

A HOUSE OF CARDS

The State of the Union is like a kaleidoscope, a constantly changing pattern of ideas, programs and prospects like an American kabuki dance difficult to ascertain, understand and predict its status and outcome. Choreographed by Barrack Obama it smacks of the man for all seasons and people oversight should be watchful, wary and involved. Beset with a national deficit of insurmountable dimensions and debt, an economy seeking growth and jobs, an uncommon variety of secret deals and programs, a growing resentment within and without the body politic, and a suspect program to thwart the tumultuous threat of insidious militant Islam, his is a leadership that begs the imagination and concern of all of us.

A variety of people believe he is failing as President: Dorothy Rabinowitz said in Wall Street Journal that he has no understanding of the American people, and may, indeed, loathe them; Fred Barnes of the Weekly Standard thinks he has “lost control of his message and and is overexposed.” Clarice Feldman of American Thinker faults his “intellectual dishonesty conspicuous by its audacity and lack of shame.” One might argue that he does not have a narrative about himself, perhaps a self-narrative, disguised, written by someone else.

Riding on a wave of precedent and promise forfeiting the goodwill and perhaps becoming a lame duck in his first six months, inferred by poll numbers and the recent success of O’donnell of Virginia, Christie of New Jersey and Scott Brown in Massachusetts. Poll numbers seem to show Republicans and Independents revealing strength and even some Democrats worry. His may be a one-term short odyssey And one could argue he does not connect with us, and project an American character of history resonating as most Presidents do.

There is a sense that he doesn’t command our respect, and leaves our common sense awry. He thinks he is another Roosevelt with a magic wand, as intelligent and articulate, but he seems more opportunistic, and not the father figure we needed in the great Depression. His experience is nil, clouded by the company he kept and ideology he suggests, a liberation theology of his Pastor, and the shenanigans of Illinois politics. He is the product of a suspect economic team, an intellect that is suspiciously Socialistic and even Marxist and fails the leadership test of example, commitment and persuasion, often the apologist, the rationalizer, and one who has treated his predecessor with disdain. A good leader talks about ‘our administration or our unit’ not my administration or my unit.

He fails the test of the Roosevelts, Eisenhower, Truman or Reagan. A good commander does not fault his predecessor unless he was a scoundrel or the like. George W. Bush, though not perfect, gave us leadership post 9-11 and could be a role model for Obama.

Perhaps his greatest failing and this alone could be his undoing, an unwilling and almost blasé disregard for Islam in its many faces of religion, ideology and nation, uncompromising in its concept. Worry of this prospect has initiated a pending investigation of the perceived Islamic perdition of the Fort Hood Major,

Christmas day terrorist by Senator McCain, and Senator Graham under the auspices of the Homeland Security Committee Chair, Senator Joe Lieberman. 9/11 Commission leaders (Kean and Hamilton) have been recalled and their first thrust argued that “there has been a failure of both the Bush and Obama administrations in their perception of the Islamic terror threat.”

The State of the Union has an aura of a House of Cards requiring a new look, analyses, and a shoring up of its foundation and promise, perhaps destined to fall.