-year-old Christian math whiz.

"Finding an error in Anthem's 70-page rate proposal and reams of supporting documents would dent the image of California's largest for-profit insurer and possibly save consumers tens of millions of dollars," writes Helfand. "He knew his work had to be flawless."

"I wasn't going to let this illness stop me," he told Helfand.

So, he prayed. His is a deep, personal faith. He's a preacher's son. Raised believing in the importance of faith, love and hard work, he says God blessed him at an early age with a natural gift for numbers. He dreamed of becoming an aeronautical engineer, maybe for NASA.

"But in the early 1970s, jobs were scarce for college graduates with degrees in physics and applied mathematics," writes Helfand. "At 21, Axene found himself pumping gas.

"Then a friend told him that Travelers Insurance Company was hiring. He applied for a sales position and bombed the interview, recalling the recruiter's stinging words: 'Axene, you couldn't sell your way out of a wet paper bag.'"



Mathematician David Axene

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# Did voting felons give Democrats the Senate?

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State Supreme Court to turn the Saturday Night Live comedian from New York into a U.S. senator from Minnesota.

However, his election was vital to the political agenda of Barack Obama since it gave the Democrats the 60 Senators needed to break any Republican filibuster.

After all appeals protesting his questionable election were exhausted in a six-month battle, he finally was seated on July 7, 2009, prompting the *Wall Street Journal* to proclaim that "Franken now goes to the Senate having effectively stolen an election."

The final official count showed Franken beat his Republican opponent, Norman Coleman, by 312 votes. In the initial vote, Coleman had won by more than 700 votes.

Minnesota Majority, a conservative watchdog group, found that at least 341 convicted felons in largely

Democratic Minneapolis-St. Paul voted illegally in the 2008 Senate race. Volunteers matched publicly available lists of convicts with voting records. Over 18 months, the group matched conviction lists with poll rosters, where voters sign in before going into the voting booth, and matched them by hand.

Their findings have been ignored by both the Democrat-controlled U.S. Congress and the Minnesota legislature.

Franken was born in New York City. He spent several years while growing up in St. Louis Park, a suburb of Minneapolis. Until he decided to run for the Senate, he had lived in California and New York his entire adult life.

Franken had infrequent roles on the NBC-TV satirical variety show "Saturday Night Live" for nearly two decades, starting in 1979.

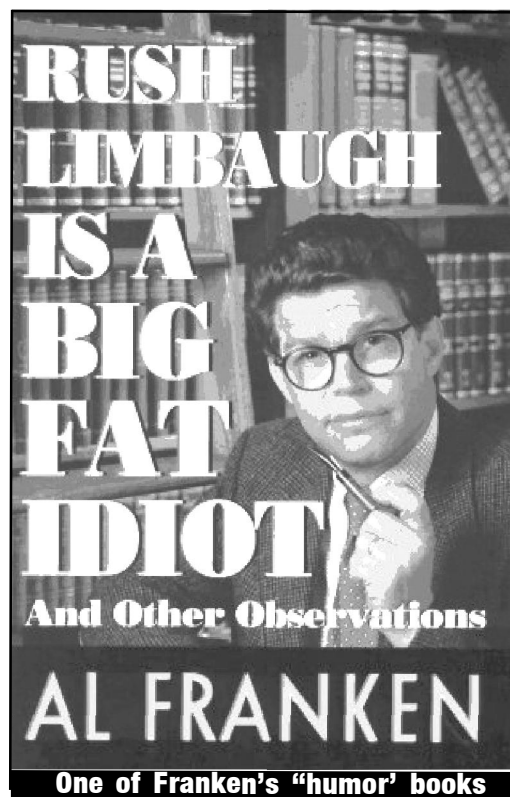
Unlike fellow Saturday Night Live players such as Dan Akroyd, Chevy Chase, Mike Myers, Tina Fey and Steve Martin, he failed to parlay his time into a successful movie or film career. His one starring film role was in the 1995 movie

*Stuart Saves His Family*, which he also wrote and helped produce. The film was a commercial disaster that was panned by critics. It was certified "rotten" on the movie review website Rotten Tomatoes, scoring only 28 percent positive out of a possible 100.

His career has been that of a vulgar stand-up comedian, radio host for the liberal Air America network and writer for *Playboy* magazine. He is known mostly for his anti-conservative talk and coarse humor.

He has called conservatives "nasty, hateful people." In the 2008 election campaign, Franken's rudeness, vulgarity and coarse style led critics to ask about whether he alienated himself from the important undecided swing voters.

On Franken's website there is the admonition "Anybody who deliberately propagandizes with lies should be held up to scorn and ridicule." Throughout his books he has held himself to "impossibly high standards" to tell the truth about those he has written about. Author Alan



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who believes he is going a good job – or is certain of where he is trying to take America.

A recent guest opinion column in the *Wall Street Journal* rips Obama for dividing Americans by class, race and party. It cites several examples, including the “beer summit” incident, his cynical exploitation of immigration, the lawsuit against Arizona and his refusal to prosecute a group of New Black Panthers for voter intimidation.

“Rather than being a unifier, Obama has divided America on the basis of race, class and partisanship. Moreover, his cynical approach to governance has encouraged his allies to pursue a similar strategy of racially divisive politics on his behalf. By dividing

America, Obama has brought our government to the brink of a crisis of legitimacy, compromising our ability to address our most important policy issues.”

What makes the column significant is that it was written by Pat Caddell and Doug Schoen, Democrat Party activists and insiders who worked for Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton.

At one of the most liberal events of the summer, the Aspen Ideas Festival, Mort Zuckerman, owner of the *New York Daily News* and *US News & World Report*, declared: “The real problem we have are some of the worst economic policies in place today that, in my judgment, go directly against the long-term interests of this country.”

Speaking at the event’s kickoff session, liberal Harvard business and history professor Niall Ferguson offered a withering critique of Obama’s economic policies. “If you’re asking if the United States is about to become a socialist state,” he said. “I’d say it’s actually about to become a European state. Obama’s policies are encouraging laziness. The curse of long-term unemployment is that if you pay people to do nothing, they’ll find themselves doing nothing for very long periods of time. Long-term unemployment is at an all-time high in the United States and it is a direct consequence of a misconceived public policy.”

## Obama’s Pyrrhic victories

Liberal *Politico*’s two top editors, Jim Vandehei and John Harris, have observed that “Obama loses by winning” – that despite the passage of Obamacare and financial reform, Obama is winning “Pyrrhic victories” – an allusion to ancient Greek hero King Pyrrhus who won dramatic victories at such a high cost that he lost the war.

Despite his dramatic recent political victories, Obama is increasingly viewed as a failure since he has alienated independent voters who put him in office – but who now view him as a big-government liberal. He constantly shifts positions, add Vandehei and Harris, which infuriates “everyone from the far left to the far right.” Additionally, “his staff is not well-liked around town, especially among reporters who are regularly subjected to either foul-mouthed tirades or no response at all.” Furthermore, his White House staff is seen as ineffective.

And, they add, he “has done nothing to instill confidence in the economy.”

J.R. Dunn, writing in the *American Thinker* magazine, says that Obama is not just inept, but dangerous – and willing to lead America to the equivalent of national suicide. Dunn cites some of the President’s more irrational acts – most of which go unreported by the sympathetic media.

“Weeks ago, the White House informed the state of Oklahoma that it could expect no federal aid to help deal with the damage caused by recent flooding,” notes Dunn. “There was no explanation, no expression of sympathy, no offer of alternatives.

“Then,” continues Dunn, “it was revealed that NASA’s new mission will be centered on making Muslims ‘feel good’ about their scientific achievements of roughly a millennium in the past. This comes right on the heels of the cancellation of the Constellation program, which employed tens of thousands and promised to put the U.S. back into space in a big way.

## Executive: ‘Obama, you scare me’

What follows is a letter to the editor to the *New York Times* sent by Procter & Gamble’s vice president of marketing, Lou Pritchett. The *Times* has yet to print the letter.

by Lou Pritchett, Vice President of Marketing, Procter & Gamble

Dear President Obama:

You are the thirteenth President under whom I have lived and unlike any of the others, you truly scare me.

You scare me because after months of exposure, I know nothing about you.

You scare me because I do not know how you paid for your expensive Ivy League education and your upscale lifestyle and housing with no visible signs of support.

You scare me because you did not spend the formative years of youth growing up in America and culturally you are not an American.

You scare me because you have never run a company or met a payroll.

You scare me because you have never had military experience, thus don’t understand it at its core.

You scare me because you lack humility and ‘class’, always blaming others.

You scare me because for over half your life you have aligned yourself with radical extremists who hate America and you refuse to publicly denounce these radicals who wish to see America fail.

You scare me because you are a cheerleader for the ‘blame America’ crowd and deliver this message abroad.

You scare me because you want to change America to a European style country where the government sector dominates instead of the private sector.

You scare me because you want to replace our health care system with a government controlled one.

You scare me because you prefer ‘wind mills’ to responsibly capitalizing on our own vast oil, coal and shale reserves.

You scare me because you want to kill the American capitalist goose that lays the golden egg which provides the highest standard of living in the world.

You scare me because you have begun to use ‘extortion’ tactics against certain banks and corporations.

You scare me because your own political party shrinks from challenging you on your wild and irresponsible spending proposals.

You scare me because you will not openly listen to or even consider opposing points of view from intelligent people.

You scare me because you falsely believe that you are both omnipotent and omniscient.

You scare me because the media gives you a free pass on everything you do.

You scare me because you demonize and want to silence the Limbaughs, Hannitys, O’Reillys and Becks who offer opposing, conservative points of view.

You scare me because you prefer controlling over governing.

Finally, you scare me because if you serve a second term I will probably not feel safe in writing a similar letter in 8 years.

LOU PRITCHETT

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“At roughly the same time, J. Christian Adams, a former Department of Justice attorney, revealed that the voter harassment case against the New Black Panthers had been dropped for purely racist reasons and that the word had come down to ‘never bring another lawsuit against a black or other national minority, no matter what they do.’

“Consider these actions,” notes Dunn. “If anyone during the 2008 elections had implied, or even speculated, that Obama was capable of anything of the sort, he’d have been dismissed as a demagogue, a hater, even a lunatic. But today, after his abandonment of the state of Tennessee (also wracked by flooding), his pulling the rug out from under the Poles and Czechs, his cold response to the Gulf blowout and his insults to the U.K., the Supreme Court, Benjamin Netanyahu and the Dalai Lama, it scarcely raises a shrug.

“That’s Obama. That’s how he acts – with arrogance, superciliousness and indifference. We can search the entire roster of American presidents and we will not find a match,” says Dunn. “This is not the behavior of an elected chief executive; it’s the conduct of a divine right monarch and a pretty inadequate one as well.”

“We wait in morbid fascination to see what’s around the next bend,” writes author Vin Suprynowicz, assistant editorial page editor of the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* newspaper. “How can you make up stuff to trump today’s headlines?”

“Barack Obama warns against returning to the ‘failed ideas of the past.’ The president of the United States dismisses free markets, tax cuts, any attempt to downsize government, as ‘failed ideas of the past?’”

The Obama presidency has turned into a national nightmare, writes Suprynowicz, author of the bestselling *Send in the Waco Killers*. “We have awakened inside Philippe de Broca’s 1966 film *King of Hearts* in which the cheerful lunatics of a local asylum take over an abandoned French town near the end of World War I, or perhaps in Woody Allen’s 1971 slapstick film *Bananas*, in which a Castro-like dictator seizes power in the fictional country of San Marcos and promptly decrees, ‘From now on everyone will wear their underwear on the outside, so we can check.’”

## Puzzling delays for ‘top priority’

In other words, Suprynowicz is not so sure that Obama isn’t nuts. “President Obama vows that cleaning up the Gulf oil spill is his ‘number one priority,’” he notes, “but spends more than two months turning down foreign nations that offer to loan us oil skimmers to help clean up the mess.

“Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal does manage to get some skimmer barges operating off the environmentally sensitive Mississippi delta – whereupon the Obama Coast Guard sends them back to port for a life-preserver inspection. They couldn’t just have air-dropped them some life preservers? Can anyone spell ‘Emergency,’ here?

“Waive the 1920s Jones Act and other federal laws that prevent foreign-based skimmers with non-union crews from helping out in the Gulf? President Obama, who has time for golf games and Paul McCartney concerts, hasn’t gotten around to that yet. Or is it that subservience to union interests is this White House’s real ‘number one priority’?

“Meantime, in a classic example of the perfect serving as enemy of the good, the EPA refuses to allow whatever Gulf skimmers are operating to release 97 percent clean water back into the Gulf, allowing them to stay on station much longer.

“Instead, if they can’t purify the water beyond 99.9 percent, they must haul all their captured water to shore, fatally shortening the time they can spend on station.

“In fact, the Taiwanese-owned *A Whale* skimmer ship – 3½ football fields long and 10 stories tall – is still negotiating with the Coast Guard to join the cleanup efforts because the owners still lack a waiver of the aforementioned 80-year-old law aimed at protecting unionized U.S. shipping interests and also because – according to The Associated Press – “Environmental Protection Agency approval is required because some of the seawater returned to the Gulf would have traces of oil.”

“You cannot make this stuff up,” writes Suprynowicz, “unless you’re Woody Allen.”

## Patriot or citizen of the world?

Pulitzer Prize-winning *Wall Street Journal* editorial board member Dorothy Rabinowitz worries about what she calls “the deepening notes of disenchantment with Barack Obama now issuing from commentators across the political spectrum.”

Indeed, is he so intent on turning America into a socialist state that he is annoyed with distractions such as national emergencies that delay his dismantling of our capitalist democracy?

His inattentive mishandling of the Gulf oil spill didn’t surprise her in the least, Rabinowitz says. “For it was clear from the first that this president – single-minded,

# Difficult times ahead for America

Author J.R. Dunn says America will survive Obama, but that we are in for difficult times. One reason will be national disappointment at his incompetence. The national disillusionment will be unlike anything before our first black president. “Obama is different, explains Dunn, “in part because of the way he was so relentlessly hyped during his ascension to office and the way he played along with it, toying with the public’s expectations and transparently enjoying his status as demigod.

“But he is no longer the godling of legend, the Illinois messiah here to lead us to a left-wing Eden. He is merely a community organizer in over his head. The blowback triggered by disappointments of such depth can be ferocious. FDR was never foolish enough to make promises on this level and it served him well over three full terms. Obama was and now he must pay the piper.”

Dunn is a consulting editor at the daily Internet journal *The American Thinker* with a background in real estate and information technologies. His forthcoming book, *Death by Liberalism*, focuses on the negative effects that too many poorly thought-out policies have had on society.

Because of his empty promises and unfilled potential, Obama will be “hated for a good reason – for causing suffering to no purpose.”

In times of national crisis or war, “a president must cause grief and pain,” writes Dunn. “In this fallen world, he has no choice. He must and he will make decisions that hurt people. Hard decisions, decisions that kill.

“This is one of the reasons that presidents age so swiftly. The classic case here is Lincoln. No president caused more bloodshed and sorrow than Lincoln. No president suffered more for it, as much as it was done for a good and transcendent cause. The result is apparent in his photographs – the somber but healthy figure about to take office transformed into the wraith of 1865, with his haunted eyes and skin stretched parchment-tight across the bones of his face.

“But the suffering generated by the reign of Obama is unnecessary and uncalled for, as any short examination will reveal:

**The Economy** – “Obama has made the same errors as FDR in his first term, without FDR’s charm and earnestness to make up for it. Without even grasping that they were errors, for that matter. Of course, giving most of the stimulus money to the same financial industry that kicked off the crash was a brilliant ploy. We have to admit that worked.”

**The Border** – “A state under siege attempts to reimpose order through accepted legal means and Obama’s response is to unleash Eric Holder, the only person in the country (possibly even the galaxy) more arrogant than he. This is going to haunt him.”

**Health Care** – “Even now, the chicks are coming home. The system is starting to go, four years before anything will be ready to replace it. A former colleague of mine was told this week that her doctor will no longer accept Medicare. She lives in New York City, not friendly to Medicare patients in the best of times. She is understandably distraught. That story is being repeated across country in thousands – perhaps hundreds of thousands – of cases. And what is O’s Plan B? You tell me.”

**The Gulf** – “During the worst ecological disaster of the era, as all levels of his administration repeatedly fumbled the ball, Obama golfed, partied, attended a Paul McCartney concert and went on vacation no fewer than three times. Let them eat cake!”

The November elections are crucial, says Dunn. “The new Congress will put a halt to much of the programs already in motion and must also move to assure that the levers of power are moved out of Obama’s reach. The Supreme Court will step in regarding a number of questionable decisions and programs. The sheer pressure of democratic checks and balances, so blithely ignored by Obama up until now, will begin to squeeze like a vise.

“His own cronies, with no honor among them, will peel off as the downward spiral becomes evident. They will move to save themselves – cut their deals, make their testimony, cop their pleas. We will learn a lot we don’t now know about why certain decisions were made. The collapse will accelerate.

“Obama’s crisis mode is to retreat. And retreat he will, until he can retreat no farther. Eventually he will become a ghost in his own White House, querulous and isolated, afraid to go out among his own people.

“It will not be an easy period. The Iranians, the Chinese and the jihadis will take what advantage they can.

“But it’s far from hopeless. Those of us who lived through Watergate are aware that this country prevails. We can look forward to a period of renewal when it’s all over.”

But in the end, says Dunn, “a lot of illusions will be dead, a lot of worthless ideas exposed.”

ever-visible, confident in his program for a reformed America saved by his arrival – was lacking in qualities we have until now taken for granted in our presidents.”

Obama considers himself a citizen of the world – and isn’t bound by obsolete virtues such as patriotism. “A great part of America now understands that this president’s sense of identification lies elsewhere and is in profound ways unlike theirs. He is hard put to sound convincingly like the leader of the nation, because he is, at heart and by instinct, the voice mainly of his ideological class. He is the alien in the White House.”

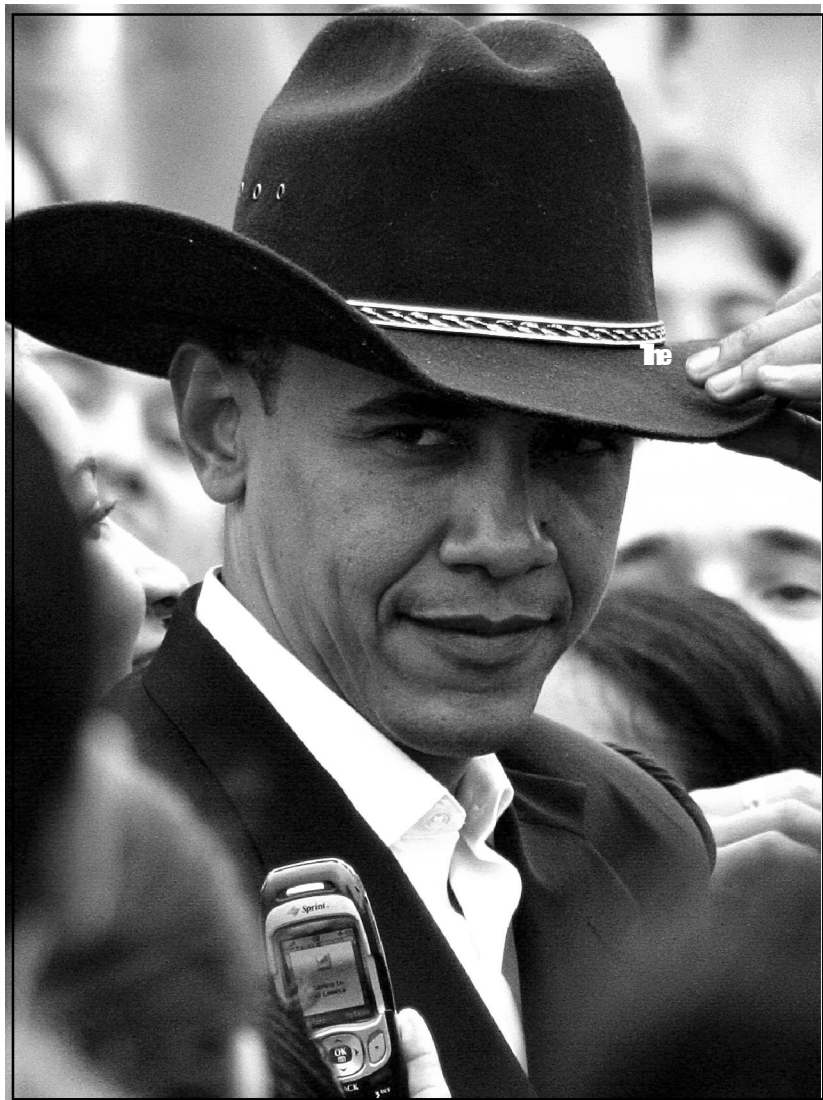
Indeed, writes attorney Jonathan Emord, Obama is intent on turning everything upside down. In sharp contrast, President Ronald Reagan, writes Emord, “made government less important, thereby reducing corruption. Obama makes government all important, making corruption more pervasive in these latter days.”

Under Obama, “the power brokers have become the heads of the regulatory agencies as never before. They sit like absolute monarchs.”

## Other people’s money

Emord says Obama has an obvious agenda – to make Americans dependent on government. That’s how socialists stay in power – they promise to redistribute the wealth. What is puzzling is why Obama chooses to ignore history. Socialism doomed

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the Soviet Union. Mainland China is thriving today because it has turned its back on Marx and Lenin's economics. Socialist Iceland and Greece are in downward spirals. Yet, Obama believes he is destined to lead America into socialism, a flawed system doomed to disaster because, as Margaret Thatcher noted, it only works "until you run out of other people's money."

Can it be that Obama is unworried about national bankruptcy because, as some of his more extreme critics fear, he believes that if the entire world can be united under one world currency and a central government, money will no longer be a problem? The New World Order will just print what it needs?

How can Obama ignore history? The prosperity of the 1980s was not delivered by Bill Clinton, but by a conservative Congress inspired by Ronald Reagan, who had "placed faith in free people and free markets," writes Emord. "The market was

understood to be all important. That elevated individual sovereignty because each person's choice of what to buy solidly determined winners and losers in the market.

"Reagan's faith in the individual reinforced our sovereignty and freedom. It made us stronger and more independent.

"Obama's distrust in the individual has reinforced governmental sovereignty."

## A weaker, servile nation

"It is making us weaker and more dependent," continues Emord. "It makes us believe that we are here to serve an agenda set by the government. We increasingly take on the mindset of a servile people. We do not presume to be in control of our own destiny but, rather, we understand that we are beholden to government for what will become of us.

"For those who love freedom, there is but one choice and that is to vote out those who trust in government in favor of those who trust in us."

But if conservatives wrestle control of Congress in November, can Obama's damage actually be undone? Financial writer Zubi Diamond fears that Obama means to bring America down – and is in a headlong rush to do so.

"The administration has purposely hamstrung U.S. economic growth as a way to burst the bubble of America's supremacy," writes Diamond. "The financial reform bill carries this process forward by suppressing the capitalist spirit, business freedom and economic growth.

"President Obama had hoped to carry his trophy legislation to the Chinese and Russians at the G20 and G8 meetings," writes Diamond.

"It would have been like bringing America's head on a platter.

"Ask yourself: with the administration passing the financial reform bill, will it translate to solving the economic crisis?

"Will it translate to robust economic growth for America?

"Will it heal the private sector and create more jobs and reduce the unemployment rate or stop the stock market from crashing again? The answer is 'No.'"

"Then you should ask yourself: Does the Obama administration know this? The answer is 'Yes.'"

"The Obama Administration," writes Diamond, "knows very well that passing the financial reform bill is not going to improve the unemployment picture or solve the eco-

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## Obama believes U.S. is the world's villain

Pulitzer Prize-winning *Wall Street Journal* editorial board member Dorothy Rabinowitz worries about the Obama administration's separation from reality – and the terrible, lasting effects it may have on America.

"The president's appointees, transmitters of policy, go forth with singular passion, week after week, delivering the latest inversion of reality.

"No small trick that, but their efforts go forward in public spectacles matchless in their absurdity.

"Consider the hapless Eric Holder, America's attorney general, confronting the question put to him by Rep. Lamar Smith (R., Texas) of the House Judiciary Committee on May 13.

"Did Holder think that in the last three terrorist attempts on this soil, one of them successful (U.S. Army Major Nidal Hasan's murder of 13 soldiers at Fort Hood, preceded by his shouts of 'Allahu Akbar!'), that radical Islam might have played any role at all?" asks Rabinowitz.

"Holder seemed puzzled by the question."

"People have different reasons," he lamely finally answered after Smith asked three times.

"And who can forget the exhortations on jihad by John Brennan, Obama's chief adviser on counterterrorism?" notes Rabinowitz.

"Brennan has in the past charged that Americans lack sensitivity to the Muslim world and that we have particularly failed to credit its peace-loving disposition.

"In a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, Brennan announced, 'sternly, that we do not refer to our enemies as Islamists or jihadists because jihad is a holy struggle, a legitimate tenet of Islam.

"How then might we be permitted to describe our enemies?" asks Rabinowitz.

According to Brennan: "violent extremists are victims

of political, economic and social forces."

"Yes, that would work," writes Rabinowitz sarcastically. "Consider the news bulletins: 'Police have arrested Faisal Shahzad, victim of political, economic and social forces living in Connecticut, for efforts to set off a car bomb explosion in Times Square.'

"Plotters in Afghanistan and Yemen, preparing for their next attempt at mass murder in America, could only have listened in wonderment.

"They must have marvelled in particular on learning that this was the chief counterterrorism adviser to the president of the United States."

The belief that America is the world's villain responsible for most of the world's troubles "is a sensibility and political disposition with which Obama is at home," writes Rabinowitz.

"The beliefs and attitudes that this president has internalized are to be found everywhere – in the salons of the left the world over – and, above all, in the academic establishment, stuffed with tenured radicals and their political progeny, the places where it is held as revealed truth that the United States is now and has been throughout its history, the chief engine of injustice and oppression in the world.

"They are attitudes to be found everywhere, but never before in a president of the United States.

"There can be no doubt by now of the influences that have shaped him.

"They account for his grand apology tour through the capitals of Europe and to the Muslim world, during which he decried America's moral failures – her arrogance, insensitivity.

"They were the words of a man to whom reasons for American guilt came naturally."

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conomic crisis or even prevent the stock market from crashing again.”

## So, are we being too harsh?

Is our criticism of the mystery man in the White House too extreme?

Describing the White House in recent days, Congressional Democrats have used words like “ineptness,” “neglected” and “disconcerting,” and phrases like “isn’t aggressive enough.”

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid recently snapped, “I do not work for Barack Obama, I work with him.”

Observing Obama, Dunn notes: “Conduct of this sort inevitably produces a reaction—contempt from equals and hatred from victims. Obama has created a lot of victims in 18 months of power. Reaction has been growing. In plain fact, Obama is on his way to becoming the most hated president of the modern epoch.”

And it has nothing to do with racism, contrary to the media’s criticisms of anybody who opposes his policies.

“Obama’s arrogance, coolness and diffidence also make it difficult for him to nurture close friendships, personal trust and mutual respect with the poobahs on the Hill,” observes Washington insider Karl Rove. There’s a belief around Capitol Hill that the White House is already pointing the finger at Congress for the coming fall’s losses.

“After all,” notes Rove, “Team Obama publicly trashed its gubernatorial candidate in Virginia last fall and its Massachusetts senatorial hopeful last winter, weeks before their elections. Congressional Democrats also worry the president is insufficiently concerned about the November election.”

There is growing concern that Obama believes he can win reelection in 2012 more easily if after November he has a Republican Congress to blame. So, he’s ready to offer his Democratic colleagues up as sacrificial lambs—so that he can cling to power in 2012.

Meanwhile, liberal Congressmen and Senators are supposed to remain loyal and unquestioning. After all, as he tartly reminded Senator John McCain a few months ago, he won the election. He is president—and nobody else is.

But does anybody really know where he is going?

One very disturbing theory is that Obama craves power—and is manipulated by power brokers who are using him for their own means.

Billionaire currency manipulator George Soros is also one of Obama’s biggest financial backers. Soros had vowed to defeat George W. Bush’s bid for a second term. When Soros failed in that goal, it became an obsession that he would not be defeated in the next presidential election. He began pouring millions of dollars into Obama’s bid. Why? Could it be much more than just personal?

Soros stands to profit enormously from the new financial reform bill.

“The passing of this financial reform bill is a guarantee that the U.S. economy is not going to recover and that the stock market will crash again and again and again, leading to more job losses and increased unemployment,” writes Diamond.

How can Soros benefit from this?

Diamond writes that Obama’s Secretary of the Treasury Tim Geithner told the British Broadcasting Company the answer—that the Obama administration does not “want the United States of America to drive global growth anymore.”

“And that is in alignment with the agenda of George Soros and the Center for American Progress, which I call the Center for American Destruction. They are bursting what Soros calls the bubble of American supremacy in order to achieve global equilibrium among nations.”

Soros fled Communist Hungary as a young man—and made billions in the capitalist world. So, the mystery is why he wants to bring capitalism down. Those who know him say he cares little about anything but raking in profits. He’s made billions in currency speculation before. He became known as “the Man Who Broke the Bank of England” after he made a reported \$1 billion during the 1992 Black Wednesday British currency crisis.

## He knows how to make billions in times of chaos and crisis

No matter what theory you believe, we’d better act soon, warns columnist William Kristol, writing in the *American Spectator*.

He says America has entered a new period in history that he calls “a period of consequences.”

He takes the phrase from a 1936 speech in Britain’s House of Commons in which Winston Churchill warned fellow lawmakers: “The era of procrastination, of half-

# Can America survive Obama?

Attorney and author Jonathan W. Emord worries about America after Obama. Will we be so weakened that we will never recover?

“Ronald Reagan had undying faith in the power of a free people to transform and uplift the world,” writes Emord. “If each citizen were free to chart his or her own destiny, pursue his or her own industry and improvement, there could be no end to the advancements. The trust in each American that defined Reagan’s optimism inspired a generation of entrepreneurs. It reinforced our confidence in the boundless potential of a free people.”

In sharp contrast, notes Emord, “is Barak Obama’s distrust in freedom of choice and free markets reinforces uncertainty, anxiety and fear among entrepreneurs. Obama seeks to channel freedom of choice and free markets to achieve a never ending set of goals the government prefers. That distrust in freedom leads to a sense of helplessness, a belief that we are dependent on government for satisfaction of our every need.”

Emord is a constitutional law attorney. Congressman Ron Paul has called him “a hero of the health freedom revolution” and says “all freedom-loving Americans are in his debt for his courtroom victories on behalf of health freedom.” Emord is the author of *The Rise of Tyranny* and *Global Censorship of Health Information*.

“For Reagan, the source of change to better mankind came from the infinite potential of a free people. The role of good government was to get out of the way.” Obama is a polar opposite, says Emord. “For Obama, the source of change to better mankind comes from government cooptation of free people and free enterprise, principally through the creation of a corporatist state.

“The role of government is to direct the use of private dollars, whether by pressuring financial markets into reaching outcomes favored by the Administration or by compelling every American to buy private health insurance.

“For Reagan, freedom was the objective.

“For Obama, politically preferred outcomes are the objective and freedom is of worth only if it facilitates attainment of those outcomes.

“To Ronald Reagan, government planning was a very dirty word because it offended the rights of individuals. In the world of Barak Obama government planning is idyllic because it denies the exercise of rights that would detract from achievement of his political agenda.

“Although President Obama makes superficial overtures toward eliminating undue corporate influence in government, his every move into the market involves a government-corporate joint venture where industry leaders reap monopoly protections in exchange for conceding to the government substantive control over certain powers corporate executives previously wielded freely.

“When Reagan spoke of American greatness, he always did so by reference to individual Americans advancing their own interests unbounded by government,” writes Emord. “Reagan viewed government as a necessary evil “as it was for the nation’s Founders.”

In sharp contrast, “When Obama speaks of American greatness, he does so by reference to the use of federal power. The government is, for him, an essential good.

“The difference in viewpoints and the consequences that flow from them could not be more extreme or pronounced.”

measures, of soothing and baffling expedients, of delays is coming to its close. In its place we are entering a period of consequences.”

Churchill was ignored for four long years. Britain continued its policy of appeasing Nazi Germany—doing little or nothing when Austria and Czechoslovakia were annexed, then very little when Poland was invaded. It was 1940 before Britain was shocked into reality when Holland, Belgium and France were invaded, Britain’s expeditionary army was driven into the sea at Dunkirk and Hitler launched the Battle of Britain, determined to bomb England into surrender.



Obama on the campaign trail

## See no evil, hear no evil

According to Kristol, America is following the same course, closing our eyes to a variety of mortal threats.

“Churchill’s words seem to capture all too many aspects of the present moment,” writes Kristol. “Now we are entering a period of consequences that will require an end to procrastination and that will necessitate both difficult short-term choices and a fundamental rethinking of a host of government programs and the very structure of our fiscal and monetary policies.”

What will America have to do? “We’ve been living beyond our means,” says Kristol, “and have failed to come to grips with the problem. The financial crisis has been followed by an irresponsible ‘stimulus’ package that has meant the assumption of more debt and a financial regulation bill that doesn’t address our core financial problems.

“A European sovereign debt crisis is bearing down on us as the global economic recovery falters and our fiscal and monetary policy instruments seem exhausted.

“We’ve allowed—nay, in many cases encouraged—our government to become unlimited in its goals, bloated in its size and arbitrary in its action. In this respect Obamacare is more the culmination of decades of policy-making than a deviation from them.

“We’ve indulged in the fatal conceit that we can ask the state to attend to all our cares and invite the government to correct all our perceived problems, without

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considering either the counterproductive practical consequences (such as that Obamacare will make health care less effective and more costly) or the enfeebling of the private sector or the undermining of our capacity for self-government.”

In this critical period of consequences, says Kristol, we cannot simply coast on America’s past successes. “To restore the idea and practices of limited, energetic self-government will require more than half-measures,” he warns. “We’ve hoped that the world might remain reasonably peaceful, friendly and civilized – while skimping on our defense budgets and our military forces. More recently, we’ve signaled weakness to friends and enemies alike.

“We’ve pretended that happy talk and ‘soft power’ would suffice in dealing with the hard truths of dictatorships, terror, fanaticism and weapons of mass destruction.

“Now we are entering a period which will require rejecting soothing and baffling expedients and will instead demand strength and conviction on behalf of freedom and civilization.”

## But will America act?

“The danger to America is not Barack Obama, but a citizenry capable of entrusting a man like him with the presidency,” warns columnist Betty Freauf. “It will be easier to limit and undo the follies of an Obama presidency than to restore the necessary common sense and good judgment to a depraved electorate willing to have such a man for their president. The problem is much deeper and far more serious than Obama, who is a mere symptom of what ails us. Blaming the prince of the fools should not blind anyone to the vast confederacy of fools that made him their prince.

“The republic can survive a Barack Obama. It is less likely to survive a multitude of fools such as those who made him their president.”

So, how did we get to such a terrible place in history? Our educational systems have failed us, notes Kristol. “We’ve allowed our universities to become politically correct.”

Furthermore, we have allowed “our media to become juvenile and our entertainments to become ever more adolescent,” he warns, “and then we wonder why we’re baffled by the difficulties we have as a society in being candid, serious and grown up.

“As C.S. Lewis put it, ‘We make men without chests and expect from them virtue and enterprise. We laugh at honor and are shocked to find traitors in our midst.’

“Now we are entering a period of consequences in which delaying the decay is no longer enough.”

America has been subverted from within, says Kristol. Conservative and Christian “counter-cultural and reconstructive cultural efforts” must be intensified, he warns. Furthermore, to save America, they “will have to make a difference quickly.”

## Is it possible?

“Obama wants and plans to transform this country into a cradle to grave, European-style, Socialist/Communist regime that he and his cronies control,” writes columnist Laurie Roth. “In order to do this, as Hitler did, he must control business, opportunities, schools, health, media and the military. He is moving boldly forward in all these areas. We must stop him and this Congress from shredding our Constitution, laws and freedoms.

“Obama counts and plans on the created chaos so he can assert more emergency and Government controls,” writes Roth.

“An arrogantly incompetent president,” writes conservative author and talk-show host Michael Medved, “has combined with a corrupt collection of nanny-state, leftist

hacks to grab temporary control of the Washington levers of power.”

## America has not been stolen

Does Medved really think the power grab is “temporary”? Yes, he says. Furthermore, Obama’s successes don’t mean “that America itself has been seized or stolen,” he writes. “The nation, with its free market economy and incomparably dynamic private sector, is always bigger and better and, ultimately, more powerful than the government.

“Moreover,” writes Medved, “the notion that we’ve lost the country itself – that America is ‘done,’ as one of my talk show colleagues recently proclaimed on-air – only undermines the prospects for political success.

“Even the most ardent TEA Party supporters don’t really believe that the people have given up their irreducible goodness and decency,” says Medved. Nor does he believe “that our churches and small businesses, cops and soldiers, neighbors and families have been universally corrupted by President Barack Obama and his welfare state. The current surge in Constitutionalist ideology and patriotic fervor, measured by promising polls regarding the upcoming elections, indicates that we don’t need to ‘take our country back’ because the country and its ideals never really got taken away. What happened in the election of 2008 brought purely political change, not some deeper spiritual or cultural transformation that rendered the United States unrecognizable.

“Obama and his minions initially assumed that their electoral victory signified precisely this sort of fundamental alteration in our national consciousness, but the vigorous push-back to all aspects of their agenda, not to mention the president’s plummeting poll numbers, proved to the world that they were wrong.”

## Independent voters have turned away

“Talking about ‘taking our country back’ also conjures images of an eternal battle between us and them that can only alienate swing voters – that crucial element of the populace with few ideological attachments and a chronic disinclination to firm allegiances.

“Often confused and bored by ideological struggle of every sort, these flighty and skittish ‘independent’ voters provide the margin of victory in every election,” advises Medved. “They went for Obama in a big way in 2008 and now have turned against him decisively. Republicans will continue to prosper only so long as they draw support from those who claim neither a conservative nor a liberal outlook and announce their own unpredictability with the title ‘moderate.’”

It is those very moderates who decide most political battles, says Medved.

They feel uncomfortable with harsh rhetoric from either right or left. After all, he notes, Howard Dean ran his ultra-liberal presidential campaign of 2004 using precisely that slogan – promising to take our country back – in his case, from conservatives.

“Though he was once hailed as the Democratic front-runner, Dean’s campaign developed an apocalyptic and paranoid edge,” advises Medved, “that finally repelled even liberal voters in Democratic primaries. Republicans should avoid replicating that.

“There’s also an unmistakable, uncomfortable whiff of racial hatred in demanding to regain lost control of our country during the term of America’s first non-white president,” adds Medved. “Naturally, left-wingers will seize on any excuse to charge their conservative adversaries with hatred of black people, and they have logically

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asked, ‘From whom, exactly, do conservatives mean to take their country back? From liberals, or from people of color?’”

The NAACP has attacked the Tea Party as the “second coming of the Klan,” notes Medved. “These charges may seem opportunistic and implausible, but why risk even the vague appearance of race-baiting when it’s entirely unnecessary?”

“Big majorities dislike and distrust the direction of the current government. They want a change in course, a fresh start and an end to the bitter-end political gang wars that have characterized our polarized capital for more than two decades. But they don’t believe that the nation has succumbed to some alien occupation.”

## Obama still blaming Bush

“With only three and a half months to go before a fateful election, Obama still can’t stop talking about the failure of Bush, and most Republicans can only talk about the (admittedly more relevant) failures of Obama.

“Meanwhile, the public might appreciate an alternative narrative that emphasizes future triumphs rather than past disasters. Conservatives will succeed most substantially if they pledge to take America forward, not back.”

Will America listen to such good advice?

*We must, says Kristol.*

“The British economist and businessman Josiah Charles Stamp remarked, ‘It is easy to dodge our responsibilities, but we cannot dodge the consequences of dodging our responsibilities.’ Stamp, along with his wife and son, was killed in London in 1941 during the Blitz.

“Those deaths and tens of millions others, were the result of decent people seeking

# Liberals baffled by America’s anger

The liberals just don’t get it, writes Rich Trzuppek in the Internet magazine *FrontPage*.

“America’s growing antipathy to the Obama administration and its liberal policies continues to befuddle the progressive rank and file. The inherent goodness of the new nanny-state that the president is creating is so readily apparent to liberals that they are sure that the ever swelling surge of anger directed toward big government must be about something more sinister.

Llatent racism, corporate conspiracies and Fox News are the most popular villains.

“Progressives don’t appear able to comprehend that conservatives and a growing number of independents aren’t just upset about what is being done, it’s the how it’s being done part that has the nation in such an uproar.

“We first witnessed the unabashed arrogance of the Obama administration when it pushed through the health care bill, using any parliamen-

tary trick it could think of to accomplish its mission despite overwhelming, deeply-felt opposition throughout the country.

“The president’s unwillingness to do take meaningful action to stem the tide of illegal immigration has been disappointing, but Attorney General Eric Holder’s decision to take Arizona to court because that state has stepped up to do the job the federal government’s should have been doing is positively infuriating.

“Many Democratic governors understand this and have expressed concern that the administration’s pig-headed refusal to understand the mood of the electorate regarding this hot-button issue will ultimately result in disaster for their party come November.

“Obama and his advisors have moved beyond the imperial presidency, To call it the tyrannical presidency would be a little excessive, but not by much.”

for too long to dodge their responsibilities and to evade the consequences.”

Can America dodge the pending equivalent of 1941’s Blitz? Remember, England was almost defeated.

“Then, America came to her rescue.”

This time if America falls, *who will rescue us?*

# Why allow a mosque at New York City’s Ground Zero?

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In Damascus, where Saul of Tarsus became Paul the Apostle, today’s Umayyad Mosque is on the site of what was, before the Islamic conquest, the Church of St. John the Baptist.

So, why now would Feisal Abdul Rauf want to build a \$100 million mosque at Ground Zero? He is the imam behind what is called the “Cordoba Initiative” to build a mosque at the site where nearly 3,000 Americans were killed by jihadists.

“He is also the author of a book called *What’s Right with Islam Is What’s Right with America*,” writes author Andrew C. McCarthy. “But the book hasn’t always been called that. It was called quite something else for non-English-speaking audiences. In Malaysia, it was published as *A Call to Prayer from the World Trade Center Rubble: Islamic Dawa in the Heart of America Post-9/11*.”

Interestingly enough, a “special, non-commercial edition” of the book was produced with Rauf’s cooperation, by two American agencies of the Muslim Brotherhood—the Islamic Society of North America and the International Institute of Islamic Thought.

Both groups, notes McCarthy, were cited by the Justice Department as unindicted co-conspirators in a crucial terrorism-financing case involving the channeling of tens of millions of dollars to Hamas through an outfit called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. For the last 15 years, Hamas has been a designated terrorist organization under U.S. law.

McCarthy is a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and the author of a number of bestselling books, including *The Grand Jihad: How Islam and the Left Sabotaged America*.

The Ground Zero mosque has been denounced by a variety of conservative figures, including Sarah Palin, Michael Reagan, Bill O’Reilly, Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh. In the *Wall Street Journal*, Mary Lu Carnevale quoted businessman Carl Paladino, declaring: “It’s no different than Japan asking to build a memorial to



Thousands protest the proposed NYC mosque

kamikaze pilots next to the *USS Arizona* in Pearl Harbor.”

“That remark,” noted Carnevale, “prompted New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who supports the center, to pointedly say: ‘This city was built on openness and tolerance and we’re not walking away from it.’”

Luisita Lopez Torregrosa, on the *Politics Daily* website, pointed out that, “On the one side are those who believe the United States closed its eyes for too long to the very real threat of global Islamic radicalism and the murderous attacks that Muslim terrorists perpetrate around the world. Why should we pretend that we could ever find common ground with such people or be allies to nations that export such ideology while they prevent the construction of a single temple or church on their own lands, while they send mullahs, mosques and hate-filled textbooks to ours?”

“On the other hand,” she continues, “are those who believe that America’s very strength is that we welcome all faiths and creeds and peoples; that, yes, you can build a mosque—many mosques—in New York, even near the site of a terrorist tragedy and that this doesn’t weaken our resolve or our image in the world. It strengthens them.”

In another opinion piece, Bret Stevens wrote in the *Wall Street Journal*: “Opponents argue that building the center so close to Ground Zero is an insult to the memory of the victims of 9/11. Germany has spent six decades in conspicuous and mainly sincere atonement for Nazi crimes. But it surely has no plans to showcase the tolerant society it has become by building a cultural center down the road from

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Family members of September 11 victims hold silent vigil



Couple from Maryland appeal to decision-makers

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Auschwitz. Japan is no doubt equally disinclined to finance a Shinto shrine in the vicinity of the Pearl Harbor memorial."

## Claiming supremacy

"In 2002, I lived in el Obied, Sudan, as part of an international peace monitoring effort in the Nuba Mountains," writes Sandy Daze. "El Obied is either the second or third largest city in Sudan after Khartoum. The Catholic Church is beautiful and was built by the Comboni Order in 1961."

"In the 1990s immediately across the street from this Church, Saudi money funded the building of a mosque. All the residents knew that the mosque was placed specifically in that position as a counter to, of course, the church."

"Lest there be any doubt, the mosque minarets were taller than the church bell steeple. The significance of what the Saudis were declaring was not lost on anyone."

"As to the mosque at Ground Zero, there can be no doubt that this is an effort to claim supremacy over that land. It must be stopped. If completed what they will be saying is, 'Islamic warriors destroyed the World Trade Center temple of your capitalism. We have built our mosque on top of those ashes. We are stronger than you. Submit.'"

The project is highly offensive, says Pamela Geller, executive director of Stop Islamization of America. "People need to know history in order to understand Islam and what they are really out to achieve," she says. "At its height, the Islamic Empire covered more of the earth than the Roman Empire."

"The Ottoman Empire ended in 1924 and the Muslim

Brotherhood came about only four years later. This is no coincidence; it was established to bring back the world domination that Islam once had."

Aside from Islam conquering a huge part of the world, she points out "Islam also conquered most of Spain and held onto it until 1248."

It controlled parts of Spain until 1492 when the Muslim invaders were finally thrown out by King



NYC demonstrator appeals to Mayor Bloomberg

Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, the same monarchs who financed Christopher Columbus' voyages that opened up the New World.

The name of the organization planning the New York City mosque, she notes, is the "Cordoba Initiative."

"This name itself is a full affront to Americans," writes Geller. "Cordoba was the seat of the Islamic Caliphate that ruled Spain and the name is often used today by Islamic militants when recalling the glory of the Islamic Empire from the years when they occupied Spain." The



Husband and wife protest lack of equity

great mosque of Cordoba was built atop Spain's grandest Cathedral. It was done to emphasize who had won the war.

Islam is usually spread by conquest, not persuasion. The conquered people either submit and become Muslim or die. Whenever conquest cannot be accomplished through warfare, notes McCarthy, Islam is spread by "dawa."

"Dawa is proselytism," explains McCarthy, "but not involving only spiritual elements — for Islam is not merely a religion and spiritual elements are just a small part of its doctrine. In truth, Islam is a comprehensive political, social and economic system with its own authoritarian legal framework, *shari'a*, which aspires to govern all aspects of life."

*Shari'a* is Islamic law, which McCarthy explains, rejects core tenets of American constitutional democracy.

"For example," notes McCarthy: "individual liberty, freedom of conscience, freedom to govern ourselves irrespective of any theocratic code, equality of men and women, equality of Muslims and non-Muslims and economic liberty, including the uses of private property."

"In Islam, owners hold property only as custodians for the *umma*, the universal Muslim nation, and are beholden to the Islamic state regarding its use."

*Shari'a* prohibits the preaching of creeds other than Islam or turning away from Islam.

Its penalties are extreme, including death sentences for apostates and adulterers.

## Slavery is legal!

"This is an insult to America and this is an insult to New Yorkers," writes Simon Deng, who as a boy was a slave in Sudan. He is now an American citizen living



in New York. "I'm outraged. I'm so mad and upset because of the insult to those who died here.

"The policy of Islamization took me to being a slave when I was nine years old. It slaughtered 3 million of my fellow Christians and left 7 million as refugees.

"In the state that I came from in southern Sudan, there used to be one mosque. I was in Sudan a month ago. There are 113 mosques. We, the New Yorkers, have to stand shoulder to shoulder and stop this mosque."

There are still open slave markets in Sudan's cities today. At age 14 Deng escaped. Due to pressure from western nations, some Islamic countries have outlawed slavery recently: Qatar in 1952, Yemen and Saudi Arabia in 1962, Mauritania in 1980, but slavery continues in a number of Muslim countries under shari'a law.

"The purpose of dawa," writes McCarthy, "is to implement, spread and defend shari'a."

Scholar Robert Spencer refers to dawa as "stealth jihad," the advancement of the shari'a agenda through means other than violence and agents other than terrorists. These include extortion, cultivation of sympathizers in the media and the universities, exploitation of the legal system, ending religious liberty and infiltrating political systems.

"Yusuf Qaradawi, the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood and the world's most influential Islamic cleric," writes McCarthy, "boldly promises that Islam will 'conquer America' and Europe through dawa."

According to McCarthy, there is no coincidence that the Ground Zero mosque is being planned where it is. "Like most Muslims," says McCarthy, "Rauf regards Qaradawi as a guide and referred to him in 2001 as 'the most well-known legal authority in the whole Muslim world today.'"

Qaradawi has a weekly program broadcast worldwide on the Muslim news channel Al Jazeera that is viewed by millions. His popular website, Islam Online, is visited by millions more each week.

"His rabble-rousing," writes McCarthy, "was a prime cause of the deadly global rioting by Muslims when an obscure Danish newspaper published cartoon depictions of Mohammed. Qaradawi regards the United States as the enemy of Islam. He has urged that Muslims 'Fight the American military if we can and if we cannot, we should fight the U.S. economically and politically.'"

"In 2004, he issued a *fatwa* calling for Muslims to kill Americans in Iraq. A leading champion of Hamas, he has issued similar approvals of suicide bombings. He decreed that Muslims must donate money to 'support Palestinians fighting occupation. If we can't carry out acts of jihad ourselves, we at least should support and prop up the mujahideen financially and morally.'"

Andrew Bostom noted in a recent *New York Post* column that Rauf supports these same positions.

"The Ground Zero project to erect a monument to shari'a overlooking the crater where the World Trade Center once stood and where thousands were slaughtered," concludes McCarthy, "is not a test of America's commitment to religious liberty. America already has thousands of mosques and Islamic centers, including scores in the New York area – though Islam does not allow non-Muslims even to enter its crown-jewel cities of Mecca and Medina, much less to build churches or synagogues."

Indeed, when the U.S. military was defending Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Storm, Christian chaplains were required to remove crosses from their lapels and were barred from wearing crucifix pendants or necklaces. No, this is no test of our open-mindedness.

"The Ground Zero project is a test of America's resolve," concludes McCarthy, "to face down a civilizational jihad that aims, in the words of its leaders, to destroy us from within."

The Cordoba Initiative plans to dedicate the Ground Zero mosque on September 11, 2011, the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America.



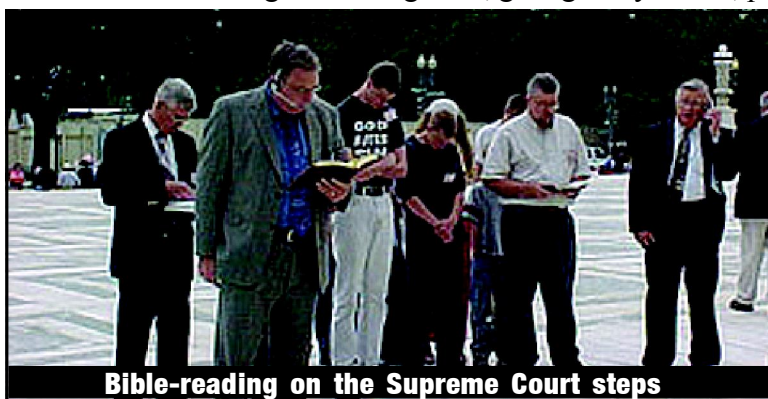
Students pray on the Supreme Court steps

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on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. A group from Arizona touring Washington, D.C., this summer was told by police that it is no longer acceptable to pray on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. So, have federal officials decided that praying should be done only in churches now? That's what the Obama administration's switch in terms would seem to indicate.

"Freedom of worship" allows faith to be freely practiced behind closed doors. "Freedom of religion," however, extends beyond worship and allows all aspects of one's faith to be practiced freely in public without government rules or restrictions against evangelism, giving away Bibles, praying in public, displaying manger scenes or otherwise obeying the tenets of one's faith.



Bible-reading on the Supreme Court steps

Such freedom is guaranteed to all Christians by the First Amendment's admonition that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." However a switch to "freedom of worship" implies the government intends to continue to remove all vestiges of faith from public life while pretending that constitutional rights to religious freedom are only extended to private exercises with a church sanctuary.

What this change in definition does is further remove Christianity from America's public life.

"This change in language cannot go unchallenged," writes Christian author Jay Tower. "In the past, Christians have failed to respond when the liberals took control of language – for example inventing the term 'abortion rights,' which is now used regularly in the media – as if there were actually a Constitutional right to kill the unborn.

Another example would be the hijacking of the word "gay." For centuries, it meant "happy" as in the Christmas carol lyrics "... don we now our gay apparel" or the novel about two teenage girls touring 1900s Europe, *When We Were Young and Gay*. However, in the 1980s, activists began demanding that it be used to describe male homosexuals and female lesbians. Christians went along with the change in language even though it projected an image of happiness instead of sin and perversion.

Another example would be ongoing attempts to switch from "A.D." (for *Anno Domini*, Latin for "year of our Lord") and "B.C." (Before Christ), substituting the more politically correct "C.E." (for Current Era or Common Era) and "B.C.E." (for Before Current – or Common – Era).

Although less than a year old, the switch to "freedom of worship" from "freedom of religion" has been swift.

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“Such a purposeful change in language signals clearly that Obama has a much narrower view of our rights to religious freedom,” writes Tower. “The change in language was barely noticeable to the average citizen, but political observers are raising red flags at the use of the new term by Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton as a replacement for the term ‘freedom of religion.’ This shift happened between the President’s speech in Cairo where he showcased America’s freedom of religion and his appearance in November at a memorial for the victims of Fort Hood. There he specifically used the term ‘freedom of worship.’ From that point on, it has become the term of choice for the president and Clinton.

In an article for *First Things* magazine, Ashley Samelson wrote: “To anyone who closely follows prominent discussion of religious freedom in the diplomatic and political arena, this linguistic shift is troubling. The reason is simple. Any person of faith knows that religious exercise is about a lot more than freedom of worship. It’s about the right to dress according to one’s religious dictates, to preach openly, to evangelize, to engage in the public square. Everyone knows that religious Jews keep kosher, religious Quakers don’t go to war, and religious Muslim women wear headscarves – yet ‘freedom of worship’ would protect none of these.”

Samelson is the international programs director for the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty.

In the administration’s defense, Carl Esbeck, professor of law at the University of Missouri, is quoted by *Christianity Today* as saying that the change in terms “is probably meant for the Muslim world. Obama, seeking to repair relations fractured by 9/11, is telling Islamic countries that America is not interfering with their internal matters.”

No; scoffs Randy Sly, associate editor of Catholic Online website. It goes far beyond Obama’s pandering to the Islamic world.

## ‘Worship’ was legal under Mao

“Language matters when it comes to defining freedoms and limits,” says Sly. “A shift from ‘freedom of religion’ to ‘freedom of worship’ moves the dialog from the world stage into the physical confines of a church, temple, synagogue or mosque. Such limitations can unleash an unbridled initiative that we have only experienced in a mild way through actions determined to remove roadside crosses, block any wearing of religious t-shirts or pro-life pins as well as ban any public evangelism.

“It also could exclude our right to raise our children in our faith, the right to religious education, literature or media, the right to raise funds or organize charitable activities and the right to express religious beliefs in the

normal discourse of life.”

Indeed, in Communist China and the Soviet Union, churches remained open during Stalin’s purges and Mao’s Cultural Revolution. However, it was illegal to take a child under the age of 18 into a church or give them religious instruction.

Today, teaching a youngster to depend on Jesus for their daily needs is considered by the Chinese government to be a form of child abuse.

So, under Obama has it become illegal to pray on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court?

The Alliance Defense Fund has requested assurances that this is not true. That request came after Arizona Christian school teacher Maureen Rigo was threatened with arrest on the steps of the high court.

She and her students from Wickenburg Christian Academy in Arizona visited the Supreme Court for an educational tour while touring the nation’s capital. While standing on the Oval Plaza of the court steps, the group began to pray quietly. Despite having prayed on Supreme Court grounds without incident during a previous trip, a police officer interrupted the prayer, informed the group they could not pray in that location and guided them toward the street. Rigo says that the police officer told her the act of bowing her head and praying on the Supreme Court steps was unlawful.

However, a Supreme Court spokeswoman told the Internet news site CNSNews.com that the court does not have any policy prohibiting prayer. Nathan Kellum, an attorney with the Alliance Defense Fund said when Rigo contacted the Supreme Court Police headquarters, a Supreme Court Police sergeant – whose identity he did not disclose – confirmed the policy. The sergeant, Kellum said, asked Rigo if her group contained more than three persons and if they bowed their heads. Rigo answered “Yes” to both questions.

She says the sergeant then told her that her actions were, “definitely contrary to the law” and added: “The police officer acted correctly forcing you to leave under threat of arrest because you violated a federal statute.”

However, an official statement from the Supreme Court, issued by a court spokeswoman, indicated that assemblages engaged in activities which may draw onlookers are illegal, but the Court does not prohibit prayer on Supreme Court grounds.

“The Court does not have a policy prohibiting prayer,” said Patricia McCabe Estrada, deputy public information officer for the U.S. Supreme Court. The Court’s policy regarding the use of most public areas at the Court has been to permit “activity related to the business of the Court, including traditional tourist activity and ingress and egress for visitors, but not to permit demonstrations and other types of activity that may tend to draw a crowd or onlookers,” she said.



Christians pray on the Supreme Court steps

“In addition,” she said, “under 40 U.S.C. section 6135, it is unlawful to parade, stand or move in processions or assemblages in the building and grounds, including the plaza and steps, but not including the perimeter sidewalks.”

Indeed, that federal statute states: “It is unlawful to parade, stand, or move in processions or assemblages in the Supreme Court Building or grounds or to display in the Building and grounds a flag, banner or device designed or adapted to bring into public notice a party, organization or movement.”

Attorney Kellum told CNSNews.com that while the statute’s intent seemed to be focused on protests, the application of the law by the Supreme Court police could easily be construed as banning public prayer – and infringing upon First Amendment rights.

“While the statute doesn’t specifically mention prayer, the way they apply it bans prayer,” Kellum said.

The statute bans assemblages that bring public notice to a movement, Kellum noted. “If you consider Christianity a movement, and you bow your head, that’s bringing public notice to it.”

The Alliance Defense Fund has sent a letter to the Supreme Court police Marshall Pamela Talkin, public information officer Kathleen Arberg and Court counsel Scott Harris asking for assurance that Rigo and her students will be allowed to pray on Court grounds without being harassed during their next visit.

## Anything except prayer

“The only logical explanation for prohibiting Mrs. Rigo’s activities, while allowing other conversations, pertains to the viewpoint of Mrs. Rigo’s expression,” the letter stated. “Evidently, people may engage in all sorts of conversational expression on Supreme Court grounds unless that expression happens to involve prayer. In doing so, the Supreme Court police have not targeted a subject matter or class of expression, but targeted a particular viewpoint for censorship. They have singled out and censored religious prayer as the only form of conversation to be silenced.”

If Rigo does not receive written assurance that her right to pray is protected within three weeks, Kellum said the Alliance Defense Fund will pursue federal court action.

Why make such a fuss? Because we did nothing when prayer and Bible reading were banned from the

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public schools, says Sly. “As we can see, the free practice of religion permeates the very fabric of all Americans’ lives. It cannot and should not be separated into approved and non-approved expressions – nor segregated to approved locations.

“Unfortunately, such limits are being instituted across the globe, notes Samelson. “The effort to squash religion into the private sphere is on the rise around the world. And it’s not just confined to totalitarian regimes like Saudi Arabia. In France, students at public schools cannot wear headscarves, yarmulkes or large crucifixes. The European Court of Human Rights has banned crucifixes from the walls of Italian schools.”

The list of countries and limits is growing constantly. The Obama administration seems to embrace anything that Europe does, so this new move by Obama and Secretary Clinton should not be a big surprise.

Michelle Boorstein, religion reporter for the *Washington Post*, recently wrote that Knox Thames, director of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, a Congress-controlled body tasked with monitoring religious freedom abroad, spoke at a recent briefing about the change in lingo and said that it’s no accident.

The change is intentional, says Thames – and he is personally alarmed by it. In presenting a forecast of religious freedom for 2010 to the House Subcommittee on International Religions, Human Rights and Oversight, Georgetown professor Thomas Farr stated, “Those of us in the business of sniffing out rats know that this is a rhetorical shift to watch.”

Farr was the former head of the State Department’s International Religious Freedom Office.

Human rights lawyer Nina Shea, who is a Senior Scholar at the Hudson Institute, is also concerned. “I’m very fearful that we’re actually stepping away from this fundamental principle of religious freedom. It is so critical for Western, especially American, leaders to articulate strong defense for religious freedom and explain what that means and how it undergirds our entire civilization.”

Leonardo Leo, Chairman of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, stated in the group’s 2010 Annual Report “in the world of foreign policy and diplomacy, where every word is carefully chosen to convey meaning and interest, there is an even more important situation that could be taken by some in the world community as a signal that freedom of religion or belief is not a priority for the administration.”

Leo went on to write that his group “notes that since the initially strong language on religious freedom used in President Obama’s Cairo speech, presidential references to religious freedom have become rare, often replaced, at most, with references to freedom of worship. The same holds true for many of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s speeches.

“This change in phraseology could well be viewed by human rights defenders and by officials in other countries as having concrete policy implications. Freedom of worship is only one aspect of religious freedom and a purposeful change in language could mean a much narrower view of the right, ignoring such components as religiously motivated expression and religious education as well as ignoring incursions such as discrimination in government benefits and privileges or the creation of climates of impunity, where private religiously-motivated violence isn’t prevented and punished.”

So, yes, words matter – as never before in American history. Mark Twain once quipped, “The difference between the almost right word and the right word is really a large matter – it’s the difference between the lightning bug and the lightning.”

“This is an area where we must remain vigilant,” writes Sly. “These small changes can be used to change our perception of rights and freedoms. In retrospect, the past hundred years gives us a number of significant issues in which this has already happened to one degree or another. Abortion, contraception, marriage, the family and gender have all been re-engineered to fashion a new worldview.

“What may seem an innocent shift in language now could possibly end up as a ‘tipping point’ for our religious freedom,” notes Sly. “Make no mistake; this

is the goal and desire of the many inside and outside our current administration.

## How has Obama switched?

In June 2009, he highlighted religious freedom in his Cairo speech saying, “Moreover, freedom in America is indivisible from the freedom to practice one’s religion. That is why there is a mosque in every state of our union, and over 1,200 mosques within our borders. That is why the U.S. government has gone to court to protect the right of women and girls to wear the hijab, and to punish those who would deny it.”

A few months later, in November, he delivered remarks to the crowd gathered to remember the victims of the Fort Hood shooting when he used the new terminology, saying, “We’re a nation that guarantees the freedom to worship as one chooses.”

On the heels of that speech, he delivered another in Tokyo that same month stating, “The longing for liberty and dignity is a part of the story of all peoples. For there are certain aspirations that human beings hold in common: the freedom to speak your mind, and choose your leaders; the ability to access information and worship how you please.”

Then he traveled on to China, which today still enforces the sharp difference between freedom to worship in private versus any public freedom of religion. There while speaking at a “Town Hall” with future Chinese leaders, Obama stated, “These freedoms of expression and worship – of access to information and political participation – we believe are universal rights.”

A similar abrupt shift was also noticed in public statements by Secretary Clinton. At Georgetown University in December 2009, she used the new phrase three times – but never “freedom of religion.”

“To fulfill their potential,” she declared, “people must be free to choose laws and leaders; to share and access information, to speak, criticize and debate. They must be free to worship, associate, and to love in the way that they choose. In China, we call for protection of rights of minorities in Tibet and Xinjiang; for the rights to express oneself and worship freely. And when a person is too hungry or sick to work or vote or worship, she is denied a life she deserves. Freedom doesn’t come in half measures, and partial remedies cannot redress the whole problem.”

In January 2010, she delivered a speech about Internet freedom at Washington, D.C.’s “Newseum,” dedicated to America’s news gathering history and traditions. In that speech, she used the “freedom of worship” theme several times.

“In 1831, Alexis De Tocqueville travelled throughout America and wrote about how our nation operates and commented that he could go nowhere where Christianity wasn’t in the forefront of the people’s actions, how they lived and governed,” writes religious rights activist Roger Anghis. He is the Founder of RestoreFreeSpeech.org, an organization designed to draw attention to the need of returning free speech rights to churches.

“De Tocqueville also stated

that he believed that Christianity was the reason that America was as prosperous as it was. This accolade was accepted in humility by America believing that if America was blessed, it was because of the hand of God,” notes Anghis.

“President John Adams issued a proclamation stating; ‘As the safety and prosperity of nations ultimately and essentially depend on the protection and blessing of Almighty God; and the national acknowledgment of this truth is not only an indispensable duty which the people owe to Him, but a duty whose natural influence is favorable to the promotion of morality and piety.’

“This is an example of American exceptionalism,” notes Anghis – another principle Obama does not believe in, apparently.

“No other nation has lasted as long as we have on the same founding document,” writes Anghis. “This exceptionalism is not a basis of pride but of humility. We have things in our Constitution that no other nation has in theirs. No other nation calls for inalienable rights. We have drawn a line between government and the people where areas of our life the government cannot touch such as life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

“We have the consent of the governed. This was unheard of in their day. The ruler, king, whoever was in power, told the people what to do.

“In our form of government, we tell the government what to do. We have seen a movement away from that concept in the last 50-75 years where the government feels it has the right to tell the people what to do.

“We must act to reverse that.”



Pro-lifers demonstrate against federally funded abortion

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Obama self-righteously denied the notion.

In order to gain the support of a group of anti-abortion lawmakers threatening to block the legislation because it didn’t specifically bar federal funding of abortion – the White House proposed an executive order proclaiming a longstanding ban on using federal dollars for abortion.

## The ploy worked

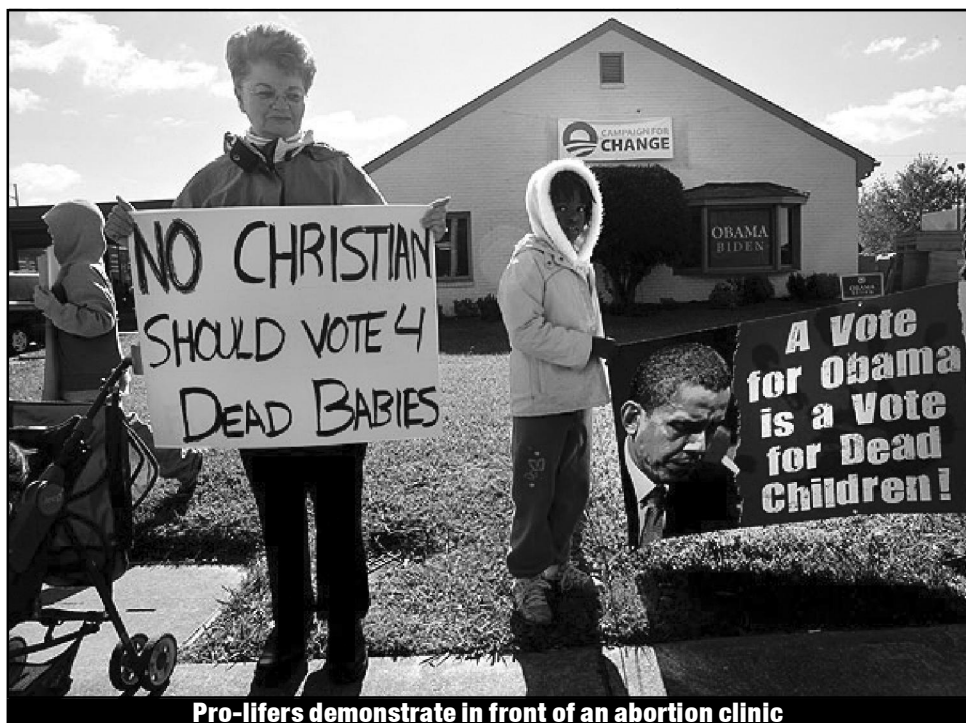
Congressman Bart Stupak, D-Michigan, leader of the anti-abortion legislators, agreed to vote for Obamacare – although a number of pro-life organizations shouted warnings that Obama would not enforce his executive order ... that it was not worth the paper it was written on.

Stupak chose to trust Obama. That’s never the wise choice.

Stupak proclaimed his support for the health package, clearing the last obstacle to its passage. Anti-abortion organizations again warned that Obama’s executive order would be worthless.

Now the National Right to Life organization has discovered \$160 million that Washington will give Pennsylvania to set up a new “high-risk” insurance program

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Pro-lifers demonstrate in front of an abortion clinic

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under Obamacare, which will cover any abortion that's legal in the state.

"This is just the first proof of the phoniness of President Obama's assurances that federal funds would not subsidize abortion," Right to Life spokesman Douglas Johnson says. "It will not be the last."

Nor was it. Days later the Internet news service CNSNews.com reported that Maryland will receive \$85 million in similar funding.

"Maryland will join Pennsylvania," reported staff writer Matt Cover, "as the second state to use federal tax dollars to pay for abortions under the new health care law signed by President Barack Obama in March, according to information released by Maryland's State Health Insurance Plan."

The high-risk pool program is one of the new programs created by the sweeping health care legislation, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, that Obama signed into law on March 23.

The Obama administration barely had a chance to respond to those reports before another shoe dropped – this time in New Mexico. The National Right to Life Committee uncovered another money trail under the health care law – worth \$37 million.

According to Douglas Johnson of NRLC, "The Department of Health and Human Services has been hiding most of these high-risk plans." Administration officials denied the reports.

Conservative Congressman and House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) was furious.

What about President "no-federal-dollars-will-be-used-to-fund-abortion" Obama?

His executive order was supposed to block HHS from paying for abortion. It was meant to be, in Stupak's words, "an agreement to respect the sanctity of life on health care reform."

What it turned out to be, says the *Washington Times*, is a gold mine for Planned Parenthood!

In fact, Planned Parenthood chief Cecile Richards publicly thanked Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-California) with her group's highest honor – the Champion for Women's Health award.

Because of Pelosi, Planned Parenthood is about to cash in on its biggest level of government funding yet.

When the National Right to Life Committee discovered that the Obama administration was secretly forcing taxpayers to finance its abortion agenda under the health care law, officials at Health and Human Services argued that the President's Executive Order wouldn't allow it.

Planned Parenthood immediately fired back, proclaiming that abortion would, indeed, be funded.

"This decision has no basis in the law and flies in the face of the intent of the high-

risk pools that were meant to meet the medical needs of some of the most vulnerable women in this country," said a spokesman.

"They knew all along that there will absolutely no stopping Obama from funding abortion," says NLP's Johnson, "because the language banning it never made it into the final bill. At the time of the Executive Order, both Planned Parenthood and conservative opponents said it wouldn't do a thing to stop federal abortion funding – so Richards knows there will be no repercussions for ignoring it."

## Opportunity lost

Meanwhile, an embarrassed Stupak has denied that he was duped. He knows that it could be the end of his career – if his strong pro-life district voters see that he was duped. Indeed, he could have stopped Obamacare, but was tricked into providing the last vital vote that Obama needed to pass it.

The Pennsylvania plan specifically lists abortion as a covered service on page 14. Doctors are allowed to perform any abortion they deem "necessary" without bothering to define what "necessary" means. In New Mexico, on page 2, its high risk pool plan explicitly includes coverage of elective abortions.

"Regardless of how they spin it," says Johnson, "liberals knew that the bill funded abortion when the President signed it. At the end of the day, some pro-life Democrats voted 'no,' and they should be congratulated."

"But the Stupaks of the world, who continue to turn a blind eye to the truth, need to hear from their constituents. That's the only way to hold politicians accountable. Congress needs to pass a full ban on taxpayer-funded abortion, which is soon to be introduced by Congressman Chris Smith (R-New Jersey)."

Meanwhile, it turns out that Obama has provided pro-abortion forces in Obama's ancestral Kenya with funding to promote the legalization of abortion there, according to the Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

In February, Bishop Anthony Muheria of the Kenyan Diocese of Kitui complained that organizations were receiving U.S. funds to advocate for a constitution that includes the legalization of abortion on demand.

The OIG report confirms Bishop Muheria's suspicions. Congressman Smith had demanded an investigation into whether taxpayer dollars were, in fact, being used to sway people to vote "yes" on the referendum legalizing abortion – a policy that most Kenyans oppose.

"There is no doubt that the Obama administration is funding the 'yes' campaign in Kenya," Congressman Smith said. By funding groups that are working hard "obtaining 'yes' votes, the administration has crossed the line."

That "line" is the Siljander Amendment, which makes it illegal for the U.S. to use federal funds to lobby for abortion abroad.

As part of the talks with the USAID's Inspector General, Congressman Smith learned that seven organizations took home hundreds of thousands of dollars to lobby for "yes" votes.

The Office of the Inspector General isn't a partisan entity, so when it suggests that the Obama administration is engaging in illegal activity, there is cause for concern.

The mainstream press has ignored the report.

"This administration is so determined in pursuing its radical social agenda, that it will stop at nothing – not even the law," writes Johnson. "To be clear, there's nothing illegal with the U.S. participating in a global get-out-the-vote campaign, but this administration has gone well beyond that to using American tax dollars to support a Kenyan law that will greatly expand abortion. The President's wholesale promotion of abortion isn't just seeping into American policy; it's turning the State Department into a lawless, international ACORN."

Meanwhile, the mainstream media were also ignoring the revelations that Obamacare funding would provide federal funding for abortions in

Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Mexico.

## First of many

"The Obamacare law is full of faucets that can be opened to provide abortion subsidies," said Johnson. "Regrettably, this is just the first."

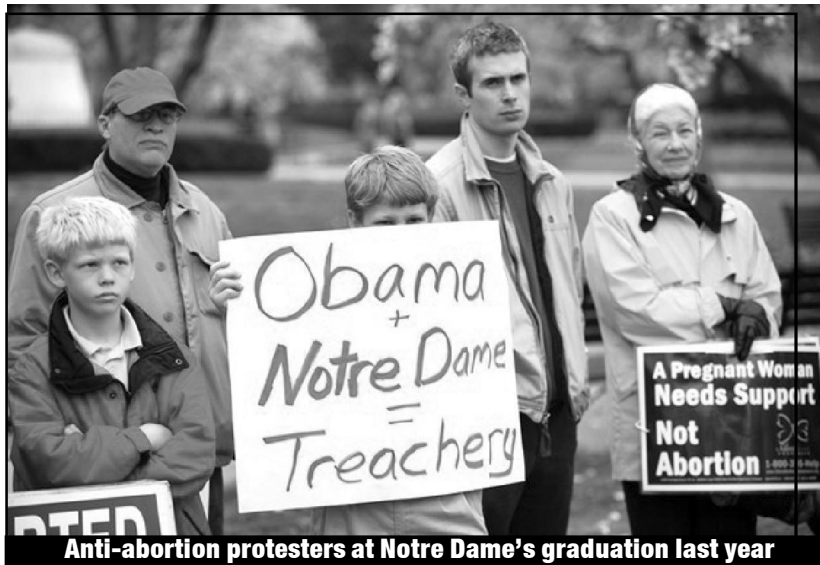
Apart from the actual insurance coverage, the law also includes \$12.5 billion for community "health centers" and \$6 billion for co-ops, both of which can fund abortions.

During the debate over the health-care bill, President Obama delivered a speech to a joint session of Congress, saying: "Under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortions."

The day the House voted to pass that bill, President Obama also signed an executive order purporting to prevent federal funding of abortions in the programs it created.

Congressman Mike Pence (R-Indiana), the chairman of the House Republican Conference, said the revelation that at least three states will use federal dollars to fund abortions under a program mandated by the health-care law signed by President Obama represents a "broken promise."

"This is one more example of a broken promise in Obamacare," said Pence. "It is morally wrong to end an unborn human life and it is reprehensible to take taxpayer dollars from millions of pro-life Americans and use them to pay for abortions."



Anti-abortion protesters at Notre Dame's graduation last year

# Why is America trying to deport this Christian who spied for us?

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what almost happened a few days ago to 30-year-old Mosab Hassan Yousef.

He is the author of the autobiographical *Son of Hamas*, which describes his life as the son of an international terrorist. For more than a decade, young Yousef was our most valuable source of intelligence on the terrorist organization Hamas. He was even willing to return to the organization so that he could tip off American and Israeli officials about Hamas plans.

He is the son of Sheikh Hassan Yousef, one of the founders of the Hamas terror organization.

Former CIA Director James Woolsey has called him a “remarkable young man” who should be commended for “extraordinary heroism and courage.”

Pleading his case in a letter, Woolsey said if Yousef were deported, it would discourage other potential defectors – and make America less safe.

“It is not an exaggeration to say that such an action would set us back years in the war on terrorism,” Woolsey wrote. “Mosab’s deportation would be such an inhumane act it would constitute a blight on American history.”

The situation raises a number of questions – not the least of which is Obama’s Muslim Aunt Zeituni from Kenya.

If she deserved the political asylum she was given recently, then why not young Yousef, who put his life on the line in America’s defense?

Is the difference that she is Muslim – and he is a convert to Christianity?

## Does this make any sense?

In today’s Alice in Wonderland world of the Obama administration, the Department of Homeland Security recommended Yousef be deported – although DHS knew well that he had provided invaluable help in the war against terror and that if sent to Hama-controlled Gaza, he would be executed as a traitor and apostate.

From 1997 to 2007, young Yousef provided intelligence that prevented dozens of terrorist attacks and multiple assassinations. During that time he secretly converted to Christianity and abandoned Islam. After he was exposed as an agent, he fled to California and applied for asylum.

And the Obama administration, which is attempting to build relations with Hamas and its financial sponsor, the Islamic Republic of Iran – tried to have him kicked out of the country.

Fortunately, a federal judge intervened.

“If you thought becoming a Muslim apostate and then spying on Hamas for Israel was difficult,” writes Alex Nowrasteh in the Internet site NewsReelBlog.com, “try tangling with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.”

The problem is that Yousef is an embarrassment to the Obama administration – which shuns the use of the phrase “Muslim terrorist.” Government-run National Public Radio calls Islamist suicide bombers by polite terms such as “resistance fighters.”

Yousef knows well what goes on within Hamas. He knows Hamas inside and out – how evil they are, how they think, their motivations and their plans. So, has the Obama administration been picking his brain? No!

They denied his application for political asylum in 2009 because he provided support to a terrorist organization. The Obama administration says that in March 2001, he drove some Hamas members suspected of committing a bombing to a safe house – and so, he does not deserve to stay in the United States. What they ignore is that he was working as an undercover agent and had to appear to be assisting Hamas.

What about his success in that role as an undercover

operative – and providing valuable information about Hamas plans and activities?

## That apparently doesn’t matter

Yousef says his decision to abandon his Muslim faith and denounce his father’s organization had exposed his family to persecution in his home town of Ramallah and endangered his father’s life.

He told *London Daily Telegraph* newspaper reporters Catherine Elsworth and Carolynne Wheeler that by speaking out about the problems of Islam and the evil he witnessed back home would help to address the “messed-up situation” in the Middle East and one day bring about peace and enable him to return.

“I’m not afraid of them,” he said of his family who remain active Hamas, “especially as I know that I’m doing the right thing, and I don’t see them as my enemies. I do think about this a lot. But what are they going to do? Are they going to kill me?”

Yes, if he is deported back to Hamas-held territory. “If they want to kill me, let them do it,” Yousef told the *Telegraph*. “I’m not going to stop anyone. It’s going to be my freedom. My soul’s going to be free of my body, not flesh anymore.”

Yousef arrived in America 18 months ago but it was with the release of his autobiography that he made “the biggest decision of my life” – which was to go public with his Christian conversion.

He said he did it to draw attention to how the Palestinian leadership is “misleading” and exploiting its people.

“Palestinians look really ugly in front of everybody in the world and they are very, very good people. They are misled, and their picture is very dark because of this leadership,” he says. “They need some help, they need people to stop lying to them, and lying to the world.”

He was raised as a Muslim by his politically powerful family. His father is a highly respected sheikh born in the West Bank town of al-Ghaniya near Ramallah and is a founding member of Hamas, whose military wing has instigated dozens of suicide bombings and other attacks against Israel since it was formed in 1987.

Hamas now governs the Gaza strip after ousting the more moderate Palestinian Authority led by Mahmoud Abbas, whose administration now only controls the West Bank.

Yousef said that the decision to leave the home he loves and his family including five brothers and two sisters had made life hard for everyone involved.

“They are definitely suffering because of what I’ve done,” he said. “They are not a regular family, they are a very famous family. Muslims around the world praise my family, praise my father. So when I came with a step like this, it was impossible to think about, it was crazy.

“I knew from the beginning my family would face an impossible situation. It wasn’t their choice. It’s difficult for my mother, she’s crying all day long. Every time I talk to her, she’s crying.”

His mother, Salsabin, told the *Telegraph* that she and her children were “in daily contact with him” but she declined to comment further on his new life. He told the reporters that his father, who has spent more than a decade in Israeli jails for his involvement with Hamas, was in prison when he “got the worst news in his life” – that his son had become a Christian and left Ramallah.

“But at the same time he sent me a message of love. Everybody is asking him to disown me. You understand if he disowns me, he will give terrorists a chance to kill me. He loves me as a son and he believes that what I’ve done was something I believed in, but at the same time it’s very difficult for him to understand and he won’t be able to understand.”



Mosab Hassan Yousef

“Many saw him as heir apparent to his father,” wrote Elsworth and Wheeler, “who retains great influence both within Hamas and in Palestinian society, winning election to the Palestinian Legislative Council in January 2006 from his prison cell.”

Young Yousef said that his personal questioning of Islam and Hamas began early in his life.

His father, a pragmatist who has even suggested Hamas would be willing to talk to Israel under certain conditions, would listen to his son’s concerns, such as the targeting of civilians.

Young Yousef said that his doubts about Islam and Hamas crystallized when he realized not all Hamas leaders were like his father, a moderate who he describes as “open-minded, very humble and honest.”

Yousef said that he was appalled by the brutality of the movement, including the suicide bombers seeking glory through violent death.

“Hamas, they are using civilians’ lives, they are using children, they are using the suffering of people every day to achieve their goals. And this is what I hate,” young Yousef said.

Yousef’s attorney had requested that the FBI support Yousef’s claim that he provided information about Hamas and terrorism. The FBI declined to send a representative, but said it would not object if Yousef testifies about his work with the agency.

The FBI is apparently under pressure from the White House.

Yousef tells about being befriended by a British businessman who invited him to a Bible study. Yousef says that he found it “exciting” and began secretly studying the Scriptures, struck by the central tenet that we are to “love your enemies.”

He told the *Telegraph* he does not advocate the “collapse of Islam,” but rather for people to acknowledge that after 1,400 years “it’s not working anymore.”

He hopes that Muslims will begin to question their religion and “fix it” by rejecting the parts that call for “killing others, cutting hands, cutting legs, torturing people and asking for destruction of entire civilizations.”

He said that after he converted to Christianity, he decided he had to escape and “live my life away from violence because I couldn’t coexist with that situation as a Christian.”

“I was thinking, what is my responsibility now? To see people dying every day or to stand up and say, this is wrong, this is right and be strong about this? So I had to make this move.”

He plans to write a memoir about his “transformation” that he hopes will inspire others.

He also hopes to found an international organization to educate young people about Islam and preach a message of “forgiveness,” which is the only way he thinks “the endless circle of violence” between Israelis and Palestinians can be broken.

“I know this takes a longer time, but this is the right way to do it, to build a new generation, a new generation who understands how to forgive, how to love.”



Congressmen Carson and Lewis take their infamous walk

# How the left manipulates racial hatred

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“You know things are going well when your political opponents resort to the lowest form of demagoguery—race baiting,” writes Mark Alexander, publisher of the Internet newsletter the *Patriot Post*. “Last week, Obama surrogates at the NAACP took over the effort to stir that pot.”

“The Democrats are depressed about their collapsing poll numbers,” writes syndicated columnist Ann Coulter, “so it’s time to start calling conservatives ‘racist.’”

“Playing the race card takes many forms,” notes author and columnist Thomas Sowell, a conservative African-American. “Judge Charles Pickering, a federal judge in Mississippi who defended the civil rights of blacks for years and defied the Ku Klux Klan back when that was dangerous, was depicted as a racist when he was nominated for a federal appellate judgeship. No one thought he was a racist. The point was simply to discredit him for political reasons—and it worked. This year’s target is the TEA Partiers.”

Anyone paying attention to the mainstream news media has noticed a recent uptick in the number of news stories accusing the grassroots “Taxed Enough Already” Party protesters of racism, notes conservative author Frank Salvato.

“It is a coordinated tactic to neuter the power of the TEA Party movement,” charges Salvato. The attacks on TEA Partiers are straight from left-wing activist Saul Alinsky’s book *Rules for Radicals*. And they are only going to get more vicious as the 2010 and 2012 elections approach,” predicts Salvato.

Sure, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has self-righteously issued a bland statement admitting all conservatives are not Klan members nor Neo-Nazi skinheads. “But her lieutenants had already emptied their tar buckets,” notes conservative columnist Michelle Malkin. “Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee chairman Chris Van Hollen accused Republican leaders of ‘stoking the flames.’”

However, their claims that TEA Party activists “shouted ‘nigger’ at black House Democrats remain uncorroborated,” adds Malkin.

She is referring to a notorious stunt pulled by those currently in control of Congress during the health-care vote. If you remember, two black Congressmen, Andre Carson and John Lewis, alerted the media that they were going to walk through a group of TEA Party protesters on their way to vote on Obamacare. Their goal? To create a diversion—to paint the TEA Partiers as—you guessed it, *racists*.

Most folks watching the TV news shows don’t know that underneath the U.S. Capitol there’s a trolley that runs through tunnels from the various Congressional office buildings to the basement of the Capitol.

If Congressmen feel like walking, but want to avoid the press or confrontation with protesters, there is also a nice, air-conditioned hallway running beside the trolley’s tracks. Limousines are also available as are enclosed garages—so that Congressional members can drive from the Congressional office buildings right up to the Capitol, avoiding the press, protesters or autograph seekers.

So, on that particular day, the black Congressmen could have used the trolley, the tunnel or limousines to get to the U.S.

House of Representatives. But no, they were up to something. The Congressmen were ready to stage a televised confrontation. However, it fell apart. Nobody yelling racial insults managed to get in front of the TV cameras.

## Political theater at its worst

No radio microphone picked up any racial slurs. No newspaper reporter heard racial catcalls. That didn’t bother the Congressmen. Once they had run the gauntlet, safely inside the House of Representatives, they indignantly announced that they had been called the forbidden “n” word—repeatedly.

Interestingly, with all the cameras rolling, no one in the media could come up with any footage of these alleged racial incidents. That the two Congressmen chose to walk right through the anti-Obamacare protest is the first tip-off that this bit of political theater had been arranged. When no racial epithets were shouted, the Congressmen claimed that they had heard such insults anyway—although no one in the news media recorded anything. But dutifully, the media played their propaganda role—reporting the “outrage” as if it had actually happened.

The whole thing was engineered to drive home the message to America of conservative racism. But it backfired.

“Congressman Carson wants to change the subject,” writes conservative activist Andrew Breitbart—who now has also been targeted. “I don’t blame him. On April 13, 2010 he told Associated Press reporter Jesse Washington, ‘I think we need to move toward a dialogue that explores why this kind of divisive and reprehensible language is still making it into our political debate.’”

“The ‘divisive and reprehensible language’ that Congressman Carson is referring to is his claim that while he left the Cannon office building on March 20 with Congresssman John Lewis, they were verbally assaulted by health care protesters hurling the ‘N-word’

at them. He said the scene was so hostile he ‘expected rocks to come’ when he was coming out of Cannon.”

## Where’s the proof?

“I wanted to see the evidence. I wanted the truth. In the course of our search we have actually uncovered further video evidence that casts serious doubt on Congressman Carson’s claims: Now this story is much more important than the accusation of racists among the thousands of protesters that day. This is now about the accusers.

“It’s not just that Congressmen Carson’s accusation of an extraordinary racist verbal assault by the TEA Party participants on March 20 doesn’t appear to have occurred, it’s that the accusers have now gone into the bunker and, having raised the incendiary subject, are doing everything they can to avoid the discussion. Why? What’s changed?

“When the accusation was made, the mainstream media made it the number one topic on every news show. The Democratic Party was leading the discussion. But when confronted on the baseless accusation, without even a modicum of evidence that it actually happened, other than an assertion, the Democratic Party, and its symbiotic allies the mainstream media, want to have another ‘beer summit.’

“No. The Democratic Party and the political left cannot use the race card to shut up its opponents based upon pure fabrication any longer. This failed tactic ultimately serves to mitigate accusations of real racism—which we are not saying doesn’t exist.

“When I offered a reward of \$100,000 to be donated to the United Negro College Fund if anyone produced video and audio evidence that this occurred, I was accused of a publicity stunt (because everyone knows that the best way to get publicity in America is to accuse a civil rights icon of lying about racism). Congressman Carson himself suggested that my challenge was ‘a veiled attempt to justify actions that are simply unjustifiable.’ Get it? He calls protesters racist and if you ask him to prove it, you’re a racist, too.

“Needless to say, no one has claimed the \$100,000.

“But, I have taken my search one step further. I’ve asked some of the contributors to Big Government to also actively search for video. We have spent the last three weeks searching for any evidence that might support the allegations, without any help from the accusers. The primary accuser, Congressman Carson, who audaciously claimed the crowd screamed the ‘N-word fifteen times,’ would not return our call. So we have gone part way to try and piece together the events of March 20.

“Not only is the audio devoid of any racial slur, but the scene at Cannon clearly shows the congressmen coming down the steps completely unobstructed, and with a clear path to the Capitol. And, when we juxtapose the audio accusation Congressman Carson made moments after the alleged event occurred with actual video footage of the moment Congressman Carson claims he first heard the racial slur, it is as plain as day that Congressman Carson was not isolated by a mob and facing a racist throng that could conceivably hurl rocks at him.”

## How much of this do we take?

“How many more faked events should America endure? The media plays its role to divide this country on its most sensitive schism: race.

“The grassroots and the million-strong TEA Party have been forced to be held accountable against every discussion of vile racism even though they have been proven to do nothing wrong.

“The false accusation of racism grants left-wing hooligans carte blanche to act out on their dehumanized TEA Party counterparts. That’s what the intention was with the false accusation. That was the game plan. It ties together with the similar strategy as employed by Pres. Clinton and Richard Trumka to compare TEA Partiers and the environment they are creating to a petri dish of hate that will spawn the next Timothy McVeigh or Lee Harvey Oswald.

“The left is playing with fire. They are playing fast and loose with the facts and making things up when there are

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no facts at all.

“Just because the media (the left’s main enabler), wants to forget about it and move on doesn’t mean we will. We will remain on this case until it reaches closure.

“As long as this false narrative lives to fuel the hatred of the activist left, which has on many occasions been acted out against TEA Party activists and other law abiding protesters, we will keep this story at the editorial forefront.

“It is a slander with real-world repercussions.”

Even so, the NAACP is pulling the same stunt again – with Beitbart in their gunsights this time.

“The NAACP calculus is simple: If they can coerce the TEA Party into defending itself against spurious charges of racism,” notes Alexander, “they distract the movement from focusing on the abject failure of Barack Obama’s policies.”

And so in the most recent incident, the NAACP was tapped to carry the message.

“The danger of the TEA Party,” NAACP president Ben Jealous warned – was their racism. “What we take issue with is the TEA Party’s continued tolerance for bigotry and bigoted statements. The time has come for them to accept the responsibility that comes with influence and make clear there is no place for racism and anti-Semitism, homophobia and other forms of bigotry in their movement.”

Jealous went on to officially condemn the movement as “a threat to the pursuit of human rights, justice and equality for all” because of its “the racist elements.”

“Did Jealous mention that almost 25 percent of TEA Party participants are members of racial minorities?” asks Alexander. “Of course not.”

Vernon Parker, an Arizona TEA Party congressional candidate who is a black, offered this rejoinder: “The NAACP should be concerned about bringing jobs to people in depressed areas. Not the TEA Party.”

South Carolina conservative congressional candidate Tim Scott, who is also a black, added, “I believe that the NAACP is making a grave mistake in stereotyping a diverse group of Americans who care deeply about their country and who contribute their time, energy and resources to make a difference.”

## Subversion of America

Ward Connerly, the African-American founder of the conservative American Civil Rights Institute, concludes, “Race is the engine that drives the political left. In the courtrooms, on college campuses, and, most especially, in our politics, race is a central theme.

“Where it does not naturally rise to the surface, there are those who will manufacture and amplify it. Such is the case with the claims that the ‘TEA Partiers’ are a bunch of racists. I am convinced beyond any doubt that

all of this is part of the strategic plan being implemented by the left in its current campaign to remake America.”

One of the most incredible examples of racism today is how any black conservative who dares to speak up is discounted by the media. It’s not difficult to remember what U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has endured – purely because he is an African-American who does not stick to the liberal party line.

And ignoring the growing number of black conservatives nationwide, the media continues to slander all conservatives as racists.

“The liberal media is all too willing to help propagate the racism accusations,” notes Alexander. “According to political science professor Jim Campbell from the State University of New York, the media have been successful in planting the idea that the TEA Party movement is about race.”

“You have people now talking about the TEA Party and others in terms of this race issue,” Campbell notes. “That in itself deflects from what the TEA Party people are really concerned about, which is out-of-control federal spending and excessive intrusion of government. To the extent that the press, even by suggesting that race is an issue, if it gets everybody talking about the TEA Party in those terms, they have been successful.”

“For the record,” adds Alexander, “racism is thriving in some American sub-cultures and movements, but the TEA Party is not one of them.

“One way to tell how effective the TEA Party movement has been is to gauge the severity of the attacks on the movement by its detractors,” writes Salvato. “It is fair and logical to deduce that the more severe the attacks, the more threatened the attackers feel.

“Judging from the most recent attacks on the TEA Party movement, those opposed to limited government and the constitutional rule of law are feeling quite threatened.”

So they are focusing on demonizing TEA Party attendees – just like they have targeted Sarah Palin, determined to paint her as a dangerous reactionary nut.

Now, national TEA Party leaders think they can placate the media – and avoid getting the Palin treatment.

“It is truly amazing how the scarlet ‘R’ branded on one’s forehead by the liberal mainstream media for alleged racism causes some conservatives to flee in fear,” writes TEA Party regular Lloyd Marcus, who is African-American. “The real story is that the liberal mainstream media, the NAACP and the Obama administration are shamelessly using trumped up undocumented incidents of racism to ‘gin up’ hate against the TEA Parties.

“Progressive/socialist zealots realize their Democrats are facing a serious ‘butt kicking’ in November.

They are banking on hate for TEA Partiers to drive blacks, Hispanics and ill-informed, guilt-ridden white voters to the polls.

“Totally disgusting,” writes Marcus. “Totally deviously divisive and evil.

“Some conservatives cannot accept the truth that the liberal mainstream media are ‘out to get us’ and are going to trash us no matter what. These conservatives still attempt to ‘please’ the liberal mainstream media which gives them far too much power.

“Why are we TEA Party patriots and conservatives so easily pushed back on our heels defending ourselves?” asks Marcus. “The liberal mainstream media and the NAACP are unrepentant in their joint effort to defeat us. Meanwhile, the NAACP claims to desire racial harmony and unity.

“Now let me see, what NAACP are we talking about? Are we talking about the NAACP that lied about black Democrats being called the ‘n’ word while walking through a crowd of TEA Partiers? There is a \$100,000 reward for video proving the incident happened. That reward is yet to be claimed.

“Are we talking about the NAACP whose president, Ben Jealous, slandered millions of decent hard working American TEA Party attendees when he lied about personally seeing signs at TEA Parties which read, ‘Lynch Barack Obama’ and ‘Lynch Eric Holder’? Again, no proof has surfaced that the violent, racist signs exist.

“Still,” notes Marcus, “the liberal mainstream media – who are shamelessly and boldly in the tank for Obama and socialism – report this lie as the gospel truth.

“Or, are we talking about the NAACP which saw no problem with Shirley Sherrod referring to whites as ‘their kind’ during her speech at a NAACP banquet. Imagine the media firestorm had a white conservative publicly referred to blacks as ‘their kind.’”

## But the media looks the other way

“Perhaps, we are talking about the NAACP which has not yet been pressured by the media to denounce the New Black Panthers for talking about hating white people and killing more of them.

“Is this the NAACP some conservatives are attempting to appease?

“In American politics, the race card is the ultimate weapon of mass ‘personal’ destruction. It will be irresponsibly and viciously played by evil Progressive zealots as long as it is effective, causing decent people to quake in fear and run for the tall grass.

“November is quickly approaching,” notes Marcus. “We must not be distracted or cower in fear whenever the left fires their ‘You’re a racist’ nuclear weapon.

“We must stay focused on our crucial mission to ‘Vote Them Out!’”

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Skorski researched two of Franken’s books, *Rush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot* and *Lies and the Lying Liars who Tell Them*, and found an extensive pattern of lies, misstatements and factual inaccuracies.

Among those were:

- Accusing columnist Ann Coulter of “lying with footnotes” by “citing a source and misrepresenting what it says.” However, he produced no evidence.
- Accusing President George W. Bush of treason.
- Claiming that a physical collision between Bush foreign policy advisor Richard Armitage and UPI news reporter Helen Thomas broke both her hip and jaw. Thomas herself said the incident never happened.
- After this came to light, Franken later added a footnote in the paperback version of the book that “the Helen Thomas thing is a joke.”
- Franken often claimed that he is “compared to Rush Limbaugh” when on the air, despite the fact that by the time he left his Air America show to run for the U.S. Senate, his radio network had been reduced to just over 40 stations as a result of severely low ratings. The radio network ultimately went into bankruptcy. Limbaugh plays on more than 600 stations with an average daily listening audience of 22 million.
- Franken claimed on June 1, 2005 that Limbaugh made up a quotation by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Limbaugh had told listeners that

Ginsburg said “replacing ‘Mother’s Day’ and ‘Father’s Day’ with a ‘Parent’s Day’ should be considered.” In fact, in a 1974 article written by Ginsburg, she advocated creation of a “Parent’s Day” to replace both Mother’s and Father’s Days.

- Franken claimed John Murphy of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce was lying when he took a position endorsing the proposed Central American Free Trade Agreement on public TV’s “Lehrer Report” on July 27, 2005. Murphy stated “we’ve seen unemployment fall to 5.0 percent today, which is lower than it’s been in decades.” Franken actually took the unemployment figures under the Clinton Administration by the month (rather than by the year as the Bureau of Labor Statistics does) and distorted them to make it appear Murphy was lying. His public comments are often filled with obscenities, making him difficult to quote in a family publication. However, among his classics are:

- “Republicans are shameless [deleted]s. No, that’s not fair. Republican politicians are shameless [deleted]s.
- “Nobody likes getting an abortion. Except perhaps, rape victims.”
- “How big a [deleted] Brit Hume is, and how shameless, how [deleted] shameless these people are, these people are so [deleted] shameless.”
- When asked, “Ever tempted to run for office yourself?” Franken replied, “Oh, no! First of all, if I took one vote away from a serious candidate, it would be

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# A math whiz who admits he needs the Almighty's help

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However, the recruiter asked whether he'd ever considered becoming a health actuary – using his math skills to calculate insurance rates by evaluating life expectancies, medical histories and other risk factors.

"Axene had never heard the term," writes Helfand, "but the interview launched him into a career with some of the nation's most influential accounting and actuarial firms, including Ernst & Young, where he supervised 45 actuaries and enjoyed a corner office with a sweeping view of San Diego Bay."

Then Ernst & Young downsized in 2003, leaving Axene, who was 53 years old, jobless. He decided to start his own business in his home.

"There," says Helfand, "a small office behind his master bedroom serves as the corporate headquarters of Axene Health Partners."

"He shares the bare-bones space – dubbed 'the Outhouse' – with Tiffany, his office manager and daughter-in-law, and his son Josh. Six other employees work from their homes in California and Oregon.

"Axene likes it that way, surrounded by family in a tranquil place where he can wear shorts and deck shoes to work.

"It's no luxury office," he told Helfand as his wife, Dawn, offered glasses of iced tea.

He tore through more than 1,000 pages of documents and spreadsheets in search of errors. In the midst of the investigation, he became sick with the blood infection, but still logged in 66 hours of work from a hospital bed while recovering from surgery.

Finally, he found a key error. Anthem had double-counted a critical factor and made a handful of other mistakes. The discoveries had big implications. Anthem had to withdraw its rate increase. It recently issued a new request – this time seeking only a 14 percent hike in premiums.

"This was a brain stretcher," Axene admits.

But he says he relied not only on his math skills but also on God.

"He prayed for insight and wisdom each morning before launching into another round of numbers sleuthing, often drawing inspiration from a worn Bible he keeps in his office," reports Helfand.

"I'm one of those crazy people who believes that God listens to our prayers," Axene told the reporter.

"He was weak and couldn't lift himself out of bed. But he refused to back off from the investigation. With an intravenous line in one hand and a cellphone in the other, he continued to sort through spreadsheets on his laptop that was propped on a portable table over his bed.

"I was getting e-mails from him at 3 or 4 in the morning," said Josh, 29.

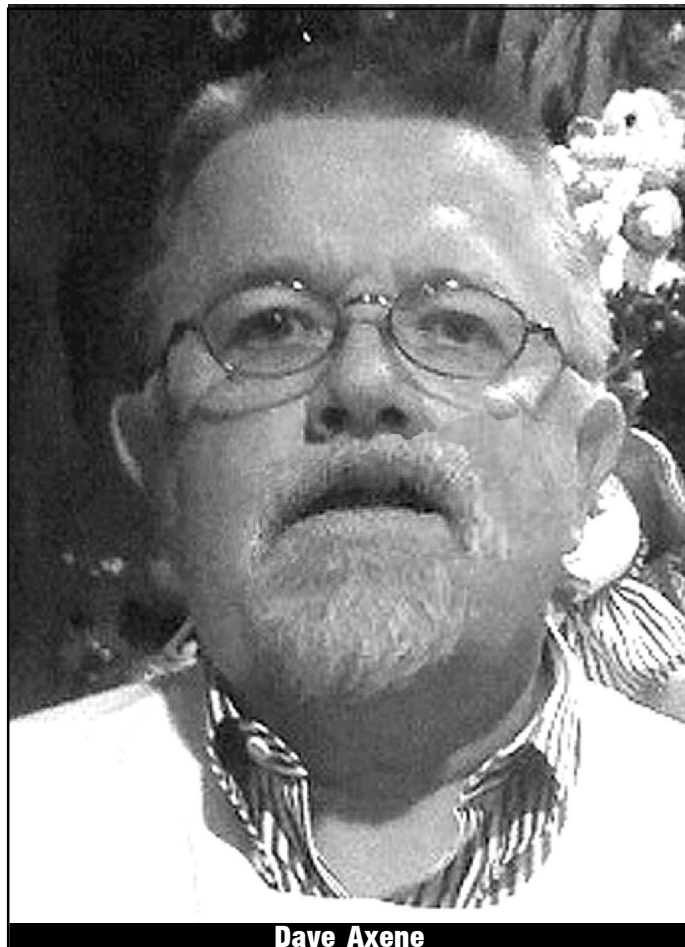
"Axene returned home two weeks after surgery, in late March, confined to a hospital bed that had been moved into his family room, just off the kitchen. His Anthem team, including actuaries John Fritz and David Bohmfalk, gathered there to pore over charts and tables displayed on a big-screen television on the wall over the fireplace.

"When you're a numbers guy and things don't appear to be consistent, it annoys you," Axene said. So, when he caught the mistakes, "it was sort of like finding the Holy Grail. It opened up a big can of worms."

The news stunned Anthem and its corporate parent, Indianapolis-based WellPoint Inc.

"We were genuinely surprised," WellPoint spokeswoman Kristin Binns remembers. "We immediately realized the mistake. We understood how visible these rate increases were."

It was a sobering moment for the economic titan, with 42,000 employees and \$65 billion in annual revenue.



Dave Axene

"And it transformed Axene into something of an accounting wizard – so impressive that even Anthem wanted to hire him," reports Helfand.

"We found a big one," Axene says of his coup. "It is extremely satisfying."

"The tumult over its premiums has been good for Axene's business," reports Helfand. "California Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner hired him to review the rate filings of Blue Shield of California and Aetna Inc., which pulled back its plan after two separate reviews – its own and Axene's – found math errors. Aetna has resubmitted new rates, and Axene is once again examining the files. He's just been asked to conduct yet another review, this one of a Health Net Inc. filing."

As a volunteer, Axene serves on the board of trustees of nearby Azusa Pacific University, an evangelical school 26 miles northeast of Los Angeles.

He and Dawn are heavily involved in their church, participating in the congregation's small home study groups and teaching young adults.

Now new clients are calling. Axene is thinking of expanding.

"He slew the giant," says Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer group in Sacramento. "It was David versus Goliath, except David was armed with a calculator rather than a slingshot."

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a sin. If I put myself on the ballot and even 50 people voted for me, it would be a travesty."

- "I think 'under God' probably shouldn't be in the Pledge of Allegiance. It wasn't put in there since, like the 50's, but it's not that big a deal to me. 'In God we trust' probably shouldn't be on the coins. I don't care."

During his 2008 campaign, it was discovered that Franken had not paid state taxes in 17 states he earned money over the last four years. Franken blamed it on his accountant and said he would pay interest and penalties for a total of \$70,000. Franken is yet to supply proof that the taxes have been paid.

In the course of researching irregularities in Minnesota's 2008 General Election, Minnesota Majority obtained records from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension listing all persons under the supervision of the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

"From these records," says Dan McGrath, Minnesota Majority's executive director, "we extracted a list of individuals charged with felony crimes at the time of the 2008 election.

"We then compared this list of felons to voter history records from the Secretary of State's statewide voter registration system.

"From this comparison, we compiled a list of 2,803 felons who potentially voted in the 2008 General Election. The highest concentration of the suspected fraudulent votes was found in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, so additional research was

focused in these areas."

"We verified sample matches with court documents. We also examined polling place roster signatures and voter registration cards. After completing these verifications, we had a high degree of confidence that we had detected hundreds of fraudulent votes cast by ineligible felons in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

"If this information is accurate, it's certainly possible that these felons cast illegal votes. It's equally possible that they cast votes that gave Al Franken the victory."

Minnesota Majority submitted affidavits alleging that 1,359 suspected ineligible felons had voted. On October 14, 2009, Ramsey County Attorney Susan Gaertner announced that 23 felons had been charged with registering illegally, but did not pursue any charges of voter fraud. Hennepin County charged three felons with fraudulent voting.

Additionally, it has been alleged that there is a 40,000-ballot discrepancy between the numbers of ballots handed out and the number of people listed on polling place login sheets.

## Silence from the media

Minnesota's newspapers have largely ignored this scandal.

"We aren't trying to change the result of the last election. That legally can't be

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done,” said Dan McGrath, Minnesota Majority’s executive director. “We are just trying to make sure the integrity of the next election isn’t compromised.”

A spokesman for both county attorneys’ offices have belittled the information, saying it was “just plain wrong” and full of errors, which prompted the group to go back and conduct an in-depth look at the records.

“What we did this time is irrefutable,” McGrath said. “We took the voting lists and matched them with conviction lists and then went back to the records and found the roster lists, where voters sign in before walking to the voting booth, and matched them by hand.

“The only way we can be wrong is if someone with the same first, middle and last names, same year of birth as the felon, and living in the same community, has voted. And that isn’t very likely.”

The Minnesota Majority report said that in Hennepin County, which includes Minneapolis, 899 suspected felons had been matched on the county’s voting records, and the review showed 289 voters conclusively matched to felon records.

Felon lists checked

The report says that in Ramsey County, 460 names on voting records were matched with felon lists, and a further review found 52 were conclusive matches.

“Prosecutors have to act more swiftly in prosecuting cases from the 2008 election to deter fraud in the future,” McGrath said, “and the state has to make sure that the existing system, which flags convicted felons so voting officials can challenge them at the ballot, is effective. In 90 percent of the cases we looked at, the felons weren’t flagged.”

“If the state had done that,” he said, “things might be very different today.”

“Convicted felons and ACORN-driven voters handed the wacky ‘Saturday Night Live’ guy a slim win in the 2008 election in Minnesota,” writes columnist Gary

Larson. “Allegations of voter fraud are stonewalled by county prosecutors and ignored by liberal local mainstream media. Why are we not at all surprised at all the tomfoolery?”

Were election laws flouted?

“Talk about making a difference: At least 341 convicted felons quite possibly voted illegally in 2008 in Minneapolis and St. Paul alone, says an 18-month study of Minnesota voting in the ‘08 election.

“Besides this frontal assault on election laws, untold thousands of ACORN-recruited, one-time, rent-a-voters cast ballots in that same election, most for the first time ever, to decide a race for the United States Senate.

“In the end, Al Franken ‘won’ a contested election for the U.S. Senate seat by just 312 disputed votes. Do the math.

“Prosecutors have to act more swiftly in prosecuting cases from the 2008 election to deter fraud in the future,” McGrath said. “And the state has to make sure that the existing system that flags convicted felons so voting officials can challenge them at the ballot is effective. In 90 percent of the cases we looked at, the felons weren’t flagged.”

“If those two Twin Cities’ urban counties had flagged them, to say nothing of questioning the government-subsidized, highly partisan ACORN’s vote-getting campaign for Franken, things might be quite different today in Washington, D.C.

“Now it’s a great ‘What if?’ of history, a stunning example of how some folks are thrust into ‘greatness’ of a U.S. Senate seat. But when a coveted seat is decided by convicted felons, coupled with steered votes of a non-profit, partisan ACORN, something is seriously amiss.

“Ends justify means?” asks McGrath. “Win at any cost, Saul Alinsky style? Politics trumps law? Truths don’t matter? In this case, even the idea of the rule of election law is flouted.”

Persevere with endurance!

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Why are some people so faithful and loyal? One thinks of Joshua following Moses, Elisha following Elijah, the Apostle John, the disciple that Jesus loved, following Jesus all the way to the Cross and beyond. Early church father Polycarp faithfully following his mentor the apostle John.

The Gospels record many who forsook Christ: “But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions” (Matthew 19:22). “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with Him” (John 6:66). “And Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief priests, to betray Him unto them” (Mark 14:10). “Then all the disciples forsook Him, and fled” (Matthew 26:56).

The apostle Paul wrote of those who had wandered away (1 Timothy 1:3) and of those who had rejected the faith and violated their conscience, having made a shipwreck of their faith (1 Timothy 1:19-20).

Paul reported that: everyone in the province of Asia had deserted him, including Phygelus and Hermogenes” (2 Timothy 1:15) and that Demas, because he loved the world, had deserted Paul and went away (2 Timothy 4:10).

Carey, against all odds, set a modern example as a missionary. Yet, he was the victim of character assassination and was rejected even by the mission that he had founded.

When ministries are hijacked

Over the years I had the privilege of being hosted on a Christian radio program and on Christian TV. On numerous occasions I had the privilege of being invited to minister at large churches, including as a guest speaker during missions events and from the pulpit during Sunday services. During a recent ministry trip, I was invited to record some programs for a prominent broadcast in that country. It was heartening to see how that publishing ministry had continued to remain faithful to the principles and vision of its late founder.

However, when I walked around the founder’s church, I was horrified to see how much had changed. The big and bold Great Commission that had been opposite the reception area was missing. The display cabinet with examples of each of the founder’s published books was

gone. The huge world map with pictures of foreign missionaries that the congregation supported was missing.

The hundreds of tract stands and sermon stands were empty. All I saw were blank walls where once God-honoring posters, scripture displays and mission boards had stood.

I saw a Ten Commandments display on the floor next to a trash can. Behind the pulpit were drums. In front of the great pipe organ was an electronic keyboard! A once dynamic and packed book store was now walls of empty shelves.

I felt like I was visiting many of the Cathedrals in Europe, where deadening liberalism has hijacked the magnificent structures built up by dedicated Christians of centuries ago.

However this was barely three and a half years after the passing of the founder.

The Cathedrals of Europe are more often than not in the hands of people who are not faithful to the faith of the builders.

The mainline denominations have, in all too many cases, betrayed their founders and have dropped the torch. The World Council of Churches has hijacked and led astray many denominations which once were faithful to the Scriptures. They have assigned church funds to support Marxist terrorists.

Many have dropped the torch

The U.S. relay women’s team was confidently predicted to win gold in the 2004 Athens Olympics. They had performed extremely well in the semi-finals. However in the main event, Lauren Williams, the third team mate, bolted from her starting position and ran as fast as she could out of the exchange lane before team mate Carla Marion Jones could pass the baton to her. The whole team was disqualified because of that failed baton pass!

Because many in our present generation have failed to take up the baton, the torch of previous faithful generations, Western civilization is in danger of collapsing.

Historian Will Durant observed: “From barbarism to civilization requires a century or more. From civilization

to barbarism needs but a few days.”

Let us be faithful to take up the torch of faith and freedom and carry it through to the next generation!

What are you living for?

What are you passing on to others?

Are you a giver? Or a taker?

Do you build something of eternal value? Or do you walk away from difficult situations?

Do you leave others better off? Or do you flee responsibilities?

Do you rescue the perishing? Or are you selfish?

Do you care for God’s creation? Or are you thoughtless and careless?

Are you generous? Or are you needy and demanding?

Do you live?

Or do you merely exist?

Do you produce? Or do you merely consume?

Do you ensure that your children will have greater advantages and a better shot at winning?

Or do you just live for yourself, live for the moment?

Meaningless, aimless, selfish, media-saturated people with no sense of duty, no sense of direction, no sense of obligation or integrity, are dominating and producing most of the news media, entertainment industry and educational institutions. The far reaching effect of this hedonism and existentialism on many in the present generation is incalculable.

As Edmund Burke so eloquently put it: “All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing.”

There are three types of people in the world:

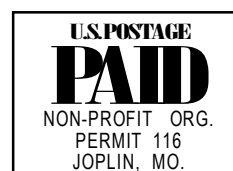
- 1. Those who make things happen.
  - 2. Those who watch things happen.
  - 3. Those who don’t have a clue what’s happened.
- We Christians need to be those who make things happen.

We need to live a life of purpose, based on the solid rock of God’s Word, The Bible, as our firm foundation. Inspired by the examples of excellence in church history, we need to live in the light of eternity.

Make the Great Commission your supreme ambition.

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## An Open Letter from our publisher

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### DEAR FRIEND:

I am so pleased at this month's response to Christian Crusade's outreaches on the Internet. Daily, new articles from *Christian Crusade Newspaper* are being read by people we have never touched before! Already we have had responses about this month's top article that starts on page 1 – which asks if there's something terribly wrong with President Obama.

Visit our website! Tell your friends and family! You can find us so easily: [www.ChristianCrusade.com](http://www.ChristianCrusade.com)

Show your grandkids how they can click their computer's mouse and read truth that they simply are not going to get anywhere else!

I hope you will share with friends the shocking article that starts on page 1 – the story of how President Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton mysteriously stopped defending "freedom of religion," instead switching to "freedom of worship."

What's the difference?

It is enormous – and troubling, as you will see.

And why is the mainstream media ignoring new revelations that the Obama administration has already broken its promises not to fund abortions through Obama's healthcare reform package? Do you remember the negotiations, the promises, the declarations that there would be no federally funded abortions? Read the article starting on page 1.

Why do the liberals get away with accusing Christians of racism and bigotry? Read the article that starts on page 1 which explores how they constantly manipulate the "race card" to put the conservative movement on the defensive.

And you will be stunned by the story of a Christian young man who is about to be deported after risking his life to help keep America safe. It, too, starts on page 1.

My friend, we are under fire! Our nation is under attack! Yet, we are so blessed! We are still allowed to tell the truth!

But we need your help! Tell your friends and loved ones to seek us out at [www.ChristianCrusade.com](http://www.ChristianCrusade.com)! Tell your

friends who love Facebook and Twitter to visit us, follow us – and be our "friends" on these social networking sites.

Can God use Facebook? Yes! And, of course, with your help, we will continue to send out the printed, mailed copy of *Christian Crusade Newspaper* as long as it continues to be effective! But printing and postage are so expensive, my friend. We cannot do any of this alone!

Will you e-mail a friend today? When you are finished reading this copy of *Christian Crusade Newspaper*, will you give it to a friend or loved one?

Here is another way that you can help us – leave your copy at the doctor's office for others to read! Leave it at your local library!

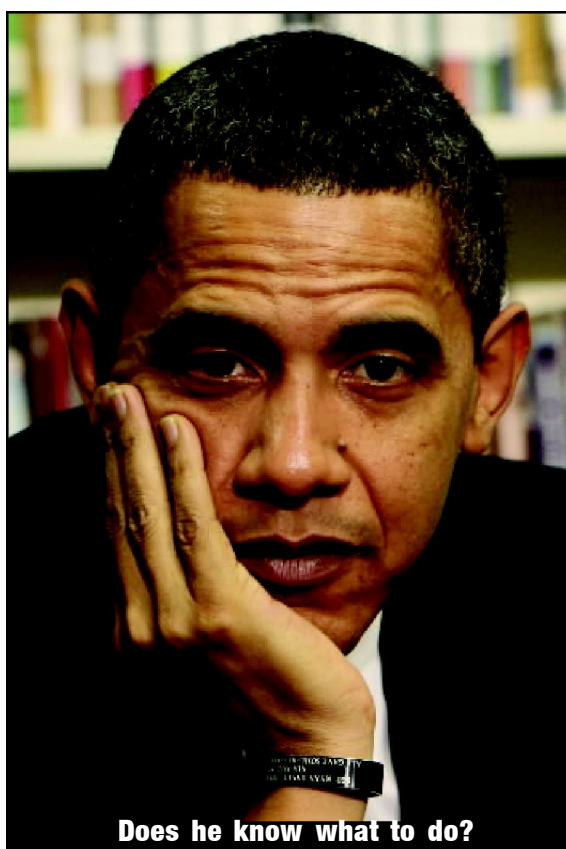
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I thank you for helping us reach more and more people each month. We are succeeding.

God bless you! Go with God!

Billy James Hargis II,  
PUBLISHER AND PRESIDENT



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