



Is George W. Bush the Anti-Christ?

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Election day, 2000, was my birthday. It was 11 pm and my wife and I were in Las Vegas. We had just downed some drinks to celebrate Al Gore's victory and went into the "Follies Bergeres" show where we had front row seats.

After watching the middle-age dancers traipse around in their tattered sixties-era costumes and expose their sagging breasts to the titillation of the graying crowd of seniors in the hall, we were ecstatic. Little did we know that the world as we knew it was about to come to an end.

When we walked out of the show after midnight, it was a new day. People were crowded around the casino TV sets watching Fox News. Somehow, Fox found out before anyone else that Al Gore had really not won Florida and really wasn't going to be the next President.

For the next several weeks I was in shock. I watched as Republican congressmen sent their office staff into the vote counting offices to upset the recount. Gore seemed to assume that such chicanery could never happen in the America he grew up in. He was right. It could only happen in the Orwellian netherworld created by the hateful bigots, thieves, and zealots that was the GOP. It could only happen in Florida.

My wife tried everything to console me at the time. "How bad could he possibly be?" she would innocently ask. "If the election is that close, Bush will have to behave himself". Nothing could have been farther from the truth.

Once he had stolen the election, Bush the lesser turned our nation into his own private ATM. He looked around at all the environmental legislation Clinton had passed and instantly vetoed it. He looked at the budget surplus and thought it would be a good idea to pay back all his election backers with public tax money. Of course he gave \$600 checks to millions of Americans with his own smiling picture on the accompanying letters. The letter said that George Bush was responsible for refunding the money to you the taxpayer, as if he were some benevolent Santa. The letter didn't state that he refunded billions to

the richest 2% of the American public. These were the very people that didn't need the money.

Thanks to these wonderful tax cuts Bush drove the budget into the red. Then he went on vacation. Eventually, terrorists realized that the leader of the free world wasn't paying attention while he was clearing brush and playing with his dogs down in Texas. They used our own technology against us on 9/11, just as our own intelligence officials had warned us.

And when our country needed Bush most, he was sitting in an elementary school reading "My Pet Goat". A few days later he flew into New York City and stood at ground zero with a bullhorn. I must admit I believed in him that day. I had to. I couldn't believe that our leader, as bad as he was, was a spineless, evil wimp who didn't give a hoot about the great country that made his improbable rise to power probable. Like most Americans I put my flag out and began to fly it every day.

Unfortunately we now know that everything he did from the time he took the oath of office to the very moment he accused John Kerry of cowardice was a wicked, calculated lie. When he stood at ground zero with his arm around the retired firefighter on that mound of rubble he was thinking to himself, "This is the greatest day of my life!" Now he had the excuse he'd been looking for to finish destroying the economy and then invade Iraq and take over one of the world's largest reserves of oil.

Now George W. Bush has murdered thousands of Iraqis and Americans in an illegal war in Iraq. In the Nuremberg war trials after WWII the Nazi generals were convicted of the same crime that Bush proudly trumpets, pre-emptive war. The day our troops marched into Iraq my flag came down.

George W. Bush has destroyed our economy. Our children's children will still be suffering under the debt he has created. He has used the money to fill the pockets of his cronies such as Halliburton. His biggest priorities are destroying the environment, destroying our standing in the world, and giving the power of our government over to idealized religious zealots. The American flag now stands for an imperialist nation of warmongers who torture and kill the innocent while insulting and demeaning any nation that tries to talk sense to us.

Is George W. Bush the anti-Christ? Probably not, the anti-Christ would have done a much better job with the economy. I often see and hear the fundamentalist mantra, "What Would Jesus Do?" For one thing, Jesus wouldn't have invaded Iraq. He probably would have done the same thing to Bush that he did to the moneychangers on the steps of the temple. He would kick Bush's ass.