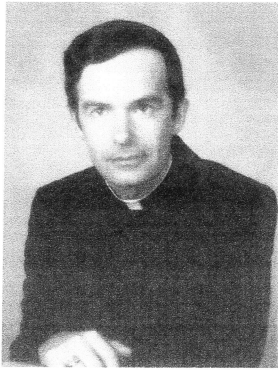




Chaplain's Corner, Hughes Camp Chaplain Richard W Rudd



Most of us have grown up hearing the story of Br'er (a syncope for Brother) Rabbit and the briar patch. Robert Roosevelt, an uncle of Theodore, collected these tales from oral tradition as related by his aunt who lived in Georgia. Joel Harris made the fables popular by publishing them in the late 19th century. Originating from African folklore, Uncle Remus

narrated accounts about the escapades of a tricky rabbit that personified Negroes outwitting white southerners. Br'er Rabbit was often portrayed as a villainous character with amoral attributes and no restraint who resorted to extremes, provoked authority figures, twisted social standards, and played the role of victim for his advantage. No longer living on a 19th century plantation, Br'er Rabbit now resides in the 21st century inner city.

Several decades ago, I accepted an opportunity to work for three years among teenagers and adults in a metropolitan inner-city environment. The experience proved to be invaluable for the information and insights gained from it, penetrating to a depth that cannot be imagined by listening to narratives from the media. Multiplied by the number of major American cities, these third-world enclaves among us and the people who live there cannot be understood without a retooling of one's thought process. It is a world requiring a different way of thinking to navigate in it. Perspectives, values, and priorities conform to unfamiliar, sometimes inverted, and frequently shifting patterns. The events I experienced, witnessed, and learned about from primary sources could fill a volume.

Race is the ever-present specter that overshadows and permeates every facet of life in the inner city. It is the one element within these communities that binds them together and, at the same time, keeps them separate from the rest of society. These sectors of America's urban areas are the equivalent of European cities' Moslem dominated no-go zones. They harbor a contingent of young homegrown terrorists who, like jihadists, are motivated by a radical ideology of, in this situation, virulent racism. Anticipating a short life expectancy, fear of death is no deterrent. Rival gangs fight each other as Sunnis and Shiites do. Violence and destruction are a way of life and tactical means of inciting intimidation and fear. Sympathetic allies are sought from among their perceived adversaries, targeting liberal Caucasians who experience an erotic emotional sensation from flagellation in the form of masochistic

self-deprecation.

It has been said that a good crisis should be used and never wasted. The Senate Intelligence Committee recently reported that the military sought from Air Force psychologists advice about and the CIA employed various forms of interrogation techniques used on captured American soldiers during the Korean and Viet Nam Wars. It would be reasonable to assume that methods of interrogation and propagandizing used during WWII were also studied. When the Nazis were defeated, the methods they perfected were not lost in the ashes of their collapsed system. There is among us a cadre replicating and refining these techniques for the promotion of their own agenda. Hitler boasted that he wanted to create a race of youth from whose eyes he could see the savage, primitive, wild beast leap. This has been done in the laboratories of America's urban cores where militant minority youths have been utilized in a Mengele-style social experiment. The unnecessary and unfortunate incidents that occurred in Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and New York provide examples. Instead of treating each of them as separate cases dealing with different circumstances and events, the liberal mass media networks, of which Goebbels' ministry of propaganda would be envious, combined all four, using a distillation process that oversimplified and skewed the facts to intentionally stoke and keep boiling the cauldron of racism as the common denominator. It was the use of racism fomenting in black urban communities and the blaming of whites for it that provided the excuse and the spark used to ignite a latent volcanic explosion of riots, jihad, and guerrilla warfare the media then described in hyperbolic understatement as protests. As the Nazis staged events to create havoc in the streets of German cities, then offered themselves as the solution, so in American cities orchestrated loss of lives, destruction of property, and escalation of the powerful emotions of anger, fear, and paranoia will cause wider divisions among all citizens who will become more willing to exchange freedom for an increase in government control to retrieve peace and safety out of chaos. This will eventually culminate in a society under dictatorial conditions.

The thread that links events in Florida, Missouri, Ohio, and New York is not racism; it is the fostering of an attitude of entitlement and the psychotic philosophy of relativism; it is about control. Judaeo-Christian morals, respect for authority and cultural traditions, personal restraint,

and the bond between freedom and responsibility are being denigrated. Everybody is encouraged to determine truth and morality for themselves and freedom is redefined as the right to do something just because you want to and can. The false promise of freedom without responsibility will ultimately result in a society enveloped in chaos and devoid of freedom. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Prov. 25:28)

Our condition is one common to every man since Adam. We "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..." (Rom. 3:23) Even St. Paul, writing about this struggle, admitted, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Rom. 7:19) It is a mystery why we consciously break God's moral laws, even when we know we can" "...be sure your sin will find you out." (Num. 32:33) Our needs and wants make us vulnerable to temptations coming to us through ignorance, deception, and conflicting interests. The only difference between the inner-city terrorist and other citizens is the degree to which either Satan or Christ influences their life. This is why Christ came and died on the Cross and His church offers the sacrament of confession and repentance, providing the only antidote to the forces working to destroy America and Americans' souls, the only way of escape from peril to safety, tyranny to freedom, and chaos to peace. Only as long as our citizens are instilled with this truth, as previous generations have been, will America be the land of the free.

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