

# WILL GOD ABANDON A NATION?

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...YOU HAVE BEEN WEIGHED  
ON THE SCALES  
AND FOUND WANTING...

Mitt Romney is at the mike again. We best remember him for an astounding and resounding loss in the 2012 presidential election after making an insensitive remark about forty-seven percent of voters he had written off as being non-essential. His assignment has changed. He is at the mike to “clip

the wings” of Donald Trump who he perceives as a fake who has deceived Americans and may win the presidency by default if the Republicans do not get their act together. A Harvard neuroscientist, Howard Gardner has indicated that Trump has a mental disorder that fits the parameters of a “certifiable textbook narcissist” that makes him a dangerous world leader. That a “person with this mental disorder has an inflated sense of their own importance and a deep need for admiration and a lack of empathy for others.”

[see Bobby Azarian, Raw Story, Jan 18, 2016] That Trump easily fits into the category of ruthless leaders such as Napoleon Bonaparte, Muammar Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein. Trump has excoriated Mexican immigrants (like his wife) who are in search of a place to thrive and live a meaningful life. Banning Muslims from entering the country has the smell of Adolph Hitlerian savagery. Is that what the democratic experiment has come to? Here we go again, Mitt Romney, a loser has come to fore to bail out a political party that has virtually lost its soul by bashing their front runner. At least Donald Trump leads in the trek toward the Republican Primary as he boasted about his wealth and promises to bring jobs and currency from abroad back to America.

Political adherents of this party have bathed in the sunlight of a nation that allowed followers to boast as the “Party of Lincoln” who opposes big government with an intense goal to “take back America” as though they stood idly by as the nation has succumbed to captivity. Then Republicans proceed to remind us that President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and freed the slaves and saved the nation from a major division after a major Civil War between the North and the South. What they fail to tell you is that Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation for political expediency alone and was opposed to the mixing of races. [see the Lincoln Papers]. The fear tactics are getting old.

By no means do I aim to frame my commentary as politically partisan. The Democrats are also in trouble as they glibly follow Hillary Clinton who was clobbered by Bernie Sanders in the televised political debates. Sanders reframed the debate in moral terms when he attacked the corruption on Wall Street and criminal greed among Pharmaceuticals who are out of control. When American citizens are programmed to die because a single pill for cancer is unaffordable, we have incurred the wrath of almighty God. Congressional lawmakers sat in a hearing and allowed Martin Shkreli an American entrepreneur and pharmaceutical executive to invoke the Fifth Amendment throughout the hearing and later called them “*imbeciles*” on Twitter. As former chief executive of Turing Pharmaceuticals facing federal securities fraud charges, may get off like most Euro-centric white-collar criminals.

It is imperative that voters focus on “issues” and not “gender” alone in making their choice for any presidential contenders in 2016. It is difficult to separate ourselves from our past. Clinton must be careful that the baggage from the past does not hinder her movement toward the presidency. Clinton spent an early part of her career admiring and supporting the ultraconservative Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater who ran against Lyndon Baines Johnson and vowed to overturn the Civil Rights Act and “re-segregate the nation.” [see David Mikkelson, Goldwater Girl- Jan 19, 2016] She later turned to support the anti-war campaign of Eugene McCarthy. The danger is to get stuck on a political party who takes your vote for granted and miss the stark reality that for the most part, the presidency is bought. [The Buying of the President: Charles Lewis and the Center for Public Integrity]

Biblical history is replete with nations that forgot God. Israel was a prime example. No I am not a biblical fundamentalist who views God as a kind of Simon Legree who “*Blesses you when you are good and raps you on your knuckles when you are bad.*” However, without equivocation I believe with conviction that when a nation or a people flaunts their bad behavior in God’s face, there are moral consequences. “*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord*” –**Psalm 33:12** implies that if a nation ignores God, there are consequences. How do we justify a Supreme Court that is obstructionist in tone. They have lived to block everything President Obama has attempted to pass, for their own political agenda. How does a Judge Clarence Thomas sit for a decade without saying anything? The president is entitled to select an appointee who can sit beside Thomas, slap him awake and send him back to Pierpoint, Georgia without a salary and demand a refund for any salary he has received and declare him a vagabond in the earth. No President has been

disrespected like President Obama in my lifetime. While people are dying in the streets for the wrong reasons, we are sitting around debating whether we should or should not accommodate transgender persons in the use of public accommodations to make sure their Civil Rights are not violated. If we do not change as a nation, I believe we will “*drown in our own blood.*” The daunting words of Scripture are as true now as ever.

I came across a story how an Eskimo in an ingenious way kills a wolf. The Eskimo coats the blade with human blood and allows it to freeze. He places layers and coats of blood on the knife and allows them to freeze until the blade is hidden under the thickness of frozen human blood. The knife is buried in the ice with the tip of the blade pointed upward and the handle down. The wolf catches a scent of the blood and begins to lick the blood. The more the wolf licks the blood, the more his hot tongue starts melting the frozen ice and he becomes addicted to the taste. He licks faster and faster until the blade is bare, but he licks harder because it is so cold he cannot tell that it's his tongue being cut on the blade and he is swallowing his own life blood. Addicted to the taste he continues to satisfy his craving for blood with his own blood. He licks the blade until he bleeds to death, swallowing his own life. That is how sin works in a nation that forgets God. When God walks out on nation or a church there is mass confusion. We are invariably in a moral free fall. “Righteousness exalts a nation but sin is a reproach to any people.” **Proverbs 14:34.**

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