

A LIGHT FROM MANY LAMPS

FACED WITH THE CHALLENGE OF HIS TIME –A REAL DEFINING MOMENT- PRESIDENT-ELECT OBAMA AWAITS HIS DESTINY. ONE WRITING ABOUT HIM AND HIS BATTLE WITH MCCAIN OVER IDEOLOGY SAW THE DOMINANT PHILOSOPHIC THEME AS HONOR VERSUS UNITY. OBAMA SEEKS TO UNIFY AND MCCAIN FELT HONOR HIS VITAL LINK WITH PEOPLE. TO BE SUCCESSFUL A TOUCH OF EACH FOR BOTH. AND WITH AN ECONOMY AND FINANCIAL STRUCTURE IN FREE-FALL, THE SHADOW OF GLOBAL JIHAD MENACING ON THE PERIPHERY, THE TASK IS DAUNTLESS.

OBAMA IT SEEMS HAS THE FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY AND SEES ANALOGY WITH ROOSEVELT AS VITAL TO THE TASK. ECONOMIC STIMULUS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND A WORKS PROGRAM WITH TOUCHES OF THE CCC (CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS) AND WPA (WORKS PROGRES ADMINISTRATION) AMONG OTHER RELATED ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ACTING AS EMPLOYER. REHAB OF ROADS, BRIDGES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COME TO MIND. ONE WOULD THINK HIS NATIONAL SECURITY TEAM UNDER GENERAL JAMES JONES MAY ALREADY BE VISUALIZING THE STRATEGIC AUSPICES RELATED TO THE OXYMORON ‘WAR AGAINST TERROR’ AND MILITANT ISLAM.

THE TITLE OF THIS PIECE SUGGESTS AN ANTHOLOLOGY- WHICH IT IS-OF A CAREFULLY PLANNED, SKILLFULLY INTEGRATED GUIDE TO HAPPIER AND MORE CONFIDENT LIVING BY LILLIAN EICHLER WATSON, A ONCE WELL-KNOWN WRITER HELPING PEOPLE HELP THEMSELVES. THIS BOOK IS A MORAL, SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL GUIDANCE FOR LEADERS AND LED. SEEKING INSIGHT, MUCH AS OBAMA MUST I TURNED TO ROOSEVELT’S VICTORY OVER WILLKIE IN A HOTLY CONTESTED THIRD TERM FOR PRESIDENT IN 1940. NOT TO CHANGE HORSES IN MID-STREAM WAS CAUSED BY THE AGGRESSIVE EXPANSION DREAMS OF THE JAPANESE AND GERMANY, EXACERBATED BY GERMAN INVASION OF POLAND IN SEPTEMBER OF 1939.

ON AUGUST 26, 1942 A BOMBER TOOK OFF FROM MITCHEL FIELD IN NEW YORK. THE WORLD WAS AT WAR YET THIS PLANE WAS NOT ON A WAR MISSION. AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO MAKE A WORLD TOUR IN THE GUISE OF GLOBAL UNITY AND PEACE WAS PRIVATE CITIZEN WENDELL WILLKIE: HE TALKED WITH MONTGOMERY IN EL ALAMEIN, DEGAULLE IN BEIRUT, STALIN IN MOSCOW, CHIANG KAI-SHEK IN CHUNGKING. AND ORDINARY CITIZENS AND SOLDIERS, TEACHERS, FACTORY WORKERS, AND GENERALS, PRIME MINISTERS AND KINGS. REPORTING BACK TO THE PRESIDENT HE LATER WROTE THE BOOK, ‘ONE WORLD’ DYING UNEXPECTEDLY IN 1944.

HEY, WHY NOT JOHN MCCAIN AS SPECIAL ENVOY FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT TO ASSESS THE CAULDRON IN THE MIDEAST AND THE RELATIONSHIPS AND INFLUENCE OF MILITANT ISLAM THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WHOA, NOW I HAVE NEVER HEARD BARACK OBAMA DISCUSS MILITANT ISLAM OR ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS. WELL, HE SHOULD AND HAVE HIS WISH OF VISITING BOTH SIDES OF THE EQUATION AND MCCAIN COULD BE HIS OPENING. RELUCTANCE TO DEFINE OUR ENEMY WITH THE MISNOMER OF 'WAR AGAINST TERROR' HAS CLOUDED THE STRATEGY. IT IS TIME TO LEARN IF OUR MUSLIM CITIZENS ARE LOYAL AND THE RATIONALE OF THE SO-CALLED MODERATE ISLAMISTS IN SAUDI-ARABIA, JORDAN, EGYPT AND PALESTINE. MANY OF US BELIEVE THAT GLOBAL JIHAD IS FOR REAL AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENCROACH AND CONTINUE THEIR UNCONVENTIONAL WAR AGAINST THE WEST, SPECIFICALLY THE CHRISTIANS AND THE JEWS. EVEN THOUGH PRESIDENT BUSH NEVER DEFINED OUR ENEMY AS ISLAM HE SAID HE WOULD 'TAKE THE WAR TO THE TERRORISTS AND THOSE WHO HARBOR THEM'...WELL, DID HE?

OMINOUSLY, A RECENT CONGRESSIONAL COMMISSION ON 'WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION', CHAIRED BY BOB GRAHAM AND JIM TALENT, CONCLUDED THE THREAT IS REAL FOR 'EXTREMISTS/TERRORISTS, ETAL' TO OBTAIN NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS TO USE AGAINST THE COMPLACENT WEST AND OTHERS. THE MUSHROOM CLOUD OVER NAGASAKI AND HIROSHIMA REMIND OF THE TERRIBLE CARNAGE AND DEATH THERE. EXCHANGE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS BETWEEN IRAQ AND IRAN IN THEIR WAR, AND SADDAM'S USE AGAINST THE KURDS RECALL THE MASS KILLING BY THESE WEAPONS. BIOLOGICAL PATHOGENS, DEVELOPMENT, DELIVERY AND THREAT ARE CRUCIAL IN THE THINKING OF THE COMMISSION AND HARDEST TO SECURE AND CONTROL. THEY BELIEVE OUR MOST SERIOUS THREAT IS BIOLOGICAL WAR AND USE TARGET DATE OF 2013.

THE WORD LAMP IS PRESCIENT. IT SPEAKS OF ALADDIN (OF ARABIAN NIGHTS) WHO HAD A MAGICAL RING AND LAMP FROM WHICH JINNI (GENIE) WOULD APPEAR AND DO HIS BIDDING. PRESIDENT OBAMA MAY NEED SOMETHING LIKE IT, BUT AGAIN FAITH IS THE CRUCIBLE.