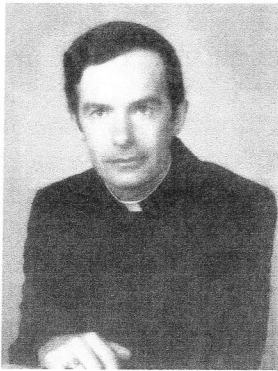




Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



(A continuation of last month's article)

The 2012 election seemed to suggest that those who clamored for change in 2008 are now content with the status quo. They personify an Uncle Sam who has been diagnosed with a cancerous terminal illness but continues in a state of denial

that, for the time being, gives the appearance of life as usual. Cancer is a deadly form of self-destruction; cells within the body attack each other, illustrative of what is taking place within the dominant majority of European Americans. In medicine, as in other areas of life, there comes a point of no return when what ails us, if left untreated, cannot be put in remission.

The scourge of what infectious malady now afflicts a generation of so many Americans that they willingly hold in contempt and repudiate their own heritage, birthright, Judaeo-Christian values, and pride in their national and ancestral racial identity? Political, economic, and social explanations are only cosmetic. The root cause of America's impending decline is spiritual; America is losing its soul, one citizen at a time. Evidence of this abounds. The US population is just over 300 million. In 1990, 86% were identified as Christian. In 2008, that number fell to 76%. Today, 7 of 10 young adults see no influence of God in their lives, 44% seek no spiritual guidance, 46% are not concerned about their eternal destiny, and 28% perceive no deeper purpose in life than mere existence. Many of the major Protestant denominations have become liberal in their theological, political, and social views. In 1958, when they were more conservative and orthodox, their congregations held 50% of the population; today, they have fallen to 13%. The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life survey of 3,000 adults discovered that voters who describe themselves as having no religion vote overwhelmingly liberal and are becoming a larger segment of the electorate. Why did our ancestors flee Europe for religious freedom in America only to have their descendents emulate Europeans who have replaced their Christian culture and faith in God with

liberal socialism and faith only in themselves?

Those who scheme to change America know they must first change America's Christian culture. They understand John Adams when he said, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of another." By "religious people" Adams meant Christian, as he explained, "The principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were... the general principles of Christianity..." They know that citizens, bereft of their Christian moorings, are more easily "...tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine..." (Eph. 4:14) With bold impudence Christian influence in American society is being discredited and marginalized to accomplish ultimately its total elimination. St. Peter wrote of the day, perhaps ours, when "... the way of truth will be reviled." (II Pet. 2:2) Increasingly, decisions are being made and positions taken based not on if it is right to do, but solely on the claim of the right to do it with mere capability or brute force as the justification. "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes..." (Prov. 21:2) If man's secular law replaces God's moral law, on what basis is right or wrong determined? "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil..." (Isa. 5:20) St. Paul wrote of a future time when there will come a "mystery of lawlessness" and "wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends upon them (God does not cause, but allows) a strong delusion, to make (that is, let) them believe what is false, so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." (II Thess. 2:7, 10-12) This Faustian bargain is already beginning to exact its toll with suicide now the third cause of death among those ages 15 to 24 who have lost all hope in life. This is the America of your children and grandchildren. No wonder so many older people today say they are grateful to be the age they are.

(To be concluded next month)

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