

AN ISLAND OF PROMISE OR PERIL

“NO MAN IS AN ISLAND ENTIRE OF ITSELF; EVERY MAN IS A PIECE OF THE CONTINENT, A PART OF THE MAIN”, SAID THE REVEREND JOHN DONNE IN ONE OF HIS SERMONS AT ST. PAUL’S CATHEDRAL IN LONDON, EARLY SPRING, 1617. BEFORE EITHER BARACK OBAMA OR JOHN MCCAIN IS ‘CORRONATED’ ONE MUST TAKE ONE MORE CLOSE LOOK AT EACH AND RECOGNIZE THEY ARE HUMAN, POSSESSED OF INTELLIGENCE, STAMINA, EXTRAORDINARY TO SOME, NORMAL TO OTHERS AND FACE THE PROMISE AND PERIL OF OUR TIMES. PERHAPS THE CHALLENGE OF A LIFETIME.

EACH ARE ENIGMAS TO EACH OTHER AND RELATIVE TO THE VOTING PUBLIC. THESE LAST DAYS ARE EXPOSING THEM TO A MORE CAREFUL SCRUTINY FINDING SOME DEFECTS PERHAPS OF CHARACTER AND CONTENT. WE ARE FINDING MORE FILLED POCKETS IN THE ‘EMPTY SUIT’ OF ONE AND SEE THE OTHER AS FORGETFUL, AND MORE INCLINED TO LOWER THE BAR OF DECORUM. THE ORATORICAL WONDER CONTINUES TO CHARM BUT THERE IS A EVIDENCE AS MORE COMES OUT, POLL NUMBERS GO DOWN.

BOTH THEIR BOOKS ARE REVEALING: ‘DREAMS FROM MY FATHER’ REVEALS OBAMA AS A SELF-CONSTRUCTED, RACIALLY OBSESSED MAN WHO REGARDS MOST WHITES AS OPPRESSORS- THE WORK OF A CLEVER, BUT SHALLOW THINKER WHO CONFUSES IDEOLOGICAL CLICHÉ FOR INSIGHT, ONE WHO SEES US HISTORY A NARROW, BITTER TALE OF RACE AND CLASS VICTIMIZATION’. NOT THE OBAMA OF A COMPLIANT MEDIA, BUT IN DEFENSE HE WAS YOUNG.

‘FAITH OF MY FATHERS’ WAS THE MCCAIN TRIBUTE. THE EXAMPLE OF GRANDFATHER/FATHER MCCAIN, BOTH 4-STAR ADMIRALS DID NOT DETER A YOUNG MCCAIN FROM RAISING HELL AND CHASING WOMEN, ONE WHO BARELY SCRAPED THROUGH THE NAVAL ACADEMY. A FIGHTER PILOT, SHOT DOWN, AND SURVIVED NEARLY SIX YEARS OF HELL IN A NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISON-

SUSTAINED BY HIS CREDO OF DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY. AND NEAR CENSURE BY CONGRESS FOR HIS FAULTY JUDGMENT OVERREACHING WITH SOME WHO WANTED HIS SUPPORT ON SOME 'SUSPECT' REAL ESTATE SCHEMES. HE WAS CHASTISED BUT CLEARED OF ANY WRONGDOING.

STANLEY KURTZ, A SENIOR FELLOW AT THE ETHICS AND POLICY CTR CALLED OBAMA SENATOR STEALTH OR 'HOW TO ADVANCE RADICAL CAUSES WHEN NO ONE'S LOOKING.' ACORN(ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FOR REFORM NOW)A FAR-LEFT GROUP IN THE INFAMOUS HYDE PARK AREA WHERE OBAMA LIVES WHERE WE FIND MEMBERS LIKE JEREMIAH WRIGHT, BILL AYERS, BERNADETTE DOHRN-THE LATTER TWO OF 'WEATHERMEN'TREK AS REVOLUTIONARY BOMBERS IN THE SIXTIES. ANOTHER IS GAMALIEL(WAS IT INSPIRED BY THE JEWISH TEACHER OF ST PAUL)OF THE SAME NAME? INTERESTINGLY BOTH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RELIGIOUS TIES AND PROVIDE THE RATIONALE AND TEACHING IN THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS-A MOVEMENT-TO AID AND INSPIRE THE POOR, AND VICTIMS OF THE WHITE OPPRESSIVE SOCIETY. AND MUCH OF IT SMACKS OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY CITING JESUS AS THE FIRST REAL COMMUNIST. ALONG WITH THE IMAGE OF EVERYMAN FOR EVERY SEASON AND IDEA- IN THE RECALL OF JOHN KERRY WHOSE INTELLIGENCE AND ARTICULATENESS GAVE OFF A KIND OF 'I'M SMARTER THAN YOU ARE, GUNDA DIN' AND LOST TO THE MAN WITH SYNTAX PROBLEMS- OBAMA THE WORDSMITH?

DENVER ROCKED WITH EXCITEMENT, ORATORY, AND WAS A GRANDIOSE EXERCISE OF REVELATION AND REVOLUTION IN THE GUISE OF HOPE AND PARADISE. OBAMA'S EMPTY POCKET OF FOREIGN POLICY EXPERIENCE WAS FILLED BY THE LONE RANGER FROM DELAWARE, JOE BIDEN WHO COULD PUT THE OL' CODGER, MCCAIN AND HIS VP TO SHAME? I STILL RECALL BIDEN INTIMATING OBAMA DID NOT HAVE THE EXPERIENCE OF MCCAIN AND WAS NOT READY TO BE PRESIDENT. LET BYGONES BE BYGONES?

MCCAIN TOOK THE YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER TO THE SHED IN THE RICK WARREN (FAITH AND IDEA) SHOW OFTEN NEARLY ANTICIPATING THE QUESTIONS (ACCUSED BY ANDREA MITCHELL AND OTHERS OF SOME KIND OF SUBTERFUGE WHILE WAITING TO GO ON) AND CAME ACROSS AS THE STRAIGHT TALKER HE CLAIMS TO BE WHILE OBAMA WRESTLED, PROFESSORIALY, OFTEN IN VAGUENESS WITH ABORTION, WHEN DOES LIFE BEGIN AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT EVIL. DESPITE THAT WHITE HAIR AND CLAIM TO 'BE OLDER THAN DIRT WITH MORE SCARS THAN FRANKENSTEIN' THE OLD-TIMER WAS IN HIS REALM AND TURNED 72 ON 29 AUGUST...AND SELECTED HIS RUNNING MATE: GOVERNOR SARAH PALIN. AND THE BATTLE WAS JOINED.

BEFORE OUR GOD WE ARE ALL SINNERS, HOW WE MATURE, SEEK SALVATION AND GOD'S GRACE IS OUR CRUCIBLE.