



Would-Be Kings Obama and the Divine Right of Office

The *Man Who Would Be King* is a short story, written by Rudyard Kipling in 1888. It was about two British adventurers in colonial India who become kings of Kafiristan, a remote part of Afghanistan. Inspired by the exploits of Englishman James Brooke, who became the first White Rajah of Sarawak in Borneo and by the travels of American adventurer Josiah Harlan who was granted the title Prince of Ghor, Kipling explored the folly of quixotic men who think they are destined to rule as kings.

The Ruling Instinct

An observable result of man's fallen nature is the desire to rule or control other human beings. America's founding fathers clearly recognized this inborn tendency because of their treatment under George III. As a result they enacted a Constitution that not only separated the powers of government among three distinct branches, but also enumerated its specific powers. They also included a complicated mechanism for change that would safeguard them from the shifting winds of politics and individual whim. Some, like Thomas Jefferson, went further with a special *bill of rights* to protect them from the *ruling instinct*.

Future political generations have regarded the Constitution as an outdated obstacle to their aggrandizement of power. During the progressive movement of the early 20th century politicians began chipping away at its protections in earnest with a series of *reforms* that were designed to *bring government closer to the people*.

The progressives set in motion a change of attitude that transformed the American people from a nation of doers and producers to one that looked first to Washington to provide their economic, social and moral protection from *the cradle to the grave*. In the November '09 issue of the *American Spectator*, history professor Burton Folsom, Jr. aptly compared the current economic situation with the early progressives in his article, *Obama's Vision Through History*.

According to Folsom, since 1900 all presidents have either been constitutionalists or interventionists. Harding, Coolidge, and Ronald Reagan were constitutionalists. A smaller, more

manageable government was their goal, and prosperity propelled a free market system. By contrast, Barack Obama and most of his Democratic predecessors have been interventionists. Government planning, federal spending, and a Keynesian fine-tuning of the economy are the methods they have chosen to centralize their power.

After the virtual collapse of the housing market and with it America's financial structure in 2009, Obama quickly applied the same Roosevelt playbook that had failed in the 1930s. A business and political neophyte, Obama opened the government's coffers for trillions of dollars of public largesse as the economy teetered and tottered under the weight of its red ink. High unemployment and a stagnant economy only emboldened him in his determined effort to join the *ruling class*.

The Best and the Brightest

Many political observers would take issue by the suggestion that America even has a *ruling class*. In his article *America's Ruling Class—and the Perils of Revolution*, in the August '10 issue of the *American Spectator* Professor Angello Codevilla argues that a ruling class has always been a part of the nature of politics. From the Boston Brahmins, the New York financiers, the land barons of California, Texas, and Florida, the industrialists of Pittsburgh, the Southern aristocracy, to the machine politicians of the major 19th century urban areas, there have been those who profited from controlling their fellow Americans.

The major change today is that the ruling class has moved from the cities and the heartland to Washington, D. C. where thousands of faceless isolated bureaucrats and middle managers have been establishing a vise-like control on virtually every inhabitant of this country.

To understand the *ruling class*, Codevilla contends that one must understand the members' attitudes. Their first principle is that they are the *best and brightest* while the rest of Americans are retrograde, racist, and dysfunctional unless properly constrained. Obama let it slip during his election campaign when he bemoaned Americans who clung to their *God and guns*

as a characteristic of inferior Americans. As President he blamed these same people for their backward attitudes in failing to understand why his reforms were for their own good.

More Equal

The idea of *equality* is at the center of the ruling class' rationale. As an absolute, it is an idealistic notion that is impossible to verify because experience demonstrates the extreme disparities in physical size, strength, intellect and success within mankind. Since it is useful as a political slogan, the ruling class has skillfully wrapped its big government agenda in the rhetoric of the Declaration of Independence just as Lincoln had done during the Civil War.

In the mind of the ruling class *equality* is far different from that of the founding generation who believed that *all men were made equal in the image and likeness of God*. The Obama regime believes that human equality has nothing to do with God and everything to do with government. As a result it has convinced millions of Americans it would be preferable to be *equal in slavery than unequal in freedom*. But in practice the ruling class subscribes to the Orwellian notion *all are equal but some are more equal than others*.

Like the Gnostics of old, the ruling class believes that it possesses a special and even secret knowledge that comes to them when they join the ruling class. Like Obama, their condescending attitude toward ordinary Americans emerged from Darwinism in the late 19th century when evolutionary theory was keenly applied to human society.

This radically changed the perception of equality. As a result the observable difference in individual human beings gave rise to a new science of eugenics. Science focused on the inherent differences in human beings that led many to conclude under the rubric of *Social Darwinism* that the human race could be improved by discarding or eliminating its inferior members. When paired with traditional science, eugenics offered the promise of steady progress that would change human nature so that it was more amenable to government control. This is at the heart of many liberal programs.

In the Name of Fairness

The fact that life is often unfair is the most difficult pill for the ruling class to swallow. They reject this natural consequence of human nature as they reject human nature itself. Since the early 20th century, they have rested much of their ideological quest for power and control on the Darwinian underpinnings of the scientific origins of change. To satisfy their need to socially engineer the equality of all people, the ruling class has skillfully used the confiscatory tax policies of their progressive forebears, along with the bankrupting deficit spending of the Keynesian economists to redistribute the wealth in America, and punish the wealthy and the successful, all in the name of *fairness*.

During one of the primary debates in 2008 host Charlie Gibson reminded Barack Obama that the empirical data proved that lower tax rates brought in more government revenue. Obama did not deny Gibson's statement but added the prospect of

raising the rates was a matter of fairness. In his mind he is the ultimate arbiter of wealth and poverty. He knows better how to rule the lives of Americans than the people themselves.

Another tactic has been an ocean of rules and regulations that cascade from the Washington bureaucracies. The bills that Congress writes are so voluminous, they have to pass them so they can see what is in the their new legislation to paraphrase Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The left enacts many laws so that they can regulate virtually every activity of each human being in this country from birth to death, thus enhancing their accumulation of more power and control over their citizens. The ObamaCare Bill of 2010 is more than 2,700 pages long. It is so filled with sweet deals, pay-offs to key members of Congress, insurance, and health care agencies that it makes any pretense for equality a sham.

The Living Constitution

The early progressives learned quickly that they could use the country's own arsenal of protections against the American people. To them America's constitutional rule of law was a serious obstacle to their working for the good of humanity. According to their Darwinian thinking, all things, including man's human nature, were continually evolving. They believed the Constitution was a product of its times and bore little modern relevance. In their mind, the Constitution must fit the needs of its times.

The progressive attitude gradually infected the Supreme Court, especially the arguments of Oliver Wendell Holmes and Louis Brandeis. Both these justices were advocates of *Positivism*. Their philosophy held that there were no absolutes. This effectively negated the moral distinction between right and wrong, so that all cases were decided on the strength of one's argument or opinion.

To undermine the Constitution, the progressives developed the idea of the *living constitution* that must sway to the music of the times as the needs of the American people demanded. Using existent tools such as the *necessary and proper* clause, often referred to as the *elastic clause*, and the commerce clause of the 14th amendment, the ruling class has made legal opinion more important than the original intent of the founding fathers. In effect the Constitution is what the judges say it means, making the original document virtually irrelevant.

It has been their positivist assault on the Constitution that has led to the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973. In one of the most egregious expansion of government power, the Supreme Court endowed its so-called *right to privacy* with a mysterious *penumbra* that it deemed *broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy*.

Unlike their Fathers

To the ruling class the family is as big an obstacle as the Constitution. Strong families are often subversive of state power because of the independence of thought that they often foster. As with the *Roe v. Wade* decision, which radically undermined sexual morality, the American family will find that this new *living constitution* will not afford them the same

protections that their forebears had provided in the original document. Gay marriage or the unnatural union of homosexuals is another tool that the progressives have been using to further attack and dismantle the institution of marriage.

The public school system, which is curiously a tenet in Marx and Engels' *Communist Manifesto*, (1848) has also emerged as a weapon for an assault by the ruling class on the family. Together they have worked tirelessly to upset the trust that ordinarily exists within families. They have been exceptionally successful through their introduction of sex education courses into the school curriculum. These courses irresponsibly introduce children, as young as five years of age, to some of the most perverse sexual behaviors imaginable, to the detriment of a strong family unit.

School nurses, who cannot administer an aspirin to a child without the parents' consent, administer pregnancy tests and refer pregnant girls to abortion clinics without parental knowledge. Schools now discourage competitive games and label fidgety boys as having *Attention Deficit Disorder* (ADD) and fill their young bodies with dangerous drugs to control their behavior, giving sustenance to what Woodrow Wilson promised *to make young gentlemen as unlike their fathers as possible*.

A Divine Sign

The ruling class often generates a religious aura to maintain its elevated status. Despite all the commotion about George W. Bush and the *religious right* in 2000, no election has been met with more pseudo-religious fervor than Obama's. His political slogans have an aura of secular spirituality. Church leaders have compared him to Jesus Christ. Some have tiptoed close to blasphemy by suggesting that he is the *New Messiah*. Thousands of religious leaders saw his election as a final redemption of the country for its slave past.

Many Catholic leaders have had mixed emotions about President Obama. While they deplore his stance on abortion, they support his initiatives on race, health care and social justice. Archbishop Gabriel Charles Palmer-Buckle of Accra, Ghana said at a meeting in the Vatican after his election that there was a *divine plan* behind Obama's election. The archbishop of Kinshasa, Congo, Laurent Monsengwo Pasinya, told the formal synod in Rome that Obama's election was a *primordial event* that might be a *divine sign and a sign from the Holy Spirit for the reconciliation of races and ethnic groups for peaceful relations*.

Others have compared Obama's election to his *divine right of office*, an outgrowth of the ruling class' right and duty to rule. This is an oblique reference to the principle of the *Divine Right of Kings*, which asserts that a monarch is subject to no earthly authority, and only derives his right to rule from the hand of God. Consequently, the king is not subject to the will of his people, the aristocracy, or any other estate of the realm, including the church.

The doctrine implies that any attempt to depose the king or to restrict his powers runs contrary to the will of God and may constitute treason. In his book, *We Still Hold These Truths*,

Matthew Spalding of the Heritage Foundation argues that the *divine right of king's theory was developed in order to counter the traditional Catholic doctrine of papal supremacy over political rulers*.

Let Them Eat Veggies

Since his inauguration in 2009, which seemed more like a coronation, Obama's inner circle has treated him in regal fashion. His lavish spending for his redecoration of the Oval Office during these hard economic times, sent a haughty message to the American people. His wife's ill-conceived trip to Marbella, Spain has been evocative of the affluence and high living of Louis' wife *Marie Antoinette*. Michelle's motto could be, *Let them eat Veggies*.

What Obama fails to remember is that by his duplicity and failed leadership, this *would be king* has abrogated his *divine right* and like George III in England or France's Louis 16th, he can be deposed. For the first time in generations, the ruling class is under a stiff attack from people who cannot be dismissed as *crazy racists*. They are driven, not by mob rule but by the power of their traditional ideas and principles. It is a distinctly conservative revolution that is sweeping America and is reflected in many primaries and in almost every poll in anticipation of November's midterm elections.

The Obama regime can continue to feast on taxpayers' money, like the gargantuan plant in the *Little Shop of Horrors* with its ravenous appetite, but eventually it will implode from its own greed. Obama's vision like Wilson, Roosevelt and Johnson, is more akin to that of dictators, kings, emperors and pharaohs--the rulers of mankind, who view their destiny in their ability to rule over their fellow human beings. Eventually their unpopular deeds will bring them back to earth.

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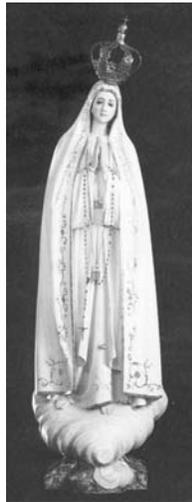
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- The soul which recommend itself to me by the recitation of the rosary, shall not perish.
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- Devotion of my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

(Given to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan)