

AND THEY TOUCHED HIS ROBE – Part II

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(Please review the short **GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK** near the end of this report.)

This is a commentary on our President's messianic complex and approach, reactions to his style, and his relationship to religion. The earlier version "AND THEY TOUCHED HIS ROBE" was written last April. Considering the characters involved, in particular the leading "actor", this just begs for continued attention. I have used much from the earlier version, as edited, because it fits with the new material. Here I have updated, expanded, and embellished the subject with some new information and observations.

P-BOB a Messiah? Who says?

For me it all seemed to start with TV news reporter and commentator Chris Matthews proclaiming the following: *"This is bigger than Kennedy This is the New Testament I felt this thrill going up my leg. I mean, I don't have that too often. No, seriously. It's a dramatic event"*. Such a reaction as that I found kind of spooky. But it got worse.

This from Ezra Klein, Associate Editor of the well known publication, "The American Prospect": *"Obama's finest speeches do not excite. They do not inform. They don't even really inspire. They elevate He is not the Word made flesh, but the triumph of word over flesh Obama is, at his best, able to call us back to our highest selves"*.

What did U.S. Representative Bobby Rush (Dem. Ill) have to say? *"I would characterize the Senate race as being a race where Obama was, let's say, blessed and highly favored. That's not routine. There's something else going on. I think that Obama, his election to the Senate, was divinely ordered I know that that was God's plan"*. Bobby is the one who came back from Cuba recently after telling Fidel, the Cuban dictator, that in the Rush family, Fidel is considered the ultimate survivor.

After P-BOB had sufficient delegates for the nomination, Jesse Jackson was quoted as saying: *"I cried all night. I'm going to be crying for the next four years. What Barack Obama has accomplished is the single most extraordinary event that has occurred in the 232 years of the nation's political history The event itself is so extraordinary that another chapter could be added to the Bible to chronicle its significance"*.

Oprah refers to him as "The One" because *"we need politicians who know how to be the truth"*. I thought Jesus said He was the truth. She says that Obama will help us *"evolve to a higher plane"*. Jonah Goldberg speculates this makes P'BOB our Intelligent Designer. Disciples of P-BOB recite how they "came to Obama". And Goldberg goes on to say that the FLOTUS (that's "Govspeak" for Michelle – refer to the GLOSSARY) has insisted that P-BOB *"has redeemed the entire nation (hence her newfound pride in America)"*.

Movie star and activist Susan Sarandan recently stated that *“He (Obama) is a community organizer like Jesus was, and now we’re a community, and he can organize us.”* Mark Steyn reacted to that by writing: *“So how’s that going? Jesus took a handful of loaves and two fish and fed 5,000 people. Barack wants to take a trillion pieces of pork and feed it to a handful of Democratic Party interest groups”.* Ouch!

Louis Farrakhan recently declared: *“You are the instruments that God is going to use to bring about universal change. And that is why Barack has captured the youth ... involved young people in a political process that they didn’t care anything about. That’s a sign. When The Messiah speaks, the youth will hear. And The Messiah is absolutely speaking”.*

The reactions and adorations of some are even more interesting if they are contrasted to previous statements they have made. First, a recent comment made by Evan Thomas, Newsweek editor: *“We’re understanding what Obama is. He is a great teacher. He is this guy that stands above everybody I mean in a way Obama’s standing above the country, above – above the world, he’s sort of God”.* Compare that to what he said in February 2007: *“Well, our job is to bash the president, that’s what we do.”* GOOD GRIEF!

Even some staff members have been caught up in the adoration – some perhaps “tongue in cheek” – but they are picking up on, and promoting, the messianic concept. Talking to reporters in Istanbul last spring, David Axelrod said: *“Why didn’t the waters part, the sun shine and all ills of the world disappear because President Obama came to Europe this week? That wasn’t our expectation. That will take at least a few weeks.”* Such smug narcissism!

Several months ago, at the B. Bernice Young Elementary School in Burlington Township, N.J., schoolchildren memorized and chanted a tribute to P-BOB. There have been various levels of reaction to this. Here are the words:

Mmm, mmm, mmm, Barack Hussein Obama
He said all should lend a hand to make the country strong again.
Mmm, mmm, mmm, Barack Hussein Obama
He said we must be fair today, equal work means equal pay.
Mmm, mmm, mmm, Barack Hussein Obama
He said take a stand, make sure everyone gets a chance.
Mmm, mmm, mmm, Barack Hussein Obama
He said red, yellow, black and white, all are equal in his sight.
Mmm, mmm, mmm, Barack Hussein Obama.

Notice the line I highlighted in bold italics. Do you recall those words from Sunday school? The original reference was to Jesus’ inclusiveness – a good thing. But, as Michelle Malkin recently wrote: *“Acknowledging the historic nature of Obama’s presidency is one thing. Deifying him with creepy spiritual references is quite another.”*

The Messiah Theme Used in Criticism

“This is the fine mess Barack Obama told us would never happen if Americans would elect him to soothe the fears of the frightened and bank the ambitions of evildoers of the world.” That from writer and commentator Wesley Pruden.

Rich Lowry used a similar theme in his criticism. *“The calendar says President Barack Obama took office in 2009, although that’s only a technicality. In his own mind, Obama ascended in Year Zero, a time of ritualistic cleansing in preparation for the re-launching of an American free from its past sins.”*

Wesley Pruden again: *“Mr. Obama may be sincere in his confidence that his soaring oratory can make rough places smooth and hard places plain.”*

“Obama seems to be saying look instead to our new greatness, for we have elected a man like him! Having anointed himself America’s vindicator and redeemer.” – Author and commentator Jonah Goldberg.

Has P-BOB Reinforced This Impression?

In reference to Morgan Freeman’s portrayal in “Deep Impact” and “Bruce Almighty”, P-BOB, obviously aware of the frequent mention of his “messiah complex” joked: *“The guy was president before I was This guy was God before I was.”*

In early 2008, the candidate Obama told Dartmouth students: *“..... a light will shine through that window, a beam of light will come down upon you, you will experience an epiphany, and you will suddenly realize that you must go to the polls and vote for Barack.”*

The President was asked in an interview what he considers a sin. He defined it as *“being out of alignment with my values.”* So now he’s the ultimate judge. That’s scary.

In his victory speech P-BOB proclaimed: *“I am absolutely certain that generations from now we will be able to look back and tell your children that this was the moment – this was the time – when we came together to remake this great nation”*

Adoration and worship within the WH by his J-STRAPS and the STYMIED has continued. Consider his address to the United Nations in September where he proclaimed: *“I have been in office for just nine months I am well aware of the expectations that accompany my presidency around the world.”* He must be somewhat sensitive to reactions because he goes on to say: *“These expectations are not about me.”*

Continuing this “redeemer” theme, P’BOB further proclaimed that he and other world leaders took actions that *“brought the global economy back from the brink.”* And: *“For those who question the character and cause of my nation, I ask you to look at the concrete actions we have taken in just nine months.”* Once again, he seems to view himself as the redeemer of our country. Critic Rich Lowry thinks that P’BOB must view the U.S. as having been *“sunk in war crimes (we condoned torture), highhandedness (we ignored the U.N.) and hypocrisy (we promoted democracy selectively) prior to the ascension of his blessed administration.”*

What do you think? Has he done anything to reinforce this “transformational aura”?



I found the above very clever and amusing. The first is an illustration of P-BOB doing a self-portrait looking just like “The One”. But it looks familiar! Next is the original – a Norman Rockwell painting titled “Triple Self-Portrait.” I don’t know who created the “knock-off.”

Obama the Theologian

While on a recent trip to Europe (G-20 etc.), P-BOB made a comment while in a Muslim country that we in America don’t consider ourselves a Christian nation, or Jewish, or Muslim, or anything else. But why does it really matter? Our tradition of freedom is based in our Judeo-Christian roots. Those ideals were why we settled this continent and they ultimately

resulted in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. We are not a Christian or Jewish theocracy which makes other religions unwelcome or which gives preferential treatment. Why would P-BOB make this statement, if not to weaken the Judeo-Christian underpinnings of our country? He knows he isn't a messiah, but he doesn't want to emphasize that fact – and he likes the adoration you can be sure.

Another recent comment by P-BOB shows his ignorance about Christianity and Judaism. He said: *“These are two very different holidays with their own very different traditions. But it seems fitting that we mark them both during the same week. For in a larger sense, they are both moments of reflection and renewal. They are both occasions to think more deeply about the obligations we have to ourselves and the obligations we have to one another”*.

Good Grief! Contrary to his declaration, these traditions are DEEPLY related. The Jewish Passover became the “Last Supper” in Christian tradition. Jesus was a Jew and was observing the holy day with his disciples. For Christians, Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed to free believers from their sins. Jesus called this “the new covenant in my blood”. The original “lamb” in the Jewish tradition was killed and its blood was put above each Jewish door in Egypt so that the Angel of Death would “pass over”, and they could be freed and start their travels back to the Promised Land. This was also a covenant between God and his chosen people. Jesus was crucified on the day after celebrating the Passover. So, of course, tradition DOES INDEED have them occurring during that same “Holy Week”. Our President had an opportunity to productively point out these parallels and did not – either because he didn't know any better, or because he doesn't want to further strengthen the long relationship of these theologies.

New World Order?

On the international scene, he's an ideologue and a utopian. He seems to want to unilaterally weaken the defenses of the U.S. because he dreams of a nuclear free world and world wide climate control – and he knows he can't get there without there being a single authoritative control cutting across national boundaries. He's willing to be that “savior”. The President wants a perfect world-wide community within which he has created a perfect society.

Will he offer his healing powers to world citizens by letting them touch the hem of his robe?

GLOSSARY of GOVSPEAK (Language of our Government)

P-BOB – President **Barack Obama**
MESSIAH – Another name for P-BOB
POTUS – President **O**f The **U**nited States
POTUS(-1) – Same as **W**
SILLY – Short for former POTUS “**Slick Willy**”
THE ONE – One more name for P-BOB
W – Former POTUS, George **W.** Bush

Da' Prez

A'DEM – Democrat or **A DEM**ocrat
A'REP – Republican or **A REP**ublican

Da' Rest

A'GOTUS – Attorney **G**eneral **O**f **T**he United States (say: “a goat t’us)
BIPPY – That place that many in **STYMIED** sometimes put their brain containers
CHA-FED – **CHA**irman of the **FED**eral Reserve
COS-E – Chief **O**f **S**taff (Rahm) **E**manuel (pronounced “cozy”)
COTUS – Congress **O**f **T**he United States
DA'DEMS – Democrats
DA'REPS - Republicans
DA'VEEP – Vice President Joe Biden
DA'VEEP(-1) – Prior Vice President Dick Cheney
DA'VEEP(-2) – Al Gore
DO-P-OTUS – **D**aughters **O**f the **P**resident **O**f **T**he United States (say: “dopy Otis”)
FA-FLITTER – P-BOB ‘flits’/prances like **F**red **A**staire(**FA**)(separated at birth?)(say: fay-flitter)
FIDO-TUS – **F**irst **D**Og of **T**he United States – **FF**OTUS’s pet (say: “fido t’us”)
FFOTUS – **F**irst **F**amily **O**f **T**he United States (pronounced with an opening “flutter”)
FLOTUS – **F**irst **L**ady **O**f **T**he United States
GITMO – That place that P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
HE-SING'N – Describes P-BOB’s “head swiveling” while at the **TOTUS** (pronounced “he singin”)
HORTUS – **H**ouse **O**f **R**epresentatives of **T**he United States (pronounced “whore t’us”)
HUGS – Conveys P-BOB’s **HUGE** Smile
J-SECOTUS – **J**oint **S**ession of Congress **O**f **T**he United States (say: jay secotus)
J-STRAPS – Another name for P-BOB’s “supporters” (you know how to pronounce it)
KSM – **K**halid **S**heikh **M**ohammed – the senior terrorist enjoying time at **GITMO** (say: “kiss ’im)
FL-M-Ob – **F**irst **L**ady **M**ichelle **O**Bama (pronounced just like it’s spelled)
MAJHORTUS – **HORTUS** **MA**Jority Leader, Maryland’s Steny Hoyer
MALSOTUS – The dynamic **SOTUS** **MA**ority Leader, Nevada’s Harry Reid (seniority got him the job)
MILHORTUS – **HORTUS** **MI**nority Leader, Ohio’s John Boehner
MILSOTUS – **SOTUS** **MI**nority Leader, Kentucky’s Mitch McConnell (also must have relied on seniority)
PATOTUS – P-BOB’s **P**osition **A**t the **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he United States
PEP – **P**recipitous **E**nvironmental **P**rograms (pronounced “pep”)
PORK – Refers to any absurdly expensive aspect of **P**-**B**OB’s **O**verdone **R**ecovery **K**it (spend on everything)
P-PPPP – **P**-**B**OB’s **P**enchant for **P**ushing **P**recipitous and **P**eculiar **P**rograms (say: “pee pep”)
PRESOTUS – **P**REsident of **SOTUS** – Same as **DA'VEEP**
SCOTUS – **S**upreme **C**ourt **O**f the United States
SECS – **S**ECretary of State (would that be Hillary?) (pronounced “sex”)
SHORTUS – The (Loud) **S**peaker of **HORTUS**, Nancy P
SOTUS – **S**enate **O**f **T**he United States
STYMIED – **S**Table of the ‘**Y**ncredibly **M**isinform**E**D (all of P-BOB’s “folks”)
TOTUS – **T**eleprompter **O**f **T**he United States
T-SEC – **T**reasury **S**ECretary what’s his name
T-SEC(+1) – Whoever replaces the T-SEC
T-SEC(-1) – The former T-SEC
WB – Popularly known as “**W**ater**B**oarding” – the technique P-BOB just don’t ‘git’
WH – P-BOB’s current residence (the **W**hite **H**ouse)

I extend thanks, as always, to the many writers, commentators, researchers, and others, from all political extremes, whose hard work helps me greatly. They gather details and present much information. About all I do is gather, organize, summarize, and attempt to fill in with comments – commonly referred to as my **frequent “RANTS”**.

More comments will follow on important topics and personal thoughts as our President battles through tough territory. I want to join other conservatives in recognizing and respecting our new President – and supporting him when we should. But when we oppose our President’s policies, we should act in accordance with values of decency – but that doesn’t preclude a healthy dose of sarcasm and satire, which are valuable tools for political commentary.