

NARCISSUS BLOOMS WELL IN THE WHITE HOUSE

The state of the union address revealed the state of the president as unchanged.

It is beyond “just politics” for the president to claim entitlement then alternatively blame both the baker and the jar maker when caught with a fistful of cookies. Such chutzpah has many names. “The Obama Drama” with the tag line, “Wounded narcissist teleprompter tangos as he attempting to rewrite history”, fits.

Our president forgot what John Dickinson paraphrased for over fifty leaders forging our constitution in Philadelphia, 1787. Dickinson opined that the strength of the union was not found in lofty political philosophy or reasoning; rather, leaders must use experience as their guide in governance. Humbled by history’s lessons; they constructed a small central government with checks and balances and separation of powers with an overarching constitutional representative republic of free men engaged in private enterprise.

Yet our president sullied the Supreme Court with blatant misrepresentations. The composer and conductor of the doleful Obama opus had the bravado to claim there’s a new maestro in town and dagnabbit, they better start playing a different tune!

Beware. In the mighty political jungle, the lion doesn’t sleep well when smacked in the snout with a tea bag. Experience, not reason, tells us that all manner of rhetoric will now be exorcised to keep the self carried narcissistic torch burning bright. Don’t believe the presumed death presently dire political polls toll; it ain’t over yet. The uncompromising ideologue is not contrite; he is on the attack.

On health care, he taunted congressmen to “let me know” if any of them have “a better approach” than his plan with its phenomenal insidiousness. What?

On spending, he misrepresented unparalleled projected deficits while blaming Bush. Borrowing money to spend to create jobs, costs jobs and decreases opportunities for businesses and consumers to borrow. Jefferson got it in 1816, “...Spending money to be paid by posterity under the name of funding is but swindling futurity on a large scale”. Moreover, his proposed spending freeze is as inconsequential as peeing in the Pacific thinking you’ll soon surf a tsunami.

Obama trumpeted a claim of no new taxes while promising to redouble his “crap and charade” efforts which are based on rapidly freezing pseudo science.

This alone will increase the average family’s energy costs by almost \$3,000 per year.

Narcissists always have a quill in the ink well of revisionist history. To our shame and the world’s loss, America did not “stand on the side of freedom and human dignity” during the Iranian election protests and the diplomatic boondoggle in the Honduras

Predictably, we heard not a word about terrorists. We blew it on the Army psychiatrist, the mirandizing of the underwear bomber and the expensive debacle of public trials for confessed enemy combatants.

Let's talk about attitude. My collegiate debate coach had names for attitudes sure to lose. One was called the "wipe". If your mom wanted to wipe your face; it's over. We've seen prelude with the "apology tour" which was nothing more than a peacock walking the poop deck; a lot of plumage adrift at sea.

You can't change man's nature or talk it to a better place. You don't rewrite history's lessons. Secular humanism, belief in a living constitution or enlightened elite governance doling out the bounty of your genius is as sad as it sounds.

Enact a balanced budget, line item veto authority and smart necessary health insurance reform. Stop earmarks and fix future entitlements that enfeeble us. Get tough with Iran; develop alternative fuels and a breeder reactor nuclear energy presence - for starters.

Americans; do not underestimate the powerful forces that drive this talented president. Remember, humility is a taste acquired only after sincere hunger for the truth eclipses hunger for the throne.

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