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NEWSLETTER

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I am of the unwavering conviction that human destiny on this planet can be positively influenced by striving for knowledge, peace, understanding, love and social justice.

Joe's Comments and Observations <http://lvau.blogspot.com>

If there is any way to extricate ourselves from the current morass, it, in my judgment, dependent upon a significant change in the way the nation perceives itself. There is a set of mythological beliefs that paint a distorted and essentially erroneous image of the nation and its people. If any real progress is to be made, this veil of misconceptions needs to be lifted. The United States is, in fact, only one member in the community of nations, and needs to modify its behavior so that it can co-operatively deal with the many problems that face the global community, especially in regards to the global environment.

Quotes - Dag Hammarskjold (July 1905 - September 1961) Second Secretary-General of the UN

"The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trains and errors, its successes and setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned."

JOE'S READINGS/EVENTS

Public Forum: - Inaugural Event - *America in Crisis: Why the Nation needs to Re-evaluate its Priorities* - Newberry Books - 561 NE Ravenna Blvd (65th and Ravenna) Saturday - Feb 3, 4:00 PM - Sponsored by Poets West

Prose/Poetry Reading - C&P Coffee Company - Readings from *Impaled on Time's Illustrious Arrow* & *The Surprising Latitude of Fate* - Sunday March 25, 6:30—8:00

PROGRESSIVE BOOK CORNER

Silencing Political Dissent - Nancy Chang

Water Wars: Privitization, Pollution and Profit - Vandana Shiva

Dreaming War: Blood for Oil and the Cheney-Bush Junta - Gore Vidal

Published Works

Awakening from a Distant Dream:

This is a story about Laura. Laura was born with a sensitive spirit. As an adolescent, she is plagued by feelings of uncertainty and confusion about her relationship with her family and friends, but, most importantly, her personal identity and place in the social order of things. As events unfold, circumstances propel her into situations where she is forced to make some momentous decisions that will help her eventually come to terms with her own nature. Laura ultimately discovers her true calling in life and the artist she was destined to be. This singular existence illustrates the challenges that shape the depth and unique character of the self.

The Surprising Latitude of Fate:

The Surprising Latitude of Fate is a novel that follows the life of an Italian immigrant (Carmelo Visconti) as he attempts to navigate his way through the intricacies of the American culture. He is catapulted from village life in a small town on the Adriatic to the frenetic pace and lifestyle that comes with living in New York. His innate sense of adventure together with his burgeoning loneliness leads him on a path that he would come to regret. Carmelo is exposed to the darker elements of his psyche that he was previously unaware of, especially his more violent nature. The inevitable consequences of his behavior bring him to a precipice that could result in his destruction. It is essentially the story of personal redemption.

At the Fringes of Experience:

This anthology of short stories deals with the larger issues of the human condition. *Bronx Memories* represents the author's own personal journey as a young boy. *Nathaniel Hastings* is a kind of modern day odyssey, in which the protagonist navigates through life from very bizarre beginnings. The stories, *Bradley Stimpson and Marie*, *The Strange Diaries of Jeremy Flood* and *Benjamin's Magic Bullet* take place in some future time and explore various aspects of contemporary human society. Lastly, *No Time for Retribution* is a work that examines the modern world as seen through the eyes of a person dealing with madness.

America and the Mythology of Greatness:

The United States, with its wealth of natural resources, expansive frontiers and diverse populations, has always been endowed with great potential. The possibilities inherent in the American nation are being squandered, however, by the arrogance of power. Those in power regard the free and vital political expression of the vast majority of people as a threat to their authority. Any real movement for a change in the political, social and economic order is seen as a threat to the status quo. The members of Congress have themselves been corrupted by both power and the corporate interests that they have become dependent upon.

This well researched book examines the myths about America and its moral position in the world. The myths enumerated include the myth of equal justice and the myth of America as the so-called "world policeman." The premise of this work is that a belief in these myths distorts the truth and impedes real social progress. Alternatives are suggested that are more in keeping with a truly free and democratic society.

Impaled on Time's Illustrious Arrow:

This anthology of poetry (over 150 poems) covers a wide range of thoughts, reflections and experience. Poetry to me is a succinct medium through which the many layers, and often elusive, textures of emotions can best be expressed.

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