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LIFE UNDER 'PRESIDENT' MITT ROMNEY

For the many thinking people of the United States of America, they can thank the Lord that Mr Mitt Romney failed in his attempt to replace President Barack Hussein Obama as the 45th President of the most-powerful nation on earth.

If Mr Romney had succeeded in his quest to sleep in The White House, one can only speculate as to what defined authoritative tenets would have been introduced by this very religious man.

Mr Romney is Mormon, among other things, and, although his fidelity to his wife and family are unquestioned, his loyalty to his Church – The Church of Latter-Day Saints – is foremost and is highly suggestive of fundamentalism.

He believes, very strongly, in the value of a well-disciplined family where all members are heterosexuals – as he and his wife, Ann, are known to be – and where all family members have well-defined roles within and without the family group. Nobody is permitted to step out of line with the set of fundamental beliefs of Mormonism.

It is well known that he does not relish close friendships at the office, believing that a worker is a worker and, as such, bonding is not part and parcel of the employment contract.

One may, also, question whether or not his decision-making process follows an ad hominem path – appealing to feelings and prejudices rather than intellect.

Certainly, during the time that he was vying with President Obama for the top executive job in the US Government, Mr Romney's innate, ad hominem trait was only too obvious. On a number of occasions, he tended to attack his opponent's character or his reluctance (or inability) to act in a timely manner rather than question his contentions.

During his campaign for the US presidency, he made it clear that he did not hold Dr Ben S. Bernanke, the Chairman of The Federal Reserve, in high regard, making it very apparent that, if he won the race for The White House, Dr Bernanke would have to seek alternative employment.

As a practising Mormon, President Romney, without question, would be forced to ban alcoholic beverages at The White House, as well as tobacco, coffee, tea and any and all addictive substances.

And woe betide any member of his staff who is found to have engaged in intimate sexual relations outside of marriage!

As for a dress code at The White House, that would be strictly enforced in accordance with the Honour Code of his alma mater – Brigham Young University – and inappropriate attire by anybody could well result on that person, being forced to seek another position, outside of the Government of President Romney.

Brigham Young University continues to impose a strict honour code on all students, male and female, some of the key points of The Code include:

- 1. Students must abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and all illegal substances;
- 2. Students must abstain from sexual misconduct;

- 3. Students must abstain from obscene or indecent conduct or expressions;
- 4. Students must abstain from disorderly or disruptive conduct;
- 5. Students must not participate in any gambling activities;
- 6. Students must have no involvement in pornography;
- 7. Students must not be in possession of erotic, indecent or offensive material;
- 8. Students must not engage in homosexual activities and, in addition, homosexuals must not engage in physical intimacy that gives expression to their feelings;
- 9. For female students, clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, strapless, backless or revealing, has slits above the knee, or is form fitting; and,
- 10. For male student, clothing is inappropriate when it is sleeveless, revealing or form fitting. Hairstyles should be clean and neat, avoiding extreme styles or colours and trimmed above the collar, leaving the ear uncovered. Men are expected to be clean-shaven and beards are not acceptable. Earnings are, also, not acceptable.

Violations of the above honour code could well result in a student, being expelled from the university.

One can imagine President Romney's honour code for members of his Cabinet and/or any member of his staff.

With Mormonism, being the central theme of Mr Mitt Romney's Presidency, one can only speculate as to his treatment of civilizations that do not embrace the Christian faith.

He would have no empathy for Iran and its strict Islamic Code. Iran is known to have been and continues to sell weapons to the Government of Syria and to the terror group, known as Hamas, the Palestinian Sunni Islamic political party that governs the Gaza Strip and attacks Israel with rockets on a regular basis.

As for the People's Republic of China, he would view that country as being completely godless – and he would not be loath to say so, openly – and, as such, he would come down hard on any suggestion of that country's government, acting unfairly to the US, be it alleged currency manipulation, suggestions of the dumping of goods on the American market, attempts to infiltrate the US economy by purchases of scrip in publicly listed companies, especially companies that are engaged in sensitive industries/activities for and on behalf of the US Government.

With regard to acts of provocation toward China's neighbours – the situation that exists in respect of The Senkaku Islands (), also known as the Diaoyu Islands (), being the hottest political potato in Asia, at this time – this is likely to be frowned upon by President Romney; and, he is unlikely to be reluctant to send in the 7th Fleet in order to bring China to its proverbial knees if needs be such.

With Mr Romney as president of the strongest military might that the world has ever witnessed and, as Commander-in-Chief, making him the most-powerful leader of the world, having the ability to order his troops into battle as did President George W. Bush when he ordered the invasion of Iraq, claiming, erroneously, that the Government of Saddam Hussein had been stockpiling weapons of mass destruction, the world would see a very different side of the American psyche: The American Mormon side.

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