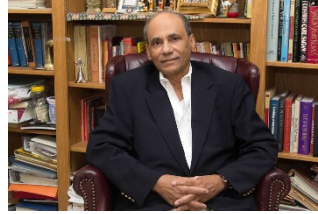


In Retrospect

Well Said Rogers! By Anil Shrivastava "Musafir"



We have mainly three candidates to choose from in the 2016 presidential election, corrupt Hillary Clinton, megalomaniac Donald Trump

and ignorant Gary Johnson. That's quite an eclectic array of candidates. Uh-oh! "But they pretty well represent who we are," said Will Rogers (1879 – 1935).

Will Rogers was both a philosopher and a humorist who talked to the masses in plain idiolect. I don't have to wonder what he would have felt about 2016 presidential nominees, if he were still alive. As a matter of fact, what he said then holds true now.

Many of us are fed up with the long election cycle. It's time consuming. All our president and legislatures do for two years is campaign to elect a new president. It's so frustrating that Will Rogers suggested, "Every time we elect some fellow we think he's terrible and then when we get another one in he's worse. So, I am always in favor of keeping the one we've got."

Well, my suggestion would be keep them for eight years straight.

And who thrusts these three candidates upon us? The real business of the conventions is settled in backroom by party luminaries. Will Rogers observed, "Our national conventions are nothing but glorified Mickey

Mouse cartoons, and are solely for amusement purposes."

These current candidates are so ludicrous that more and more viewers are tuning in to Saturday Night Live and late night comedy shows to really understand them. "Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously, and the politicians as a joke, when it used to be vice versa," lamented Will Rogers.

Mrs. Clinton pretends to favor recovery from the bottom. Mr. Trump wants it from the top. They both are insincere and have two faces, one for the elites and another for the commoners. "I've never heard of anybody suggesting that they might start it in the middle. Recovery should start halfway between the two, because it's the middle class that does everything anyhow," said Rogers.

Mr. Trump wants to make America safe again but he turns a blind eye when it comes to gun control (reform). Will Rogers aptly said, "They want peace. But they want a gun to get it with."

Mr. Trump has made more than his share of illogical and offensive statements against women and minorities to suggest that he may be a misogynist and misanthropic. At the same time, Mrs. Clinton has given all the reasons to believe that she acted illegally to hide her improprieties. She destroyed her evidence; Mr. Trump Couldn't. Rogers correctly assumed, "Many a politician wishes there was a law to burn old records."