

## ***ANATOMY OF CRISES***

***THIS SEEMS TO BE THE MOMENT OF TRUTH, A DEFINING TIME REQUIRING STRONG LEADERSHIP, ONE AT THE HELM WHO INSPIRES, ONE WHOSE CHARACTER, INTEGRITY AND GRIT CAN PREVAIL AND ONE WHOM WE NEED TO GUIDE US IN THE STORMY SEAS OF UNRELENTING ISLAMIC GLOBAL JIHAD AND THE FINANCIAL MALAISE OF A STRUCTURALLY SUSPECT ECONOMY. FOR THOSE WHO WOULD THREATEN US IT SEEMS THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THEIR MOMENT WHEN THE CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS FAVORS THEM.***

***EACH OF THE PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS HAVE THEIR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND NEITHER IS AN 'ISLAND ENTIRE OF ITSELF'. SINCE NEITHER HAS SEIZED THE HIGH GROUND, TENDING TO PERCEIVE CRACKS IN THE DIKE VIA INNUENDO, BARBS ABOUT ASSOCIATIONS AND AGE, YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE, IT BECOMES A CHARADE. IF I WERE AN INDEPENDENT RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT I WOULD PLACE MY EMPHASIS ON THESE FACETS: A STRATEGY OF WAR AGAINST GLOBAL JIHAD(MILITANT ISLAM); AN IMMEDIATE DEMAND FOR A PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINANCIAL DEBACLE, CULPRITS, CAUSE AND EFFECT, AND THE DANGEROUS PRECEDENT OF ELECTING BARACK OBAMA.***

***NEITHER HOPEFUL HAS PROPERLY ADDRESSED THE WORLD THREAT AND ENCROACHING TENTACLES OF GLOBAL JIHAD. OBAMA SPEAKS OF BRINGING TROOPS HOME FROM IRAQ, ADDING SOME TO AFGHANISTAN AND SOME VAGUE PLAN TO ATTACK AL-QAEDA/TALIBAN ON THE BORDER OF PAKISTAN/AFGHANISTAN. HE HAS NEVER MENTIONED ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS AS MCCAIN HAS AND NEITHER BROUGHT IT UP IN THE TWO DEBATES. BOTH ACCEPT THE GENERALIZATION OF 'WAR ON TERRORISM'-WHATEVER THAT MEANS-AND ARGUE OVER THE 'SURGE STRATEGY'. BOTH (LIKE THE BUSH STRATEGY) APPEAR TO FEAR UPSETTING ISLAM PER SE, DESPITE THE WORLD -WIDE EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING PERFIDITY.***

***GLOBAL JIHAD (ISLAM) MUST BE DEFINED, AND NATIONS ALLIED OR OTHERWISE MUST BE WARNED TO CONTROL THE RADICALS WITHIN OR EXPECT WAR AUTHORITY AND CONFLICT. ISRAEL WILL NOT WAIT TO BE ATTACKED. I REMIND OUR 'AMATEUR STRATEGISTS' THE SURGE IS NOT A STRATEGY, AN INCREASE IN TROOPS TO FORMENT A TACTICAL OPERATION LIKE COUNTER-INSURGENCY. IN THIS CASE IT IS A 'CLEAR, HOLD, STAY, BUILD' TACTIC.***

***BOTH 'GREAT FINANCIAL CRISES' HAVE OMINOUS THINGS IN COMMON: THE CRASH IN 1929 SPOKE OFF FROM THE US TO EUROPE AND BEYOND, ARGUABLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE RISE OF DICTATORS IN GERMANY, RUSSIA AND JAPAN. THE OGRE IN A CAVE ALONG THE PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN BORDERS IS GLEEFULLY ENJOYING THE ECONOMIC FALL OF THE 'GREAT SATAN' AND FRIENDS-AN ISLAM ADVANTAGE IN THEIR CRUSADE. FRIEDMAN ARGUED 'THE DEPRESSION PERSUADED THE PUBLIC THAT CAPITALISM WAS AN UNSTABLE SYSTEM DESTINED TO SUFFER EVER MORE CRISES.' AND LED TO ECONOMIC PLANS WITH GOVERNMENTAL INTERVENTION. AND RONALD REAGAN MAY BE LOOKING DOWN AND THINK, "HERE WE GO AGAIN." MANY ARGUMENTS SURFACE ABOUT WHO DID NOT ASSESS THE THREAT, THE ECONOMIC TENTACLES SEEKING OUT NEW MARKETS, THE LUST FOR GREED AND THE LACK OF REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT. IT IS EASY TO BLAME BUSH BUT THE MORE ARGUABLE CASE IS THE DEMOCRATS. AN INVESTIGATION NOW BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE CRIES OUT FOR A SENSE OF THE DEBACLE AND WHOSE TO BLAME. AGAIN COLLECTIVISM SEEMS TO TRUMP INDIVIDUALS AND CAPITALISM.***

***IN THE SILENCE OF THE VOTING BOOTH, MANY MAY YET DECIDE: THE OLD WAR-HERO, OLDER THAN DIRT WITH MORE SCARS THAN FRANKENSTEIN, A MAVERICK WHO SOMETIMES LET HIS EMOTIONS DICTATE HIS MOVES – THE BAD JUDGMENT IN THE KEATING EPISODE- BUT ONE WHOSE CREDO IS DUTY, HONOR AND COUNTRY.... OBAMA THE SILVER-TONGUED ORATOR OF LITTLE EXPERIENCE,***

***BESET WITH QUESTIONABLE JUDGMENT AND TIES TO THE THEOLOGICAL (AND OFTEN) RADICAL ASSOCIATIONS ALMOST DORMANT IN THE MINDS OF THE BLACK MAN, YET A WELL-SPRING OF DEMAND FOR 'EQUALITY, JUSTICE AND THEIR PLACE IN THE SUN.' COLIN POWELL, CONDOLEEZA RICE ARE NOT ENOUGH- PART OF THE 'OLD PLANTATION'- BUT RATHER AS GWEN IFILL WOULD SAY, "THE AGE OF OBAMA."***

***TO BE A CERTIFIED, LEGITIMATE PRESIDENT, OBAMA MUST SHARE WITH US HIS CREDO: THE AMBIVALENCE IN LISTENING TO WRIGHT, TRUTH OR FICTION, LIKE EAR PHONES, AN EAR BELIEVING, ANOTHER RATIONALIZING OVER A 20 YEAR PERIOD; HIS CONFLICT OVER WHETHER HE IS CHRISTIAN OR MUSLIM (OR BOTH); THE COMPLETE REZCO STORY, WARTS AND ALL; AND PERHAPS MOST DAMAGING ACORN AND ALL OF ITS RAMIFICATIONS OF LIBERATION THEOLOGY (JESUS-THE FIRST REVOLUTIONARY) AND THE MISSION OF DEVELOPING AN ON-GOING MILITANT POLITICAL MESSAGE WITH AYERS OVERTONES. I REMEMBER A SCHOLAR FRIEND ONCE TOLD ME THAT MALCOLM X COULD RALLY THE THOUSANDS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE. OBAMA HAS THE PANACHE, ORATORICAL MEANS AND PERHAPS THE INTERNAL MISSION OF HOLDING THE BIBLE IN ONE HAND AND THE KORAN IN ANOTHER. TO A MAN OF MANY IDEAS AND SEASONS. AND PERHAPS A THREAT TO BE ASSESSED...BEFORE WE VOTE.***