



Strange but true

IS PRESIDENT OBAMA a “natural-born American”? Some say he was actually born in Indonesia and hurriedly smuggled into Hawaii as an infant in order to get a Social Security Number and, incidentally, to be entitled to become the President of the United States. Due to the quick thinking and foresight of his mother, the oddly named, Stanley Ann Dunham, who conceived Barack Jnr a couple of months before her marriage to Barack Snr, it is widely assumed that he was born a citizen of the United States. Yet as the two hundred and twenty thousand people who have signed the petition which demands publication of the President’s birth certificate might ask: “Why is he so shy about proving the exact whereabouts of his birth?” It certainly makes you think.

Then there is the question of whether he is actually the President at all. Was it Chief Justice Roberts, who overawed by the momentous occasion, simply fluffed his lines when administering the oath of office to the President-Elect or, was it all pre-arranged by some clique of Obama’s friends or, maybe, his foes? Will we ever be told the truth? Then, in order to allay the fear that he had not been properly sworn in, he and the Chief Justice did it again – this time in the Map Room of the White House. They were, perhaps surprisingly, unable to find a Bible so Barack Hussein Obama took the oath of office again, but this time without the mystical presence of holy writ. One is compelled to ask: does the oath not lack conviction without the

binding authority of the Good Book, and why was the oath administered in the Map Room, were they lost?

So many questions, so few answers. Like, why did all the Jews who worked in the World Trade Center take the day off on the eleventh of September 2001? This is a question which is often asked, particularly by anti-Semites who believe in the Satanic power of the Jews and in their world wide conspiracy better known to the modern world as the extraordinarily powerful “Jewish Lobby” which has manipulated the foreign and domestic policy of the United States for at least sixty years, if not a great deal longer.

We should not forget that the general public did not see the great seal of the United States, dating from 1782, until 1935 when President Roosevelt had both sides of the seal printed on the dollar bill. It was then that the satanic devices of incomplete pyramid, the all-seeing eye, the starry hexagram, and the eagle (the number of whose feathers are pregnant with Masonic meaning), were surreptitiously introduced to everyday Americans. The motto, *Annuit Coeptis Novus Ordo Seclorum*, proclaiming the birth of a “New World Order” or a “New Order of Ages” assumed everyday currency. Are there dark forces at work here?

I was reminded of all this last week when an acquaintance of mine solemnly declared that because “they” couldn’t bomb us into submission “they” had opted to wreck our economy. Who was “they” I wanted to ask. But before I could get the question out I realised that he was talking about Arabs – apparently they have wrecked our economy in retaliation for our continued success in neutralising the many evil designs of Al Qaeda. I pondered briefly upon whether I should tell him about the dire straits in which most Arabs actually live, and then I thought better of it. His head was obviously filled with images of fabulously wealthy Arab kings, princes and potentates – what could I say against this mad view of world economic relations that wasn’t completely explained by sinister machinations and cunning concealment by dastardly Muslims?

Come to think of it. Many Arabs return the favour by blaming the disorder of their economies, the striking lack of regional and national development covering the seventeen Arab states, and the endemic poverty of their peoples, on the connivance of the American imperialists and other Westerners with Jews in Israel, Washington, and New York; these miscreants apparently want to deny the achievements of the Islamic world in general and of the Arabs in particular.

Arabs do indeed have much to complain of – real wealth per head of their rapidly growing and overwhelmingly youthful populations has actually been falling for decades, only sub-Saharan Africa does worse than the Arab world. However, instead of attributing these problems to their failure to empower women in the home, in education, and in the workplace – after all women are the primary educators and make up half the population – they look for external culprits. Instead of blaming the failure of their education systems on political conformity and religious orthodoxy they blame the West. The prevalence of dictatorship and semi-feudal and tribal dynasties is the responsibility of *external* forces. Instead of finding fault with the failure of their states to forge effective regional economic plans and infrastructure developments they choose to blame their own disunity upon the Zionists and their American puppets.

The result of all this is the growth of Islamist sects and of the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood and others who attribute the failure of regimes throughout the Arab lands to develop the life and possibilities of their peoples to their leaders' lack of religious rectitude and their perfidious collaboration with American and Zionist conspirators. According to most Arab religious enthusiasts all would be well if only people would harken to the Word of God. Those who believe that the Quran and the Hadith should be our guide in all things plainly do not understand that such a prescription will merely exacerbate the economic and cultural problems of the region, entrenching underdevelopment and poverty. This is why they will con-

tinue to attribute their problems to conspiracies hatched among the ungodly.

The ungodly in this case are the Jews who by their control of the global media and their promotion of pornography, of Darwinism, Communism, Psychoanalysis, usury, and all manner of contradictory and destructive confusions, seek to maintain their secret rule and achieve their lasting global dominion. The Arabs came relatively late to this essentially Christian anti-Semitism. Indeed the first Arabic translation of *The Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* (the Tsarist forgery that purports to reveal the truth of the Jewish conspiracy against mankind) was published in the Roman Catholic periodical, *Raqib Sahyun*, in Jerusalem in 1926. The first publication of this calumny against the Jews by an Islamic press was not until 1951 in Cairo. However, since then these relative latecomers to anti-Semitism have not looked back.

The Protocols have been endorsed by state leaders throughout the Arab world, and by political organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Palestinian National Authority. In this way the blood libel against the Jews has been disseminated through broadcast and print media as well as through approved educational materials in a number of states. Consequently, “the Jews”, indeed Jewish people everywhere are thought of as synonymous with Zionism and Israel; a broad anti-Semitism has resulted in the renewal and perpetuation of the mother of all conspiracy ‘theories’ – that through their secret rule the Jews conspire against mankind by seeking their own satanic supremacy.

Acquiescence or surrender to this anti-Semitic lie, now widespread in Palestinian solidarity movements throughout the world and on the socialist left more generally, is moral cowardice of a most profound kind, and must be fought tooth and nail because defeat of this conspiracy ‘theory’, and of conspiracy ‘theories’ more generally, is essential for the development of proper political thought and argument.