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A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Spectacular lights and inspiring music are all around us and excitement fills the air! It is the glorious season of Christmas—when we celebrate the Birth of our Savior. It brings a smile to



our faces and fills us with joy as we come together to share time with loved ones. And if the Spirit of Christmas is in our hearts and homes, we look around and see the Good Lord's hand in all that we have and all that we love—and we give thanks.

My birthday is part of this great season—as is my brother Jack's. We're Irish twins as they say—born less than 12 months apart. He arrived Christmas Eve; I showed on the 20th of December the following year. We were certain we got a bad deal—that Mom would simply go into the stash of Christmas gifts when our birthdays rolled around, pull out one and hand it to us. She swore otherwise but there was no convincing us.

Yesterday, however, I was reminded how wrong I was. My day was full of calls and emails wishing me a Happy Birthday. I spoke with family members and friends and smiled as I read the many messages. And I realized how fortunate I was. Having a birthday close to Christmas took me away from the chaos just long enough to remember the true meaning of Christmas. Now I go about

my days finishing up with the decorations and buying gifts with my mind focused on that which is at the center of all this activity. And I am more grateful than ever.

In the hopes of giving you another reason or two to celebrate, let me mention a few developments.

The first is “Tebowing,” the amazing new fad in which kids go down in one knee and put their head on their hand as if praying, when those around them are doing something completely different. These kids have seen Bronco quarterback Tim Tebow do that during games—right on the field.

Well, teenagers are imitating him! To show their support for Tebow and express their own faith, young people are falling to one knee just about everywhere. Last week in Long Island a group of high school kids simultaneously tebowed in the school hallway between classes. They did it once a day for several days and each time they remained on their knee less than a minute. No drugs, no guns, no assault, no bullying—just a silent gesture of faith—and they were suspended! When interviewed by ESPN one young 15-year old asked: *Would it be better if I had as a role model a foul mouthed player who drinks and does drugs?* From the mouths of babes.

So-called educators have spent years trying to keep any sign of God out of their schools and in a few televised

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Conviction and Courage

by Patrick J. Buchanan

Convictions, born of her upbringing, the beliefs she holds, and the courage to defend them make my sister one of the 10 most influential conservative women in America.



Early on, Bay went to work as treasurer of Reagan's first presidential campaign and, though it fell short, Bay believed in him and stayed on as treasurer of his new political action committee. Then she became treasurer of his 1980 campaign.

When he won his 44-state landslide, President Reagan reciprocated Bay's loyalty by making her, at 32, the youngest US Treasurer in history.

By 1991, Bay and I had come to believe that Pres. George H.W. Bush had to be challenged and we went to New Hampshire to do it ourselves. Bush defeated us, but with Bay as campaign chair we won three million votes and sent a message: Conservatives are not again to be taken for granted.

Bay chaired the 1996 campaign where we won the first caucuses in Alaska and Louisiana and the New Hampshire primary, but ran second to Bob Dole for the nomination. In 2000, Bay chaired our Reform Party campaign.

During off-years from politics, Bay co-hosted “Equal Time” on MSNBC, had her own national radio show and appeared on national and cable networks as a social and political commentator. Again, her convictions, her capacity to convey them coolly and her courage in defending them were at the heart of her appeal.

Bay created and is President of The American Cause, a foundation which deals with issues from economic patriotism to pro-life. In 2000, she became co-chair of Team America, dedicated to opposing amnesty and securing the border.

Bay belongs in the distinguished company of the Clare Boothe Luce Institute's most influential conservative women in America.

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Late Night Funnies:

"I've got to admit, Christmas is strange in Los Angeles. People in Hollywood marvel when they see the nativity scene because rarely do people in this town ever see a baby being taken care of by both parents at the same time."

—Jay Leno

"Iran is now in possession of an American drone. When I heard that I thought, 'Oh, my god, they captured Joe Biden?'"

—Jay Leno

"Pope Benedict announced he's going to visit Mexico sometime next year. He will bring with him a message of hope for all the Mexican people. And then he will come to Los Angeles and give the same message to even more Mexican people."

—Jay Leno

"Someone threw shoes at Iranian president Ahmehdinejad. Iran has captured the shoes and is studying their technology."

—Conan O'Brien

"Sometimes packages get lost in the mail. You're expecting something wonderful, and you wait and wait and nothing comes. It's like voting for Obama."

—Craig Ferguson

"You know the difference between God and Newt Gingrich? God doesn't think he's Newt Gingrich."

—Jay Leno

"President Obama celebrated Hanukkah at the White House last night. He lit the menorah, and then Vice President Joe Biden came in sang happy birthday, and blew out all of the candles."

—Jay Leno

CLIPS AND QUIPS



The Times in Which We Live...

CNS News reports that the 2011 Capitol Christmas tree lighted at the U.S. Capitol Grounds includes a prominently displayed ornament paying homage to President Obama, but includes no ornament readily visible to a person standing near the tree's base that uses the word "Christmas," an image of the Nativity, or the name or image of Jesus Christ.



"Censored" Greetings!

The PC police have warned members of the House of Representatives against wishing constituents a "Merry Christmas," or even "Happy New Year," in mailings paid for with tax dollars. Bankrupt the country, do a little inside trading, send a few earmarks to your corporate buddies, but whatever you do, don't say Merry Christmas with our money!

While we're on the subject of greetings ...

Each year at this time, several small town post offices across the country come to life as thousands of Christmas cards arrive from around the world, each seeking that particular town's unique imprint that pays homage to some tradition of the Season.

From a simple hand-stamped postmark with the phrase "Star of Bethlehem" above a five-pointed star to a stamp depicting the three wise men following the star of Bethlehem, people around the world look forward to receiving that traditional stamp on their letters.

This may well be the last year, however, as the US Postal Service has proposed shuttering these smaller post offices to help slash costs. The postmarks from Bethlehem, PA; Snow, OK; Antler, ND; and Chestnut, IL are at risk. Other small town post offices with seasonal names may survive the cut ... at least for now.

"Merry Christmas" says it all...

With Christmas approaching, a new survey by The Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll finds Americans by a wide margin prefer the traditional "Merry Christmas" greeting to the non-specific "Happy Holidays."

The Poll found that 64% of adults nationally think people should say, "Merry Christmas," while less than 31% think the appropriate greeting is "Happy Holidays."

The usual four percent are unsure.

Another Christmas, another battle over a nativity scene

The Military Religious Freedom Foundation, whoever they are, has demanded that Travis Air Force Base remove the nativity scene and menorah displayed at a main intersection on the base.

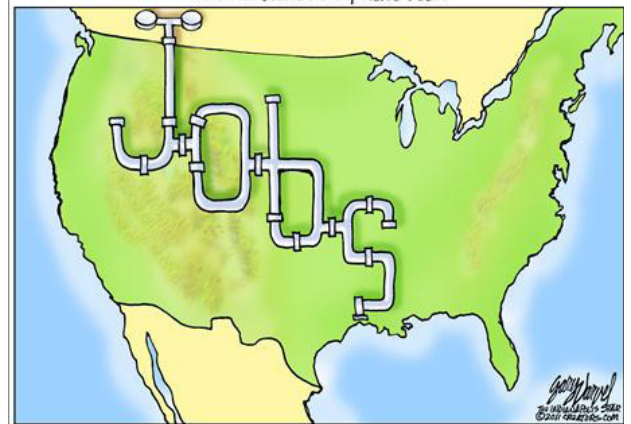
The nativity scene and menorah are in the middle of other seasonal displays created by different squadrons including Christmas trees, reindeer, and a variety of lights.

These men and women willingly fight and die in foreign lands protecting our constitutional rights, then come home only to be challenged when they themselves exercise the most important of them all—freedom of religious expression.

Where did all the job creators go?

Harry Reid, who rivals Joe Biden's gift for interesting announcements, recently offered that "millionaires that create jobs 'don't

The KEYSTONE XL Pipeline Plan



exist'." So then, who does create jobs? Government? Homeless people? Unions?

Seriously, dude?

And to all of our faithful friends ...

Merry Christmas!

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football games Tim Tebow put him right back in. Having the courage to publically give thanks to His Lord, this quarterback has inspired young people everywhere to find that same courage to boldly express their own faith. As for the suspension, the kids said—we weren't wrong, the school was. Our future is in great hands with kids like this.

On the national scene, we have the freshman Republicans to give us hope. In office only a year, they refuse to be intimidated by the President, the Senate, or their party leaders. They know what they believe and they are fighting for it.

This week they courageously said “no” to a bill passed by the Senate that extends payroll tax cuts for only two months. Calling it “irresponsible,” House Republicans said it must be extended at least a year or it will create more economic uncertainty for middle-class Americans. They want to solve the problem now, not punt it down the road two months. So they called on the Senate to stay in town so they could work together to find the \$120 billion to pay for the cut, put it in a bill with a year-long extension, and get it passed.

That was way too much heavy lifting for the Senate, especially since it threatened to interfere with their holiday plans. So they passed a two month bill, sent it to the House and left town. They figured Republicans would have no choice. If they didn't agree to the bad two-month deal, they would be held responsible for raising taxes on working Americans come the first of January. They guessed no politician would allow himself to make that mistake.

When asked about the political fallout if they didn't pass the Senate bill, New York Rep. Tom Reed said: “As to the political implications? I don't care about political implications. I don't care about my reelection effort. I came here to do what's right for America. So, we're going to start this conversion now.”

“To me, we are here to work,” added Rep Reed, “I know my freshman colleagues will agree with this sentiment.

We will stay as long as it takes in order to do what it right for the American people, if that means working on Christmas, New Year's or other days, it's time to get the job done.”

It makes you want to stand up and cheer, doesn't it! With patriots like Tom



Reed and his colleagues, the culture in Washington can again reflect the vision of our founding fathers.

On a closing note, a word about the presidential campaign. Congressman Ron Paul has inspired young and old alike with his consistent call for a government that respects our constitution every step of the way. This principled man has worked tirelessly in Iowa this past year and has put in place a solid organization. He could well win the Iowa caucuses on January 3. If that happens, the party establishment will “come down on [him] with both feet”, in the words of my brother. They will do to Paul what they did to Pat when we won New Hampshire in 1996. Rather than let the primary play itself out, the party will smear this great American as a radical, a racist and an anti-Semite. It will be heartbreaking all over again.

We desperately need more patriots like Tom Reed in Washington—so we not only influence the party, but we take it over.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Joyous New Year

—Bay Buchanan



Second Period of Islamic Power

By Patrick J. Buchanan

For the 30 years since “The McLaughlin Group” began to run on network television, the Christmas and New Year’s shows have been devoted to the conferring of annual awards.

The first award on the Christmas show is “Biggest Winner.”

This year, clearly, one of the world’s big winner was—Islam.

For this was the year when what Catholic apologist Hilaire Belloc predicted in 1938 would be the “second period of Islamic power” became manifest to all mankind.

From Morocco to Pakistan, a great awakening is occurring. And perhaps the most dramatic example of Islam rising again came in Egypt, with the fall of the 60-year-old military dictatorship.

With the ouster of Hosni Mubarak after weeks of demonstrations in Tahrir Square, the West hailed the coming of democracy.

But democracy delivered a rude shock. In the first round of voting, over 60 percent of all Egyptians cast their ballots for either the Muslim Brotherhood or the radical Islamist Nour Party of the Salafis. In the second round last week, 75 percent voted Islamist.

In Tunis and Tripoli, too, the overthrow of autocrats revealed a silent majority sympathetic to Islamism.

Recep Erdogan, the most important Turkish ruler since Kemal Ataturk, was a candidate for Time’s Man of the Year as he turned his nation’s back on a century of secularism and embraced a form of Islamism.

Muslim Uighurs seek to rip China’s largest province away from Beijing and establish an East Turkestan. Muslims in the North Caucasus seek to strip Dagestan and Ingushetia out of Russia. In Iraq and Afghanistan, Americans are in retreat and Islamists are celebrating our eviction.

While all the world has heard of the atrocity against Muslims in Srebrenica, that world ignores the desecration and destruction of Orthodox churches and cathedrals in Kosovo and the ethnic cleansing of Serbs by the Muslim Albanians that President Clinton brought to power.

Worldwide, the Muslim population has surpassed Catholicism as the world’s largest religion, with 48 members of the U.N. General Assembly now boasting a Muslim plurality or majority.

India, with 150 million Muslims, has more than both Egypt and Iraq. Russia, with 25 million, has more Muslims than Libya and Jordan combined. China has more than Syria. Five percent of Europe is Muslim, and the numbers continue to rise.

And as with Christianity when it was surging in the 16th and 17th centuries, Islam is marked today by militancy

and intolerance. From Nigeria to Ethiopia, Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan, Christians are being made the victims of Muslim pogroms. And as with Christianity in the 16th and 17th centuries, Islam is a house divided, between Shia and Sunni.

If demography is destiny, the future would seem to belong to Islam.

Consider. The six most populous Muslim nations—Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria and Turkey—had a total population of 242 million in 1950. By 2050, that 242 million will have quintupled to 1.36 billion people.

Meanwhile, Europe’s fertility rate has been below zero population growth since the 1970s. Old Europe is dying, and its indigenous peoples are being replaced by Third World immigrants, millions of them Muslim.

Yet there is another side to the Islamic story.

In international test scores of high school students in reading, math and science, not one Muslim nation places in the top 30. Take away oil and gas, and from Algeria to Iran these nations would have little to offer the world. Iran would have to fall back on exports of carpets, caviar and pistachio nuts.

Not one Muslim nation is a member of the G-8 economic powers or the BRIC—four emerging powers—Brazil, Russia, India, China.

In the 20th century, the world saw the rise of the Asian “tigers”—South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong. Where are the Muslim tigers?

A few years back, the gross domestic product of the entire Arab world was only equal to Spain’s. Take away oil and gas, and its exports were equal to Finland’s.

Measured by manufacturing power, the Islamic world, though more populous, cannot hold a candle to China. And while Islam was a civilization superior in some ways to the West from the 7th to 17th century, somewhere that world began to stagnate and decline.

So the question arises: If Islamism is capturing Libya, Tunisia and Egypt, and will capture other Muslim nations as the Arab Spring advances, where is the historic evidence that these Islamic regimes can convert their states into manufacturing and military powers?

Where is the evidence that Islamist regimes, such as Sudan and Iran, can deliver what their peoples demanded when they brought down the dictators?

And if, like the communist regimes of the 20th century, they cannot deliver the good life that the rebels sought when they dumped the tyrants, what will follow Islamism, when Islamism inevitably fails?

In the long run, does Islamism really own the future of the Islamic world? Or has the clock begun to run on the fundamentalists as well?

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