

## AMERICA

*(Tradition, Transformation, Tone)*

*Some may say that America is moving in its traditional way; others may argue we are being 'transformed' and most would ask what is our tone, 'the general character of something'? There are aspects of each in conjecture.*

*Among other things our newly elected President said prior to his inauguration, "we are five days away from fundamentally transforming the United States of America."*

*In something titled 'Alien in the White House' Dorothy Rabinowitz muses, in the Wall Street Journal, "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 instinct, the voice of his ideological class."*

*To paraphrase, she goes on that Obama parrots the left who find the United States to be 'the chief engine of injustice and oppression in the world. They account for his grand apology tour through the capitals of Europe and in the Muslim world during which he decried our moral failings, her arrogance, insensitivity.' Often this writer has expounded on these same things, but not so eloquently.*

*Frequently I have highlighted the two major problems this President faces: the indiscriminate hand in the bank to initiate a flood of money for allegedly saving corporations, industries, and the general economic malaise blamed on his predecessor-arguably leading to astronomical debt, inflation, potential collapse of the dollar and the financial structure of this country. Too, an inability to define the enemy- here, abroad as militant, uncompromising Islamic ideology and fanaticism.*

*Remember Mark Steyn's warning: "America Alone"*

*in which he argued: ‘world demographic decline, the unsustainable Western social-democratic state and civilization exhaustion.’ Fertility rates are falling in many of the major countries, though America still has a higher fertility rate. Those with high economic liberty are in free fall, while those in Muslim countries, not free economically or otherwise have soaring population growth. Many of us say that we are in a war of civilizations with Islam, ideologically as well as religiously with no solution in sight or set down. Recent congressional testimony by the Attorney General seemed to belie this as he was unable to accept an admission that the ‘last 3 terror acts against the United States had any radical Islamic influence.’*

*There is proof in the pudding when we turn to Robert Spencer whose ‘Islam Unveiled’(disturbing questions about the World’s fastest-growing faith),circa 2002, and his most recent book: Stealth Jihad(How Radical Islam subverts America without Guns or Bombs). Spencer gives most credence for an integrating, all encompassing ideology to the Muslim Brotherhood(in Arabic: Al-Ikhwān-Al-Muslimūn)the child of Hasan al-Banna founded in Egypt in 1928..”we believe that Islam is an all-embracing concept which regulates every aspect of life, adjudicating on every one of its concerns and prescribing for its solid and rigorous order.” The banner of Muslim must flutter over all earth: God is greatest (Allahu akbar). In a book by George Weigel(Faith, Reason, and the War against Jihadism)he opines on al-Banna, Talmiyya, Wahhab, and Sayid Qutb all with a oneness: “total, uncompromising, dedicated and fanatic Islam as crucible.”*

*According to Spencer, “America could be conquered and Islamized through a slow and steady process of absorption- a kind of reverse assimilation in which Muslim immigrants and converts in the United States gradually impose their values, ultimately their laws(sharia) upon the larger population.”*

