

## **REVOLUTION, REVELATION, RESOLUTION**

*The moment seems ominous as television scenes reveal tumultuous times as the world seems to be doing their Egyptian kabuki dance on a stage where the puppets are for real –whether in the continuing unrest in the Mid East, seeking redress to real or imagined woes and political wrongs, or by American Unions whose beliefs center on fears their, near life-time anchor, collective bargaining is under attack. Like dominoes about to topple?*

*Our Leader, and I use this term, cautiously yet with credence that his ship of state is taking on water and could completely sink before the next election: a growing debt of major proportion, a targeted GDP; an economy still struggling, especially in the home ownership areas, as foreclosures continue, and bubbles suggest a floundering Real Estate market; opening job market still out of reach for many, a budget proposal that reeks of more spending, oblivious to entitlement reform, and a government on borrowed time perhaps to close down. This is a time to try men's souls, and we yearn for leadership, which was non-existent when Iran resistance to a rigged election was brutally halted, late perception of the Egyptian turmoil and stumbling over what to do about Libya. The man of many words inferred Union busting on the Wisconsin scene, albeit tongue in cheek. And most troubling of all is – failure to cite radical Islam as the genesis of the continuing world strife. Sir, we await and wonder!*

*George W. Bush visualized a democratic Iraq- a work in progress or an insurmountable obstacle with historic conflict between Sunni, Shiia, and Kurd, and a questionable urgency to rid themselves of America presence. Afghanistan typifies the impossibility of ethnic differences between Uzbeks, Pashtuns, others, war-lord ism and the nature of its geography, history and ease in which radical Islam is very much prevalent inspired by the Taliban, Osama bin-laden. The nature of the wars (Gulf one and two) conceived with daring offense of so-called shock and awe, denied total success by an inefficient post-war policy that left Saddam in power in the first, and spawned an insurgency in the second. There is no substitute for victory as MacArthur taught, and victory in both Iraq and Afghanistan is elusive and no certainty war - or at least Islamic insurgency - will disappear. The trauma in Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and other mid-eastern nations reveals the cry for something like democracy, but those in the wings await the moment to high-jack this for 'true Islam' religion, ideology and national face of shari'a. And so it goes.*

*Critics like James Bamford (A Pretext for War) reminds of our intelligence failures laying the ground-work for the Gulf Wars, and our current frustrations, and former CIA officer, Michael Scheuer, continues to remind we need to understand that bin-Laden and others target the West, especially the United States as an affront to Islam by their presence, holding up Israel, and not because they hate and fear us. Until we leave, there will be a condition of war with them.*

*So where are we and what are the prospects?: Revolution appears on-going with the future in doubt and most significant the strategic problem of the world oil, its security, and consequence, and our dependence, and no entangling alliances in a Washington scenario? What of the threat of Stealth Islam, the alleged, to some of Shari'a and its subtle integration into our lives. And what of revelation and resolution? Like a nuclear catastrophe that leaves us some kind of 'victory' but the results portend infinite destruction and a nation of sheep, crying out to God and asking why!*

*Ogres abound: national bankruptcy of some degree, an inability to address the financial mess of predecessors but made worse by this President, and a strategic vision that makes us a second class nation exploited by a failure to cite radical Islam-on the move-as the enemy. God has to be our co-pilot and whose to lead?*