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The Road to Perdition

The Chickens Have Come Home to Roost



A very interesting thing is taking place in the United States. The Country is basically imploding before our very eyes. Now all of us have our opinions on why this is happening, but I suggest that we start at the beginning of this great experiment to find the answer. When the founding fathers laid out the rules that would govern the great experiment they talked about ideals, life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They also talked about justice for all. The problem with these statements is that none of the founders could really believe in them because all of them were of Caucasian descent and several of them were slave holders. Historian Richard B. Morris in 1973 identified the following seven figures as key **Founding Fathers**: John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and George Washington. Jefferson, Madison, and Washington **were slave owners**. What this tells us is that the great experiment was flawed from the beginning. How can one talk about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness when you are participating in the most heinous

act known to man? So, this flawed beginning takes us to the next step in the grand experiment. The writing of guidelines that tell us how to govern and maintain a sense of law and order in the Country. So once again the laws, called the Constitution were written by seven Caucasian males three of whom were slave holders. When you consider the dynamics of this you have to ask yourself what in this "Holy Grail" was written to benefit African Americans or women. In fact the most honored document in the history of the United States of America didn't even consider African Americans to be full-fledged human being. They were only looked at as being a fraction of a man. From here we move into the realm of perpetuating the original lie with a history of untruths. We mythicized a murderer and barbarian named Christopher Columbus. Then we followed that with such heroes as George Washington, the man who never told a lie and "Honest" Abe. Again, the white man

was portrayed as being pure and perfect despite the history of the atrocities that he had laid on his fellow man. There is a famous quote that says "A House Built on Lies Cannot Stand Unless Truth Becomes It's Foundation". Well this Country refuses to accept the truth and rebuild the foundation of this great Country on truth. Remember this is the Country that gave us western movies and taught us that the Indians were the bad guys. Poor Custer. How could those savages do what they did to him? What they didn't tell you was that this Country was built on the backs of slaves who were forced to toil from sunrise to sunset while receiving no remuneration for the torturous work that they were compelled to do.

Let's fast forward to where we are today. We have yet to accept and tell the truth about the history of this Country. So, as the Country grows the foundation continues to be weakened. In fact we found ourselves in such a position of weakness that we decided to turn things over to the liar in Chief, Donald J. Trump. Again, a white male. A man who not only lacked qualifications to even be considered for the honored seat of the Presidency but a man who had no moral compass. If you look back at our sordid history the fact that we somehow turned to a man as despicable as Donald Trump simply shows us how weak

and broken this Country has become. We are now at a point where those who are elected to lead our Country do nothing but lie without compunction. They represent corporations, foreign countries and ultimately themselves versus the constituents who put them in office. The strange thing is that as a Country we continue to act as though we are shocked by what Donald Trump is doing and what he represents when in fact he represents the United States of America and its history of lies and brutality. Yes Malcolm was right, "The Chickens Really Have Come Home to Roost".

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