

I hope
this
turns out!

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but the word could not be read

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I am going to ~~Chicago to the~~ ^{take} American Hubris
that I will be speaking for ten minutes
to an exceptionally intelligent group
of people, which will leave as few
minutes for questions. I will speak
with my stopwatches in hand. I will
try to explain my conception of my
country which I have loved at my
best and been appalled by at its
worst.

If I dare to offer a metaphor of America
it is that we are like a ^{handsome} giant
who weighs over 300 pounds, all
muscle, yet has to be reassured every
few minutes that the order of the temple
is safe. It seems as if we have
exactly the opposite need to our
own selves as a country, are religious
indeed. America is a morally Christian
but the true religion is American itself.
We are exceptionalists. We believe that
God created America to be superior to
all other nations and so ^{it is proper} to
show them the way. It is an immense
puzzle that this product of ^{some of our}
greatest thinkers, our ongoing build
in treason for blindness in foreign
affairs. If we have had success with
the place we have had also had
our ten years in Vietnam. Our media has been
Our last week, ~~we have been~~
defying Ronald Reagan. Our media

that ~~though~~ its leaders knew that Communism was not going to give them a safe
prayer to come if ever. They wanted to
exercise the faint possibility that they
could reformat their economy in
such a manner that it could begin to
compete with America, a faint hope at
best, but there.

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Khrushchev liked the possibility. He had
made peace with China, Khrushchev
could make peace with the USSR, he
would have to go down in history as one
of the greatest Presidents of all time.
He was ready to discard American
exceptionalism. Religion to a man
as functionally oriented as Khrushchev
was not a belief you had to triumph in
or kill yourself for, no, it was one
more rebuttal for a smart politician
no more. So he began preliminary talks
with Brezhnev. Detente was in the air,
then Watergate came along. We ~~could~~^{may}
never know if Watergate just may
or less happened, was a fluke, or
whether it was successful operation
originated by American exceptionalists,
who were damned if we were going to
~~make~~ make peace with those ~~so-called~~ China
was enough to ~~stop~~ Watergate

rendered Nixon paranoid. No more
no dramatic resolution of the Cold War
and by the time Ronald Reagan came
along the old religion that America is the
most exceptional nation on earth
was back in full strength. Communism,
by Reagan's logic, was ~~inflexible~~
strong, inflexible and evil, was,
indeed, the Evil Empire.

I remember visiting the USSR in 1984,
I went as a tourist, and came back
enraged at my own country. The USSR
(at least as far as Moscow and
provinces and powerful cities) was not
the most depressed country I had
ever visited. There was no hope in the
face of sorrow on the street and certainly
no happiness, no confidence that their
system would ever inherit the world.
It was so palpable you could ~~feel~~ ^{touch}
~~it~~ ^{the system}. I hated Reagan's use of the
phrase, the Evil Empire as a holy palpit. The
USSR was not the largest or
most depressed ~~nation~~ ^{third world}
nation that ~~that time~~ ^{then existed}. Reagan intensified
the arms race. Reagan won a
business deal and rather than a war,
he bankrupted the Soviet Union,
and this big banker's victory magnified
our notion that the U.S. was not only
the most powerful country in the world

but now had a moral duty - or so ⑤
did the Exceptionalists see it - to join
the world. Our country was dead and
we were the only one who knew how to

Confront the issue of being
exceptionalists, which we did not
proceed to do just that, but to the
contrary twined back and forth
between international cooperation
and preemptive injection of democracy
à la Roosevelt. How the Exceptionalists
regret that we had lost an opportunity
to install ourselves as ~~a superior~~ an
overlord to the world.

That is, I believe, the best explanation
for how the Republicans came to choose
George W. Bush. They knew that if
you were to see ^{the United States} ~~unwary~~ ^{half of the}
population of ~~Europe~~ ^{in one sentence},
it would be that we Americans
have one question that takes longer
than ten seconds to answer. I can
~~only~~ add that we now leave
the President's decision.

Funnel by Amy 6/9/04
American Hubris

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Word count.

I am going to proceed on the assumption that I will be speaking for ^{eight} ~~ten~~

minutes to an exceptionally intelligent group of people—which will leave ^{as ~~only~~} ~~five~~

^{seven} minutes for questions. I will speak with my stopwatch in hand. I will try to explain

~~for it has accorded me~~ and the love
my conception of my country which I have loved at its best and been appalled by at

its worst.

My love is selfish. My country has accorded me freedom as you wish. I can see the measure of freedom to think as I wish.

If I dare to offer a metaphor, it is that we are like a handsome, strong, fast

^{seven foot} giant who weighs ^{is} ~~over~~ 300 pounds, ^{and} yet has to be reassured every few

minutes that the odor of his armpits is splendid. It seems as if we have exactly this

^{but even more} desperate need to love ourselves as a country, as a religion, indeed. America is

~~nominal~~ ^{It} ~~devout~~, but the true religion of America is itself. We are exceptionalists.

At least half of this nation believes
We believe that God created America to be superior to all alternatives and so it

^{all} would be able to show them the way. It is an immense vanity that has produced our

which is one of the finest of all human freedoms. But I

have also been appalled by my country at its worst.

Also said we are full page 20 by 11

^{the}
had, and was ~~our~~ second-most ignorant,

2A

~~President!~~ I then added, "Guess who is first?"

That is a large statement to make in the

^{former President's death, a}
week after a prominent man's death, but I
man much beloved by half of
my country, but I do believe what
I have just said to explain the remark,
~~believe it. For that, let me attempt to offer a~~
~~summarize all too quickly)~~

~~summary in capsule of~~ the history of the last

four decades.

2B

~~Since~~ Shortly after the Second World War,

~~we had been in a~~ ^{entered into} Cold War with Russia. Our

religious belief in ourself as a nation encouraged

^{be certain,} us to ~~believe~~ ^{all} that Communism was ^{all} evil and we were ^{all} good. We could believe nothing less. Our heads could hardly be clear, we lived in a profound contradiction. We were a ~~Christian~~ nation who believed in love, but were good. We had to defeat Communism. We were also capitalists. We believed in the benevolent and viable powers of greed. This conflict was so antipathetic to reason or resolution that we chose to rely on

~~Richard Nixon, who had built his early career on~~ ^{the} national slogans and super-simplifications. To repeat: Communism was all evil, and we were all good. Ergo, we had to defeat Communism. ~~Richard Nixon, who had built his early career~~ on this variety of ~~absolute~~ patriotic dogma, was

also wily enough, cynical enough, politically

just say
Nixon, who had built his early career on ~~this variety of~~ absolute patriotic dogma,

was also wily enough, cynical enough, politically skilled enough, and never *in the*

least
embarrassed by his past to recognize that with the death of Stalin, the USSR had

begun to decline and was eager to seek for peace since *its* economic and social

problems were so entrenched that its leaders knew ~~that~~ Communism was not going

they did work, however,
to conquer the world for ages to come, if ever. *They wanted to exercise the faint*

to keep their faith in the faint

possibility that they could refashion their economy in such a manner that it could

if the arms race ended. They
perhaps they could

begin to compete with America, a faint hope at best, but theirs.

Nixon liked the possibility. He had made peace with China. Now, if he

was doubtful at least as he said it,
could make peace with the USSR, he ~~would have~~ (to go down in history as one of

say he
the greatest Presidents of all time. He was ready to discard American

politically
exceptionalism. Religion, to a man as ~~functionally~~ oriented as Tricky Dick, was not

and certainly not
a belief you had to triumph in or (kill yourself for, no, it was *just another means* ~~one more~~ useful tool for

~~public man~~ ^{Henry} ~~and Kissinger~~
a smart ~~politician~~ ^{no more}. So he ^{serious} began preliminary talks with Brezhnev. ^{pretense}

was in the air. Then Watergate came along. We may never know if Watergate just

~~(more or less happened)~~ ^{was a fluke}, or ~~whether it was~~ a successful operation

originated by American exceptionalists who were damned if ~~we were~~ ^{Nixon was} going to make

peace with those ^{Russian} Reds. China ^{had been} was enough, by God. Watergate rendered Richard

^(politically) ~~impotent~~, ^{So, there was no} Nixon ~~powerless~~. ^{No peace, no dramatic reduction of the Cold War, and by the}

time Ronald Reagan came along, the old religion that America is the most

exceptional nation on earth was back in full strength. Communism, by Reagan's

^{not only} ~~and~~ ^{Get} logic, was strong, implacable, and ~~evil~~, was, indeed, The Evil Empire.

I remember visiting the USSR in 1984. I went as a tourist and came back ~~enraged~~

~~I was so angry~~ ^{enraged} at my own country. The USSR (at least as ^{seen} in Moscow, its most

~~prosperous and powerful city~~ ^{more} was the most depressed country ^{than any country} I had ever visited.

There was no hope on the faces one saw in the street, and certainly no happiness, no

confidence that their system would ever inherit the world. ^{The gloom,} It was so palpable you
 could taste ^{it.} the gloom. I hated ^{how} Reagan's use of the phrase, ^{used} (The Evil Empire, as a ^{sure-fire}
^{For the USSR} ~~He~~ ^{it} ~~was~~ ^{no longer a threat,} ~~bully~~ ^{Catch-} ~~pulpit.~~ ^{phrase.} The USSR was instead the largest and most depressed Third World
^{in the world,} ~~that then existed.~~ ^{All the same,} Reagan intensified the arms race, ^{and} ~~Reagan~~ ^{America} ~~was~~ ^{entered into} a financial
^{At the end of the speeding spree that is a mutual} ~~contest rather than a war.~~ ^{arms} He bankrupted the Soviet Union and this big banker's ^{race,}
^{the} ~~U.S.~~ ^{had} victory magnified our notion that the U.S. was not only the most powerful country in
 the world but now had a moral duty—or so ^{saw} ~~did~~ the Exceptionalists see it—to run the

world. Our vanity was that we were the only ones who knew how to.

Contemplate the ^{fury} ~~rage~~ of these exceptionalists when we did not proceed to ^{do} ~~take over~~ ~~even~~

just that, but to the contrary, ^{over detente and} ~~twisted back and forth between international~~
~~limited resistance in Afghanistan, Colombia and~~
~~cooperation and preemptive injections of democracy a la Kosovo.~~ How the

^{How they} ~~Exceptionalists~~ ^{withered} ~~raged~~ ^{that} ~~we~~ had lost an opportunity to install ourselves as

overlords to the world.

This is, I believe, the best explanation for how the Republicans came to choose George W. Bush. They knew ^(obliged to characterize) that if you were to summarize half of the population of the United States in one sentence, it would be that we Americans hate any question that takes longer than ten seconds to answer. I can only add that we

now have the President we deserve. ~~Needless to add that America is now living in the costs and realities of exceptionalism. Our American history is certainly an aphrodisiac~~

American Hubris

I am going to proceed on the assumption that

(no more than)
I will ~~be speaking~~ for eight minutes to an

exceptionally intelligent group of people—

that ^(us only) which will leave seven minutes for questions. ~~I So, I~~

~~Four restriction on time mean~~
~~there have generous 10 min~~

~~For I~~ will ^{also} speak with my stopwatch in hand. I will ^{also} try
(proceed)

to explain my conception of my country which I
love. Let me be the first to say:

~~have~~ loved ~~at its best~~ ^{although} and this love is selfish.

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America)
~~My country~~ has accorded me ~~(as you will soon~~

~~see)~~ the incomparable freedom to ~~think as I~~ *say what I*

think,
~~wish~~, which is one of the finest of all human

freedoms. But I have also been appalled by ~~my~~ *my*

~~the~~
country ~~at its worst.~~

If I dare to offer a metaphor, it is that we are
the equivalent of
~~like~~ a handsome, seven-foot giant who weighs

300 pounds, is all muscle, and yet has to be

reassured every few minutes that the odor of his

armpits is splendid. It seems as if we have *nothing*

less than a

~~exactly this desperate need to love ourselves as a~~

~~(~~very powerful a sentiment~~)~~
nation and this ~~so much so that the~~
need is ~~for~~ *so* powerful a sentiment
country, ~~but even more as a religion. The true~~

come to
that I have ~~long concluded~~ *that* ~~for~~
the most powerful religion in America
religion of America is itself. We are
is America itself. We are

exceptionalists. At least half of this nation

believes that God created America to be *exceptional*

to be *(other earthly America)*
superior to all ~~alternatives~~ and so ~~it would be~~

in order for America to be ^{others} able to show ~~them all~~ the way. It is ~~an~~ immense
 a vanity so immense that I would call it hubris, and this American
 vanity that has produced our ongoing talent for ~~hubris~~
~~unhappy even~~ ^{tragic} ~~the most unhappy~~ ^{hubris}
 serious and often ugly blunders in foreign

affairs. If we have had successes like the

Marshall Plan, we have also had our ten years in
 Viet Nam with 2,000,000 Asians killed
 as a result, and nothing but our national
 shame to show for it.
 Viet Nam. ~~We need to speak of~~
~~weapons of mass destruction~~

Over this last week, our media ~~has been~~ ^{with the}
 all-out assistance of the Bush
 Administration ~~has been~~
 deifying Ronald Reagan. Our media prospers by

(for hysteria) That is⁵
way of its built-in capacity to make every story
to say ~~first~~ it makes ~~every story~~
the media tends to make Italian
stories larger than they are told an interviewer
larger than it is. Last week I gave a quote to La

for La) that in my opinion
(Stampa) I said that Ronald Reagan was the

most overrated President America ^{has} had ever had,
after which I
and then remarked that he was also
and the our second-most ignorant, ^{Chief Executive} I then added,
to which I ^{could not restrain myself} ~~added~~ could only add,
"Guess who is first?" from adding, "Guess
who is first!"

(an ungrecious)
That is a large statement to make in the

week after a former President's death, a man

much beloved by half my country, but I do

believe what I have just said. To explain ^{such a} ~~the~~
judgements, let me ~~go through~~ ^{go through} ~~some of our~~
~~remark, let me summarize all too quickly the~~
~~some of our American~~

^{over} history of the last four decades. I promise
to do ^{this} in three minutes.

Shortly after the Second World War, we
entered into a Cold War with Russia. Our
religious belief in ourself as a nation encouraged
us to be certain that Communism was all evil

I had ever visited. There was no hope ⁱⁿ on the

faces one saw in the street, and certainly no

happiness, no confidence that their system

would ever inherit the world. The gloom was so

palpable you could taste it. I hated how Reagan had

been able to gallop ^{along} politically (if it were a

galloped along with The Evil Empire as a sure-footed

~~steed~~ ^{steed} when it was no more than a ~~distortion~~ ^{fact} (if it were a

~~fire catch phrase~~ ^{fact} For the USSR was no longer

much of an Empire.)

~~threat.~~ It was instead the largest and most

~~heavy legged~~ ^{crooked-legged}
horse, an all-out distortion of Truth

depressed Third World nation in the world. All

the same, Reagan intensified the arms race, and

By way of Star Wars

America entered into a financial contest. ~~At the~~

with the Russians. At the end of ~~this~~

the ~~end of the~~ spending spree that is a *monumental* mutual arms

succeeded in bankrupting
race, the U.S. ~~had bankrupted~~ the Soviet Union,

~~and~~ *this* big banker's victory magnified our

notion that the U.S. was not only the most

powerful country in the world but now had a

moral duty—or so the Exceptionalists saw it—

to run the world. Our vanity was that we were

the only ones who knew how to, and God they ~~seemed to know~~ ~~was in total agreement~~ ~~Certainly~~ ~~we've~~ ~~agreed~~ ~~was in~~ ~~total~~ ~~agreement~~

Contemplate the fury of these

(George Bush, Senior and Bill Clinton) ~~we did not proceed to do~~ ~~bold and preemptive moves~~ ~~How the~~ ~~exceptionalists then~~ ~~As they saw it, we~~ ~~just that. How they raged within.~~ ~~We had lost~~

a fabulous

an opportunity to install ourselves as overlords

to the world.

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in good time
how the Republicans came to choose George W.

~~Bush~~ ^{even if they knew within that he would be} ~~who was conceivably the~~
the most unqualified candidate ever to

~~Bush. They knew that if you were obliged to~~

~~However, the exceptionalists~~

run
for

President.

~~to~~ ^{characterize} (half of the population of the United

States) ^{Nevertheless, Republicans also knew that}
^{if you were to characterize half}

^{you could say}
States in one sentence, ~~it would be~~ that we

Americans hate any question that takes longer

than ten seconds to answer. I can only add that

we now have the President we deserve. Thank you

American Hubris

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And so } ~~exceptionally intelligent group of people~~

~~that~~ [✓] ~~which will~~ leave seven minutes for questions. &

Let us see if I can keep this promise.
Given such parameters, I will

~~will speak with my stopwatch in hand. I will try to~~ ^{also}
~~restrict myself to assertions~~
~~that the first is that I love my country,~~

~~to explain my conception of my country, which I~~

~~love. Let me be the first to say:~~

~~I have loved at its best and this love is selfish.~~

~~I Love America. And this~~

And this love is selfish.

America,
My country has accorded me ~~(as you will soon~~

~~see)~~ the incomparable freedom to ^{say what I} think ~~as I~~

think,
~~wish~~, which is one of the finest of all human

freedoms. ^{Have I} But I have also been appalled by my
country? Yes. ^{Very much so, when it is} ~~when it is at~~ at
~~its worst~~ ^{its} ~~its worst~~ worst.

Here, I ^{say} ~~would~~ I would say
If I dare to offer a metaphor, it is that we ~~are~~
that America has become
* ~~are~~ comparable to
like a handsome, seven-foot giant who weighs

300 pounds, is all muscle, and yet has to be

reassured every few minutes that the odor of his

armpits is splendid. It seems ^{we Americans,} as if we have a,

^{so compelling} exactly this desperate need to love ourselves as a ~~nation~~ ^{has become compelling} ~~and this need is so powerful~~ ^{outrageously} a sentiment that I have come to country, but even more as a religion. The true must conclude ~~that~~ the most powerful religion in America ^{is} ~~is~~ America ^(now) religion of America ~~is~~ itself. We are

exceptionalists. At least half of this nation

believes that God created America to be exceptional to be) (other earthly superior to all alternatives ~~and so it would be~~

in order for ^{the U.S.} America to be able
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affairs. If we have had successes like the

Marshall Plan, we have also had our ten years in
 Viet Nam with two million Asians
 killed as a result, and ^{so little to}
 for it, ^{so little to show} ~~nothing~~ but our national
~~Viet Nam.~~
 Shame.

Over this last week, our media ^{with the} ~~has been~~
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way of its built-in capacity ~~to make every story~~ ^{for hysteria,}
~~that~~ ^{which} tends to make every big
story) — can it have

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^{visceral} ~~been~~ ^{response?} — I told an
Italian interviewer for la Stampa

Stampa: I said that Ronald Reagan was the
that in my opinion)

most overrated President, America ^{has} ~~had~~ ever had,
after which I felt obliged to add
that he was also Chief Executive,
and the our second-most ignorant, I ~~then added,~~
after which I ^{said} ~~could not restrain~~
~~myself from adding,~~
"Guess who is first?"

^{an ungracious response to}
That is a ~~large~~ statement to make in the

~~week~~ after a former President's death, a man

much beloved by half my country, but I do

To begin to explain
believeⁱⁿ what I ~~have just said~~. ~~To explain the~~
the ferocity of this opinion, ~~to~~
permit me to accelerate through
a good part of our American
~~remark, let me summarize all too quickly the~~

over
history ~~of~~ the last four decades. *I promise*
to do this in three minutes,

Shortly after the Second World War, we

entered into a Cold War with Russia. Our

religious belief in ourself as a nation encouraged

us to be certain that Communism was all evil

and we were all good. We could believe

(Our minds were not open to
nothing less. Our heads could hardly be clear,

enough to look for finer distinctions.
after all with in ourselves

We lived in a profound contradiction. We were

a Christian nation who believed in love. *But we*
~~We~~

were also capitalist. We *also* believed in the

beneficent ~~and viable~~ powers of greed. ~~This~~
Inhabiting such opposites

conflict was so antipathetic to reason ~~or~~

So,
~~resolution that~~ we chose to rely on ~~national~~

~~slogans and~~ super-simplicities. To repeat:

Communism was all evil, and we were all good.

Ergo, we had to defeat Communism. Richard

Other words being

other way
Evil, it ~~will~~ would ~~destroy us.~~ *certainly destroy us,*

(Richard)
Nixon, who had built his early career on this

kind
~~variety~~ of patriotic dogma, was also wily

enough, cynical enough, politically skilled

enough, and never in the least embarrassed by

in the aftermath
his past to recognize that ~~with the death of~~

of and Khrushchev
 Stalin, the USSR had begun to decline and was

eager to seek for peace. Its economic and social

had become ^{so} ~~in~~evadlicable ~~that~~ ~~every~~one's
 problems were so entrenched that its ~~leaders~~
~~in Russia, the Politburo~~
~~and the people, knew that~~
~~knew~~ (Communism was not going to conquer

~~these~~ ~~leaders~~
~~these~~ ~~Communist~~s)
 the world for ages to come, if ever. ~~They did~~
 The most they could hope for was

~~did~~ ~~wish, however, to keep their faith in the faint~~
~~alive~~

~~the~~
 possibility that they could refashion their

economy if the armaments race ended. Then,

perhaps, they could begin to compete ^{economically} with

America, a faint hope at best, but theirs.

^{odds.}
Nixon liked the ~~possibility~~. He had made

peace with China. Now, if he could make peace

^{Soviet Russia,}
with the ~~USSR~~, he was bound, ^{as I expect} at least as he saw

↙
to go down in history as ^{a great} ~~one of the greatest~~

^{To gain that laurels}
Presidents ~~of all time~~. So, he was ready to

discard American exceptionalism. Religion, to

For
(a man as politically oriented as Tricky Dick, ~~was~~
our good versus their evil was
not a belief you had to ^{bleed} ~~fight~~ ~~and certainly~~ ~~not~~
~~die for~~ ~~it~~ ~~was~~ ~~just~~ ~~another~~ ~~most~~
not kill yourself for, no, it was just another most

useful tool for a smart public man ~~no more~~

So he and Henry Kissinger began preliminary peace
talks with Brezhnev. Serious ^{changes were} ~~détente~~ was in the

air. Then, Watergate came along. We may
never know if Watergate was a fluke, or a

successful operation originated by American

exceptionalists who were damned if Nixon was

play footsie the Politburo,
going to ~~make peace~~ with ~~those~~ Russian Reds.

Doing it with (However, it ~~originated~~ *came about*)
(China had been ^{bad} enough, by God.) (Watergate ~~came~~
arrived with perfect timing ~~and proceeded~~
for the exceptionalists, Watergate ~~proceeded~~
to rendered Richard Nixon politically impotent.

So, there was no peace, no dramatic reduction of

the Cold War, and by the time Ronald Reagan

came along, the old religion that America is the

most exceptional nation on earth was back ~~in~~

ⁱⁿ full strength. Communism, by Reagan's logic,
~~ruthless~~ ^{and} ~~growing in power~~
~~dangerous~~
was not only strong, ~~and implacable~~, but was,

indeed, The Evil Empire.

^(for the first time)
I remember visiting the USSR ~~in~~ 1984. ~~✓~~

~~but I~~ I came,
~~went as a tourist, and came back~~ enraged at my

~~own~~ country. The USSR ~~(at least as seen in)~~

~~Moscow~~ was more depressed than any ^{land} country

I had ever visited. There was no hope ⁱⁿ on the

faces one saw in the street, and certainly ~~no~~

happiness, no confidence that their system

would ever inherit the world. The gloom was so

The so-called, palpable you could taste it. I hated how Reagan ~~had been able to fast-fast it politically with his catch-phrase, "The Evil Empire" when he galloped along with The Evil Empire as a sure Evil Empire was~~

~~fire catch-phrase. For the USSR was no longer a much of an Empire,~~ had become longer

threat. It was instead the largest and most depressed Third World nation on the globe. Nonetheless Reagan chose to intensify the arms race,

depressed Third World nation in the world. All
~~You could sense it everywhere. They~~
~~were no longer a threat. All~~
~~Chose to intensify~~
 the same, Reagan intensified the arms race, and

→ Promulgating the threat of Star
 wars,
 America entered into a ^{spending contest} ~~new arms race~~ financial contest. At the
 with the Russians. At the

~~this mutual~~ ~~end of the spending spree that is a mutual arms~~

~~end of this) mutual spending spree~~
~~spree~~ succeeded in bankrupting
 race, the U.S. had bankrupted the Soviet Union (stakes

Big money cleaned the smaller
~~cleaning of the table~~
~~take over~~

and this big banker's victory magnified our
~~money~~ off the table, we called
 it winning the Cold War. That
 magnified our
 notion that the U.S. was not only the most

powerful country in the world but now had a

moral duty—or so the Exceptionalists saw it—

to run the world. Our vanity was that we were

And, of course,
the only ones who knew how to, *and God*
~~themselves they were positive there was a~~
~~total agreement on our side.~~

Contemplate the fury of these exceptionalists
~~and when George Bush, senior, and Bill~~
~~Clinton did not choose to make~~
~~Clinton chose not to make~~
~~exceptionalists when we did not proceed to do~~
such bold and preemptive moves.
How the exceptionalists
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As they saw it, we had lost a
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to the world.

This is, I believe, the best explanation for

why ^(in good time) how the Republicans came to choose George W. Bush even if the wisest of them had to know that he could well be the most unqualified candidate ever to ~~Bush. They knew that if you were obliged to~~ run for President. However, the exceptionalist also knew that if you were obliged to ~~to characterize~~ half of the population of the United

States ^{by} in one sentence, ^{that sentence might be} ~~it would be that we~~ ^{obliged} ~~have to~~ declare that we

(Americans hate any question that takes longer than ten seconds to answer. I repeat: we hate any question that takes longer than ten seconds to answer. I ~~can only~~ ^{would} add that

we now have the President we deserve. Thank you.
I am ready for your questions.

Farm notes

to be faced
trip & space

The rough edge of the tearing of the
neighbors' owned land. A peasant
who acts like a millionaire. A plain
edge that is not reflected. A man
for his part & achievement.

The potato crop. The land is used.
I should have put in 4000. The corn &
leaves of the reapers are second rate.
The house is sold because Alois, N.
spends all his time riding it. Alois
Dr. gets taken on the scale. One of the
cows gives good milk, but the ~~other~~
~~the~~ Angela is kept on the chain.
The other cow has a bad trouble. Alois
is in the hospital with the other.

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He had to recognize. He had forgotten too much that he was now remembering too late. One of the laws of his childhood that he had received from Johann Neumann before he was even ten years old was that when it came to farming there were no ~~laws~~ laws of procedure you could count on when you ^{met} ~~came to~~ an unexpected problem. Even your life time friends ~~would~~ ^{could} disagree with you on the solution. Every farmer had his own idea of how to cure a sick pig.

Now, ~~but~~ the prize sow he had bought with the farm was sick, and the three neighbors to whom he turned for advice all had offered in turn three different ~~solutions~~ ^{solutions}, an emetic, a purgative and a diuretic, and all were wrong. The sow stopped breathing and died. Because it was a pig, ~~because~~ ^{because} all three men had assumed the trouble could only be in the ~~stomach~~ ^{stomach}.

the stomach or the bowels, who had ^②
ever heard of ~~inflammation~~ ^{inflammation} in ~~the~~ ^{the}
~~case~~ consumption in such a young
beast? Perhaps it was something else.
Even the veterinarian he called in
after the fact was unsure.

Nothing could have ^{good enough} ~~aggravated~~
Alois more. To pay ~~money~~ ^{money} after the animal
had died because he had ~~had~~ ^{had} to know the
cause even if he would raise no more
pigs, and then found out that the
specialist — if you could call him
that was not sure of the cause, and
it would take further expense for lab-
tests, no, the expenditure now seemed
obscene. He had to ^{bury} ~~bury~~ the animal
who ~~not~~ ^{not} even daring to cut away
any ~~good~~ ^{good} part of it for the family to eat.