

Hidden History

The Unsung Saga of the Black Man

as told by



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"CIVILIZED MAN TODAY lives by a code of law, a system of knowing right from wrong, and a sense of moral ethics originated 3000 years ago by a Negro.

Lokman, a full-blooded black Ethiopian was sold by Arab slave traders to a Jewish master during the reign of King Solomon, 1100 years before Christ.

The fables of this Negro, the first sage of historical record, enchanted both Solomon and David, who were his contemporaries. Lokman is credited with 10,000-odd apologies, proverbs, parables, fables and gems of philosophical wisdom which influenced the doctrines of the Judeo-Christian concepts, and guided Mohammed in the foundation of the Islamic faith. The wisdom of Lokman was accepted by Mohammed as pure truth. The Islamic bible, the Koran, pays tribute to this Negro sage in its 31st chapter titled "Sourat Lokman".

The Lokman influence is plainly evident in the fables of Esop, also a Negro, who lived five centuries later among the Greeks.

Lokman is referred to as "The Sage of the East." The seeds of wisdom that this wise man sowed, spawned the concepts of philosophy which were later proposed by all of the great minds of history. Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Caesar, Cicero, Shakespeare and all who followed were guided in their thinking by the tales of Lokman.

LOKMAN MADE A GIFT to mankind that no man before, nor since, has ever exceeded. He was the father of wisdom. His wisdom became the foundation upon which man has built his present state of civilization.

Esop and Lokman are frequently confused with each other in the writings of many historians, although Esop lived five centuries after the Sage of the East. There are also many chroniclers who believe that Esop was purely a figment of Greek mythology. There is reasonable logic which supports both sides in this historical puzzle. Regardless of which side is correct in this controversy, the credit of the origin of philosophy remains exclusively to the credit of the black man.

The descriptions of Lokman and of Esop are identical in the Arab accounting of Lokman, and



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EDITORIAL

"Puzzling Paul" Political Paradox

LT. GOVERNOR PAUL LAXALT, Republican candidate for Governor of Nevada presents a bright image with his youthful face and charming personality but, at the same time, he darkens the image of Nevada with his unfounded charges of corruption in State Government.

If we analyze this man who aspires to govern us, we are puzzled by the paradox which he generates. In our analysis, Paul Laxalt is far too irresponsible to be entrusted with the welfare of Nevada and of Nevadans.

Puzzling Paul is employing the standard political campaign gimmick of scandalizing the incumbent in order to influence voters to vote for a change in administration. If all of Laxalt's charges of scandal in the State Highway Department, and other state agencies, were proved to be fact, the situation would constitute a mandate for voters to throw out the whole administration. Such an upheaval would necessarily include the accuser, himself, as he happens to be the second in command of Nevada's executive division of government.

AT THIS TIME, Governor Grant Sawyer has made no public statement that he would seek a third term as head of state next November. It is quite possible that Sawyer might challenge Walter Baring for his seat in Congress, giving a Southern Nevadan a free hand to run on the Democratic slate for the gubernatorial chair.

We believe, that should this, not improbable, situation develop, Harley Harmon would be the "dark horse" in the Carson City Handicap. Harley would throw a mighty big hat into the race, and just might wind up wearing the roses.

LAXALT'S ATTACKS on the affairs of the various departments of the state would not damage anyone but Laxalt if he should find himself in a race with Harley next fall. Sawyer would have a clean shot at the Congressional seat, and Harley Harmon would certainly suffer no scars from the punches that the "Bounding Basque" throws at Grant as well as at Nevada.

It appears that poor Paul, still a rank amateur in political brawls, has been getting campaign advice from persons less knowledgeable than himself. It seems an act of political suicide to place nearly 2000 state employees on the hot seat of suspicion a whole year before the election. A regiment of 2000 crusaders can persuade a whole army of sympathetic friends and relatives to take up their cause against the attacker within the period of a year.

WE MIGHT BE TEMPTED to feel sorry for Paul Laxalt in the coming election, but he has impeached himself, on any sympathy deal, by his many public stands and statements in the past.

WE VIVIDLY RECALL his stand, in opposition, to a Nevada Civil Rights bill--as well as the tongue-lashing he received from big Mike O'Callaghan when Paul voiced strong protest

the Greek accounting of Esop. Both of these men of wisdom are described as being coal-black Ethiopians with wooly hair, thick protruding lips, and Negroid noses.

An opinion which is generally accepted, and which has feasible appearance of truth, was proposed by the French historian, J. L. Marcel in his "Fables of Lokman", written in 1799. . . . "Lokman is the same wise man made known to us by the Greeks under the name Esop; this name in the Greek being none other than the word, Ethiop, altered by the changing of a character which often occurs in the passage of a word from one language to another."

"UNIVERSAL HISTORY" supports the theory of Marcel. . . . "From the history of their lives and the comparison of their fables, there is all the reason in the world to believe that Lokman and Esop were the same person. It seems natural to believe that the Greeks "created" Esop and took credit for the genius of Lokman. In such cases, the Greeks are found to have been notorious thieves."

A reprint of Esop, whose facial characteristics were identical to those of Lokman, is proof beyond question of the racial origin of the two.

against a proposed youth camp near Carson City because he did not like the idea of Negro boys looking for social outlets in his home town. Also remembered, is his statement at the Tropicana during a civil rights seminar, that he did not believe there was racial discrimination in Nevada, and consequently, he saw no need for any rights laws in Nevada.

IF PAUL'S ATTITUDE on the Carson City Youth Camp and his public statement at the Tropicana here in Las Vegas, do not constitute a paradox, then we are more puzzled than ever.

Laxalt is far too irresponsible. He is quick to criticize, but fails to propose corrective plans for improvement of that which he tears down. It is apparent that he applies neither logic, nor forethought to consideration of important issues before making public comment on such issues. Considering the absurdity of the Lt. Governor's public utterances, one shudders at speculation of what his private thoughts must be!

If Puzzled Paul is not aware of that wolf pack of California newsmen who nourish themselves on tidbits of scandal and gossip about Nevada, the VOICE will gift him with a subscription to any one of the major dailies of Los Angeles or San Francisco, so that he can open his eyes before he opens his mouth again.

When Laxalt spreads scandalous rumors of our highway department, he also adds fuel to the fire of those of the fourth estate who are dedicated to the destruction of Nevada gaming. The writings of these Nevada hate-mongers go across the country by teletype and are read by millions of prospective tourists.

ANY NEWS OF CORRUPTION in Nevada is blown-up all out of proportion by the press and seriously dims the luster of the Silver State, weakening our attraction as a tourist haven. Without tourism, Nevada would be poorer than Mississippi, and Las Vegas would be the most glamorous ghost town in history.

Laxalt's attacks on Gov. Sawyer by casting suspicion of corruption in our government are not hurting Sawyer nearly so much as they are hurting every citizen of Nevada. Every accusation he makes, is likely to keep thousands of tourists out of Nevada, and millions of tourist dollars out of our pockets.

SHOULD LAXALT BE SUCCESSFUL in destroying Nevada's tourist industry, he could have the whole state of Nevada all to himself--all the rest of us would be forced to look elsewhere for our livelihood, and only he would be left behind with the ghosts of his own creation.

If Laxalt labors under the false impression that his close race with Howard Cannon last year indicates that he can win the governor's contest over Sawyer, he really does need someone's sympathies. Most of the votes he got last November were from voters who, for some reason, were against the reelection of the brilliant freshman senator.

If he should tackle Grant in the gubernatorial race, he would not have as much chance as a one-legged man in a rump-kicking contest. His odds would not be much better if he ran into Harley Harmon next November.

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