Appendix G - FDR's Legacy

Glenn Beck has said on a number of occasions (somewhat jokingly) that he truly hates Woodrow Wilson. I couldn't agree more. The misery and suffering his political and economic policies inflicted upon millions of Americans is unforgiveable. We are still living under his dark shadow. But in all of U.S. history, I still place Franklin Roosevelt at the top of the "most evil politicians" list. And along with this conclusion, I must depart from those who think the WWII generation was the greatest on record. While I salute those who fought against Hitler, Mussolini, and Hirohito, I consider that generation to have been tragically ignorant, politically. Any generation of people who can elect a sinister man like FDR for four terms should be ashamed, not honored.

I am a Christian who believes that Satan exists and is operating with great success in the world today. But I also know that he is not *omnipresent*, which means he cannot be in two places at the same time. And since he does not have a physical body like ours, he doesn't need to sleep. He can operate non-stop, 24-hours a day. With that in mind, I believe Satan *possessed* the likes of Hitler, Stalin, and Mao, moving back-and-forth as his plan deemed necessary. The only account of actual Satan possession in the Bible is Judas Iscariot, but wouldn't a man who had murdered millions likewise qualify for this dubious honor? When Hitler and Stalin were asleep, what was Satan doing? Did he play checkers with his demonic chief-of-staff until one of his human henchmen woke up, revitalized for a new day of murder and mayhem?

I think Satan traveled to the U.S., in a distant time zone, and either inhabited FDR or pushed his wheelchair around while giving him economic and political advice. I think he assisted FDR in getting us into the war with Japan, by deliberately sacrificing (*murdering*) our troops at Pearl Harbor, knowing well in advance that we were going to be attacked.

"These intercepts and the corresponding radio logs of Station H are powerful evidence of American foreknowledge of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Americans do not know these records exist – all were excluded from the many investigations that took place from 1941 to 1946 and the congressional probe of 1995" (Stinnett).

"FDR secretly maneuvered us into war. The responsibility for the deadly blow to the U.S. navy was his, as well as the deaths of 3,000 American sailors at Pearl Harbor" (Fish).

"President Roosevelt's failure to raise one of his humanitarian fingers to prevent the extermination of the Jews, his many sullen statements about the Jewish situation, and his spiritual anesthesia to the greatest genocide in history was beyond comprehension ... Roosevelt would not make a speech or issue a statement denouncing the German extermination of the Jews" (Hecht).

"A hundred million free people were forced under the yoke of communism almost immediately, and 600 million more in four years," (Fish) a fact which John F. Kennedy commented in 1949: "What our young men have saved, our diplomats and our president have frittered away."

This evil man, surrounded by Harry Hopkins, Alger Hiss and an invisible demonic assistant, betrayed half the world to communism in order to create his vision of the United Nations, which he planned in his megalomania to rule in exchange for his concessions to Stalin. But this was just his war-time legacy. What about his economic murder of the gullible American people? He seemed to have no clue that his policies were prolonging the depression, and in fact, creating a

Great Depression. He once admitted, "We seldom know, six weeks in advance, what we are going to do."

Roosevelt served under the Wilson administration, so it's not difficult to see where he got his totalitarian philosophies. But when it came to application of those Progressive policies, I believe the student surpassed his teacher.

"For many Americans, the prolonged Great Depression of the 1930s became a time of death. As one eighty-year-old wrote, 'Now there are a lot of us who will choose suicide in preference to being herded into the poor house' ... There were record numbers of deaths per capita during the New Deal years" (Folsom, Jr.).

Yes, I'm aware that the depression was initially created by Hoover. Like George W. Bush in the past decade, he left the average man and especially the middle-class worse off than when he took office – and then left that legacy to the new president. But the brunt of the Keynesian failure of the 1940's has to be put at the feet of Roosevelt.

"The course taken by Roosevelt ... the destruction of the property rights of bank depositors, the confiscation of gold, the taking away of the people's monetary rights, and the placing of the Federal Government in control of a vast, managed, engine of inflation" took Hoover's blunders to the Nth degree (Rothbard).

"FDR, who embraced 'progressive ideas', certainly wasn't a thinker ... he appeared to be utterly ignorant of economics. He seemed willing to try practically anything as long as it involved more government control over the economy. He was apparently unaware that such policies had been tried before in many other countries – and failed" (Powell).

So how did we finally get out of the Hoover-Roosevelt economic nightmare? Did FDR end it? Did WWII end it? I don't think so. Before the war was over, Roosevelt was already planning another round of disastrous New Deal initiatives, the worst of which was a "second bill of rights." This would have added a whole new barrage of entitlements - health care, housing and a guaranteed government job - which would be collapsing on us today like Social Security and Medicare. Fortunately, two important things happened.

"Roosevelt's death in the last year of the war prevented him from unveiling his New Deal revival ... and Republicans and Democrats refused to give Truman his New Deal revival. Sometimes they emasculated his bills; other times they just killed them" (Fulsom, Jr.).

The war didn't end the depression. FDR certainly didn't end the depression. The *death* of Roosevelt ended the depression. Since the *hoi polloi* were too stupid to quit voting for the man, God had to intervene. But it looks like we dodged that bullet only to face it again. If one studies the policies enacted by Hoover-Roosevelt that prolonged the depression into the Great Depression, you can easily see parallels to the Bush-Obama scenario today. It seems like the Obama administration, completely ignorant of economic history, has Roosevelt's disastrous outline on their chalkboard and is checking each item off one-by-one as they implement it again.

"Roosevelt was clear about it. As he put it in his second inaugural address, he sought 'unimagined power'. He, his advisers, and his congressional allies instinctively targeted monetary control, utilities, and

taxation because they were the three sources of revenue whose control would enlarge the public sector the most" (Shlaes).

Like FDR, Obama is consumed with obtaining *unimagined power*. In some respects, it is already a *fait accompli* with the results just waiting to be unleashed on us. And he may be in the process of one-upping Roosevelt when it comes to utilities (carbon initiatives) and future tax increases. We need *non-violent*, bipartisan support to emasculate Obama's New Deal policies and we need to vote (or impeach) him and his cronies out of office, before we all end up in the bread line and soup kitchen like the WWII generation.

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