

plant and animal reach an equilibrium in nature. The equation (CO₂ + H₂O + sun's photon = CH₂O + O₂), which was a balance between components and products was simple and amounted on the left of carbon dioxide and water plus sun's energy and on the right the most basic carbohydrate, the mass of which when fixed makes up all of the plant material on Earth. An oxygen molecule is also given off as a result of this reaction and it is because of this wonder that humans, animals and plants are able to breathe and burn fuels.

It is for this that I fell justified in ascribing divine qualities to all of life.

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NIGHTMARE ELECTION

So, you think it doesn't matter who is the POTUS? Already commentators are telling us that we Americans are showing signs of political fatigue due to the overlong Republican presidential nomination process.

I offer this perspective on what the realities might be: How would it feel if we wake up on Nov. 3, and find a President-elect Willard Romney, a member of the 1 percenters in charge of the federal government who likes to "fire people," who wants to defund Planned Parenthood, and who thinks that over \$300,000 in speaking fees is "not much" money? What would you think of Vice President Rick Santorum presiding over the federal Morality Police deciding when and where you will find family planning assistance or access to contraception?

For those of us who have the ability to use Schedule A with our federal taxes, how would it be if Secretary of the Treasury Paul Ryan deleted that entire process in favor of a reduced tax rate (one that surely would go back up to what is was in short order)?

And last but not least, how about Secretary of State John McCain who sang out to the tune of "Barbara Ann": "Bomb, Bomb Iran." Only this time, the bombs are actually falling. If we allow ourselves to be lulled to sleep by zealots and mediocrity, the prospects for calamity for America and the world are very high in this election.

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LICENSE TO LIE

OK, so what if he only apologized for a couple of the words he used in his 52 separate attacks, at least he apologized. Sure, every single thing that Rush Limbaugh claimed Sandra Fluke said was a pure fabrication, but that is his artistic license. He shouldn't even have had to apologize for exercising his free speech, this is still the United States of America, isn't it? Now I know that Rush swore he wasn't making any of this up, I believe his exact words were:

"I'm not making any of it up. You put all the details that she brought forth. She's struggling financially. Why? Just quote her. Her sex life is active and she's having sex so frequently that she can't afford all the birth control pills that she needs. Is what she's saying. You put that in the story and it changes for everybody."

But Rush says he's not making up stuff all the time, it's one of his catch lines. So what if he was making it all up? You smarty-pants, Volvo-driving libtards just don't understand Rush's humor.

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