

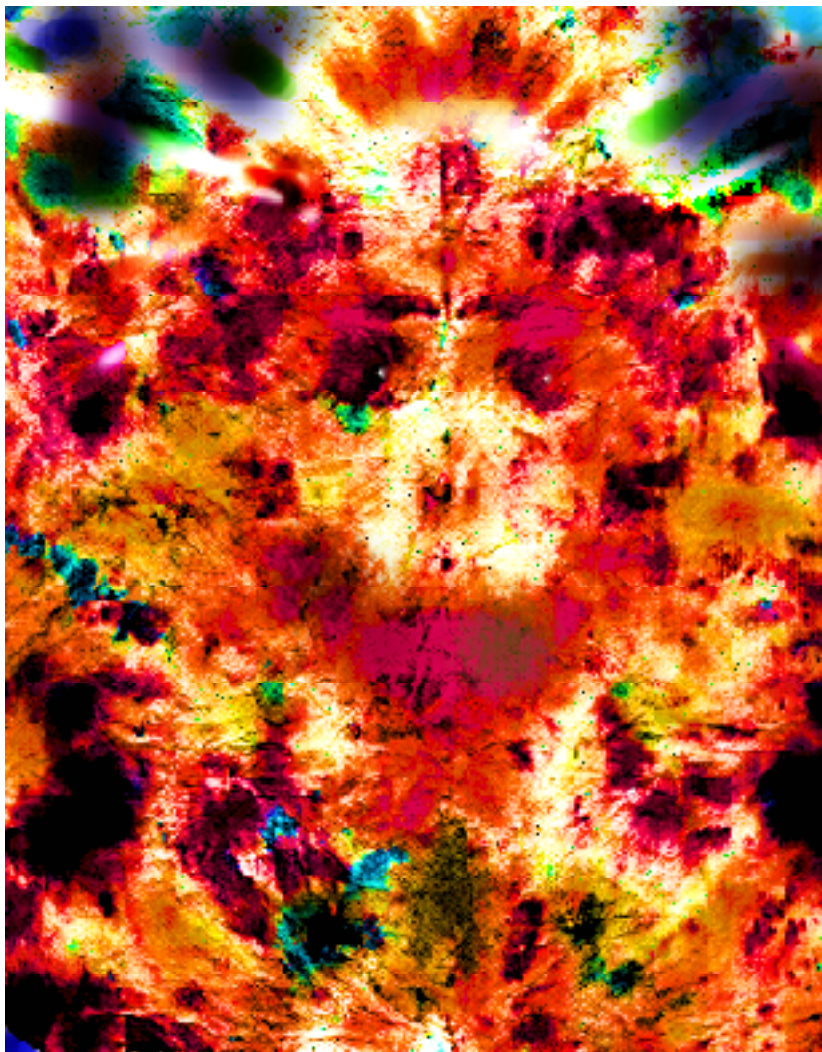
to share with you:

the divine dog

my
own
personal
shroud of turin,
so to speak



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the divine dog

(suitable for framing)

original: 11" x 11"

(p.o.r.)

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Like,

This spontaneous and prophetic image
appeared w/out manipulation
on the cusp of the Big 2 rollover, (if
you'll pardon the expression) --
at twilight, on an ordinary Bounty paper
towel with which
I was cleaning my paint brushes!!!
So startling and outré
was its appearance that I attributed it
(as is my incline)
to a moment of enigmatic significance
and portent!
A supernatural phenomenon!
An OMEN, even!

Q. A good omen?

A. (*Silence*)

Q. A bad omen?

A. (*Silence*)

Sigh.

Well,

There's the Dog Star, Sirius --
probably there's a connection?
Why, it's the BRIGHTEST STAR
IN THE HEAVENS!
It's a double star (meaningful)
in Canis Major,
(Latin, from Greek -- burning, glowing!)
(Too late, I just got rid of
my 'cyclopedias, sorry. No more info.)
YOU look it up.

Q. burning? glowing?

A. (*Silence*)

Probably this sacred image
is connected to the Dog Star.
I'm sure of it. Probably.
One teensy ray
could have fallen
on my brush cleaning hand
and guided it. Just like the star's
rays that guided
those 3 Wise Men, (so - called) --
remember?
Way back in YOK, or something...?
Probably.
You know.

Yo! What? You don't think
this image looks much like a dog?
Well, the Shroud of Turin
doesn't look much like
a Jesus either! So?
Just believe.
Anyway,
it does too, look like a dog.
Maybe a small dog?
A doggie? A fuzzie wuzz?
(Try to imagine!!)
I have faith. I say it's a DOG.
With a message.
Heaven sent.

Q. Scent?

A. *(Silence)*

*(Whoa, now --
come to think of it,
it does look a little Jesus-like also!
Sort of. Well, that only proves
the DIVINE intervention part of it --
the 'visitation' part. Virtual.
Probably. You know.
Well, does it? Doesn't it?
Perhaps not...? Then again, could it be...?
That's the MYSTERY. OK? It is writ.)*

Q. Huh, why don't you just call it: "The Divine ONE"?

A. *(Silence)*

Now,

Plans are presently underway
to erect a proper
onsite SHRINE, (with haste,
lest ominous indications
insinuate slyly.)

These plans include: The miracle (*moo-racle*)*
of the DIVINE ICON itself,
under armed guard & behind a plexiglass shield
encircled by
a brilliant, pulsating neon halo (*as in strobe*),
beneath a
rainbow arch (*handpainted day-glo (!) acrylics*),
which will be ensconced in:

A fitting arbor of Peacock feathers
& beautiful flowers -- all colors,
shades & varieties (*artificial*),
erected on a plinth of
cool Italian marble (*faux*);
which will be set atop a dais
covered with casually placed
Oriental rugs (*domestic*),
and enclosed voluptuously
in mounds of
Leapard, Zebra, Tiger & Ocelot furs (*fake*),
nestled in a blazing palette of
myriad exotic brocades (*synthetic*),
under a phalanx of
graduated evergreens (*polys tyrene*)
'neath swaying palms (*polyvinyl*),
& a mélange of colored lights blinking,
pulsing, bubbling (& *blinding*),
plus looping strands of glittering beads,
tinsel & glass baubles (*la de blah*),
under tent-like formations of exquisite
silks, satins & velvets (*ersatz*),
surrounded by clouds of spiraling
bright butterflies (*origami*) with
tiny tinted birds twittering (*ah tiillating*),
& puffy balloons (*cutsie-poo Mylar*)
grouping, hovering (& *entangling*).

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(*please continue*):

.....plus: Wrap-around music (*Synthesizer*)
offering seasonals (*day & night*).
Hidden choruses humming (*incessantly*).
Silver bells (*plated*) tintinabulating
(*'tinkling' will do*).
A Drum & Bugle Corps parading
in turn with a Brass Band (*boomadaboom*)
w/ Bagpipers skirling (*e-E-e-EE-E!*)
& Majorettes twirling (*hopefully*).
Mounds of ripened fruits (*plastic*)
grouping under cornstalks (*imitation*)
& swags of patriotic bunting (*USA*)
crisscrossing (*snarling*) with rows of
lil' triangular flags (*day-glo ick-o*).
Votive candles in hues & scents (*o-yuk-o*)
in various arrangements, flickering.
Whirlygigs & pinwheels gaily spinning --
(*breezes permitting*).
Paper parasols perfectly perching (*yup*).
Clumpings of brilliant ribbons --
(*vinyl*) seductively curlicue-ing (*right*).
Pink Flamingos (*yes, those*)
gamboling gracefully (*as only they can*).
A parade of Penguins perpetually
pirouetting (*poco a poco with all p's*).
Cuddly Bears & Bunnies abounding.

(*Pause, then continue:*)

Genuine Elephants waltzing (*in a sense*).
Lions roaring (*it's what they do*).
Lion Tamers taming (" " " ").
Gorillas aping (" " " ").
Fire Eaters eating (& *regurgitating, uh*).
Sword Swallowers swallowing (*ow*)
Snake Charmers charming (*yi-ish*).
Jugglers juggling (*uh oh*).
Bareback Riders balancing (*oops*).
Hula Dancers undulating (*hey, o lei*).
Cunning Clowns clowning (*clutzig*).
Bearded Lady grooming (*putzing*).
Fat Lady shimmy-ing (*flab dancing*).
Tall Man & Midget demos (*droll*),

and.....

.....also,

Trapeze artists swinging (& *winging it*).
Tumblers tumbling (& *bumbling it*).
Stiltwalkers striding (*teetering*).
Giant puppets acting (*up*).
Monkey troops trooping (*fooling around*).
Cockatoos crooning (& *spooning*).
Dog & Pony Acts performing (*drilling*).
Calliopes whistling (*show boating*).

(OK, OK, *I get the idea!*)

So, all right then,
to wrap it up,
there will be:

Snowflakes (*artificial*) silently drifting,
drifting, drifting (*deeps tuff*),
in front of a shimmering backdrop of
mirrored sequins:
red, white & blue -- (*mostlY RED*),
among other excitements.
Plus much, much more. ie:

Native American War Dances & Powwow
in authentic tribal regalia with tom toms, fire-
brands, piercings & chants, etc.! (*moo.gk'tla*).*

Daily National TV: Interviews / coverage.

Finally, and over it all:

An entourage of ANGELS
glissading (horizontally)
to & fro, to & fro. (*inspirational, right?*)

And blue mists of Myrrh lingering.....
.....(*ahhhh-h-h, mmmmm*).....

Q. What's "Myrrh lingering"?

A. (*Silence*)

.....then:

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to continue:

Along with the previous delights,
there will be:
A Fireworks Bombardment nightly,
with free Sparklers for all &
splendid Civil War Battle Re-enactments
in Full Dress with Cavalry, Infantry
& Horsesdrawn Artillery units in authentic
combat tableaux w/ sound effects,
& Confederate & Regional flags a-flyin',
(& gen-u-ine Gunfire a- blazin'!)

Plus:

A Devotional Wall for kneeling, (all ages & sizes),
and a fabulous Chain Link Fence with spaces
allotted for germane items, such as:

Prayers (traditional & original),
personal messages, poems, wishes,
flowers, small gifts, teddy bears,
bunnies, dolls, action figures, recipes,
paper doilies, satin bows, requests,
confessions, needs/wants, desires,
dreams, diagnoses, aspirations,
prognostications, experiences, questions,
revelations, pleas, demands,
orders, opinions, political petitions,
declarations, regrets, hopes, fears,
suppositions, beliefs, expectations,
presumptions, ambitions, failures,
defeats, advice, sentiments, opinions,
trinkets, Origami items, feathers,
favorite stones, relics/fossils and:

Singles ads, Want ads, For Sale ads,
Stock Market tips, Horse Racing tips,
Q-Tips, Filter tips, Asparagus tips
& other sensible food offerings (like: Pies,
Chocolates, Cakes, Pickles, Jams,
Caviar, Champagne, Brie, Salsa, Ti ramisu,
Foie Gras, Watermelons, Rutabagas,
Filet Mignons, Cheeseburgers, Fries, --

Please continue:

Lobsters, Slaw, Macadamias , Oranges,
Spaghetti, Cheerios, Quinces,
Apricots, Oysters, Pistachios, Kraut,
Bagels, Enchiladas, Poached Eggs,
Jelly Beans, Creamed Spinach, etc.)

Also most welcome:

Internet Stock, Blue Chip Stock,
Black Angus Stock,
Mink coats, Miyake stuff,
Sports Utility Vehicles,
Airline tickets, Gold Mine deeds,
Diamond Tiaras & the like,
Liposuction & Facelift fees,
Computers (new only),
& oh yes, Contemporary paintings --
(We will pick them, OK?)
Any / all other items of this ilk will be
graciously accepted upon
daily presentation.
(Especially family photos.)

(Additions / subtractions whenever necessary.)

Q, Isn't that a little much?

A. (*Silence*)

In anticipation of the many, many pilgrims attending, plans for THE DIVINE DOG SHRINE (alternate: THE DIVINE ONE SHRINE) environment now on the drawing board include:

Super highway extensions into, around &
out of the Shrine site.
Mass Transit linkage with coast to coast
connections.
Ample Long & Short term Parking,
including Camping & Rest areas,
Rec Vehicle & Trailer hookups.
Luxury Hotel/Motel accomodations,

Please do go on (& on):

And continue:

Picnic Areas with Refreshment
Kiosks & Play areas,
Frolicking Fields, Hiking Trails &
Souvenir Stands.

A MEGA MALL with:

Multiplex Cinema,
Theater & Concert Hall;
Super Market, Mom & Pop Store,
Seafood Shop, Continental Food Shop;
Gas Station, Antacid Station,
Health Food Store, Junk Food Store,
Package Store, Under the Counter Store;
Gift Shoppe, Gift Return Shoppe,
Fast Food Dining, Slow Food Dining,
Snack Bars, Booze Bars, Chinup Bars,
High Jump Bars, Behind Bars;
Good Drug Store, Bad Drug Store,
Good Book Store, Bad Book Store,
Desktop Book Store;
Clothing Outlets, Shoe Outlets,
Do-It-Yourself Outlets, Gardening Outlets,
Bed & Bath Outlets, Plumbing Outlets;
Copy Center, Original Center,
Postal Center, Lost & Found Center;
Laundromat, Dry Clean-o-mat;
Variety Store, Same Old Thing Store,
Mega Store, Mini Store,
Luxury Stores, Discount Stores;
Apparel Shop, Nudie Shop, Pet Shop,
Shoe Store, Sandal Store, Stocking Store;
Food Shop, Diet Shop,
Sweet Shoppe, Sour Shoppe;
Exercise Shop, Sleep Shop,
Antique Shop, New Junk Shop,
Barber Shop, Nail Shop,
Beauty Shop, Ugly Shop;
Hardware Store, Software Store,
Bake Shop, Cake Shop, Wake Shop, Sake Shop,
Pasta Shop, Sinful Sauce Shop,
Stationery Shop, Print Shop;

also:

Body Shop, Head Shop, Arm & a Leg Shop;
Mens Wear, Ladies Wear,
Kiddie Wear, Pet Wear,
Outer Wear, Inner Wear,
Some Wear, Any Wear, No Wear;
Ice Cream Shop, Hot Chocolate Shop,
Coffee Shop, Tea Shop, Milk Shop, Juice Bar,
Hot Food Shop, Frozen Food Shop;
Sports Shop, Lounge Shop;
Outdoor Furniture Store, Indoor Furniture Store,
Oriental Rug Store, Domestic Rug Store,
Electronics Shop, Typewriter Shop,
Dry Goods Store, Wet Goods Store,
Art Supplies Shop, Optometrist Shop,
Music Store, Hearing Aids Store,
Toy Store, Real Thing Store,
Thrift Shop, Spendthrift Shop,
Jewelry Shop, Tie Dye & Hippy Bead Shop;
Hot Pots *, Cool Pots;
Nu Art Gallery, Olde Arte Gallery;
Sex Shop, Right to Choose Shop, Right to Life Shop;
Democratic Hqs, Republican Hqs/Religious Right Hqs;
Gun Shop, Mortuary Shop.
Plus others, (*if any remain.*)

Travel Agents, Stay at Home Agents,
Real Estate Office, Unreal Estate Office,
Law Office, Lie Office (Therapist);
New Cars, Used Cars, Antique Cars,
Sports Cars, Family Cars,
Sports Utility Trucks, Lemons;
Drive In Bank (Deposits) &
Drive Out Bank (Withdrawals),
Brokerage, Quick Fix,
Savings & Loan Office, Pawn Shop;
Medical Offices, Dental Offices, First Aid,
Lipo/Lift Clinic, Anorexia/Bulemia Clinic;
Fire Department, Rescue Squad,
Police Department, Courthouse,
Jail.

Plus time tested additions & eliminations
as necessary and feasible.

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Q. Why are you doing all this?

A. *(Silence)*

More incredible highlights will include
the following:

Pilgrim Dormitories with CONFSSIONALS &
non-denominational Chapel with
daily (4: PM) PROCESSIONALS (humming)
for all, with Choral Exaltations &
Instrumentations after Fasting sessions &
Meditation; climaxed by Massage,
Speaking in Tongues, Laying on of Hands,
Aromatherapy & Wine Tasting.

Picnic Areas w/ Refreshment booths &
Sanitary facilities.
Senior, Child & Pet Care services.

Hiking Trails through park-like grounds,
with Pools, & Gardens with benches
for resting & contemplation of the
strategically placed Divine Icons.

Total loudspeaker network of Sufi music.

Impromptu Dance for all in
meadows and wooded glens.

Water Socializing in Water Areas
(streams, ponds), in season.
Otherwise, Ice Activities.

First Aid teams in stress locations.

A well-equipped Library
covering all aspects of
the Divine subject, from conception
to present day.

A major Divine Spirit Museum,
architecturally correct, with an
all inclusive Divine Gift Shop, plus:
Restrooms for all.

More future developments:

THEME PARK, Game Park & Zoo, (*ah, oo*).

STATE OF THE ARTS CASINO, (*ka chingle yet*).

A TOTAL AMUSEMENT PARK, (*hahaha hum*).

A SPORTS COMPLEX w/ MAJOR OLYMPIC
ELEMENTS:

All Indoor/Outdoor Sports, plus:
Sculling, Hang Gliding, Free Fall,
Croquet, Bungee Jumping, YoYo,
Skate Boarding, Hopscotch, Line-
Dancing, Roller Blades & Jacks (!)

A SCHOOL for PILGRIMS:

With Degree curricula in COMPUTECH
& HIGH COLONICS & advanced pro-
grams in the same old ART, MUSIC,
THEATER, DANCE & WRITING courses;
& Meditation, Humming, Chanting,
Belly Dancing & Moshing (*o goodie*).

A CERTIFIED TEACHING PROGRAM :: Phytotherapy,
Bariatrics, Viniculture & Pasta Science (*buono!*).

Also: A MAJOR AIRPORT & HELIPORT

A RODEO ARENA

MOTORCYCLE, SKATEBOARD, SNOWMOBILE,
STOCK CAR & ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE COURSES.

A DEEP WATER DOCKING LAGOON

A SPACE STATION

And so much more.....

(*A regular pudding mix.*)

(*Snore.*)

Q. Hah, feeling that old guilt thing, are you?

A. (*Silence*)

We are pleased to announce: (*serious, now!*)

ALL INVESTORS WILL BE GRACIOUSLY WELCOMED &
ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENCOURAGED!

On site monetary donations (U.S. CURRENCY ONLY, PLEASE,) will be gratefully accepted (*expected*) at appropriate depositories (*guarded*) which will be installed at all stations / sections (*& empty spaces between*), plus at all entrances & exits; for the convenience & edification of all at this miraculous extravaganza.

In anticipation of the many, many Pilgrims, the Seekers & the merely curious attending; viewings will be for limited time periods only (daily except Sundays, Holidays & Snow days).

By appointment only.

Food consumption, unrestrained pets, solicitations, self promotions, exhibitionisms, advertising, demonstrations (political & otherwise), outlandish dress, loud talk / vulgarisms or off key singing, smoking, snorting, expectorating, gesticulating/joking/remarking, sneering, leering, beering, bubblegum demos, blasphemy, profanity, lewd gesturing /dancing, lewd remarking, loud laughter, roughhousing, boisterous activities, lamentations, incantations, surrealisms, acrobatics, hedonism, scarfing & barfing, loud burping, other rude body sounds, & fisticuffs will not be permitted in the immediate vicinity of the DIVINE MANIFESTATION.

Photography will not be permitted due to the sensitive & otherworldly nature of the subject. Sketching by permit in designated areas & time periods only.

And now, the very best part of all:

For the very many of you who are
eager and anxious
to facilitate the opening of this
marvelous & sacred endeavor:
THE DIVINE DOG DEVELOPMENT (D.D.D.),
or alternate:
THE DIVINE ONE DEVELOPMENT (D.O.D.);
please detach & return
the following form with your most
generous & welcome contribution:

___ Yes, I would be happy to be a Charter contributor to the D.D.D. / (D.O.D.), (for the benefit of all). Here is my contribution of:

(Please check):

___ \$500, ___ \$250, ___ \$100, ___ \$50, ___ Other

___ Yes, I would be delighted to display the free 'D.D. (D.O.) SHRINE' Window Decal or,
___ the free 'D.D. (D.O.) SHRINE' Bumper Sticker.

___ Yes, I would be most happy to provide a
___ YEARLY, or ___ MONTHLY endowment of:
___ \$2000, ___ \$1000, ___ \$500, ___ \$200, ___ \$100,
___ Other.

Signature & Date

Just kidding, JUST KIDDING!

Q. Is that about it?
A. *(Silence)*

Now that you have shared this
 (my) great numinous experience,
it has become yours also;
 (a little respect, please!)
& you certainly must feel ever so
much better -- you know, superior;
(we're speakin' spiritual here.) --
 & so enlightened, so purified,
so uplifted, so transformed even,
 and -- (pause, & breathe) --
so well prepared to face the unknown traumas
in nebulous futures
 where respective Karmas unfold
 one by one,
 two by two, or more --
 in great jagged arcs,
 pointing fingers &
 screams.....

Um, this being the YEAR OF THE ZEROS,
 (2)000-- just look at them all!
3 in a row! We have not seen that before!
 (OK, so some Giant Sea Worms
saw the last batch arrive on the scene,
 and will greet the next trio --
in Times Square, no doubt.
 They don't bite & they won't tell.)
(Yawn)

Gotta plod & stumble bravely --
 one foot after the other --
day after day, into, through & out of
 those 3 hoops ('000);
round, round, round our own bright star
 shining on some other
brush cleaning hand; casting (*just believe*)
 abstruse spells, esoteric omens &
prophesies -- whatever,
 out there somewhere,
 out there.....

(*Must think GLOBAL!*)

Q. But what does it all mean? (*Age-old question!*)
A. (*Silence*)

Epiphany: (*smirk not*)

In case the piquant phrasings previous
to this precious sentence
have failed to awe &/or inspire you,
(hard to believe),
please turn to the very next page for
the a-a-a-a-absolutely
perfect, shiny, new manifestation
of the next ultimate, (*don't gag!*)
enlightened WHA-CHA-MA-CALL-IT;
who, though lacking topside,
is still our Yale 'princeling', y' know; with
access to inexhaustible hard &
soft (shady) moola-la*; & in addition,
is mouth-morph'd from our FORMER
nanobrain'd (Class B actor) 'royalty', (*well,
it pleased his 'queen' to think so!*)
This NEW Buster constantly spouts pseudo-
religious (*sure to get 'em*)
rhetorical cant -- and ugly mouth'd:
twang'd Texas 'ticker' twaddle,
crock'd 'tax cut' clichés,
whack'd W. whoppers,
snarl'd Pit-Bull bull,
sneer'd snake oil,
overbearing orations,
obnoxious obligatos,
oxymoronic oprahs,
& other omelets --
so fitting for this,
THE YEAR OF THE ZEROS: 'OOO.

Q. oprahs? omelets?

A. Uh,

um,

*well,.....um, you know,.....mega malls...shrines
omens.....whirligigs...uh,.... Yale princelings.....rutabagas
divine dogs....peanut butter..... WORDS!.... ya da, ya dada,
oprahs...omelets.... mmmm... all the same...no difference
no matter.....so:*

*happynewyear.eas ter.4thofjuly.thanksgiving.xmas.etc.
.....yeah, baby.*

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(* *Sibilant "S" throughout*):

"...uh...um...mmm...,
well, y'know...uh,
Ah got JESUS in mah HEART
an' now Ah'm real COMPASSIONATE!
Know whuh Ah mean? Sure y'do --
COMPASSIONATE = CONSERVATIVE!
(to coin an oxymetamorophonaphor, yuk, yuk.)
Yo! Gonna give y'all these
'prudent' REPUBLICAN goodies. Raht! Lahk:

BIG OLE TAX CUTS, includin' ESTATE TAXES, an' all!:

(Ha! Gotta bless our Corporate Folk! Amen.

BIG CONTRIBUTORS deserve BIG REWARDS. Ayah!

In fact, give'm total Budget Surplus, whah not!)

EDUCATION f'r ALL: (Charter/Privatise/Vouchers'll do it.)

SOCIAL SECURITY: (Save it inna Stock Market, suckers.)

HEALTH CARE/MEDICARE/MEDICAID/PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

CHILD CARE/DAY CARE/MATERNITY LEAVE, an' the like:

(Trash 'em! Use funds f'r PENTAGON, uh course!)

ABORTION RIGHTS (First to go!

Women gettin' too... uh,...'gressive, is whud!

Belong on their backs, har, har.....'cept f'r Laura.)

CIVIL RIGHTS (Include that durn 'GAY RIGHTS' binness.

Scrap. Install system based on 'Place' / Prayer.)

GUN CONTROLS Eliminate!

(It'll be GUNSGalore an' NRA a-a-a-ll the way --

f'r anyone, anytime, anywhere! S'a Basic Right!)

DEATH PENALTIES + :

(You betcha! An' no more DNA hogwash neither!)

ROGUE NUKE-UH-LER MISSILES ATTACKIN' OUR SHORES

(Deploy Anti-Missile-Missile-Missiles, whatever.

Yah! Hee yah! Ah call it: STAR WHORES!

Get it? Joke. Raht. Duh.

An' much, much more lahk it comin'.

Gotta believe! COMPASSION works! Ah know't.)"

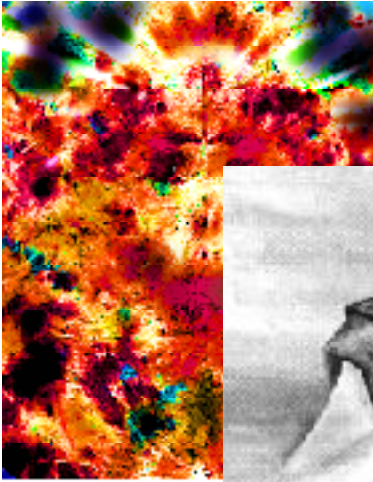
CAMPAIGN SLOGAN: 'DUMB is good! Ah can buy SMART!'

BUMPER DECAL: 'BUSH & CHANEY -- *Smirk & Sneer*'

So, to 'borrow' an original DEMOCRAT phrase:

happynewyear.easter.4thofjuly.thanksgiving.xmas.etc.

"That's it!.....Now, gimme yore vote, y'hear!"



the next:



"Ah got Jesus in mah heart an' behind...me."

de trop

Photo: N Y Times (N.F.S.)
(*de trop*: Fr. id.)

Q. I thought this was going to be
a DOGstory!
How did THEY get in here anyway?

A. *(Silence)*.

"DUMB IS GOOD"

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