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**History as Groundhog Day**

People are looking to the Obama Administration for many things. Right at the top of my list, is to see the Justice Department clean up the stinking masses of corruption within its own ranks.

Much talk about "Looking Forward," as opposed to investigating crimes of the past. "Don't want to look like we are on a witch hunt.." that sort of thing.

However, as noble as that sounds, what it actually does is enable past corruptions and future corruptions, to continue without consequence. This in fact, is what corruption thrives on. Immunity by Neglect.

Famous saying: "Those who fail to learn from History's mistakes are doomed to repeat them."

If we do not investigate, and correct those crimes, and they were 'crimes' not just policies, not just 'mistakes', we in fact, create an atmosphere wherein no Justice for anyone, especially those mistreated by government, abused by those who wore the color of authority, we become a land where there is no justice. We make a mockery of our laws. We become either the fools who try to abide and survive within the rules, or those who prosper and thrive by simply committing crimes we know no one will ever investigate.

It is pointless to investigate future crimes if we have no consistent value of Justice.

We, the People, are patient and we wait to see Justice done. That is why we do not take the law into our own hands. We are assured that the Laws will be enforced and Justice will prevail.

But what we are seeing, at every level, and to varying degrees, from corruption to murder, is that those who have power are above the law, now and forever.

It is the realization of this, that as it becomes more prevalent, will erode not just our faith in government, but our very respect for the laws and those who are supposed to uphold those laws. We become, first, disillusioned; second, impatient; and third, we become a lawless land where no one has faith in our justice system.

The only thing stopping the father of a murdered child from seeking vigilante justice is the reassurance that the law will do the work of justice for him. It keeps us civilized in our darkest hours. It gives us hope and we remain a nation secure

in our laws, and our faith in the system.

Losing that, we could descend into a nation of vigilantism, and 'swift justice' and we will see tragedies compounded by mistakes made in the heat of that anger and grief.

We must ask ourselves the question: Are we a nation of laws? Or are we a nation ruled over by corruption and the corrupt?

Nations fall when corruption rules. History repeats itself. Again, again, again...

### Dressing Wounds

We are a nation that needs healing. We cannot heal if we ignore the wounds and festering sores.

We not only must look back, investigate, re open investigations, but we are obligated, as those who wish to dwell in a true democracy, in a land ruled by laws that apply to those who live on the street equally as to those who live in the White House.

As it is now, we are a nation accumulating fraud and corruption. Crimes against Humanity do not go away. They remain until they are addressed. Every time we ignore crimes committed under the color of authority, every time we add another stinking corpse to the pile in the closet, we make the business of reclaiming our dignity as holders of the moral high ground, a steeper climb for our nation, and for our children.

We must investigate crimes. Especially crimes committed by those in positions of authority. All of the crimes. Until there is Justice, there can be no Justice.

We, as a nation, are descending into an abyss that if we do not change course, we will lose our way completely. It is possible to break things to the point they cannot be fixed again.

If we allow our government to break; If we allow our Justice Department to ignore the obligation to the people, no president, regardless of how brilliant and dedicated, can lead us out of the despair.

### **Under Control**

The wrongs done in Indian Country continue to drive the wrongs and the corruption of this day. By ignoring Indian Issues, and Indian Country, and worst of all, by denying Indian People the same Civil Rights as every other citizen, we

have insured that these lands, where our nations greatest resources abide, is in the hands of the corrupt.

A nation's wealth rests in its resources. Since the very first concentration camp, aka "Reservation" system was implemented, it was solely so that the resources could be raided by those individuals who to this day, control the wealth of our nation.

As the Indians were starved, neglected and abused, we were all being robbed. But we did not look. We did not want to know. We still don't. It is still going on. Hundreds of billions of dollars of our wealth, every month, stolen from us, and we still do not want to look.

We don't want to look because we know what we will find: More than we can bear. We will find murders, profiteering, war crimes, and money laundering on the biggest scale in history. We will find that this is our doing. We allow it by not wanting to even begin to look.

We ignore it. We write false histories, dime novels of cowboys and Indians, and are satisfied that everything is "under control". It is "Under Control". Under the control of the corrupt. Under the control of the abusers. Under the control of the powerful who drain our resources without paying us.

They stole from the Indians so that they could steal from the nation.

And because no one wanted to look back, we fail to see that we are repeating the same cycle, over and over, bigger and bigger.

And now, with permission from the previous Administration, we violate every value that made us great in this world. WE, as a nation because it was done in our name, WE torture. We invade countries and we torture. WE do this.

And with a new Administration unable or unwilling to even look at that as a crime, not wanting to look back, I can only wonder to where this same road will lead us, as a nation.

## **Symbols**

We as a nation, used to be defined by our valor. We were defined by our decency. We were defined as the greatest nation in the world. Our flag represented the heart and soul of a people dedicated to Justice and fair play.

Now, we are defined by our aggressiveness. We are defined by Abu Grahib, Gitmo, and a plunging global economy that is collapsing from the rot of corruption

at its core.

The world rejoiced at the new face of American Presidency, in Barack Obama. The world wants us, as a nation, to succeed. The world NEEDS for us as a nation to succeed. The world wants our nation's flag to once again fly high and proud.

And yet, with all of this, our unwillingness to look back and shine the light of truth into those dark places that are now undoing us, we remain on the precipice, peering into the void.

We must, if we are to succeed, if we are to recover, clean those old wounds, and heal them with Justice. We must restore Justice in this land.

If we fail to do this, our words, regardless of how moving, become meaningless.

No greater symbol is there that we are strong, than in our coming together to fix, repair and rebuild our nation, together.

You know where to find me.

~Cat