

## **PERSONAL OPINION & INVENTORY-5/26/08**

I have pretty much given up writing idealistic utopian imaginings. Our society only pretends to seek truth or virtue—but, in fact, shuns both. I now confine myself to unpublished op-eds every two years following the national elections. My reaction to the upcoming failure of the Democrats to win majorities in either house of Congress will be predictably misanthropic.

Life is good. I feel so lucky to be in this place at this time in my life. And the best part is to have gotten here without selling my soul to some organization or institution. The pacifist anarchist's sweetest revenge is to survive with a smile on his face. Do I feel guilty for not providing better for my family and for not manifesting my convictions in courageous activism? A little, I suppose, but not enough to let it derail my groove.