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THE ERROR OF MISPLACED CERTAINTY

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reasoning than a barrage of lies to inundate critical assessment, and after all their deceptions and deceptions have been smoked out, Bush proclaims the war necessary to avenge the Americans already dead, a justification that has bloodied history since the first wars.

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George W. Bush is a fraud, an instinctively mythomaniac deconstructionist: a swaggering bully who ducked his chance to put his life where his grossly inarticulate mouth is, who allowed others to kill and die in a war he claimed to champion but was not inclined to display the nerve to invest himself personally.

He has assumed the mantle of God's chosen man, yet he baldly pursues Mephistophelean ambitions that threaten to sell out the nation's soul. He rips away the fabric of the democracy he is pledged to uphold and lavishes wealth and power upon a homegrown aristocracy that is avaricious for world empire — gained at any cost but their own.

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While Bush chants the mantra of democracy for Iraq (and the rest of the Middle East), he and his strongarm Presidency are eradicating it at home — setting up a militant theocracy that discriminates against non-Christian religions, women, non-whites (the "mongrel" races), all of this to exercise the supreme Presidency.

He is pushing this country into a bloodless civil war, thinking perhaps he and his cohorts are powerful enough to repress the more than half the nation that does not support the demolition of democracy and the rule of public law.

The reasons why Bush should not continue in the Presidency are infinite. Highlighting the list has to be the fact that although he insists he was chosen by God to be President, he was not elected President by the people; and his "selection" was a distinct corruption of the process set up by the ancestors to untangle disputed elections. Another frame on the issue might be a this question: If the Presidency of G.W. Bush violates Constitutional law because of a campaign of lies and cheating in 2000, would taking the Presidential oath have automatically made him eligible for impeachment?

Bush squandered the world's goodwill and sympathy following 9/11 by his arrogant and bullying bellicosity, using 9/11 to claim himself commander-in-chief of the world, breaking all major treaties, declaring preemptive right to invade any other country in the world for any reason, which has made the USA the currently most despised country in the world — a primary cause of 9/11 in the first place.

Bush has severely curbed American freedoms with the Patriot Act, which was rammed through Congress just after 9/11, and is nearly a blueprint of the infamous Huston Plan of Nixon's era of surveillance and wiretaps of American citizens. He has

virtually abrogated the Bill of Rights through administrative policies that avoid Congressional vote or oversight, and has cloaked the executive branch of government in the deepest web of secrecy in the nation's history.

Bush misled the American public about WMDs in Iraq, manipulated and falsified intelligence to justify invasion of Iraq, which has caused more than 2,000 American deaths and thousands more wounded, perhaps 100,000 more innocent civilian deaths (more than 30 times 9/11 deaths) — by this action has not only created a quagmire for American tax money, stretched the U.S. military too thin to adequately respond to terrorism but also through invasion, occupation and usurpation of power in Iraq, tarnished the concepts of liberation and democracy, words he flogs over and over as if selling cars.

Bush failed to follow through in Afghanistan where resurgent Taliban, al-Qaeda and northern warlords are tearing the country apart once again (not to mention regrowth of opium production, the only cash crop in the country).

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Bush has escalated nuclear weapons development in the USA, insisting that 'Star Wars' guard the high frontier of space while so-called low-yield tactical nuclear weapons are planned for frontline use. Developing new nukes ostensibly for the war on terrorism while insisting every other country limit their stockpiles is a dangerous contradiction that brings the world closer to the long anticipated millennial annihilation.

And of course Bush has turned a \$230 billion surplus bequeathed by the previous President into a nearly trillion dollar deficit, at the same time virtually canceling the taxes of the most wealthy, which means the rest of us will have to pick up the tab for generations. Add to that Bush has "reclassified" money obtained through stocks as worth more than money earned by work, which perhaps helps ease the corporate conscience when it offshores American jobs.

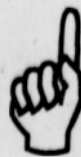
The reasons for impeaching Bush are compelling. The case for impeachment, hardly breathed and ridiculed at any gasp, now seems virtually Katrina-strength. Yet one aspect of its probability remains troubling: Cheney. The obvious solution is that both Bush and Cheney must be impeached together because, more truly than ever before in American history, they are a single act.

It will take a long time to repair the damage to democracy by the Bush seizure of quasi-dictatorial power over governance of the republic; yet nearly everyone should be aware of the chilling future without constitutional democracy, imperfect and vulnerable as it is to zealotry, corruption, discriminations of every sort, and of course always by latent and seducible tyranny.

We might after all be a dying democracy, a bloated red dwarf of a star that rose too quickly and consumed itself with misguided hubris. Whatever greatness we have possessed, which was our quest for liberty for the common people, seems to be swiftly disintegrating, and at least from the vantage of things as they are now, the torch is being blown out, and if so the hope is that it might some day pass on to a future people who struggle as we once did for freedom and equity against a similar tyranny we have allowed ourselves to succumb to.

Samuel Adams said a century ago, "I do regret I have not yet one hundred years to live. The United States will then be more corrupt than Rome under Caligula; more corrupt than the Church under Leo X, more corrupt than France under the Regent." Benjamin Franklin predicted that the USA would eventually become so lax and corrupt it would embrace a domestic despotism that would more or less absolve their obligations as citizens enlarging democracy for the more modern pursuit as money-grasping consumer.

Yet the voices of preservation are apparent in their outraged howls in protest of what we are allowing ourselves and our descendants to lose. Such as Lee Miller, who frequently contributes to this newspaper, a conservative who laments the betrayal of conservatism: "How could a civilized people have elected an arrogant, self-righteous power-mad lunatic like George W. Bush? Though we realize the man is a spiritually unhinged crusader, we should not underestimate shrewd ineptitude and self-assured fecklessness. A salient hope is that Bush will bite off one more country than he is able to chew, resulting in Congressional censure and impeachment."



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