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House of Thoughts

There are many things that present trails, hardships and disappointments in your life. But I've come to understand and recognize if I have no will to fight to turn things around then I must count my losses and go on. Say to yourself "I must stop complaining", in your mind and heart decide to take a step of faith and believe contrary to what you see and what you're experiencing. If you're a fighter and refuse to give power to the devil then you will see your end through the eyes of faith and victory. Trusting and believing that God is going to work it out. You must make a conscious effort to remove every thought, push every thought, and destroy every thought that rises up against the knowledge of God. We are destroying speculation and lofty things that's raised up against the knowledge of God, we are sisters in Christ,

but we must recognize the cultural diversity, not just because of our belief system but the things that have been embedded in our minds and have become part of our behavior in responding to life. The various things we've been lead to believe are true. The mind is the place the enemy tries to trick us to not believe the word of God. There may be times when it looks like you're defeated, but hold on to your change for it surely will come. I can believe Jesus is Lord and he is with me and I can believe Jesus is Lord and he is far from me. It is truly about what you will believe; your belief system can work for you or against you depending on your mindset. Many of us believe he is Lord but can't agree he is near, the level of your faith will strongly determine your victory. For the Lord has said to us, Faith without works is dead.

John 5 vs. 4a. For everyone born of God overcomes the world,

You are the righteousness in Christ Jesus
Your Righteousness sustains you, your hearts desires retrains you. The things that you know your not suppose to touch those things you know you are to stay away from. As you train and discipline your flesh to do the righteous thing and do the God thing, then God will give you the desires of your heart for it will be the God

thing that you will desire. Circumstances, situations, people, places and things have from time to time caused us to take the focus off of God, and believe the present state we find ourselves in is the end of the story, you must keep your mind on the agreement God has made with you. Set your mind on the covenant that he will not break with you. No matter what state you find your self in, Jesus stands at the door of your heart and knocks. He gives you the right to keep the door close. He will not push against a persons will to do right or wrong, it's about making quality decisions for yourself. Yes he is all power and could take the door down. But yet he stands and knocks like a gentleman wanting access and we don't answer. Why not make that change in your mind today and see yourself through the eyes of Christ and forget about how you see yourself and watch God be God in a supernatural way in your life.

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OPINIONS

The America that ought to be

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The time is fast approaching when America has to decide who its next President will be. The way things are going now, one would believe that Senator Barack Obama has a shot. We say this with eyes shut and fingers crossed because we never expected to have a Senator Barack Obama in our time. We thought—most of us, that is—that he was a fiction, something out there somewhere who had come to rescue us from white folks at some later date in some later time.

There is a song from a poet and songwriter entitled "Send In The Clowns." In one of the phrases he concludes, "Don't bother. They are here." And in a very real sense, we are clowns pretending that we can pick a man or a woman

to run a country and then we answer, indeed we can.

Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton and Senator Barack Obama are our presidential candidates. We win, no matter which one of these wins. It would be a blessing, if one can call it that, if they ran against each other and finally then decided that if one of them, it really doesn't matter which one, becomes president, the other one would be chosen for vice president.

It becomes the best of all possible worlds for those of the liberal bent in America who have hungered for honesty and decency in government in America for a long time. We have not had that. We have had a series of crooks, really, who, if they are not selling out to the Saudis, they are selling out to a series of little men in pinstriped suits who call themselves expeditors on the one hand and consultants on the other while they wind up being what they actually are, crooks, who wish to rob America of her integrity. In

many instances, they have succeeded. We have hope now.

Every time Senators Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama debate, there is something between them that is not anger or hostility. It is a regard for another human being whose measure one has taken and said to oneself he or she is good.

There is no reason for us to regard Senator John McCain at all. Perhaps it would be wise to call him a patriot, although a patriot does not appear as crazed as Senator John McCain seems to be. It would be difficult for any human being who happens to be Black to trust that man with the key to anything, especially the kingdom that we know as the United States of America.

We are told that within the next few days, after the primary vote in Texas and Ohio, that we will know who the Democratic nominee will be for President. Let us hope and pray that it is our Hilary

Clinton or Barack Obama. No one else is feasible at this juncture, and certainly there are few who would be as good for America as these two.

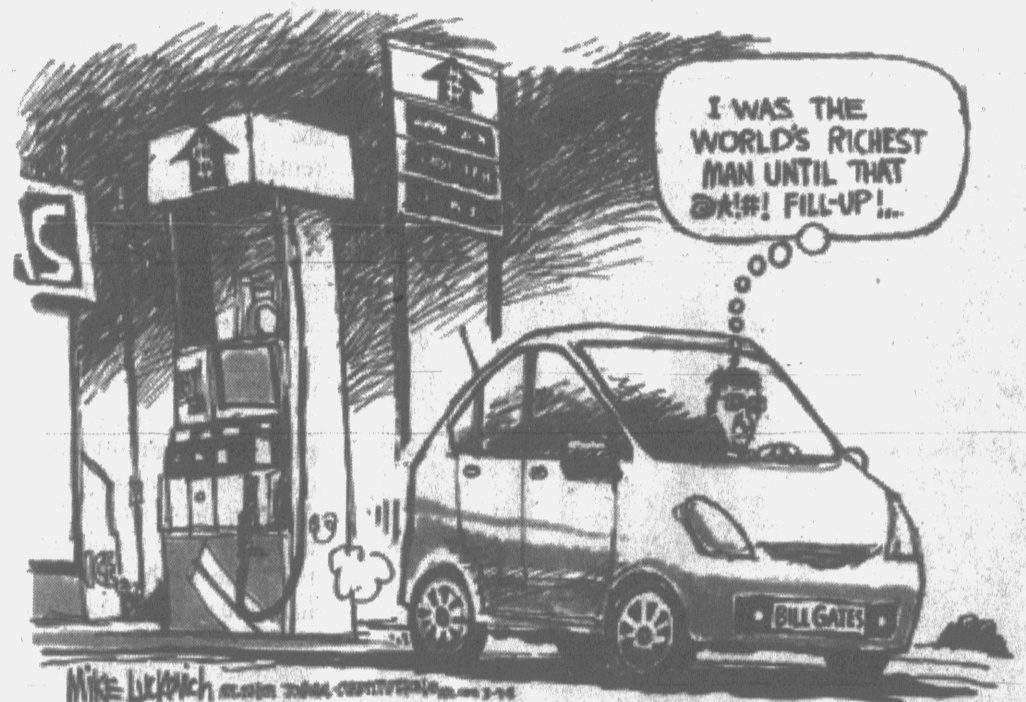
Every once in a while from out of nowhere—and certainly, Barack Obama springs from nowhere—there comes a knight in shining armor who is there to rescue the princess. This country, for all intents and purposes, is a princess and should be treated as such. Barack Obama can do that. So can Hillary Clinton.

We have said so many times that no matter which one of those—Hillary or Barack—wins the nomination and hopefully the presidency that America wins and the rest of the world wins, too. We do not say these words lightly, for we see looming on the horizon those who could become fascist in our time whose goal it is to rule America. We are fortunate that it didn't happen yet, but it can and it might.

Our heads are not yet cleared for our accepting the possibility that Barack Obama, a Black African-American in

the true sense of the word, and Hillary Rodham Clinton might just be the ones who come to rescue us from the fascist crooks, thieves, big business et al.

We must follow these movements in the political arena quickly. We can never tell when the lying and the cheating and the stealing will begin. Let us be on top of our game. Let us use our defense team wisely going into the arena to fight for the America that ought to be.



Farrakhan fallout from Obama-Clinton debate

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The sparks are flying after Tuesday night's presidential debate in Ohio between Democratic senators Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. It was do-or-die, pundits charged for Clinton, who has been hammered by 11 straight losses to Obama since Feb. 5.

While talking heads on cable and network TV, and scribes in print and on blogs filibustered about which Hillary Rodham Clinton would show up—emotional, combative, or compassionate—they all agreed that she would have to come strong so as not to lose again to the Illinois man who would-be-president in the March 4, Ohio and Texas primaries. Even former president Bill Clinton stated unequivocally that if his wife lost in those states her campaign would be toast.

So it was a sometimes belligerent and confrontational Clinton who decided to challenge Obama into a concession of his own when moderator Tim Russert asked him that old staple [Min. Louis] Farrakhan question which political consultant Jamal Simmons later pointed out white news folk always ask of African American leaders. No one was asking John McCain about support from Trent

Lott, he noted.

In front of a crowd of 20,000 people, this past weekend at the Savior's Day gathering at Chicago's McCormick Place, Nation of Islam leader Farrakhan praised Obama's campaign and vision. He warned too that detractors would try and seize the moment to make mischief. Russert condemned Farrakhan as an "anti-Semite," and as he pushed the point and called on Obama to reject his rhetoric, the senator did just that, calling some of the minister's words "unacceptable and reprehensible."

Stressing his "stalwart support" for Israel and long-standing relationship with members of the Jewish community Obama said, "I have been very clear in my denunciation of his anti-Semitic comments."

Asked to virtually condemn his pastor, Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. of Trinity United Church of Christ who had praised Farrakhan, Obama reiterated that he has "some of the strongest support from the Jewish community."

Clinton decided that she would add her two cents. During her 2000 Senate run when the Independence Party in New York State offered support, she said she flat out rejected it because it "was under the control of people who were anti-semitic, anti-Israel."

Seizing the opportunity she

continued, "And it looked as though I might pay a price for that. But I would not be associated with people who said such inflammatory and untrue charges against either Israel or Jewish people in our country."

With a focused glare, she called on Obama to do more than "denounce" the 74-year-old Farrakhan, but to "reject" him also.

Obama, an attorney pointed out that Farrakhan had not offered any help per se, and so there was nothing to reject, and that besides, the two words were the same in effect. Yet in acquiescing to her demand, he offered: "But if the word 'reject' Senator Clinton feels is stronger than the word 'denounce,' then I'm happy to concede the point. And I would reject and denounce." The crowd seemed amused by his calmly delivered response.

In the aftermath, the stategy of "denouncing" Min. Farrakhan, was lost on some, while some prepared to give him the benefit of the doubt.

"The minister is a spiritual teacher," said Min. Kevin Muhammad, head of Harlem's Mosque Number 7. "He said to the people, if you want a Black leader, look to Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. Sharpton, himself. He said don't make Obama what he is not. He is a man with a vision, running for the presidency of the United States. He is reaching out to

Blacks, whites, Mexicans, everybody. He sees him as a herald, and that means something that ushers in the coming of the Messiah. Min. Farrakhan is a spiritual teacher and he is looking outside of all of this. He is not like Mike Huckabee who is a pastor-turned-politician.

"Min. Farrakhan said he did not want to be used as the litmus test in Barack Obama's campaign, which he said would be the plan of the enemy. Notice that Barack said that he would not reject someone who had praised him, but Hillary Clinton pressed him on it.

"You see Obama has a heart, he is not cut throat like Hillary Clinton, and that is why she lost ten states in a row; putting out pictures of Obama in African Muslim garb as if there is something wrong with being a Muslim, or going after Michelle Obama when she said that she was now proud of America offering hope. Barack Obama is not of that same cut-throat politics where they do anything to win."

Animated, Min. Muhammad then declared, "Barack has a different type of politics that appeals to the American people. Min. Farrakhan said that we can't make him out to be what he is not. He has a certain make up that makes him want to have justice for both sides. The minister told us to vote our interests. He said his hope is not in

whoever is going to be the president, his hope is in God, but we should appreciate what the hand of God is doing in guiding Barack Obama.

"He is running a political campaign the way others have talked about how it should be run, but he's actually doing."

Still not everyone is impressed. Councilman Charles Barron was livid on Wednesday morning after watching the debate.

"I couldn't have been more disgusted with Obama's performance," he boomed. "While he is going to be the nominee, it was despicable to us the way he played to white America and did a shameful thing in denouncing Min. Farrakhan at the behest of Hillary Clinton."

Not quite wringing his hands in distress, a vexed Barron then told the AmNews that "what made it worse was not only did he denounce Min.

Farrakhan, but he allowed Hillary to make him reject him as a person. He's a Christian, Christians don't reject human beings, and you don't allow a person who you are battling for the presidency to push you to go against a person who is supporting you."

Saying that he would be penning a letter to Obama, Barron added, "Many of Barack's Black supporters—like me, are also supporters of Min. Farrakhan. He is a man who has saved thousands of lives, and worked to help whole communities, families and individuals. Even if you say you don't support everything he has said, you don't reject the whole man and his works. You acknowledge his place in our local, national and international community.

"Don't keep making concessions to white America, and give us nothing."

The National Voting Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. § 1973-1973aa-6)[1] outlawed the requirement that would-be voters in the United States take literacy tests to qualify to register to vote, and it provided for federal registration of voters in areas that had less than 50% of eligible minority voters registered. The Act also provided for Department of Justice oversight to registration, and the Department's approval for any change in voting law in districts that had used a "device" to limit voting and in which less than 50% of the population was registered to vote in 1964. It was signed in 1965, and signed for a 25 year extension by President George W. Bush on July 27, 2006.

While the Act is often considered a landmark in civil rights legislation, it has been criticized by some (especially during talks of renewal in 2006) as a bill that has achieved its goal of minority voting and now has become an overreach of federal power or too demanding of certain states.