

### HEARKEN TO THE SOUNDS OF THE TRUMPET

With the curtain, having descended on the final act of the Mrs Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton's Presidential play and with the oft-times, discordant utterances of Mr Donald John Trump, still ringing in one's ears, many people are now pondering: '*What now, brown cow?*'

Elocution lessons aside, one is reminded of the works of Immanuel Kant (1724-1804), one of the seminal philosophers of modern times.

Immanuel Kant was the German philosopher who developed the system which sometimes bears his name – Kantianism – or, more popularly, the system is referred to as transcendentalism.

Transcendentalism is the concept that stipulates that, in order to understand the nature of reality, one must, first, examine and analyse the reasoning process that governs the nature of experience.

Now that the dust has settled in The United States of America with regard to which of the former two Presidential candidates – Mrs Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton or Mr Donald John Trump – will be sleeping in the White House, come January 2017, numerous academics and pseudo-intellectuals have been putting pen to paper in various attempts to comprehend the amazing political events of the past 17 months or so.

One aspect of the political movement, initiated by Mr Donald John Trump – he has now been awarded the nomenclature of President-Elect Donald John Trump – a movement that cut a clear and definitive swathe, directly to the White House, was that he appealed to specific, incongruous sectors of the society of the largest democratic country of the world.

Employing rhetoric that hit vital nerve endings, depending, of course, as to the nature of his audience, he was able to seduce most of his mass audiences to his way of thinking, rightly or wrongly.

The sector of society that won him the day was that of the disaffected, by and large.

In areas of The United States of America where numerous jobs had been lost over the past decade, resulting in near, widespread mendicancy, President-Elect Donald John Trump became the hero of the masses.

The strategy of one of Immanuel Kant's important works, labelled '*Critique of Pure Reason*', is embodied in that which he penned in the following statement:

*'Two things fill the mind with ever new and increasing admiration and awe the more often and more enduring reflection is occupied with them: The starry heavens above me and the moral law within me.'*

Whether or not President-Elect Donald John Trump bastardised Immanuel Kant's concept is not open to

question – because it is very obvious!

President-Elect Donald John Trump was fortunate in having, as his only competitor, Mrs Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton: A more, smooth-tongued rhetorician and healthier competitor may well have given this businessman a great deal of trouble in his quest to sleep in The White House.

As became manifest as the race for The White House hotted-up, Mrs Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton had too much historical ‘*baggage*’ for her frail fame to bear and, eventually, she was forced to succumb under the weight of the events that she had designed, either by accident or by intent, of her recent past.

While Mrs Hillary Diane Rodham Clinton tried to wrestle with her many problems, her more-athletic and able Stentor continued to find her one common enemy after another – and he pressed home his advantage.

He instilled fear (and/or hatred) in the hearts of many by stating, inter alia, that in order ‘*To Make America Great Again*’, we, the people, must build a huge wall on the country’s southern border in order to keep out Mexican drug cartels and their drug dealers, Mexican rapists, Mexican criminals of all sorts and those Mexicans that are intent on raping the American economy.

He said:

*‘I would build a great wall, and nobody builds walls better than me, believe me; and, I’ll build them very inexpensively, I will build a great, great wall on our southern border. And I will have Mexico pay for that wall. Mark my words!’*

And the wall on the Mexican border must be at the expense of the Mexican Government.

As for Muslims, we, the people, must tighten up our country’s immigration laws in order to proscribe radicalised Islamists and, also, be stringent as to whom we allow even to enter the country – for whatever reason.

The morality of many of the President-Elect’s statements were sheathed in the coarsest raiments, bedecked in fear and a strong suggestion of a hatred of the political status quo of Washington, D.C.

‘*Drain the swamp*’ as he put it to the faithful that attended his gatherings.

Not all of the statements that were uttered by this billionaire were incorrect, but when truth was absent or could not prevail, there, usually, was a plethora of half-truths on which to hang questionable statements.

### **The Superior Man May Be Modest In His Speech, But Exceeds In His Actions**

President-Elect Donald John Trump made numerous promises as to that which he intends to do in his first 100 days as the 45th President of The United States of America.

Without naming his stated priorities, many people have grave doubts that he will be able to accomplish all – or even many – of his promises, made at the time that he was only a Presidential candidate.

President-Elect Donald John Trump has declared, however, that The **Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)**, commonly called the **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**, or **Obamacare**, a United States Federal Statute, enacted by President Barack Hussein Obama on March 23, 2010, would be repealed.

He said that it would be gutted in such a short space of time that it would be, to some people, amazing.

In stentorian outbursts to his faithful, President-Elect Donald John Trump has stated, in his exact words:

*‘We will do it, and we will do it very, very quickly.  
It (the Affordable Care Act) is a catastrophe!’*

To too many Americans, the **Affordable Care Act** has become completely unaffordable as premiums have risen, in some States, by more than 100 percent, Year-On-Year.

At the time of writing this **TARGET** () report, one is still waiting to learn that which will be replacing the **Affordable Care Act**.

Some petty politicians of the country have stated that encouraging more competition by insurers and medical professionals will drive down the cost of premiums and, as such, the situation will be righted automatically, forthwith.

The problem with this suggested plan of action is that it will take time for it to become efficacious and, in the waiting period for a material fall in the cost of premium demands, where will the people of the country, who rely heavily on medical insurance, especially the elderly and those with chronic conditions, go to find honey?

Talk is only too often cheap whereas execution is only too often very expensive.

Around the world, there is widespread consternation that the **prescient** promises of President-Elect Donald John Trump are either too expensive or probably unrealistic and that, as the saying goes:

*‘Money Talks; And, Bullshit Walks.’*

### **The Perceived Threat, Coming From North Korea**

The United States of America is, by far, the largest economy of the world.

It, also, possesses the most-advanced military force to which the world has ever been witness.

Over the past eight years, however, due to budgetary constraints, imposed by the Administration of President Barack Hussein Obama, America’s military might has been seen to have deteriorated, somewhat; and, there are fears that other world powers, such as the People’s Republic of China and The Russian Federation, will overtake the military might of the world’s largest democracy.

In addition, there is the matter of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) and confirmation from the Director of The Central Intelligence Agency (**CIA**) that this Asian country has succeeded in producing a nuclear bomb that is small enough to fit inside the tip of an intercontinental ballistic missile that has the capacity to reach the Continental United States.

A war with North Korea, regardless as to the victor, would be a costly one: There would be no winners, only losers.

Even without the declaration of war between North Korea and The United States of America and/or any military alliance that may come into being, there is a strong probability that North Korea would be in the market to sell its nuclear technology to the highest bidder.

And such an eventuality could well be even worse than a formal declaration of war.

North Korea is ruled by the country’s Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who can only be characterised as a dictator of the order of Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin who ruled the former **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR)** from 1920 to 1953 with an iron fist.

Joseph Vissarionovich Stalin’s dictatorship of the USSR was ruled by terror; millions of Russian citizens died during his brutal reign – on the explicit orders of this ruthless leader.

But he managed to transform a former agrarian society into one of the world’s industrial and military superpowers.

It would be unwise to underestimate the actions of such a man as North Korea's Supreme Leader who is 32 years old and who has demonstrated his willingness to be outwardly jingoistic toward the West.

One cannot help but ponder how President Donald John Trump, come January 2017, will determine what would be the best policy to adopt in order to deal with this international threat.

President-Elect Donald John Trump has, already, labelled Kim Jong Un as '*a bad dude*'.

On one occasion, he said:

*'He (Kim Jong Un) wiped out the uncle. He wiped out this one, that one. I mean, this guy doesn't play games. And we can't play games with him. Because he really does have missiles. And he really does have nukes.'*

### **The Islamic Republic Of Iran**

And, then, there is the matter of how to deal with The Islamic Republic of Iran with its theocratic Government, the Supreme Leader, being Ali Hoseini-Khamenei. nbsp;

Iran is known to have about 545,000 men at arms, today, with Active Reserve Personnel, numbering about 1.80 million men.

There is little love lost between The United States of America and The Islamic Republic of Iran.

Events of yesteryear fade slowly – if at all.

One still recalls the incident of November 4, 1979, when 52 American diplomats and citizens were kept as hostages for 444 days in Tehran, the Capital City of Iran.

This followed the storming of The Embassy of The United States of America at Tehran by heavily Iranian students.

The students warned that any attempt to free the hostages would be dealt with by the killing of all of them.

And so the list of things that must be done by the incoming 45th President of The United States of America goes on, and on, and on, and on, and on.

*'Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways.'*

*'Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not.'*

*'Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors.'*

*'For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord'*

*'But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.'*

(Proverbs 8:32-36)

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