Appendix L - Arrogant Narcissist

Narcisissma, Narcisissma loves to thrill and delight me, Delight me, delight me and I'll never quit 'Cause Narcisissma knows just where I fit.

Don McLean

I've heard several people on Fox News call Obama an "arrogant narcissist." I wholeheartedly agree, but those terms are too simplistic if not commented on further. What do they mean? How many people really know what's behind the terms? A classic portrait of an arrogant person who



was totally preoccupied with himself was Elmer Gantry, the lead character in a book by Sinclair Lewis, and later a movie starring Burt Lancaster. "Gantry has a voice made for promises." Obama has a voice made for promises, too, but then so do many politicians. In spite of his failure to follow through on most of his campaign

promises, his approval rating remains relatively high among his supporters. Some people never wise up, which proves he can smooth-talk better than Slick Willie and Elmer Gantry.

"He can make innocent people feel guilty... and bad people feel good."

In spite of his claims to be a Christian, there is no such thing as "collective salvation." He either believes in the deity of Christ and other *salvation by grace* corollaries *individually*, or he is not a Christian. He preaches like a Pentecostal evangelist on occasion, but his message is Marxist atheism and his underlying text qualifies him as a Koran-walloper rather than a Bible-thumper. His voting block doesn't care what his message is anymore, just the color of his skin, his charisma (which is genius-like manipulation by pathological lying), and the booty he promises to give his dependents on the backs of the working people. What he knows about the Bible wouldn't fill one page in a McGuffey's kindergarten primer, while his totalitarian tendencies closely parallel those in the *Koran* and the *Communist Manifesto*. I don't know how many of you have made the connection between politicians and Harvard-Yale, but apparently the focus of law school there is *how to lie shamelessly to an audience without flinching*. How do we counteract such polished professional training in front of cameras and teleprompters? What we must do is *shift our focus away from his eloquent speech*, and instead *watch what he does*.

When I watch and listen to this strutting peacock, the first thing I notice is his imagined sense of superiority and presumptuous self-righteousness. He has a veneer of intellectual arrogance and vanity, the consciousness of pride in belonging to a select or favorite group of people who have a tendency to look down their noses at those who didn't attend an ivy-league school and are not politically connected. When I look at the people around him, I see nothing but a mutual admiration society, a group of confused ideologues trying to protect themselves against the disillusion, disappointment, and disenchantment now felt by the majority of the electorate. They have a plastic smile pasted on their faces, and their tambourines are clanging in sync with Obama's victory sermons, but their agenda is becoming clearer to us each day: They are trying to overcome good with evil, by getting even with "the colonialists." That is why Tea-partiers are so restless. They are old enough to have heard this message before. Thank you, Dinesh D'Souza for reminding us in your movie, 2016: Obama's America.

"Political arrogance operates from inordinate ambition, the lust for ascendancy, and a conceit of pretensions from alleged human ability. Arrogant politicians seek to dominate other people, impose their false standards on them, and misuse their authority when they don't get their way. They are never satisfied until everyone in their periphery is a puppet on a string dancing to their tune" (Thieme, Jr.).

This is true of Obama and all of his unelected czars. Every arrogant person is a potential or real tyrant and dictator. This is especially true of those who are antagonistic towards our Constitution, especially the Bill of Rights, which interferes with their socialist agenda. They prefer cosmic panaceas over individual freedom and responsibility; they embrace big government and little people. They advocate the criteria that make people slaves to the state instead of government being the servant of the people. When they sing the song from Elmer Gantry ...

"I'm on my way
Up to Canaan land"

... they are not referring to heaven or the bounty of the free enterprise system, they are singing about *communism*. This refrain was taught to them by deceitful politicians who promote all sorts of things that cannot be fulfilled. Such utopianism is divorced from reality. It operates from envy, revenge motivation, and bitterness. It promotes prejudices and violence. It sets up a system of pseudo-morality, in which it is alright to steal from those who have worked hard in order to line the pockets of those who did not. **Redistribution is a euphemism for** *fencing stolen goods in exchange for votes*. Obama's stash of money comes from a government operated pawn shop.

"It is really arrogance which corrupts, not power. Arrogance corrupts power; then power corrupts. Arrogance corrupts almost everything with which it comes into contact" (ibid).

The particular brand of President we are dealing with is using pressure and intimidation to consolidate his power, including illegitimate reconciliation procedures and executive orders, to destroy human freedom under the Marxist hypocrisy that *the ends will justify the means*.

Obama exudes the false sense of destiny typical of all arrogant crusaders. He has stirred together a stew of philosophy, psychology, sociology and political ideology that contradicts nearly every principle of freedom the Bible teaches. He is destroying consensus, neutralizing what little integrity remains in Congress, catering to privileged groups, and demanding equality at the expense of everyone's freedom. The result so far is reprehensible legislation, irresponsibility, demagoguery, a bloated bureaucracy, and the inevitable distortion of our Constitution. He did not study Constitutional law to uphold it; he studied it for the express purpose of undermining it whenever the occasion presents itself.

"Arrogance is the only disease known to mankind which makes everyone sick except the one who has it. It is nationally self-destructive. This boiling pot of Marxists, Fabian socialists, progressives and communists is anti-freedom and anti-God. The failure of these panaceas has been demonstrated over and over again. These utopian ideas always reject the freedom of others, intrude on the privacy of mankind, reject the authority of the Constitution, and attack others who are faithfully following the rule of law" (ibid).

We have elected an incredibly arrogant class of politicians into office. Those like Obama, Pelosi, Reid, Dodd and Frank believe they are so right and their cause so honorable that they are justified in using any means to gain their objectives – including causing others to lose their jobs, stealing wage earnings by increased taxation, and using devious means to circumvent our Constitution. The exhibition of their crusader arrogance is tantamount to *playing God*. By objective criteria, this class of individuals should be referred to a mental health institution. But they have financial backing which prevents psychiatric evaluation and medication.

They also need *epistemological rehabilitation* – their socialist philosophy should be replaced by the truths known by our Founding Fathers, not the strong delusion of cosmic panaceas which are false solutions to the problems of life. Their behind-closed-doors cure-alls are nothing but disastrous solutions from totalitarian tunnel vision (e.g., redistribution of wealth, breaking up or taking over business enterprises, confiscation of property or income by taxation, nationalization of industry, passing laws against the will of the people). But do you think these misfits will ever volunteer for rehabilitation? The first step is to recognize that you have a problem. Not only do they not recognize that they have a problem, they think they are privileged gods who know better than the God how to run the planet. Do you think it is possible for such arrogance to defer to the will of the people? As I observe the current crop of crusaders in Washington, I see rigid socialist and globalist doctrinaires with complete contempt for free enterprise and defiant inflexibility towards those who question their judgment. I'm led to the conclusion that they are either ignorant on a colossal scale, evil to the core, or both.

According to Gantry, the Bible says: "Never let your left hand know what your right hand is doing." Because they are immersed in blind arrogance and narcissism, I don't think they know what *either* of their hands is doing. What is a narcissist? Besides the mythical story of Narcissus looking at his reflection in a pool of water and falling in love with himself, what does this term really mean? I studied a number of narcissistic personality traits and discovered how tightly they dovetail with criminality. The arrogance that all of us have to deal with in life is super-charged in the narcissist to the point of pathological lying and criminal behavior. They will use any means to get what they want. This is particularly noticeable in crusader politicians who are ramming dangerous economic panaceas down our throat. One of the things I observe, when Obama and some members of Congress are interviewed, is that they are totally inflexible in their socialist belief system and they do not care what our Founding Fathers, the Constitution, or the majority of the electorate say about our current problems.

This is when I see a *modus vivendi* of arrogance (escalating into narcissism) and a *modus operandi* of criminality (escalating into treason). I have no problem convincing people of the former, but many are not prepared to believe the latter. This is due, in my opinion, to naïve, humanistic thinking - the desire to believe that our politicians would not *deliberately* lie to us and could not be *deliberately* dismantling the country they have sworn to protect.

"The fabulous thing about Mr. Gantry is that he's absolutely credible."

(cat yowls)

A seasoned narcissist is truly an expert at projecting one thing to the masses: *credibility*. But is he credible in reality? The narcissist has an abnormal satisfaction with self, accompanied by a total dissatisfaction with others. When a person is egocentric, susceptible to the flattery of others, and uses his authority for his own personal advancement rather than to fulfill the purpose and policy of the organization he represents, this person is a narcissist.

"The cult of *preoccupation with self* reaches its peak here. The hypersensitive, unhappy narcissist seeks to dominate and enslave, to control, and to exercise power through crusades, reforms, social engineering, economic restructuring, and eventually violence if he does not get his way" (ibid).

The narcissist is full of pride, inordinate self-esteem, unreasonable conceit, preoccupation with self, insolence, vanity, self-justification, self-deception, and an exaggeration of his own importance. In the political realm, this invariably leads to criminal behavior and conspiracy because the narcissist must have his way, but is unable to do so openly without being rejected at the ballot box. So the narcissist ...

"uses cunning deception for the purpose of scheming deceit, violates normal *modus operandi*, conspires against and manipulates people around him, attacks the institutions around him and tries to substitute them with others of his own liking. This façade of hypocrisy is covered by using some form of 'helping the downtrodden' to advance his own ends" (ibid).

The narcissist (turned criminal) is not responsible, answerable, or accountable to any authority in life. He has no respect for the freedom or the privacy of others. He is totally preoccupied with self, totally subjective, totally arrogant, and therefore totally irresponsible. He has no sense of obligation to his political office or to the people who elected him. He must be top dog or he thinks he is nothing. He is bored unless he is demonstrating his power. He wants people to see and feel his power. He wants to make people afraid. To do this on a regular basis, the narcissist criminal has to become a liar. You don't have to stretch here, because the entire Progressive viewpoint of the world is a monstrous lie.

"For the criminal, lying is a way of life – therefore the criminal becomes a pathological liar. Habitual deceit and lying is his total disregard for the truth in any form. It is his standard way of dealing with the world. Lying is a part of criminal manipulation. The criminal psychopath likes to surround himself with others [czars] who also lack common sense and who are also moving toward unreality. This provides an incubator for bad decisions. It also produces a dangerous form of 'groupthink' which can lead to hundreds and thousands of bad decisions that affect the general populace negatively" (ibid).

(wolf howls)

Here is another troubling point.

"Narcissistic criminal pride is inflexible; it creates an image of power in the totally self-determining person. Neither argumentation nor persuasion nor reason nor logic nor truth can modify the criminal's arrogance and his inflexible subjectivity. *He insists he is right and resists all views to the contrary*. He has a colossal ego. He considers himself superior to all people. He expects to dominate every gathering, trusts only those people whom he can control, cannot tolerate criticism, and gets what he wants through manipulation or force. He would rather live one day as a lion than 100 years as a sheep. He keeps a mantle of secrecy around him. He does not maintain relationships. He only wants people available to use them" (ibid).

So far, this description is for an individual narcissist - like Obama, Pelosi, Reid or Frank. Imagine what would happen if a group of wealthy and powerful narcissists got together and began running the government. They would form a conspiratorial cabal, a shadow government designed to overthrow legitimate authority. The government itself would become a criminal organization, with layered welfare goodies to cover its tracks. In the name of the greater good,

the government would commit crimes, set itself above the law, and eventually destroy the laws which protect our freedom, privacy, property and lives. Perhaps we should take them more seriously before it is too late.

Narcissistic conspirators assume they are greater than the system and its authority structure. They start by flattering and socializing, while slowly but surely building up their own organization. They compliment those around them, and slander those who are following proven traditions. They are an authority only to themselves and recognize no other. On the outside, during public appearances, they do their best to maintain *credibility*. On the inside, they are ravenous wolves seeking to devour the pensions and 401k plans of little old ladies in Sun City.

(snake hisses)

Yes, Elmer Gantry and many of our politicians seem quite *credible*, especially when these revolutionary armchair philosophers promise us "the morning and the evening star." But the fact of the matter is: they are *walking grenades* waiting to explode, who have concluded that the rest of us are *suckers*, *easy marks* and *mollycoddles*.

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