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Leno: *Charlie Sheen's ex-wife was arrested for cocaine possession in Colorado after a bar fight. Wow, who'd have thought Charlie was the quiet stable one?*

WSJ

Israel, Isaac and the Return of Human Sacrifice

Why have liberal Westerners turned their backs on the Jewish state?

by David Mamet

As Iran races toward the bomb, many observers seem to think the greater threat is the possibility that Israel might act against its nuclear program. Which raises the question: What should it mean if, God forbid, militant Islam through force of arms, and with the supine permission of the West, succeeds in the destruction of the Jewish State?

- 1) That the Jewish People would no longer have their ancestral home;
- 2) That they should have no home.

At the Versailles Peace Conference, Woodrow Wilson stated as an evident moral proposition that each people should have the right to national self-determination. The West, thereafter, fought not for empire, nor national expansion, but in self-defense, or in defense of this proposition. But, for the Jewish State, the Liberal West puts the proposition aside.

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The brave preceptors who would like to end Poverty, War, Exploitation, Colonialism, Inequality and so on, stop at the proclamation. How may they synchronize their wise fervor with their inaction?

How may they still the resultant anxiety? The Left's answer is the oldest in the world: by appeal to The Gods. But how may The Gods be appeased? The immemorial answer is: By human sacrifice.

What is the essence of the Torah? It is not the Ten Commandments, these were known, and the practice of most aspired to by every civilization. Rabbi Lawrence Kushner teaches they are merely a Calling Card; to wit: "remember me . . . ?"

The essence of the Torah is the Akedah, the Binding of Isaac. The God of Hosts spoke to Abraham, as the various desert gods had spoken to the nomads for thousands of years: "If you wish me to relieve your anxiety, give me the most precious thing you have."

So God's call to Abraham was neither unusual nor, perhaps, unexpected. God had told Abraham to leave his people and his home, and go to the place which God would point out to him. And God told Abraham to take his son up the mountain and kill him, as humans had done for tens of thousands of years.

Now, however, for the first time in history, the narrative changed. The sacrifice, Isaac, spoke back. He asked his father, "Where is the Goat we are to sacrifice?" This was the voice of conscience, and Abraham's hand, as it descended with the knife, was stayed. This was the Birth of the West, and the birth of the West's burden, which is conscience.

Previously the anxiety and fear attendant upon all human life was understood as Fear of the Gods, and dealt with by propitiation, which is to say by sacrifice. Now, however, the human burden was not to give The Gods what one imagined, in one's fear, that they might want, but do, in conscience, those things one understood God to require.

In abandonment of the state of Israel, the West reverts to pagan sacrifice, once again, making a burnt offering not of that which one possesses, but of that which is another's. As Realpolitik, the Liberal West's anti-Semitism can be understood as like Chamberlain's offering of Czechoslovakia to Hitler, a sop thrown to terrorism. On the level of conscience, it is a renewal of the debate on human sacrifice.

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EuroPacific Capital

Obama Gets Real

by Peter Schiff

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But according to Obama's revisionist version of American history, we tried capitalism only briefly during our history. First, during the Robber Barron period of the late 19th Century, the result of which was child labor and unprecedented lower-class poverty. These ravages were supposedly only corrected by the progressive policies of Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. We tried capitalism again in the 1920s, according to Obama, and the result was the Great Depression. This time, it allegedly took FDR's New Deal to finally slay that capitalist monster. Then, the account only gets more farcical. Apparently, we tried capitalism again under George W. Bush, and the result was the housing bubble, financial crisis, and ensuing Great Recession. Obama now argues that government is needed once again to save the day.

This view is complete fiction and proves that Obama is not qualified to teach elementary school civics, let alone serve as President of the United States. I wonder what other economic system he believes we followed prior to the 1890s and 1920s (and during the 1950s and 1960s) that that he now seeks to restore? Capitalism did not start with J.P. Morgan in 1890s or John D. Rockefeller in the 1920s as the President suggests. In fact, it was about that time that capitalism came under attack by the progressives. We were born and prospered under capitalism. The Great Depression did not result from unbridled capitalism, but from the monetary policy of the newly created Federal Reserve and the interventionist economic policies of both Hoover and Roosevelt - policies that were decidedly un-capitalist.

The prosperity enjoyed during mid-20th century actually resulted from the incredible progress produced by years of capitalism. Contrary to Obama's belief, the New Deal and Great Society did not create the middle class; it was, in fact, a direct result of the capitalist industrial revolution. The socialist programs of which Obama is so fond are the reasons why the middle class has been shrinking. America's economic descent began in the 1960s, when we abandoned capitalism in favor of a mixed economy. By mixing capitalism with socialism, we undermined economic growth, and reversed much of the progress years of laissez-faire had bestowed on average Americans. The back of the middle class is being broken by the weight of government and the enormous burden taxes and regulation place on the economy.

America's first experiment with socialism, the Plymouth Bay Colony, ended in failure, and our most successful colonies - New York, Virginia, Massachusetts - were begun primarily as commercial enterprises. When the founding fathers gathered to write the Constitution, they represented capitalist states and granted the federal government severely limited powers.

Apparently, Obama thinks our founders' mistrust of government was delusional, and that we were fortunate that far wiser groups of leaders eventually corrected those mistakes. The danger, as Obama sees it, is that some Republicans actually want to reverse course and adopt the failed ideas espoused by great American fools like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin.

The President unknowingly illustrated his own contradictory thinking with the importance he now places on extending the temporary payroll tax cuts. If all that stands between middle-class families and abject poverty is a small tax cut, imagine how much damage the far more massive existing tax burden already inflicts on those very households! If Obama really wants to relieve middle-class taxpayers of this burden, he needs to reduce the cost of government by cutting spending. After all, there is no way to pay for all the government programs Obama wants simply by taxing the rich.

History has proven time-and-again that capitalism works and socialism does not. Taking money from the rich and redistributing it to the poor does not grow the economy. On the contrary, it reduces the incentives of both parties. It lowers savings, destroys capital, limits economic growth, and lowers living standards. Maybe Obama should take his eyes off the teleprompter long enough to read some American history. In fact, he could start by reading the Constitution that he swore an oath to uphold.

Forbes

[Illinois: State Of Embarrassment](#)

by Joel Kotkin

Most critics of [Barack Obama](#)'s desultory performance the past three years trace it to his supposedly leftist ideology, lack of experience and even his personality quirks. But it would perhaps be more useful to look at the geography — of [Chicago](#) and the state of Illinois — that nurtured his career and shaped his approach to politics. Like with George W. Bush and Texas, this is a case where you can't separate the man from the place.

The Chicago imprint on Obama is unmistakable. His closest advisors are almost all products of the Windy City's machine politic: Consigliere Valerie Jarrett; his first chief of staff, now Chicago Mayor, Rahm Emanuel; and his current chief of staff, longtime Chicago hackster William Daley, scion of the Windy City's longtime ruling family.

All these figures arose from a Chicago where corruption is so commonplace that it elicits winks, nods and even a kind of admiration. Since 1973, for example, [27 Chicago Aldermen](#) have been convicted by U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of Illinois.

That culture of corruption affects the rest of the state as well. Both Gov. George Ryan (who served from 1999 to 2003 and his successor Ron Blagojevich have been convicted a major crimes. So have [four](#) of the state's last eight governors. Blagojevich's felonies are part and parcel of a political climate that also includes the also newly convicted Antonin "Tony" Rezko, a real estate speculator and early key Obama backer, sentenced late last month to a ten-year prison sentence.

Crony capitalism constitutes the essential element of what the legendary columnist [John Kass](#) of the *Chicago Tribune* has labeled both the "Chicago way" and the "Illinois Combine", not primarily an ideology-driven movement. The political system, he notes, "knows no party, only appetites."

Just look at the special favors granted to vested interests while the state has imposed a 65% boost in income taxes for middle class citizens. Companies like [Boeing](#) and United, which have head offices in Chicago, get tax breaks and incentives, while everyone else pays the full fare. This game is still afoot. Even as the state deficit persists, [other big players](#) such as the CME group, which operates the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of [Options](#) and Sears are threatening to leave unless their taxes are also lowered.

Thus it's not surprising then that cronyism has become a hallmark of the Obama administration. [Wall Street](#) grandees, a key source of Obama campaign funders in 2008 and again now, have been treated to bailouts as well as monetary policies that have assured massive profits to the "too big to fail" crowd while devastating consumers and smaller banks.

The evolving scandal over "green jobs" — with huge loans handed out to faithful campaign contributors — epitomizes the special dealing that has become an art form in the system of Chicago and Illinois politics. Beneficiaries include longtime Obama backers such as Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Google. Another scandal is building up around the telecom company [LightSquared](#). This company, financed largely by key Obama donors, appears to have gained a leg up for a huge Pentagon contract due to White House pressure.

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Overall, [Chicago Loop Alliance](#) reports that private sector employment in the Loop, the core of the Chicago downtown area, fell from [338,000 to 275,000](#) between 2000 and 2010. Chicago’s core has fallen further behind, in capturing high end employment than its traditional rival, New York.

This weak hand is also evident in the region’s strongly negative migration. According to the last Census, Chicago lost more than 200,000 people during the last decade. People are [leaving the Chicago area](#) not only for Sun Belt havens but to rising Midwest competitors like Indianapolis and Minneapolis, which offer better business climates, lower housing prices and cleaner governments, says local urban analyst Aaron Renn,. Even perennial losers like Los Angeles and New York are net gainers with Chicago.

Given this economic and demographic track record, it’s no big surprise that the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois face enormous fiscal pressures. The city is facing a deficit of about [\\$650 million](#) and the state’s unfunded future liabilities are upwards of \$160 billion. The new taxes are on tap for state residents, [according to Illinois Public Policy Institute](#), will cost the average Illinoisan a whole week’s earnings.

One might hope this disastrous record might make President Obama consider taking a different path to governing our country. Yet sadly it appears that acknowledgement of failure is not part of the “Chicago way” — a denial that may cost us dearly in the years ahead.

Real Clear Sports

[Tebow Works in Mysterious Ways](#)

by Jeff Neuman

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Not as costly, perhaps, as the defensive calls. On Denver's only touchdown drive, beginning with 4:34 to play, the Bears gave the Broncos' receivers a cushion the size of a pole-vault pit. Standard defense had held Tebow to 3-of-16 passing for three quarters (admittedly, his receivers dropped several catchable balls). Now, in the fourth, Chicago's full-out retreat let him complete seven straight to march 63 yards for the score that made it 10-7.

Still, things looked good for the Bears. The Broncos had used all their timeouts and were forced into an onside kick. The ball bounced high, and a Denver player got his hand on it, but it was recovered by Nick Roach for Chicago with 2:05 to play.

After the 2-minute warning, Tebow performed his second miracle: befuddling ball-carrier Marion Barber into going out of bounds on second down, stopping the clock after 5 seconds rather than running off 40.

Instead of there being less than 20 seconds to play when Denver got the ball, the Broncos had nearly a minute to work with when they took over on their own 20 after a Chicago punt. Two quick completions brought the Broncos to their 40. On a pass to Matt Willis, the receiver slipped a tackle and turned a short gain into 19 yards while getting out of bounds at the Chicago 41.

Three plays brought the Broncos no closer, but here Tebow performed his third miracle, thinning the Denver air to the point that a 59-yard field goal was a reasonable option. Matt Prater, with a previous home 59-yarder to his credit, nailed it with plenty to spare, sending the game into overtime.

Chicago won the coin toss. Hanie moved the Bears smartly into Denver territory. On third-and-7 at the 38, Smith's clouded mind eschewed the traditional keep-a-down-in-reserve field goal attempt from 55 - Robbie Gould had already hit from 57 in the game - to give Barber another chance at screwing up the game.

Barber seized his opportunity, gaining 5 yards but fumbling into the hands of Elvis Dumervil, who gratefully fell on the ball for Miracle No. 4.

As if preordained, Tebow completed two passes, was sacked, and then on second-and-12 targeted Demaryius Thomas on the right side. Miracle No. 5: Cornerback Zack Bowman slipped on the play in coverage, and Thomas ran free to the Chicago 40. From there, Prater's game-winning field goal was inevitable.

Zero points on his team's first 11 possessions - and then three scores on their last three, aided by a coach's weird strategy, thin air, a fumble and a total brain cramp by a veteran running back. Truly, Tim Tebow works in mysterious ways.

Denver Post

"God's plan" has Broncos on a roll

Tebow becoming the Bard of comebacks

by Woody Paige



Broncos quarterback Tim Tebow scrambles during the fourth quarter before Denver beat the Chicago Bears on Sunday, 13-10 in overtime. [More photos from the Broncos vs. Bears game Sunday.](#) Unbelievabow and Timplausible.

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The Broncos' streak of comebacks and overcomes "is unique," he said. Oh, really.

Time after time, the Broncos and Tebow have played the first three quarters like creepy crawlers, then, in the fourth quarter, responded like the Spartans at the Battle of Thermopylae.

And they get serious help from their opponent.

"I can't explain it," running back Lance Ball said, "but somebody is on our side."

If it's not an onside kick recovery, it's an interception. If it's not a pick-six, it's a missed field goal. If it's not a kicker with a nervous bladder and a shaky foot, it's a running back for the Bears — Marion Barber — who runs out of bounds and stops the clock for the Broncos late in the fourth quarter, and, in the overtime, is breaking free for a first down and a possible touchdown, but is forced to fumble.

If it's not divine intervention, it's opposition assistance.

It's Matt Prater kicking winning field goals; it's Wesley Woodyard causing a fumble and Elvis Dumervil recovering the ball; it's Demaryius Thomas making a touchdown catch and the offensive line making ferocious blocks, and it's Timmy making the Tebow Thing happen.

He has become the first quarterback in NFL history with six fourth-quarter comebacks in his first 11 starts, and only the second quarterback with four consecutive fourth-quarter victories. The other was Peyton Manning in 2009.

Some silly fools still think Tebow can't play, but the Broncos' quarterback of next year and the future already is playing the position for them.

Sure, he had a quarterback rating at one point Sunday to match the executive vice president's retired number — 7. But Tebow's quarterback rating in the fourth quarter was superior to the other team's quarterback in every game he has started this season.

Just win, Timmy.

About 70,000 stayed at the stadium until the end — when will the rest learn? — and millions more watched in disbelief again on national TV. If you want to hear and see how Tebow did, he was wired with a microphone for the game by the NFL Network, which will offer a replay with his sounds and actions this week.

For the first three quarters, as usual, Tebow was wild. He completed 3-of-16 passes for only 45 miserable yards and his second interception of the season, but he was 18-of-24 in the final quarter and overtime for 191 yards and a touchdown. "I guess I should get out to the stadium earlier and start practicing," he said.

Thomas and Eric Decker should join him. They had dropped a couple of passes each earlier in the game and had a combined total of 12 yards. They wound up with 10 catches for 111 yards.

The Broncos turn on the switch late, and the losers go away blaming themselves and refusing to give credit to Fox, Tebow, the defense or Prater.

The Broncos scored a touchdown and two field goals on their final three possessions, after being shut out for almost 57 minutes.

Stop me if you've heard it before.

"I think we are rewriting the book on 'Keep fighting.' Our guys never blink," Fox said. "They believe."

Tebow reiterated. "We believe, and we believe in each other."

And most of the Broncos, not just a quarterback and a strong safety and a punter and a running back and a head coach, believe in a power beyond the stadium.

The Broncos, with an 8-5 record, are first in the AFC West. Nonbelievers, beware.

Next at the stadium will be the best AFC team the Broncos confront all season. The Patriots have won five of their past seven games since a bye. The Broncos have won six of their past seven since a bye.

The Broncos' time has come

[Here's some video of Sunday's Bears/Broncos game.](#)

Investor's.com

Late Night Humor

by Andrew Malcolm

Fallon: Today was International Ninja Day, when people are urged to carry toy weapons and wear black masks. As I found out the hard way, my bank wasn't celebrating.

Leno: Herman Cain has joined millions of Americans seeking work. Today he applied at Dominos, Pizza Hut, Little Caesars, Round Table.

Fallon: The U.S. government says blue fin tuna is 'probably OK' to eat, despite the BP oil spill. Good to know. So eating blue fin tuna is 'PROBABLY OK.'

Leno: Did you hear about this Alaskan guy stranded in the middle of nowhere for six days? With only a six-pack. Guys, is that really stranded? Isn't that a party?

Conan: A 10 year-old old girl saved her Mom's life with what she learned from Grey's Anatomy. So she saved her Mom's life with cheesy dialogue and Sarah McLachlan songs?

Conan: Christmas is just a few weeks away. A new website allows parents to rent toys, instead of buying them, for Christmas. The website is perfect for parents who aren't sure that they love their child.

Letterman: I like Newt Gingrich. You know who he looks like? He looks like your Dad's old Army buddy, doesn't he?

Letterman: Herman Cain's out of the race. But he's asked the Secret Service to keep protecting him. At least until his wife cools off.

Letterman: You heard about all those Wal-mart shoppers who got pepper-sprayed? Here's the weird thing: They were all there to buy pepper spray.

Letterman: Tough time of year for New York City Mayor Bloomberg. He's a tiny guy, as you know. Whenever he's out, people go, 'Oh, look! There's one of Santa's elves!'

Fallon: A missing Virginia dog was found in California eight years later. You can tell the dog lived in California. Now, he only sniffs organic butts.

Fallon: Turns out that website that rents toys is really preparing kids for life. You get Barbies Dream House. and then a month later they foreclose.

Leno: Newt Gingrich meets with Donald Trump. Great combo—two guys, six wives, zero chance of either ever becoming president.

Leno: Charlie Sheen's ex-wife was arrested for cocaine possession in Colorado after a bar fight. Wow, who'd have thought Charlie was the quiet stable one?



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