

REVELATIONS

When I think of 'revelations' -as a Christian-I visualize the striking disclosure of something not known or realized when Saul met with the image of Jesus on the Road to Damascus and became Paul. I think of the apocalypse -depicting symbolically the destruction of evil and the triumph of good as set forth in the Book of Revelation: 'the Triumph of Christ, a song of victory before the battle': Armageddon...And the 'revelation' to Moses on Mount Sinai of the Torah. Too, the 'revelation' of the Koran(Qu'ran)to Muhammad in bits and pieces over a 23 year period.

In my temerity, old age, am I the proverbial Don Quixote chasing 'windmills'-not in my mind- but in some kind of irrational trek where the voice is heard, but the ear is deaf. What is it I see or believe?

I believe we are in the vestige: 'a War of Civilizations' -the clue, no 'smoking gun'....yet!

Today, we are frequently told that Western Ideology and Culture are the cause of much of the hatred aimed at America. We are blamed for the Crusade vs Islam, the plight of the American Indians, the perpetuation of Negro slavery, and the economic embargo against Japan that led to Pearl Harbor. Alas the writers of history have set the record straight.

It is true "the future belongs to the fecund and the confident. The Islamists are both, while the West -wedded to multiculturalism that cuts its confidence, a welfare state that nudges it toward sloth and self-indulgence, and a childlessness that consigns it to oblivion-is looking ever like the ruins of a civilization....and the real sleeping giant is Islam population growth and tenacity. "

According to retired naval Captain Charles Nash, a Fox News military analyst, he believes "We are in WWII now, but unfortunately, not all of us are to include most of the Federal Government. The Islamofascists(as opposed to 'terrorists')have a twisted version of religion, magnifying views out of proportion or with regard to the truth, blame all of society ills, privations and poverty on the Jews and the Americans and teach in the mosques/madrassas to kill them".

Like Nash, I believe that our 'cultural malaise' is growing including 'children running wild', a lack of moral fortitude, a fading belief in God and the ease in which one can chase gratification instead of commitment, integrity and honor. Many who profess to be Christians are not, know little of Jesus Christ and rationalize the credo of Christian faith and values. Self-preservation and love of country is still paramount to the Jew in Israel despite compromising land holdings, security to the Arabs. Iran has to be in the target eye of the Israeli military.

Jesus would turn the cheek to befriend his enemies with the hope -of changing them to a righteous attitude. Even moderate Islam is suspect.

"I believe for every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows...I believe that somewhere in the darkest night, a candle glows.

I believe for everyone that goes astray...someone will light the way...I believe....I believe."

In his classic work, 'Witness' Whittaker Chambers was a witness against Alger Hiss whom he knew to be, among Communists, entrenched in our Government and witness to God as he had forsaken Communism. Despite this he believed Communism would prevail due to: organization, fanaticism, strength of their military and our decadence. He was wrong!A close call....what about Islam?

