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Our Heritage

TRUE FREEDOM IS THE RIGHT TO ACT, BE, THINK, SAY AND FEEL AS YOU WISH, AS LONG AS WHAT YOU DO, DOES NOT INFRINGE UPON THE RIGHTS OF ANOTHER OR THE MAJORITY RULE.

FREEDOM WITH DISCIPLINE

RIGHTS WITHOUT DISCIPLINE

PRODUCE CRIME AND CHAOS.

CRIME WITHOUT SERIOUS PUNISHMENT

RESULTS IN THE LOSS OF FREEDOM FOR ALL.

FREEDOM OR SERVITUDE?

The question is ... are we going to stand up for what we believe, or are we going to continue living for ourselves, while others steal our freedoms from us?

Throughout history when the majority has gone to sleep, the minority has stolen not only the freedoms, but the creativity and prosperity of a nation as well.

What will it take for you to make a firm decision to stand up and fight for what you believe? Perhaps you need more information before you choose your pathway for the future.

This book may help you understand the issues and make that decision.



Never Ever Forget

Right decisions at the right time with the right motives generate the right results.

Clifton Lambreth, author of "Ford and the American Dream"



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From the Author

Recent polls in America tell us that at least seventy-eight percent of Americans believe in God. This means a possible twenty-two percent either do not believe in God or have unanswered questions concerning a higher power or supreme being. The fact that our citizens can express their beliefs is one sign of the freedom in which we live. We must never forget—we are <u>all</u> one hundred percent Americans!

In this book you will find ideas that you may or may not approve of, that's okay! However, this book was not written to tell you what to believe or do, but rather to guide you to think about pathways to restore America, its people, its flag and its respect back to the glory days of yesteryear.

Let me make this very clear. In most cases we would like to put the blame on other people, political parties, the media; anyone beside ourselves. The truth is ... you and I are to blame for the mess we are in!

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The reality is that, as Americans, we have lost the path that each individual must walk in order to keep basic principles of individual freedom strong in their personal life and the life of our country.

There's no reason to address our mistakes in this book. I feel if you are reading this book, you are probably a very perceptive individual, and able to see the various ways we have gone astray. In this book, we will discuss various topics that together we must resolve. Only then can we have a rebirth of America with an atmosphere of liberty and justice for all.

Here at the start, let me say that I am <u>not</u> a preacher! The principles I discuss may sound like "God talk" at times, but in my business and personal life I have learned the hard way that we are all seed planters. Like the farmers that till our soil, what we sow, good or bad, we reap many times over. In many ways, America is reaping a harvest from the bad seeds we have all planted by not standing up for the basic principles our forefathers believed and practiced.

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We've permitted selfishness and greed to slowly change our way of life, under the cloak of "individual freedom"; a lie once disclosed, must be rejected or we will all perish from within. The greatest terrorist to the American way of life lies in our own apathetic attitudes.

This book will point the way to the restoration of our true freedoms. Let me make myself very clear right now: NO ONE HAS TO GIVE UP WHAT THEY BELIEVE. The very opposite is true! This book will assist in solidifying what each reader believes and it is my desire to move the reader to be willing to stand up for that belief.

One of our biggest problems today is most of us do not take the time to study the facts. As a result, we rarely make a decision based on what we do or don't believe. Many of us simply do not think for ourselves anymore. We allow the modern media to determine our beliefs and establish our opinions for us. Another reason for our passive attitude may be that as individuals, we may feel at times that some in the media or many of our leaders have hidden agendas when reporting or speaking about the facts. If you have this opinion, you may feel you have no real information on which to base your decision or choices. This mistrust always leads to a feeling of hopelessness. Past history has proven that when you have only a few thinkers ... and a lot of followers ... it isn't long before you have tyranny instead of democracy. I do not want this to happen to my children, grandchildren, or this great country we live in. How about you?

As you read this book, to truly understand it, keep these basic principles in mind; they are the very foundation of our freedoms.

 We are a REPUBLIC! The World Book dictionary says a republic is a nation or state in which citizens elect representatives to manage the government.

- 2. We are a DEMOCRACY! The World Book dictionary says a Democracy is a government that is run by the people who live under it. In a Democracy, the public rules either directly through meetings that all may attend, such as town meetings, or indirectly through the election of certain representatives who attend to the business of running the government.
- Democracy is a government of the people, by the people and for the people, distinguished from a government ruled by and for a particular privileged class, political power or religious body.
- Democracy is the treatment of others as one's equal.
 (According to the dictionary, it seems our democracy may be going astray).

The pathway to true democracy is rule by the people. This means lobbyists and any who would influence life in a Democracy should use their persuasion on citizen voters, and not on elected representatives. In fact, you could say that lobbyists who try to influence elected officials are stealing the rights of citizens, and should be punished accordingly. It is important to remember God gave each of us a free will! We have the right to vote as we choose, as well as to try to encourage others to see the value in voting a certain way.

Once the majority's decision has been determined by our votes, then the decision has been made! If I feel the decision unjust, (for example if my state votes in favor of abortion and I am morally against it), then according to a book written thousands of years ago, "We are to come out from among them, less we suffer the same fate as they will." In other words, I need to pack up and move to another state if I feel that strongly about it.

We should never take the right of free will from an individual, or group of individuals; Choice is a God-Inherent right!



America's Heritage

Back when our country was first settled, individuals from various countries brought their beliefs, cultures and native languages with them. Did this create problems as various groups intermingled with each other? Sure it did! They encountered the same problems we have today in America when new cultures come to our country with different beliefs, customs, and languages we do not understand.

The early settlers had all types of religious and social problems with the various groups that arrived on our shores. Many groups, even those from England, could not always agree on methods or styles of worship or government. Yet, somehow, by some means ... whether thought out, or through Godly design ... they eventually began to speak one language, developed one main culture, and evolved into the greatest and most powerful nation the world has ever known. A nation admired by all other countries until recently. What has happened to us? Let's be honest—we are the problem! Unless we admit it, we will never recover the greatness we once enjoyed. For the purpose of this book, I have entitled the steps of this recovery, "Rebirth of a NATION."

In any birth, there's always pain. Yet when new life comes forth all pain is forgotten. Bringing about a rebirth of our nation will be painful in many ways for each of us. How painful, will be determined by how selfish and how self-centered we are individually, socially, and politically. <u>Please read that</u> <u>sentence again</u>!

The process begins and expands with one individual at a time. It starts with you... and with me. Our faith in what we believe will start to be transferred to those around us. Soon the majority in America will be on fire, thirsting for the rights and justice our constitution demands.

Now, let's look at the five basic principles we must incorporate into our personal and national life in order to recover our true democratic heritage.



How did this country's early settlers, burdened with different languages, different beliefs, different cultures, different religions and even different denominations, manage to come together to work and live? The answer lies with each individual. They all had one basic goal, and so strong was their determination to reach that goal, that they were willing to chance death itself as they set out on voyages of unbelievable hardship, crossing mighty oceans.

What was their goal? They wanted to be free. They wanted to make their own rules, decide their own laws and

worship God the way they wanted to. They did not want a king or dictator telling them how to worship or live!

I truly wonder about me... about you... about our neighbors and friends today. Are we willing to place all our possessions ... even our lives ... in jeopardy to preserve the freedoms so many of our ancestors and even recent family members have died for?

Most early settlers believed in a higher power, a power greater than themselves. They not only believed in a God, they believed He/She¹ was a GOOD God. They believed if they worked hard and did good things for themselves and others, God would bless them. They also believed if they were selfish and full of greed with no thought for others, or did evil to others, God's justice would repay them in like kind, multiplied many times.

¹ The Bible seems to say that God has both a male and female nature. He created Adam in His image with both a male and female nature. (GEN: 1:27) He then took a rib (female nature) from Adam and created Eve (GEN: 2:22)

These beliefs were not religious beliefs based solely on the Torah or Bible or any other spiritual books. They were basic fundamental truths based on experience and proven by ages of watching the lifestyles of those who succeeded and those who failed over a lifetime. Many of us have observed these results in our own lives and in the lives of others.

Because of their cultures, these early settlers were different in almost every way except one. Most believed in the basic principle: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." As a result, the freedom we have in America today is based on a constitution that came forth from those who desired liberty and justice for all.

In order to return America back to a position where God can bless us, or if you choose not to believe in God (that's your right), back to the basic principles that ensure our individual freedoms, we must return to the basic concepts our forefathers used as the foundation of our constitution. Each inhabitant must be guided, encouraged and motivated to make them a part of his or her daily life. Only then will we have the peace and security we all desire. In every area of our life, we must begin making decisions based upon these simple words: "<u>Do unto others as you would</u> <u>have others do unto you</u>". Only then can we expect others to do the same for us. In later chapters, we will examine some of the topics we sometimes fight and argue over. I will offer some possible solutions to them, based upon the "Five Principles of Freedom."

We must never forget many solutions exist for the same problem. Perhaps you'll be the one who has the <u>best</u> answer! The main pitfall to avoid, if we want to return our country and our people to their former glory, is to make sure the decisions we are willing to fight for on the local, state and national level are *honestly* the best solutions for the majority of our citizens. The majority must rule; that's democracy! When the majority is silent, and the minority groups are the vocal ones, over time, freedom is lost for all.

There is one very important ingredient to freedom we have forgotten! *There has to be a balance between freedom and discipline.* We will discuss this in the section on Justice.

Unless we discipline those who ignore our basic principles, the individuals of a nation slowly lose their freedom.

For those readers who believe in God, you know that God's love ... as great as it is for us ... is still balanced by His justice. His justice is for our own good! A life gone astray will continually reap a harvest of pain and suffering. Only justice can make an individual rethink his situation.

The same relationship must occur between freedom and justice. You cannot have one without the other. In this book, we will see that our refusal to recognize this relationship has placed us on a path in which our freedoms are slowly being lost. It's never too late to recover when we are willing to admit our mistakes and take the actions to correct them.

Freedom Principle # 1

"Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You in the Same Situation."

<u>QUESTION</u> What was the foundation of Martin Luther King's success?

ANSWER

"If you will protest courageously, and yet with dignity and Christian love, when the history books are written in future generations, the historians will have to pause and say, there lived a great people... A black people... who injected new meaning and dignity into the veins of civilization."

Martin Luther King, Jr.

December 31, 1955 Montgomery, AL



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<u>"What You Believe About Yourself</u> You Will Soon Confess Aloud and, in Due Season, You Will Become."

Nutritionists have proven that the quality and quantity of foods we place in our mouths, determine the vitality, energy and health our bodies will experience. The same relationship is true of our senses and how they affect our minds. The mind, emotions and will of an individual operate just like a computer. Our five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch feed information into our computer. The mind then recalls this information when a decision is to be made.

Emotions are also stored in our mind's computer. Each emotion is attached to the information that was taken in with it. When your mind recalls something positive or negative someone said about you, a feeling of exhilaration or sadness arises in you. This process controls what we finally believe about ourselves. Our beliefs, in due season, will be expressed in words. Actions always follow words. Thus, what we believe about ourselves we will soon confess and, eventually, we will become. There is life and death in the power of the tongue!

Now let's suppose you and I spend a lot of time watching TV, reading the newspaper and listening to the news. What type of information are we taking into our mind? Think about it: we are taking in information that makes us feel depressed. Wars are everywhere! Crime, drugs, famous people doing scandalous things, that's the news. How often are we informed of positive news?

Let's not blame the media—it's not their fault! They're doing a great job at what they do. Remember, in order for any business to make a profit, they have to give the *customer what they want*. And we in America seem to thrive on the latest tragic news, the big scandals, and so forth. It seems we really enjoy seeing the rich and famous crash and burn. We must make a choice and act on it if we truly desire to be all we can be. Just as an athlete places only healthy portions of food in his or her mouth in order to accomplish a goal, we must permit only healthy, positive ideas, thoughts and emotions to enter our minds. What we think upon we become!

Somehow, we have come to believe the only way a person could have attained success was by doing something dishonest, or by simply being lucky. This is not true! Millions of individuals all over the *world* have traveled the road to success by using only the tools of hard work, and a desire to fill or serve the needs of others. Today, the opportunities for success are better than ever, but only for those who make a commitment to do something to take advantage of them.

May I ask a question? Where are we to get our guidance, encouragement and motivation for success if most of our time is spent filling our minds and emotions with pictures and thoughts of wrong doing, pain and misery? An hour a week in church will not do it! To be a success we must feel good about ourselves! This means we must think and focus on good things.

We must stop filling our minds with negatives and start looking for positives in each situation. Negative thinking leads a person to constantly criticize those around them. Why? For one reason: they have low self-esteem! Without realizing it, they have a need to bring others down to lift up their own ideas and self-worth. In truth, a person who constantly criticizes is like a fountain spewing out a poison that kills everything it touches. Thus, they continue to fail!

Our television talk shows, for the most part, discuss great topics. They could be a wonderful opportunity for our citizens to hear both sides of an issue. However, many times it's difficult to hear what either side is saying because both are talking at the same time. We must learn to state our position intelligently, not sell it as if it were a bar of soap. Let the listener be free to make his or her decision. That's freedom's way! The time has come for us to stand up and stop listening to those who do nothing but criticize. A creative, dynamic individual, with a good mind and ideas on how to solve problems is a leader who doesn't have time or energy to waste worrying about what someone else is doing.

Criticizing is a habit we all need to break. It poisons our inner being. The more negatives we focus on, the more we speak them aloud. Success comes from action and counting your blessings!

Freedom Principle # 2 "What You Believe About Yourself You Will Soon Confess Aloud and, in Due Season, You Will Become."



<u>QUESTION</u> In time of trial, where did President Roosevelt look for help?

ANSWER

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself... We face arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values...

In this dedication of a nation, we humbly ask the blessings of God.

May He protect each and everyone of us! May He guide me in the days to come!"

Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

32nd President of the United States Given March 4th, 1933, as America was just entering The Great Depression.



<u>"Freedom is an Individual Right</u> <u>as Long as the Person does not</u> <u>Infringe on the Rights of Another,</u> <u>or the Laws of the Majority."</u>

Freedom is earned, individually and collectively by a nation. It is lost the same way. You cannot buy freedom! You and I must make the hard and tough decision to *choose* it, and then be willing to fight to maintain it. Freedom is a guaranteed right for a citizen of the United States only as long as he or she is willing to defend that freedom with their time, talent, treasures and maybe even their lives.

The citizens of any nation who abandon themselves to pleasure seeking and comfort have already lost their freedom, and do not have the presence of mind to know it. The protection of freedom is a choice that individuals must make every day of their lives in order to stay free! Every individual who enters the United States of America must understand that their rights to do, say, and be, exist only as long they do not infringe on the rights of another person.

The laws of the majority must rule in the geographical area where the laws are to be exercised. This means to have true freedom, each individual must expose him or herself to the facts, make a decision, and vote accordingly. To do any less means we place so little value on our freedoms that we're willing to lose them. Freedom requires self-discipline by those who would enjoy the rights of freedom. When a population's self-discipline becomes lax, and the rights of others are infringed upon; when punishment is not swift and proportionate to the offense, then freedom's rights fade under the weight of tyranny. There are always leaders who want total control and will take it. Please listen carefully; the right of freedom is only a right for a law-abiding citizen. A person's rights cease when they've been found guilty of an offence against a law of the majority rule. We must never forget rights carry responsibilities. People in jail should not have the same rights as law-abiding citizens!

Many of our prisons are jungles today. The guards risk their lives every day they go to work. Gangs rule many prisons on the inside. Why? Is it possible the rights we have given criminals minimize the punishment that would put the fear of God in them? If so, then it's time to add stern discipline to those rights! I strongly suggest we focus more on the pain the victim has endured and be less sympathetic to the criminal who planned the crime.

This is one area where America has lost its way. Somehow we have come to believe every person, whether law-abiding or criminal, has equal rights. This belief is one source of our problems! In our country a person isn't guilty until proven so in a court of law. This is the way it has to be. However, once proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, they should have absolutely no rights until their punishment has been paid in full to the American people. If they break the law while in prison, their punishment must be swift and so physically severe that they, or others, will avoid it at all costs in the future.

Lest you feel the above statement is too bold, we'll cover it in more detail during the chapter on American Justice. It's important to remember the only reason an individual will not rest his hand on a hot stove is because he knows in advance the burn will cause him much pain. You could not find one person out of a thousand who would deliberately do it. Yet every day we have individuals who steal, rob and kill, without fear of legal consequences.

Why do you feel this situation continues to exist? Why should law abiding citizens be hurt or killed? Is it possible our current system of correction is so slow, and the punishment so weak that criminals are not deterred because the rewards of crime are greater? I am not speaking literally, but the threat of a hand on a hot stove would change the

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thinking of many "soon to be" criminals. Freedom demands a price from all of us! Do we have the backbone and fortitude to demand it?

America has a choice. We can continue down the path we are walking now, or each of us can start thinking, talking, even praying about the steps we can take to rebirth our nation." The time has come to stand up and be counted! Regardless of whether you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, Conservative or Liberal, we have a choice to make! Our choice must be based on solid principles of rights for all, backed up by swift justice. To follow those who would destroy our great country would be foolish. , The choice is OURS... yours and mine! This choice will impact our future.

Freedom Principle #3

<u>"Freedom is an Individual Right as Long as</u> the Person does not Infringe on the Rights of Another, or the Laws of the Majority."

QUESTION How is a nation blessed?

ANSWER

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

> Psalm 33:2 King James Version

"By the blessings of the upright the city is exalted: But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked."

> Proverbs 11:11 King James Version



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"The Majority of Law-Abiding Citizens of a Specific Geographic Area Must be Free to Make the Laws for Their Area, as Long as They Do Not Infringe on the Freedom of Surrounding Areas or Contradict the National Laws the Majority of Citizens of All States Have Agreed upon Collectively."

This principle means that, should the majority of law-abiding citizens of a state approve a law that's not in conflict with a national law or our constitution, they have full freedom and rights to do so. This law has to be one dealing strictly with the rights and lifestyle of citizens of that state and will in no way infringe on the laws of any other neighboring area. National issues such as immigration, Federal taxes, declaring war, etc, should be decided by a majority vote of all the citizens of all the states.

Each state's decision must be based on how the majority of its citizens vote on an issue. The purpose of elected representatives is not to decide on their own how they will vote on issues. They are to meet with other representatives, whether it is in Washington or state capitals, and by listening, discussing and compromise come up with solutions that the majority of people can understand and agree on <u>within their districts</u>.

Representation should <u>not</u> be a full-time job in Washington or our state capitals. It should be a full-time job in their districts, educating and listening to those who elected them. They need to live in their district, not in the state or Federal Capitol. They must be of the people, by the people and for the people of their area of representation. Our Supreme Court judges must strictly enforce the constitution without shading its meaning to the right or left. They will be held responsible, individually, by a higher power than those who elected them into their position. I am sure they are aware of it!

After 200 years, it is time for us to decide what our constitution really says and make up our minds to live by it. Our selfishness has blinded our judgment and twisted our laws to fit our needs, regardless of wisdom or truth. Punishment and pain always follow undisciplined behavior, whether that of an individual or a nation.

I am not suggesting we eliminate political parties. However, we must stop the manipulation of the general public by politicians and members of the media who would try to control elections for their own selfish benefit ... should there ever be one who tries to do so. To protect our rights of freedom, we must return the authority to the majority of our citizens. In some circles, this is considered dangerous. However, unless a knowledgeable majority of citizens rule, we will follow the path of the Roman and Greek civilizations to our doom. The choice is yours and mine!

Freedom Principle # 4

"The Majority of Law-Abiding Citizens of a Specific Geographic Area Must be Free to Make the Laws for Their Area, as Long as They Do Not Infringe on the Freedom of Surrounding Areas or Contradict the National Laws the Majority of Citizens of All States Have Agreed upon Collectively."



Section I ★★★★★★★★★★

CHAPTER 5 WE MUST DECIDE "WHO IS IN CONTROL!"

<u>"Unless an Individual or the</u> <u>Majority of Individuals in a Nation</u> <u>Believe in a Power Greater Than</u> <u>Themselves and Each Other, There</u> <u>will Always be Temptation Toward</u> <u>Greed and Selfishness. Such</u> <u>Behavior in Due Season, Brings</u> <u>Pain and Suffering to All, Not Just</u> <u>to the Offender."</u>

Please consider the following statement. In a true democracy, the responsibility for a deliberate, unlawful act committed by an individual, lies not with the offender, but with the <u>majority</u> who haven't made the punishment strong enough to make the individual fear being punished. We have failed to make the consequences equal to the severity of the crime! The legal system of a true free society should be very simple. Everyone must know the law and the penalty for breaking it. The laws must be few in number. Everyone must understand the punishment is as bad as putting your hand on a hot stove. No sane person would do that. Those individuals who are not sane must be helped, whenever possible, in the most compassionate way. However, they must never be permitted to enjoy freedoms that would place others in possible danger.

The majority of individuals in America believe in a higher power. We are told by books almost six thousand years old, that *love* and *faith* are the key characteristics of a Godly life. Those who know God on a personal level know God has their best interests at heart. He is not a vengeful God. He is a good God who wants to bless us if we will only let him. No father can be a blessing to a rebellious child!

Those individuals who make it a pattern in their life to do the best they can, trusting God to help them meet their needs, are also able to help meet the needs of others around them. These principles are the basis for an ever continuing peaceful and enjoyable life.

For those burdened with the guilt of past mistakes and failures many call sins, a true spiritual leader can help. There is a simple solution for you! Millions throughout history have experienced the freedom only God's gift to mankind can provide. (John 3:16) All you have to do is "accept it!"

To have a successful society, there must be fair rules, and they must be fair for all. Individuals, left to their own ways, have been unable to overcome the failings within themselves to make perfect laws. A truly free society, based on these five Godly principles, will bring stability to our nation.

Will we be perfect? No. However, we will be able to live out our lives with the rights and privileges our Constitution promises us... liberty and justice for all.

Freedom Principle # 5

<u>"Unless an Individual or the Majority of</u> <u>Individuals in a Nation Believe in a Power</u> <u>Greater Than Themselves and Each Other,</u> <u>There will Always be Temptation Toward</u> <u>Greed and Selfishness. Such Behavior in Due</u> <u>Season, Brings Pain and Suffering to All,</u> <u>Not Just to the Offender."</u>



Section I ★★★★★★★★★★

CHAPTER 6 SUMMARY OF THE FIVE BASIC FREEDOM PRINCIPLES

Principle # 1: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, in the same situation.

Principle # 2: What you believe about yourself, you will soon confess aloud and, in due season, you will become.

Principle # 3: Freedom is an individual right only as long as a person does not infringe on the rights of another or the laws of the majority.

Principle # 4: The majority of law-abiding citizens of a specific geographic area must be free to make laws for their area, as long as they do not infringe on the freedoms of surrounding areas or contradict the national laws that the majority of citizens of all states have agreed upon collectively.

Principle # 5: Unless an individual or majority of individuals in a nation believe in a power greater than themselves and act on it, there will always be temptation toward greed and selfishness. In due season, such behaviors bring pain and suffering to all, not just to the offender. A nation whose citizens abide by these five principles will enjoy prosperity, protected by a higher power who is willing to help defend their freedom of life and principles. When a nation rejects these basic principles of liberty and freedom for all, or compromises them in any way, then confusion sets in. This discord permits those who would overcome the nation to do so from within.

If you think how we handle many of the basic freedoms we inherited from our forefathers, you'll quickly see that, in many areas of life today, the tail is wagging the dog. In these cases, only by a majority of all citizens voting their preference can the situation be corrected. As I've said before, it's time to STAND UP AND BE COUNTED.

QUESTION

How can our thoughts, words and actions, destroy the prosperity of our nation?

ANSWER

"The propitious smiles of heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."

George Washington.

1789, Inaugural Address



SECTION II True Freedom and Personal Responsibility

CHAPTER 1 OUR FREEDOM MUST BEGIN WITH YOU AND WITH ME!

No one individual has all the answers. As we begin to think (and just as importantly) speak without criticism, we'll find there are no *totally* wrong answers to our problems. Many individuals will have critical pieces of the puzzle. But left unspoken, the solution may never be found.

Working together as Americans, we can solve even the toughest problems our nation faces. We have done it in the past and we can do it again if we are willing to return to the basic principles that made our country great. They are simple but profound! Do you remember these famous words? "UNITED WE STAND.... IN GOD WE TRUST."

These two principles have stood, tall and strong in American history. They are the foundation for the five freedom principles we have just discussed. The majority of Americans firmly believe in them, yet few have been willing to stand up and defend them!

In this section I will attempt to link our basic American principles to the nation's major problems to show possible "freedom" solutions. Please remember two things as you read each topic. <u>I am not a preacher</u>. I am using THE PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM and the rights contained in them, not religious dogma. Also, please remember: <u>I know I do not have all</u> <u>the answers, or even pieces of them</u>. But, I feel strongly that through our citizens we will find them.

In this book I am trying to put forth some ideas to stir up your thinking, passion and enthusiasm. We all need to become part of a rising army of individuals who are willing to stand up and be counted on to restore our nation. We are a wealthy country! We can use our wealth for pleasure, ease and comfort, or we can use it to change the physical health of our citizens, the quality of material we watch, the literature we read, and the education our children receive. Our American companies are great! They provide us with whatever we want to spend our money on. The question is: what type of future life do we want for our families? The choice is ours!

We must never forget that everything we purchase, and what we watch or listen to, determines where advertising dollars are spent and what is produced. Together we can determine the role of morality in America by our lifestyle!

Only as the majority of citizens vote to pass laws reflecting the five basic principles of freedom we have just discussed, will America be on its way to true greatness, prosperity and freedom for all. Together we can build a country each of us can be proud of. We will never all agree on everything; but our differences, blended together, will bring forth the ideals of a great nation built on liberty and justice for all.

May I make a suggestion? If you find yourself becoming angry, even furious, about something you read in this book, stop a moment and ask yourself this question: "Why am I getting so angry?" There has to be a reason for your anger. I am a free citizen of this great country, just like you. I vote for the person I feel is the most honest, most trust worthy, and will do the best job, just as I am sure you do. We may not agree on everything, but let's try to understand each other's point of view. Then instead of criticizing, we can offer each other our constructive suggestions. Our goal by working together, should be to build a better America for all of us.

Political parties are good! Like-minded people can get together to develop their ideas and package them in the best possible way. However, to commit oneself to a party candidate, regardless of whom the party supports, is only right if you truly believe in your heart that candidate is the best person for the position.

The elected candidate also has a responsibility. He or she wasn't elected by his or her party alone. Election is achieved by the votes of the majority of our citizens. The elected official must represent the majority, not his party's views alone. These ideas may sound strange, but they are the very core of the protective shield we must build around our principles of freedom.

It is important that every person should have an idea, position or statement to make on every current topic. It is a must that there be a forum where anyone can state his or her views to those who have come to listen. We must have a method by which we can easily express our views to our elected officials—not just individually, but as a group, so that the majority view can be made known.

Any crowd demonstration that intrudes upon the rights and freedoms of the majority must have at its foundational purpose a wake-up call to return to the basic principles of freedom from which the majority has strayed. All other demonstrations, to be considered lawful, must be peaceful without intruding on the rights of the majority.

Our most important liberty is that everyone can and should voice their *positive* ideas on how to correct a particular situation that is important to them. These positive ideas will help all of us mature in freedom. As we discussed before, we should not accept the ideas of people who have only negative, criticizing things to say. These people are a poison to society. This type of poison will not only cause their own thinking to be sick but in due season if we believe their hate talk, whether it's correct or not, we will find ourselves repeating the same poison to others. <u>Positive thought creates positive talk, which in turn is the motivation behind positive action</u>.

Let's all begin stating positive ideas on how to solve negative situations, instead of negative ideas about someone else's positive thoughts. Two positive ideas, stated clearly, even if in opposite directions can often be blended together to produce a perfect compromise for all concerned.

Are you ready to join me in thinking a whole new way? Let's think for ourselves! Let's write our ideas down and not be afraid to express them to others. Let's *all* work together, have fun, and build a nation that can stand strong, proud, and free before the world. We can do it *together*!

Section II ★★★★★★★★★★

CHAPTER 2 THE IRAQ WAR

Only the future will truly reveal to the American people the real reasons why we entered this war. Many people have given us both good and bad reasons. The truth is, we need to stop wasting our time blaming individuals or parties, and come together to determine what to do about Iraq.

We must remember one of our basic principles of liberty is to help those in need of help... *but only if they will permit us to help them*. You cannot be a blessing to people who will not permit you to help them! Worse yet, is when people are not willing to help themselves.

The citizens of our great country may or may not know the truth about what is really going on in Iraq. We need to be told the truth! The majority of our citizens, not a few elected officials and those who surround them, are responsible for our destiny. We need to know what we are fighting for! Are we fighting a war for oil, or are we really trying to help the Iraqi people? Are we simply trying to polish a President's legacy? Will the future show if we had not fought the war in their backyard, it would now be in ours?

How serious are we about controlling gasoline usage? During World War II, we rationed gasoline. If our security or economy is at risk, why aren't we doing that now? Action would get our creative juices flowing! If people really want to win this war, why not draft a military force, turn some of our plants into military factories, and give our fighting men what they need?

I could go on and on! Basically, we (the majority) need to get the straight facts, make a decision and tell our leaders enough is enough. It is time to "<u>you-know-what</u>", or get off the pot! That may sound like street language, (forgive me) but after all, isn't that where the population lives that bears the brunt of decisions made by a few? We need to get off of our soft sofas and make some tough decisions. To do this we need the truth!

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Our media does a great job of reporting. However, as anchor man Dan Rather, who recently retired, stated on the Larry King Show (interviewed Sept 21, 2007), at times, he was managed concerning what he could and could not say. I can understand why management felt they had to control the dispersal of information. The question we all must decide is whether we will continue to accept news reporting that may or may not represent actual news. The value of a reporter must lie in his or her ability to transmit what they see in such a way that those who hear them, feel they have a front row seat to the actual happening. Slanted news is as bad as selling spoiled milk and should be punished accordingly.

The problem is the media no longer just reports the news. They exert tremendous influence and sadly, in some cases, use it to get the individuals they prefer elected. This is human nature. Someone reading this book might do the same, if given the chance. But this type of behavior is killing the rights of true freedom in America. It is the way to tyranny and the loss of all freedom. I keep repeating this last sentence because we must never forget it.

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A population moved to and fro by manipulation soon loses all desire to even care what is going on. To escape reality, they slowly escape into pleasure seeking, alcohol, drugs, entertainment, etc, anything to take their mind off of reality. This must stop! The majority must take a stand!

We must stop sending billions of dollars to people who are apparently unable or unwilling to govern or help themselves. I'm not only talking about people in other countries, but to many here in America as well. Only a fool continues to put his money in a paper bag with holes in the bottom. We were not put on this earth to defend all the people of the world and ensure them the same liberties we have. They have to fight for those rights themselves!

We do have a responsibility to defend our own people! The money we are currently spending overseas could be spent to build a stronger military force to defend us at home. We can no longer act like the biggest dog on the block. All the dogs are big now! We need to spend our military money to make sure we can protect our own yard.

A Possible Solution to Iraq

It's time to tell the countries of the world they have two choices. They can either join us in the fight and send money, troops... whatever it takes... to stop the terrorists and weapons flowing into Iraq from their neighbors, or we will pull out. If they choose not to join us, they may soon face the wrath of terrorists in their own backyard.

PULLING OUT IS NOT A SURRENDER! It is a wise, bold move. Only a fool continues to protect a people that won't join together or protect themselves. The chances are much better that they'll come together and build a strong country if they see we've decided not to do it for them.

We accomplished our purpose. We freed Iraq from an evil dictator. <u>We were successful</u>! We have poured millions of dollars into their economy to help them. We have done all we can. The job is finished.

You may well ask, "What about the people there? What will happen to them?" Let me ask a question. What are we

doing to our people *here*, our finances, and our strength? What is our *first* responsibility?

If we are too proud to pull out, let's not act stupidly! Very few Americans have that much pride today. Continuing to fight a cancer that is trying to spread worldwide is unwise. Our job is to use our finances and military to build a shield against those who would try to hurt us. Our actions to date have kept 9/11 from happening again. Now, that's a success!

You might say "oil is the problem!" I hear you. I wonder if we have the solution, but just do not want to use it. We may be too selfish, too lazy, and too used to comfort to solve the oil crisis.

We could ration fuel, and that would cut our need for oil tremendously. It also will get our creative minds working on numerous solutions. Americans can do anything when they unite and set their minds to solving a problem. Our need for oil must not hold us in bondage to any nation!

We have much wasted motion in our world! Motion proves fruitful when we peddle a bicycle and the wheels go around. Let's reverse that principle. We find as we spin the tires, we can make the peddles turn also. Now let's apply this principle to the automobile tire or anything else that rotates by machinery. When the motor runs in gear, the wheels turn. Why can't we get some power from the rotating wheels to help the engine run? It was not many years ago that people would have said that's crazy! "It would be as impossible to do that as it would be to put a man on the moon". Does that statement tell you anything? Motion as a source of energy will work. George Washington Carver, one of the world's greatest creative inventors, will tell us how to find the answer on page 180.

Just think, when we apply this principle to all of the wasted motion in the universe, such as ocean currents, exercise equipment, the wind as it flows past airplanes in flight, rivers as they move, etc., our oil needs will drop drastically. Our universe and it's principles will generate the energy it needs to renew itself. We then will be able to use our farms to grow the foods the rest of the world needs so desperately.

I am for conservation! But I feel God knew our needs and provided the solutions. We have to take advantage of them. Unless we protect our nation, conservation will be of little value to our children.

If the majority had to vote tomorrow to choose between this country being owned by the oil producing nations, or doing whatever it takes to be free from oil tyranny, you <u>know</u> the majority's decision. You also know who would fight it. Those in the past who have won the fight against the majority's wishes for their own personal gain are about to experience TRUE CHANGE!

Iraq seems so divided that the major leaders of that country cannot agree among themselves. We have provided them with an opportunity for peace, and this is all we can do. We have been successful. The rest is up to them!

We cannot let pride stand in the way of a complete pull out, if we are left to do all the fighting ourselves. And if some leader, or group, here in our country stands in the way, they should be removed from power... but only if a majority of Americans agree. That must always be the American way!

First, we must be sure we know what the people of Iraq really want... not by their words, but by the collective actions of their leaders, united and working together.

Recently, some of our elected representatives in Washington, D.C. suggested Iraq be divided into sections, with each political party controlling their area. An amazing reaction came back from Iraq; all of the various political factions responded the same way. They were against it! Consider that carefully.

That was the first time, or at least one of the few times, they all joined together in agreement on any subject. I hope our political leaders really understand what that means. To me, it means that left to themselves, they will defend their country against any outside aggressors or nations trying to take over their land. They may end up having a civil war, but then so did the United States. The main theme of true freedom is that the majority of people in a country decide the freedoms of that country themselves. Perhaps this signal of union between the various factions of Iraq is the sign we needed to show us they're now willing to get on with establishing their own method of government, in their own way.

Lately, our elected officials have tended to make decisions that supposedly will grow fruit in ten or fifteen years. That is no good. We must have decisions that bear fruit immediately! Think about it: When Pearl Harbor was hit, immediately factories, businesses, and people all acted as one, becoming the greatest war machine the world has ever known.

We need to do the same now! Let's elect individuals we can trust to tell us the truth. Only then can the American majority make good, sound, Godly decisions.



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The message must go out strong and clear. We will not tolerate terrorists, or anyone else, who tries to take the freedom to choose from our people! The right to freedom is our inheritance from those who fought and died for us. We will have our freedom only as long as we have the backbone to defend it. No one likes a fight. Yet, at what point do we surrender our rights? Have we really reached that point?

It is true we have made some mistakes in Iraq! But never forget, it's always best, if you have to <u>defend</u> your country, to do it in someone else's backyard. If you really think September 11th would have been the Islamic terrorists' first and last major shot at us, please think about it again.

The radical terrorists think they're doing God's will. They are willing to die for what they believe. They see some of the waste and evil we ship overseas by means of TV, movies, etc, and they think all Americans are like that. They want to purify the American people, and by purify they mean lower women to second class citizens, take away their rights and abolish many other laws, rules and regulations which would curtail our freedom.

They have done this in every country they have conquered. Do we want this for our children? Let me make this clear... <u>they will take over America</u> as they have country after country, if we do not begin individually doing what is right before God and man.

As I have said before, political parties are great. However, I cannot not imagine a group of Republicans, Democrats and Independents in a sinking ship, standing in the ballroom arguing about what to do while the whole thing goes down. Then again, in some ways, they seem to be doing that right now!

Trust me, the American way is sinking! The world, for the most part, hates us or dislikes us immensely. We can change

that, not by throwing money at them, but by letting them see that our whole way of life, and our way of thinking, is changing for the right reasons.

We cannot force another country to follow our way of government in this day and age. Choice of government is their right, too! However, what we do in our country is our right. It's a choice of what the majority wants, as long as it lines up with our Constitution. It's not always what the minority wants. Nevertheless, it often seems like the minority screams the loudest and scares our leaders the most.

We must elect officials with the guts and backbone to voice their convictions regardless of what popular polls say. Only then can the majority wisely choose the direction they desire our country and our rights to go.

Everyone must realize our government security begins on the border of our country and ends at the door of a private dwelling. We will discuss immigration in detail in that section. The greatest security is in everyone knowing you have sufficient power, and the will to use it. The more power you have, the fewer individuals or countries there are willing to test it.

The world feels America has lost its willingness to fight, to defend itself. They do not understand that it is not smart to kick a sleeping dog, especially if it's an American-bred dog! Countries have tried that in the past.

We must admit, we have been asleep. But we are waking up! We are going to redo "The American Dream." This time, by the grace of God, the majority will build it on the original principles that made our country great.

The world needs to know we will not be an aggressor, but that we will literally destroy any nation or person that tries to remove our freedom from us, either from without, or from within. We must make this clear to the world so no one will be foolish enough to test us.



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We have excellent schools in America, from the lowest grades all the way through graduate school. Most of our teachers are truly dedicated and superb. As a result, many foreign students come to America for their college and upper graduate education. While they're here, they see both the good and bad sides of our lifestyle. Their views are taken back to their homelands.

Some of our teachers and professors are more liberal than some students would like. It's also true there are ultra conservatives that believe and teach items some students do not agree with. That's great! That's what makes America free. No student should be forced to stay in a class that's teaching what he does not believe. Yet, isn't education really about studying both sides of a situation and then making your own decision? When educators promote their own points of view, without giving equal time and fair discussion to opposing views, are they poisoning the minds of their students? A teacher who fails to relate both sides of a subject in a fair manner is cheating his students and is no longer a true teacher. Our young people must be taught to think for themselves! Tenured educators who substitute their own opinions in place of the curriculum set forth by the Board of Regents, will find new laws will no longer protect their jobs. Places of learning have a right to control their mode of education.

The problems we have in our educational field do not lie, for the most part, with our schools or teachers. The problem lies with our younger students who are still trying to find sound principles upon which to base their lives.

Sidetracked by what they see on TV, playing for hours on video or computer games, trying to play multiple sports during the same season, our children have no time left for <u>free</u> <u>thinking</u>! All these things... computers, TV, video games, sports... are not wrong in themselves, if done with

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moderation. But combine them together and they steal valuable time out of a childhood that seems to shrink generation by generation. When do our children have time to simply be?

Our young people must be taught that everyone needs time to think, to develop the creativity their creator gave them. They need to see the value of sitting down and listening to stories of their family's past generations. Parents need to realize this listening time is how their children will carry on the beliefs and characteristics of those who came before them. They need to be taught the five basic principles of freedom!

So few of our younger generation have had the opportunity to walk through the woods on a beautiful fall day, when the leaves sparkle with all the colors of a sunset. We have many senior fishermen who would, or should, love to take a couple of young people out to the old pond, or to the lake, and show them how much fun it is to catch a fish, see him fight with all he has and then set him free. These are important lessons in living our children know nothing about.

What is Missing in Education Today?

We are failing to educate our children in the area of their greatest need. We educate their minds, but not their spirits. We show people how to prepare themselves for the worldly successes they seek, but never give them a foundation to stand on for when troubles come, as they surely will. Despite everything we've tried, teen suicide is on the rise. The reason is simple! When problems arise, they have no foundation of hope to turn to. Education is great, but without inspiration, the spirt becomes despondent.

We are killing the future of our next generation because we are not willing to teach them we have a God who loves all of us very much. He knows we are not perfect. He took care of that problem for us. If we accept God's solution, then we'll know God loves us. As we reach out to help others in need, God is ready to bless us.
This simple theme is not religion! <u>It is earthly wisdom</u>. It is great business sense. It has been proven true by thousands of successful men and women. I agree school is not a place where a particular religion or denomination should be taught, unless it is a church-related school. But for two generations many individuals, some of whom are parents today, have never been taught there's a higher power that brought us into being by whatever method he chose. He said that it was good, and that He wanted to bless us abundantly, if we would only trust Him.

<u>That is why "In God We Trust," is on our money</u>! Our forefathers knew the secret. We can continue to leave God out of our education, and as past Godless societies have risen and fallen, we too will do the same.

Those who feel we shouldn't promote God in public schools or public places are right on one point. We cannot promote a particular religion or denomination, nor can anyone ever be forced to take a class that might go against their right to worship as they choose. Yet, we must not deny the majority for that reason.

I personally believe, with the right educational format, we would have less confusion, less discipline problems, and a whole lot fewer suicides, if our young people were shown how to build a foundation of hope for their future.

Now, to those who don't believe in a God, or one God, and are willing to admit it, I admire you! It is very important for a person to know what they believe! Our problem today is that in the midst of our confusion, too many of us do not know what we really believe.

This is the road to disaster for any business, country, or home, and like it or not, <u>we are one family encamped within</u> <u>the boundaries of the United States</u>. <u>Those who do not like</u> <u>our life of freedom should leave</u>! They are a cancer to a free nation.

The solution is not spending more and more money on education, unless the facts show an area of need whose correction will truly benefit teachers and students. Then we must open our purses with wisdom. Let's give our teachers the opportunity to create a whole people for our next generation. People with body, soul and spirit all heading in the right direction.

It is to our disgrace that we spend more money maintaining criminals in our prisons, than we do on educating our students in our schools. Money is supposed to flow to priorities! We are educating many criminals to be better criminals, rather than educating our young people with Godly principles and discipline to keep them out of trouble. Think about it!

One last thought. It is impossible for a teacher to teach, or for a child to learn, if the child has not been taught how to pay attention. This must start in the home! Love and discipline are the greatest teachers when dispensed in word and deed. We all need to work together on this for our future. We will discuss this area of our lives in more detail in a later chapter.

<u>QUESTION</u> What is the purpose of education?

ANSWER

"Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the maine end of his life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternall life."

Harvard University 1642

Taken from "America's Encyclopedia of Quotations" as written with some older English spelling. William J. Federer, Author



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Section II Sectio

General Information

The health of an individual is determined by the following areas of their total lifestyle; physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, financial, social (relationships) and verbal. (What they confess, whether positive or negative, is based on what they believe in their heart).

America's health is on a total disaster course! The decision every individual must decide is "Am I going to be part of the problem or part of the solution?" Are we going to permit pleasure, self-will, financial greed, professional pride, and so forth to send our health care system into financial bankruptcy? Worse yet, are we willing to let our moms, dads, and now even our young children, suffer dreaded diseases that sap their energy and destroy the very fiber of a country that could and should be dynamic and brimming with vitality? We have the answers... not to heal cancer, heart disease, diabetes, etc.... but in some cases, to halt their progress indefinitely. The human body is a tremendous machine! Give it the right nutrition, exercise, and a stress-free mind and it can restore much of the damage we, by our own lifestyle choices, have caused.

Nutrition and Exercise

In the past, we did not know how to restore vitality to our bodies. Does that mean we should continue to live in ignorance? ABSOLUTELY NOT! Working together, we must educate every individual so they understand in every way, exactly what various foods do to their body.

Let's stop talking about getting rid of fat! That's negative talk! Let's set a goal of increased vitality and energy. Let's show everyone how to feel better quickly. There are simple exercises that can loosen up our arms, legs and bodies. No one likes to exercise until they begin to feel the difference it makes in their lives. You'll never know how good you can really feel until you begin to eat nutritious food in moderation.

One problem we all have is in finding nutritious food in our wonderful food establishments. Please listen to me carefully: it costs a lot of money to build and operate a restaurant or grocery store. Both are in business for one purpose... to provide you with the food <u>you</u> want to buy. They must sell what <u>you</u> want to buy or they'll go broke.

Food establishments like restaurants, groceries, even fast food chains, are able to provide you with food products that can and will restore much of the damage our bodies have suffered by our poor food choices. However, <u>we must be willing</u> <u>to buy them</u>.

Most health professionals agree our diet is full of salt and sugar that is literally killing us. Obesity is not our basic problem, and dieting is not the answer. <u>Our choice of foods is!</u>

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Let's begin a program of body restoration in this great country of ours. If we don't, there will come a time when insurance companies will not insure anyone for health care unless they can prove they're following good nutrition habits and participating in an active lifestyle. I assure you, it is coming! We cannot financially afford the sickness that's on the way.

Listen to me carefully. In a truly free democratic society, no one is guaranteed the right to health care! Our early settlers were assured only of the opportunity to use their abilities to provide their own needs. When someone got in trouble, their neighbors would help them if they had been hard-working and self-providing people in the past. That's how it must be today! The government is not responsible for helping individuals. Their neighbors, churches, etc., are. If a person is not willing to help themselves, there's no free lunch!

I believe every company, every organization, every church, would help their members follow a nationwide, "Restore Your Body," program if it were available. Positive education is the key. Together, we can do anything we set our minds to. Let's restore the vitality of ourselves and America.

Medical Profession

Our medical professionals are some of the best in the world. They have been trained and retrained to solve our medical problems when we get into trouble. The only problem is too many of us are getting into trouble at one time, and the numbers are increasing dramatically. Even worse, many of these doctors and hospital visits could have been avoided if we'd taken a little better care of our bodies on a daily basis.

We are always going to need doctors, nurses, specialists, hospitals, nursing homes, etc. However, wouldn't it be better to have our medical profession monitoring our heart system, blood system, and muscle development, and advising us on the type of nutrition and exercise needed to restore our bodies so our quality of life could improve drastically? There are people in wheelchairs today that could be out of them in 30 days if they knew the truth about nutrition and exercise. I have seen it happen! Our medical profession would rather help us stay healthy than try to restore what they know we're going to destroy if we don't change our ways. With our current population growth, I assure you doctors aren't going to run out of patients.

The medical profession has been telling us to eat better foods and exercise. For the most part, Americans don't do it. Why? I feel lack of specific knowledge on how to go about it in a simple way is the key. We're overwhelmed with "methods" to attain fitness. Most have only profits as their motive! We need a simple, long-range program everyone can live by. A "free" one would be best.

We must make a cold business decision to place nutritious food and drink in our bodies in only the sufficient quantities needed. I have found by avoiding the dieting mentality of giving up specific foods, except those high in salt, sugar, fat or alcohol, I am free to enjoy three moderate meals a day. Eight glasses of water, plenty of fiber and some form of exercise or walking is the whole program I follow. By not weighing, I judge my results by how I feel and the loosening of my clothes. I even have to test new pizza products at times!

It is important to know not only what foods are good for us, but what foods are bad for us as well. The "why" is critical! Then, when we deliberately eat the wrong foods, we'll know what damage we are doing to our body. If I know a food is going to cause certain problems, it suddenly doesn't look as appetizing to me. For example, circumstances make a big difference in how a person feels about a big bowl of homemade ice cream, made on the back porch in an old fashion hand turned rock salt and ice freezer. If it's sitting there, so delicious looking, so appetizing, ready to eat and all of a sudden a big horse fly lands smack dab on top of it, it suddenly loses its appeal.

The same will be true of many foods, once we really know what they do to our bodies. When a person eats nutritious food, he or she does not have to weigh. The fat gradually eliminates itself. Your clothes will get too big. You will know you are losing weight!

Simple exercises keep the body flexible and young feeling. Exercise is movement, that's all. Don't make it complicated. Get a few ideas, but do your own thing to start with. Some days it will take discipline, some days you'll look forward to it. Keep in mind why you are doing it... health is less painful than the bondage of sickness and loss of energy. You do not have to lose all your fat in order to feel really good. Eat right, exercise, and in two weeks you will feel much better.

Medicine

Our research labs are overwhelmed with the need for medicines to cure humanity's ever-increasing illnesses. I cannot believe any manufacturer of medicines would want to stop the improvement of America's health, just so they can make more money. Our industry leaders are professionals or they would not be tops in their field.

There is one problem. The relationship between our drug manufacturing companies and our doctors needs improving. It's important that medical education continues to flow from the drug companies to the medical profession. However, when these companies dispense special favors down this same line in the hopes of influencing doctors to prescribe their medicine, they are not acting in the best interests of the American people. We will cover this in more detail in the health insurance section.

Health Insurance

I do not have a complete solution to this problem. At this point, I do not believe anyone has a solution that puts the majority of voters in control. However, I do have some ideas I'm willing to fight for, but only when combined with ideas from others that can round out a complete program that is good for every American and anyone in the process of becoming a citizen.

Concerning health insurance, there are a few things I do not feel line up with rights supported in our constitution. It's important you understand what they are, and my reasons for them. I do not criticize those who do not see them as I do. Freedom of thought and expression are the centerpieces of our core beliefs. I feel certain areas of health care should not be "a for profit business" in the United States! Before you judge that statement, please permit me to explain exactly what I mean. Today, because of the way our health insurance programs operate, dentists, doctors, nurses, hospital personnel, etc., who have invested time and large sums of money to be trained in their professions, are being not only squeezed out of the income stream, but worked more and more hours for less and less pay. In truth, they now work so many hours that many feel unable to do the quality of work with patients they'd prefer. There is just not enough time in a day to meet everyone's needs.

Who is making the money in health care today? For the most part it seems the health insurance companies and the drug manufacturers may be the ones. Are they being dishonest? No. They are good business people. They provide a valuable service under our present health care system.

What about hospitals? Are they getting a larger share of the health care dollars than they should? If you've gone to a hospital, or used out-patient care, you would think so when you get their bill for even a simple test. However, facts are not always what they seem. First of all, the doctor does not receive the total amount they bill you. There is a big discount in the monies they receive.

Hospitals are forced to accept almost everyone who comes through the doors of the emergency entrance. Many individuals walk in these doors with no or very little health insurance, and know they will never pay their bill. Yet the services they receive are some of the best in the world.

The question is: who is paying for these free services? The answer is... you, me and everyone else! These "free" services are the reason why we receive such large bills when we go to the hospital or take various lab tests.

When the total results are calculated for our health care system today, the only individuals really receiving the profits they desire seem to be the health insurance companies and the drug manufacturers. They are providing a great service. However, they're also earning a great profit. That is free enterprise... the American way.

Should we feel comfortable placing the care of our sick in the hands of those whose first priority has to be making a profit? Public companies are responsible to their stockholders! And the first priority of a business is to make a profit. However, in the environment in which we live, no one can be sure decisions on drugs covered, people to be insured, etc., is based on a decision to give the best possible service to all, or whether the pressure for profits will rule the day.

I am suggesting we eliminate as many profit centers between the sick person, the treatment, and drugs as possible. Doctors, medical and health companies, as well as hospitals, should operate according to the same rules under which every other business in America operates.

In normal business, you offer your services and set your prices. If you're smart, you offer a quality product and great service. The patient should be free to shop for both price and quality. Word would spread fast. Some in the medical field would do well, while some might decide to go into another business. That is how it should work in America! The price of medical care would come down when the environment becomes more competitive, and cash discounts would become the norm for items not covered by health insurance.

Prescription Drugs

In a recent survey, it was found that fifty-seven percent of patients walk into a doctor's office telling the doctor they need a prescription. Due to media advertising by drug companies, a big part of those fifty-seven percent ask for a specific drug. Who do you think is paying for these drugs? Who profits from their purchase? How often would a simple over-the-counter medicine provide the same benefit?

New Zealand and the USA are supposedly the only two major countries in the world that permit drug companies to advertise. Thus, our population feeds on them, not because they should, but because they want a quick fix.

The time has come for elected officials to fear the voters in their districts more than lobbyists or the loss of the subtle gifts they bring.

Drug companies do everything they can to influence our doctors, so they will prescribe a particular drug. What's the difference between a lobbyist in Washington wining and dining an elected official, , and what drug companies do for doctors and other medical personnel in order to influence their decisions.

Doctors, like all of us, need to have opportunities to increase their knowledge and wisdom in their profession. Being overworked and then spoon-fed information by drug companies could be a liability rather than an asset, both to their future potential and America's overall health. We have great doctors and medical professionals. Let's get them out of the paper work business, and back to helping us stay healthy. They will do a great job if we just let them do it.

Our drug manufacturers are a gift from God. They are one avenue by which our health can be restored. Our health needs are great. I believe if they are willing to give up business practices that are not best for the health of America, God will give their research teams' breakthroughs that will be a blessing to everyone.

Let me say this again—Health insurance is not a Godgiven right in America! Good health for the majority of Americans is a choice. Life insurance is not a right... it's a choice! If you go swimming and decide to stop swimming, what's going to happen? You'll sink to the bottom and drown! You have that same choice when you make a decision whether to give your body the nutrition and exercise it needs. Dieting, a fixation on losing weight, etc., is not a solution for a healthy body. Many diet programs and diet pills are seducing us away from the proper way to enjoy vitality, energy, health, and great self-esteem. If a sane person won't become part of a free program to learn how to eat properly, learn what foods do to their bodies, what exercise will do for them, and how to exercise within the limits of their ability, then Americans should vote to eliminate that person from any health insurance program.

These people should not be accepted in medical care facilities unless they can pay for the service. There is no "free lunch" in the Emergency Room! I know that's hard talk, but protecting the rights promised in our constitution is tough business. <u>Rights are acquired only when the responsibilities of</u> freedom are exercised according to majority rule.

Freedom is an earned right! If a person makes a choice to eat the way they want and not exercise then, in essence, they are choosing to stop swimming. And it's time we let them drown. Why should the majority of Americans (and the majority will soon be on a fitness program) continue to pay hard earned money to bail out a single individual who will drown sooner or later anyway?

I know you're smart enough to realize I am not talking about the totally handicapped, or others who must depend upon all of us. Remember, we are to do unto others as we would have them do unto us. No more... no less!

Let's take the Federal Government out of the health care system, out of the welfare system, and anything else that a state can decide to do for itself. Let's bring the decision making to the majority who pay the taxes in each state. They have the intelligence to make their own decisions as to who they want to support and why.

We must never forget, the closer we get an individual to the source of his or her help, the easier it is to determine if that individual is worthy of help. The people who live in the same town as the individual needing help are the ones who know best how to help, and whether or not the person just wants a free fish or whether they're serious about learning to fish for themselves.

A much smaller Federal government, whose main concern is the welfare of our people, will permit a larger portion of tax money to be used much more wisely in our cities and states by those who can see the needs and results up close.

One last thing; Americans should be free to buy prescription drugs anywhere they choose, in any country they can, to get the best price. That is the American way. Setting up laws protecting drug companies is not in the best interest of our citizens. If safety truly is a real issue, then we must have that reasoning explained to us. As citizens, we need facts in order to make good decisions.

QUESTION

Where do the rights of men come from?

ANSWER

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

January 20, 1961

<u>QUESTION</u> How does a nation lose it's Glory?

ANSWER

"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Ronald Reagan

August 23, 1984



The abortion of a fetus is a very personal decision. In America there are strong opinions on both sides of the issue. Women's rights vs. the morality of killing a human being are the main issues. The time has come for the <u>majority</u> of Americans to decide whether they are willing to permit abortion in their city, county and state.

Doctors, scientists and most medical personnel, if they were totally honest, would have to admit life begins at conception, at the point where sperm and egg interact. Only a living organism has the ability to grow!

If many do not believe this, why do they pass out free condoms and work so hard to avoid letting the sperm of a man come in contact with an egg from a woman? When a farmer plants a field with seeds of corn, he tells people it's a corn field. He hasn't seen the corn above ground, but he knows the seed is alive and growing. If he planted corn seed but said the seed was not alive until it grew into the light of day, people would say he was crazy. Let's get it right! Let's do whatever it takes to stop being hypocritical before God and man.

This truth has been overshadowed, literally hidden, in order to deal with unwanted births, embarrassing pregnancies, and the strongly advocated principle that a woman has the right to do what she wants with her body. The question we must answer is whether a right decision can be made, when the answer is based on selfishness instead of facts.

The solution between these two seemingly unsolvable views is not for me to decide for you! However, I feel there is a side of abortion we must bring to light. What are God's thoughts on the matter? What I am going to say comes from a text written almost 6,000 years ago. It has to be of value, or it would not have been treasured by millions of people across the world during that span of time, right up to this very minute. The Old Testament of spiritual books says God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 and Genesis 1:2 bring out the possibility there may have been billions of years between these two verses. I leave that up to your decision! When the earth was recreated in Genesis 1:2, our creator brought man and women into existence according to his plan. This ancient history tells us before the world was made, this higher power, which I call God, planned the life of every individual that ever would be born. He placed in them talents and abilities they would need to fulfill the plans he had for their lives, as well as help solve the problems society would face in the future.

Although I cannot speak for God, it seems He would not see abortion, the killing of a child in the womb, as any worse than individuals that are killed in war, by accident and or even murdered. The problem is they are <u>all</u> equally wrong! The death of an individual terminates the plans God has for that individual! We are killing the very individuals who have the ability to solve our future needs.

Think about it! Suppose we started aborting babies 50 years ago. How many discoveries would we lack today? How many of our leaders would we have killed? Pick anyone alive today that's been a great help in solving society's problems. Suppose they had been aborted. Listen to the stories of some of our great leaders. Many of them had terrible home lives when they were young! There's a good possibility some of them would have been aborted.

America is the land of the free! If a woman is in danger of death unless she has an abortion, the greater good must prevail. Her life must be saved. However, to say freedom is letting one person determine another's life cycle seems to be less than a principle of true freedom for all.

Have you ever taken the time to think about this? Suppose your great-grandfather had been aborted. Then your

grandfather would never have lived, nor would your father, nor would you. Look at all the activities each performed every day, interacting with others. These actions would have never happened. Your brothers and sisters and their families would not exist. Think about it. The life of one aborted child destroys generations created by God to be a blessing to all they encountered in their lives. One selfish act destroys all that!

The time has come for the majority to set the laws they desire in their state. It must be done by voting on the issue! Get the politics and courts out of the issue. The majority of citizens in a state, and in each state, must decide this issue. Justices elected by past presidents cannot and must not control the majority's rule.

We all must be reminded God gave each of us a free will! We cannot legislate morality! The majority can vote to choose laws they desire in their specific area, but they cannot control every act of every person. Reports in the newspaper have said there are as many abortions in countries where abortion is illegal as there are in countries where it is legal. It seems to me the only way to make a woman change her mind about abortion, if she approves of it, is to make it very clear she's destroying a child who has a planned life cycle to live out. Terminating a pregnancy means everything God planned will never occur, nor will the repercussions from that life. A woman facing that situation may think twice before aborting a child God has loaned her for safe <u>keeping</u>!

The law of sowing and reaping is an eternal law! If we plant a seed in fertile ground that creates life, we are going to get a harvest one way or the other. To terminate may end the life of a child, but as every woman who's had an abortion will tell you, the internal misery it creates within her for the rest of her life is proof of the harvest she receives from her actions.

Abortion is and must always be a personal decision! However, the majority of a city, state or country should not approve it without considering they may incur the wrath of a power greater than themselves. Those who advocate abortion have a right in America to do so! I defend that right! However, when the group meetings are over, the marches completed, and the abortion worker goes home, how do they still that quiet voice within them pointing the way between God's rights and wrongs? If one's Godly consciousness is stilled in one area, isn't it possible it might be stilled in other areas as well? If that's the case, how can morality have a position in any decisions that person makes? Without morality, total selfishness rules! (Morality is knowing the difference between right and wrong).

For those in America who truly seek to follow the five Godly principles of freedom and liberty, is the pathway abortion leaders would have us trod the right way to accomplish true justice and freedom for all?

QUESTION

May we really expect God to heal our country?

ANSWER

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from Heaven, and will <u>forgive</u> their sin, and will <u>heal their land</u>."

2 Chronicles 7:14

King James Version



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Taxes are monies placed in the care of public officials for the purpose of providing benefits an individual, city or state could not purchase or create on their own. Every elected individual and every employee of government must understand they've been appointed as caretakers for the monies the government receives. They individually and collectively are responsible for the protection of those monies and their use.

This is a tremendous responsibility! One in which they must be held accountable down to the very last penny. The best business practices are practiced at all levels of a successful business, and government should be operated as a business. Unlimited spending must cease. Waste must be eliminated. Punishment must be harsh! Accountability must be reinserted into this process. Elected officials should be recalled by the majority of the state or city if the official does not support the majority's views. We must use modern communication, with protected codes, to permit citizens to vote on upcoming proposals so the elected official has his or her instructions. This means the majority must be allowed to see and study what only the official sees today. This is democracy in a modern society!

It's important for us to realize that taxes used properly are not a curse, but a blessing! Combined taxes, when used properly, can provide benefits for an individual or group of people who separately could not afford them. The key to a good tax system is that monies are distributed proportionately to the city and state from which they are collected, with a portion going to a smaller Federal government for benefits states cannot provide individually.

Government spending must be on a priority basis! We should not send monies abroad as long as we have many who need help right here. At the same time, we should help only those we can see are making a definite effort to not only help themselves, but in at least some small way, help someone else.

The lifestyle of a totally selfish person will be known by his or her close friends and neighbors, and this is where the initial help should come from in time of need. These are the individuals who should decide if more help is needed. The government is too far away to make that decision.

There are two sides to the tax issue. One is positive and the other is negative. The positive side is that the more taxes collected the more benefits the government can provide. The negative side is that in order to get more taxes from the same amount of people, earning the same amount of money, the government will have to collect more money from each one. This would be unnecessary if everyone will focus on growing our economy. One suggestion would be the following:

A Buy America Program

For years, most of us have tried to buy the best products we could find at the lowest prices. It sounded like the wise thing to do. It made us "smart shoppers." The only problem is we now find we weren't so smart after all. We saved pennies! But today it's costing us, and will cost our future citizens, millions of dollars. Please let me explain. Better yet, let me give you an example....

Sam Walton, a true gentleman of vision, started and built a company called Wal-Mart. While he was alive, his plan for his stores was to sell the best product he could, at an everyday low price. This meant he employed buyers and merchandise people who excelled at what they did. They did a great job and Sam was very successful! He applied the American method of merchandising, but did it in a superior and unique manner.

He did one more thing. He promoted, "big time," that Wal-Mart only bought and sold American made products.

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Due to Wal-Mart's growth, and other companies jumping on this theme, new factories were built all over America. Existing businesses doubled, tripled and even quadrupled their plants. New jobs were created! Payrolls fed income into many local businesses and the economy was booming.

People flocked to Wal-Mart stores. They thought the prices they were paying for products they purchased were great. The employees of manufacturing companies who made their products in America were happy, because they had good paying jobs. Then someone, somewhere, got a bright idea that turned out to be really dumb! Here's what happened.

When Sam Walton died, the "Buy American Products Program" seemed to fade out slowly. There could have been many reasons. Whatever the cause, soon many major chains were in an all-out battle to buy products at the lowest possible cost and sell them at the lowest prices. What did that do for you and me? It saved us a few dollars a week! What did it cost us? Factories closed, employees were out of jobs, small local businesses closed. Was it really worth it? Who really benefited? Was it the store? No, because as we lost jobs, we lost payrolls. Thus buyers had less to spend. Who did benefit? <u>Read this next sentence carefully</u>: China and other countries have sold us so many products, and we owe them so much money, that they could now buy a big part of the United States' industries if they desired to do so. How did this happen? It happened because you and I, the majority, were so busy watching soap operas and sports games, that while our country was burning, we did not even smell the smoke.

We need a leader who will tell it the way it is. We need major companies to begin doing what is best for America. <u>We</u> <u>need shoppers who will buy only American made goods</u>! We may pay a few more cents for some products for a short period of time. However, all over America, our merchants will begin seeking sources for USA made products. Factories will reopen that have long been closed. New plants will be built. Workers will be needed. America's economy will be strong and booming and tax revenues will increase without an increase from the individual. Again, each of us has a choice.

The question now is which large company will begin selling only American made products first? When they do, if you truly are ready to help the "Rebirth of America," shop with them! In the meantime, look at labels. Buy only American made products. The merchants will quickly get the message.

National Sales Tax

The majority of Americans feel our entire tax system has outgrown its usefulness. Many of us feel we may have a possible solution. Most of us realize we do not have all the answers, but we do have some ideas, and that is always a good starting point in any conversation.

Please read the following ideas carefully, then develop your own ideas or add to or subtract from mine. Let's begin to share with each other. America is on the verge of the greatest shift toward true democracy the world has ever experienced! You and I can be part of it. To make it happen, we all must be part of the solution, not the problem. Let's FORGET POLITICS! (Please Note: My ideas assume that our national and state sales taxes are combined as one sales tax nationwide.)

Policies to Work Toward To Restore Individual Pride and Self Esteem:

Every family in America must be helped to <u>EARN</u> a wage above the poverty level. But all welfare programs, food stamps, etc., must cease. All able-bodied adults must be wage-earning useful citizens!

It could be accomplished in this manner: A <u>much</u>reduced Federal Government could permit a large portion of the national/state sales tax money, collected on all but a few exempted items, to remain in the state where it was collected. This would give that state a huge working fund.

The state would identify every family whose income was below the poverty level. The adults in families who are <u>not</u> employed, would not be hired as state employees, but would receive payment of so much per hour for work they performed in their state.

Their pay rate would not be determined by the job, but by the amount of income they'd need to earn in a 50 hour week. Most Americans today, in order to be successful, work more than 50 hours a week.

The program would work much like President Roosevelt's WPA Plan worked before World War II. Individuals would be given jobs to do that are compatible with their physical, mental and emotional abilities. For example, a person sick in a wheel chair could still be given phone work. If they did no more than call sick people all day long, to see how they are doing and encourage them, at the end of the day they would have made a difference. They would feel good about themselves and America would be a much better country than when they woke up that morning. Every individual in America can make a difference! <u>We just need a non-political</u> leader to point the way. Civic volunteers, from unrelated neighborhoods, could oversee the performance of these individuals in their duties. One law would govern America! If a person was not willing to do <u>all they were capable</u> of to help themselves and others, then no one would be responsible for helping them! This program would assist those who want to help themselves. Sometimes a person has to experience tough love before they're willing to do what they should be doing.

Every adult in a below-poverty level home must become a wage earner! Our goal should be to educate them to use the talents they have to become self supporting. The results for the individual will be much higher self esteem, resulting in increased self confidence and self worth.

Of course, someone can always think of a method to cheat the system. However, if the program is kept simple, explained in a clear manner and backed up by <u>swift</u> SERIOUS PUNISHMENT, problems will be few and far between. Let's stop thinking "prison: for punishment!" To some individuals, having been in prison is a badge of honor.

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This extra labor can help beautify our states, clean up blighted areas in our towns, and create new business sections in areas now ruled by gangs—who'll soon fade away as our new system of discipline makes many rethink their conduct. If you doubt it, keep thinking about the "hand on the hot stove example." Many criminals are not smart, but they are not stupid either.

Free Sales Tax Food

I suggest we should not have a sales tax levied on certain basic nutritional foods, or foods that require processing at home. This includes water, milk, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, whole grain breads, meats, fish and basic cheeses. All other items would be taxed!

Items that can be prepared from scratch are less expensive to purchase, and usually have less salt and sugar than processed foods. This type of program will encourage low income families to buy better, eat better, and feel better. All foods purchased outside of grocery stores would be taxed, except for foods purchased direct from those who raise the product, and then only if the product is raw and unprocessed.

Under these policies, every family in America would gradually rise above the poverty level, and increase their self worth and self esteem in the process. America would be beautiful indeed! Nutrition and health will be greatly improved as many take advantage of no-tax foods.

In many homes, cooking that has become a lost art will be reclaimed. Hopefully, whole families enjoying more meals together would help renew our family relationships.

If some manufacturers of processed foods feel these policies would be a curse to them, it is important they remember this: Anything that keeps the citizens of America alive and healthy longer means they will have more potential customers in the long run.

Also, as this program gains steam, many lower income individuals will catch the vision of the American dream.

They'll move into higher levels of income. They won't think twice about purchasing extra items that are taxable.

Income Sur-Tax

Income tax, as we call it today, would be collected from individuals by means of a national/state sales tax with this exception: (experts would determine these percentages as the government is downsized).

Those who have a net income of over one million dollars, but less than five million dollars, would pay a sur-tax of ____% as a prosperity tax, and should be proud of their opportunity to earn so much in a free America.

Those who have a net income of over five million dollars would pay a sur-tax of ____% as a prosperity tax, and unless they're greedy, should thank a higher power for a free country in which they can do it. These rates would be much, much lower than our present income tax rates. Corporations and all businesses except owner operated businesses doing less than \$_____ a year in business would be taxed at a low rate of ______% of their net profit. Small individual businesses would pay no taxes. Taxes would flow from the income spent.

<u>Notice</u>: Individuals would not be taxed when they receive their pay checks. Only when they purchase items. Thus all income they save will be tax free. This means those who save money for retirement and invest it can build a good nest egg, tax free.

There would be declining levels of national/state sales taxes collected depending upon the total dollar amount of the item cost. This would include large price items such as cars. Perhaps one home per family could be purchased tax free.

To encourage savings instead of debt purchases, we could have a special, low tax rate for those who pay 50% cash or 100% cash on high ticket items. Americans need to break their habit of debt financing for comfort and pleasures. Saving money on taxes might help them do it.

Tax Distribution

The percentage of national sales tax money retained by each state would be determined by those who specialize in this field. Each state would receive a percentage of monies collected in that state. With a smaller Federal government, the monies would increase dramatically.

Individual states would not share in monies collected from other states. This is both good and bad. If a state had previously been getting a lot of pork barrel money because they had a very influential representative in Washington, that road would be closed. On the other hand, the good is apparent. States that collect the most money usually have the biggest populations, so they need more money than states with smaller populations.

Our citizens will quickly understand there is no such thing as a free lunch! Leaders will arise who will create ways to use the advantages and uniqueness of their particular state to develop ideas that create more jobs. Businesses will be more likely to invest in their own states to increase local tax revenue.

The focus for everyone will be to create businesses of every type! At the same time, as many miscellaneous state taxes should be eliminated as possible. The bulk of Federal and state revenue should come from money <u>spent</u> by its citizens. <u>To</u> take income from an individual who has worked hard to earn it, before he enjoys the pleasures it brings him and his family when spending it, quickly kills all incentive for him to work hard to increase his income.

As Americans return to the basic principles of trusting God for their needs and helping others, there is more than enough manpower and wealth to provide support to help those who don't know how to help themselves. We must elect a leader who can provide the passion, vision, and plans to motivate our nation's majority voters to be all they can be. <u>Words</u> <u>are great, but we need leaders with proven track records!</u>

Labor Unions

In America, there is no limit to the success of an individual who develops a product or service, as long as it fulfills the needs of many people.

In the beginning, this individual, who usually is the owner, is also the manager. As great as his idea might be, as long as there is only a manager in a business, its growth is seriously limited. Only when labor is combined with management can a business grow successfully.

At times, both labor and management have forgotten that each is absolutely of no value without each other. It seems, years ago, management was the first to forget labor's importance. This resulted in the growth of labor unions. The need was there! The employee needed representation. Through unions, they were able to exert the same power as management and together they created and built many of our large American industries. Today, we seem to have a problem with management, as well as with union operations. Somehow, we've forgotten labor and management are <u>partners</u>. Partners should share in the spoils of victory, as well as the cost of failure. Risk must be shared by everyone.

Often CEOs make millions of dollars a year in salary and stock options. Are they that important? It is true every company needs a leader with wisdom who can produce profits. Yet, did the CEO produce that success unaided? Most of our CEOs today understand it would be wrong to take credit, or the lion's share of the profits, without sharing with their team members. However, many times that wisdom was set aside when labor contracts were renewed.

The other side of this partnership has its problems, too. For the most part, union leaders have performed honorably. However, like some of our CEOs, they have at times forgotten the principles of partnership and have asked for... and gotten... more than is good for the health of the company or industry. As a result, some of our industries have priced themselves out of the world market. A union leader must ask himself this question: Is it better to have 10 million workers employed and receiving a fair wage, or one million working who make fantastic wages, regardless of their talents and abilities? <u>When</u> there is no incentive to produce and no accountability for performance, both quality and profits will drop dramatically.

Being a union leader is a tough job! He or she is a servant to every union member, and no person can please everyone. A union leader has a responsibility to see that union members receive fair wages for the work they perform. This fair wage must be based on the position involved, the education and experience needed to perform it, and its importance to the overall production and profitability of the product. The wage must support the business model.

People at all levels must be paid based on their value. In a true democracy, a company would <u>not</u> furnish health insurance, retirement benefits, or anything else but a salary. Please do not close your mind. You haven't heard the entire plan for doing business in a Godly way. You may be surprised!

There's no free lunch in a true democracy! <u>Everyone's</u> <u>total income must be based on what they produce</u>! The amount of seed a farmer plants determines the size of the harvest he receives. That's God's way! This means a company could operate stripped of many expenses, free to operate very profitably in a tight world market, if managed efficiently. The employees would then receive a generous percentage of these profits, because of their valuable contributions. Today, in some cases, we have saddled our companies with so many employee and management benefits we're slowly killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

When any union demands two people work in a position where only one is needed, or demands a pay rate for a job that's out of line for the work performed, or any other demand not in line with good business operating procedures, then they are as wrong as the CEO who makes millions of dollars, yet pays his employees unfairly.

Profit Distribution

<u>True</u> democracy demands a business operate as lean as possible, paying only a salary to each employee, whether in management or labor. That pay must be based on the value or importance of the work performed to the overall success of the company. Thus, each position must be valued based on the training and education needed to perform it correctly. Each team member is entitled <u>only</u> to his or her salary until a <u>profit is made</u>.

When a profit is created, after subtracting money to pay taxes, shareholders, operating and expansion needs, the Profit Bonus should be shared in two parts. The operating owners and managers receive one part. The other part should be divided among the labor force. Each individual should receive a bonus proportional to the percent of total wages the individual earned during the period that the profit was made. Each then uses their income as they see fit. THIS IS THE FAIR WAY! Labor's percentage must be greater than management's due to the greater number of team members dividing the profits. However, operating management's income will be larger per individual, because there are fewer managers and in most cases their responsibilities are greater.

America is on the verge of an economic boom! A whole new labor force is becoming available. They will need union representation, not to exploit big business, but to help educate and train a new work force to live and operate the American way.

Unions have it within their power to stop the coming prosperity if their demands are unreasonable. Management can do the same with greed. Working together, both sides can enjoy peace and prosperity. Recently our auto unions and the automobile industry made a giant step forward in working together to forge a new alliance. Both industries have great leaders. We especially need their ideas for a rebirth of our nation.



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RELATIONSHIP RIGHTS

First of all, I feel the word "gay," as well as any other word used to denote a person who has affection for a person of the same sex, should be thrown out of the American language. Do we tolerate the n_____ word for African-Americans, or the words some have called Jews or others in America? The answer is NO! We do not. Every citizen of the United States is an American! We are a family! None of us is perfect every minute of every day. If you are, you can throw the first stone at the rest of us! Think about it.

Anyone of us could have grown up with a desire for someone of the same sex. You could have... I could have. Whether a person is born with that affection, or whether something happened in their childhood, I do not know, though people have different opinions on this subject. I do know this... there are no second class citizens in America, for any reason, and that includes race, color, creed, and gender affection.

I feel most people believe very strongly that God created marriage for the purpose of procreation first, and companionship second. They, and I, believe firmly that every child needs a mother and a father. A feminine influence is necessary so a child can experience the true meaning of a mother's love. A masculine attitude is needed to model how to live and cope within our world.

Today, thousands of single parents are doing wonderful jobs raising their children against unbelievable odds. We all should commend them for this. If we know a single parent who's struggling, we must make every effort to help them help themselves. Other countries may have needs, but our charity should begin with our next door neighbor, and the family down the street.

Same Gender Marriage

Most Americans do not believe we should allow marriage for people of the same gender in America, for the reasons just stated. I feel the same way! However, due to America's code of rights, this is a decision the <u>majority</u> of each state's population must decide for their state and for their legal residents, not visitors. "Birds of a feather should flock together." I don't say this unkindly, but only then will all live in peace.

This freedom decision may clash with the views of some Americans on morality. However, if we're going to have a true republic, based on freedoms and rights, we must let the majority rule. If their decisions clash with the wishes of a higher power, then in due season those bad decisions will reap problems of their own for all involved. History proves this!

If we try to take away the free will of an individual, remembering not even God did that, how can we call ourselves Godly? Only Godly wisdom can gradually change any person's will. Our job is to help by Godly actions of love and example. In due season, pure love in action draws all of us towards Godly thinking. The question is... Why do we think criticizing will help those with opposing views change their positions? It will only drive a deeper wedge between our points of view.

Thoughts on the Subject

The American public does not, in general, approve of same gender relationships. Much of these feelings are religious in nature. Many of us may have a lack of understanding and think same sex affection is the personal choice of an individual, instead of an inward drive over which that person has no control. The time has come to address the situation head on. Regardless of the cause, affection for a same-sex partner is not a choice, but a drive within the individual. It is the same drive the rest of us have for an opposite-sex mate. We cannot change it, let alone control it, without the grace of a higher power. Many with this drive feel it is a curse, yet they can do nothing about it. Think about it: suppose you were growing up as a young boy or girl. Then as you enter into your teens, you begin to realize you are more attracted to individuals of your same sex than to the opposite gender. As others your age talk about boyfriends or girlfriends, your secret begins to weigh heavier and heavier on your heart.

Sooner or later, an older individual recognizes your problem and takes advantage of you. Now your guilt is complete. Your self esteem goes to zero! You begin to call yourself the names the world calls those who enjoy companionship with the same gender.

Many tell the same story! They did not want to feel the way they did. They saw their lives as ruined forever. Gone were their dreams of a normal marriage and children. This is why so many (though not all) turn to a life of alcohol, drugs, and even suicide. Worse yet, supposedly "Godly people" have often helped them along this pathway to mental, emotional and at times, even physical death. Even God loves the sinner and not the sin. If this were not true, you and I would be in trouble! Is the sin of fornication or adultery any purer in God's sight? Let's get it right, folks!

Continuing with the details of one of these unfortunate individuals, children at school frequently make life unbearable by constantly calling that child a fag or lesbian. Then, as they get older, society in general ostracizes them. Is it any wonder some join together to claim equal rights for their problem?

The American public must come to see this for what it is. It is a group of people with a problem that many of them would give anything to be rid of. If the truth be known, it's many of our so called "straight" individuals who take advantage of the person's problem and use it for their own pleasure, then condemn them in public and at church. We may hate to admit it, but it is true.

Few are sexual perverts. In numbers they are far less than the adulterers and fornicators we have in our regular society. Yet, in most cases they are treated like second level Americans. This is not right! God loves every individual! For us to ostracize any individual in America makes all of us less true Americans, less free before God and man.

Remember, we are not to judge, lest we be judged! We are to love in word and deed always, not just when it's convenient. As I have said before, all of us must stand up against those who are constantly criticizing, instead of encouraging. We, as well as our churches, must remember the old saying, "You can catch more flies with honey than you can with vinegar."

The question to really answer is this: Who is more in accordance with God's will, the person doing the criticizing or the person being criticized who replies not a word? If I understand right, the job of Godly people is not to hit others over the head with scripture and kill them. We are to love by our words and actions. Actions always speak louder than words. The positive action must start with us first. Then hopefully, others will catch the vision. Perhaps you have gone before me and have it already. I hope so!

One last thought. Our doctrine of freedom demands we accept those we cannot fully understand. However, at the same time, all citizens are subject to majority rule. The majority of voters in every state must make the decisions for their state. The power of the majority is limited by each individual who fails to cast his or her vote.

If the majority within a state vote to live by a code of action that's not in line with one's basic beliefs, you or I have the same choice as our ancestors who first came to this country many years ago. They valued their rights and freedom more than their comforts and possessions. They left everything and sought refuge in a strange country. Surely, it would not be as hard moving to a new city or state. I wonder if our desire for freedom is as strong as theirs was.

Each individual must choose those with whom they desire to live. In due season, they will reap a harvest of blessings or curses from the seeds sown by those around them. As always, you and I have a decision and a choice to make! That is the blessing of freedom in America!



<u>QUESTION</u> What action can stop America from enduring?

ANSWER

"The inalienable dignity of every human being and the rights which flow from that dignity....

The right to life and the defense of life as well as the well-being and full human development of individuals and peoples are at the heart of the church's message and action in the world....

No country, not even the most powerful can endure if it deprives it's own children of this essential good".

Pope John Paul II.

August 12, 1993



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Let's be honest about this issue. There are two sides to every coin. If we eliminate all guns for all people criminals will have free rein. There is no gun control for individuals who want to get a gun to rob or to kill. On the other hand, only if a person's been trained to handle a gun, and has one, does an individual have some means of protecting him or herself. The rights of liberty and freedom demand individuals can and should be able to protect themselves and their families. This does not mean guns should be as easy to buy as candy bars. We cannot have individuals buying guns and then acting like old-fashioned Wild West gun fighters.

Our gun laws must protect our liberties, and provide strong swift punishment for violations. They must ensure that before an individual can own a gun, he or she is instructed in the handling and use of it, even as someone must abide by our laws for driving a car. Do we permit anyone to drive a car without education or driving experience?

What type of weapons and ammunition should the public be able to purchase? How much training should a person have in an approved, authorized shooting gallery, before he or she can purchase a gun? What procedures should occur before an individual can carry a concealed gun in public? Exactly who has this right? How high should we raise the penalty for someone who commits a criminal act with a gun in his possession, or any type of weapon? These are the questions that I feel must be answered by the American people, now!

Finger print records must be maintained on any individual who purchases a gun. Used guns transferring between buyers must be recorded publicly, just as when a person buys a used car from someone. Everyone who owns a gun must purchase a stamp for it once a year. Any business could sell the stamp for a few dollars and keep the money. The simple information collected would record the serial number of the gun, type, training certificate, and owner information. Information would be stored on the Internet.

Anyone with a gun in their home, or in possession of a gun, without the stamp would have a serious problem. We must know where the weapons are. Trained individuals and their weapons are the last defense of a war fought from within, rather than from outside of our nation.

Protection

The time has come to allow us to protect our businesses, our homes and our families. There is a time to fight, and a time for patience. It's important a person be trained in both before a gun can be purchased! Cars are as dangerous as guns, but both have a useful purpose in the right hands. When a robber or evil person enters a home, it's important they understand that he or she may get their head blown off. The double threat of possibly getting shot, plus a strong, swift, brutal punishment program will deter many from a life of crime, especially if the rest of the programs in this book are adopted by our society. I've found it's much easier to acquire wealth by helping others meet their needs, than it is to make a dollar by wheeling and dealing. Swift and harsh punishment will help enforce this principle of honesty and brotherhood.

Our laws must back up a person who defends his property! I'm not condoning guns for anything but protection and lawful sport. Gun laws must be national laws passed by officials elected by the majority in each state. Punishment for the illegal use of weapons must be swift and brutal. (Note I keep repeating this.) To defend America from within, we must have citizens who are able to defend their homes, their neighborhoods and their block, if the need arises. Are we ready to do that today?

No individual should be forced to purchase a gun, or even learn how to shoot one. The exception would be if the individual is in the junior or senior military. I realize at times accidents occur when guns are not handled properly, or when they're used by individuals with little or no experience. The same is true of cars! However, we do not outlaw the use of cars. We set up strict laws to govern their use. We must do the same with guns!

I sincerely hope the time never comes when we are invaded from within and our fellow citizens huddle in terror with nothing to defend themselves. We must never take that chance. In year pasts, perhaps we could. Today let's revisit our thinking on the argument of gun control. Can we truly afford to lose the right to protect ourselves?



<u>QUESTION</u> What is the foundation of all freedom?

ANSWER

"Statesmen, my dear sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand".

John Adams.

2nd President of The United States June 21, 1776



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Morality is a system of morals; a set of rules, or principles of conduct encouraging a person to do a right action. A nation or people led astray, without a basic morality as their guidepost, soon lapse into decay. The Roman Empire is a great illustration! Right now, in many ways our country is on that path.

You cannot legislate morals for a nation or its people. <u>True morality is conferred through education, example and</u> <u>discipline</u>. When you remove God from education, and discipline from training, it's not long before the baser nature of humanity begins to show its ugly head. We are able to see this in some of the activities of our younger generation, the generation soon to be the parents and leaders of our future.

The time has come to implement programs to help rebuild the fiber of our nation's morality. It has to begin with you, with me, and the representatives we elect to our public offices. We cannot do this by infringing on the freedoms of others, unless by their actions, they are infringing on the laws of the majority.

Each state should have total freedom to do as the majority of their citizens choose, as long as those freedoms do not conflict with national policies. The citizens of a city and state must have full authority to determine the atmosphere in which they choose to live, and the reputation they desire before God and man.

We must use every means possible to give our citizens <u>an opportunity</u> to know and understand the advantages of living a moral and disciplined life. We are all farmers in a very real sense! The things we say, the actions we take toward others, are all seeds we plant. The good seeds return a good harvest of blessings, multiplied greatly. The bad seeds we plant also produce a greatly multiplied harvest... one of
trouble, pain and misfortune for those who planted them, as well as those around them.

The time has come for us to return to the great morals this country's freedom was founded upon. We will find that those who draw us away from morals we know to be right, will soon fade away, as they find fewer customers and profits fall drastically. Worldly people will not do anything unless they can see a profit in it for themselves. Perhaps you and I should begin asking ourselves, what the real motives are behind our decisions. I am shocked at some of my own real motives; the ones hidden behind my denials and excuses.

You may ask: what businesses am I talking about? They are many and varied! Some examples might be those who make you feel guilt, shame and low self-esteem afterwards. Those, perhaps, who tend to get you thinking negatively instead of positively. Those who put you in bondage, instead of freeing you. Those businesses you wouldn't take your mother to visit; whose products are not a blessing to you and your family. This would vary from person to person.

The answer to your question will lie with the individuals of this great nation, state and city. They have the right to choose who they do business with. ***OUR FREEDOM GIVES US ONE BASIC RIGHT... <u>THE RIGHT TO</u> <u>CHOOSE</u>! IF WE DO NOT USE IT WISELY, WE WILL LOSE IT QUICKLY!

Truth

WE MUST BEGIN TO VALUE TRUTH. People are not fools! When we make a mistake, big or little, we must admit it publicly. Times have changed! People don't expect a perfect leader. They know that there's no such thing! They want a leader who'll admit he or she doesn't have all the answers. No one does! The American public is looking for a leader who'll fight for the goals he or she has set forth. People want to see and feel the passion in their leader! Passion builds enthusiasm. Enthusiasm builds armies of volunteers who, in turn, create victory. Parties aside, each individual must vote for the person they feel in their heart will make the very best leader, motivator, and protector of God and country. <u>Freedom is a right that each of us earns or</u> <u>loses one choice at a time</u>! NEVER LET YOUR CHILDREN FORGET IT.

One last thought; as a citizen of this great country, I want to make a statement. Others may feel the same way as I do, or I may be the only one. You may not believe this, but I have no political reasons for the statement I am about to make. Everything in this book is flowing out of my heart, and I feel confident God put it there. The following statement is no exception.

I believe President George Bush is either one of the most headstrong and unwavering individuals ever born, or God has used him to stir up a hornets' nest none of us were aware of. Many said he was wrong to go to war, he says he was right! Many said we should bring our troops home, but he says no! The pressure must be unbelievable! Any politician would normally bend when the polls show most of the world is against him or her. Our president will not bend one inch. It either has to be a giant ego, or a hidden power, that keeps his hand to the plow. Which is it? Only God knows.

I have a sneaking suspicion a power greater than he, is behind his actions. I believe this war did not turn peaceful individuals in Iraq into terrorists. They were there all the time, planning, and training. They were like a huge hornet's nest hidden in the woods. Hornets will not stay in one place forever. Eventually they move on to conquer more territory.

I believe 9-11 was the beginning of the terrorist's expansion. I also believe this war has kept them busy in the east. I feel it has given us time to get better prepared for what is still to come. I firmly believe history will prove that, whether our motives were right or wrong, they were used by God to give us more time <u>to decide</u> whether we will be one nation under God, with Liberty and Justice for all. If we choose not to, I believe we will see an all-out war explode in the streets of our cities similar to the hell we see on our TV screens. The choice is ours!

My thoughts are not that one political party was right and another wrong. I strongly believe, once again, God has interceded into mankind's actions to protect those who <u>trusted in Him in the past</u>. This is America! You are free to have your own thoughts! Think for yourself! Chart your own course! Enjoy your freedom.



<u>QUESTION</u> What does a foreigner think about America?

ANSWER

"In France, I had almost always seen the spirit of religion and the spirit of freedom marching in the opposite directions, but in America I found they were intimately united".

Alex de Tocqueville

Democracy In America Published 1935 and 1940



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Our government is proposing to spend millions of dollars to build fences, install electronics surveillance, and hire border guards to stop illegal immigration. Walls very seldom keep people out of anything. They do make those who want to get in even more determined and creative.

Think about this for a moment; America is a blend of all types of nationalities. Each one brought something to this country that's been a blessing to us. Each arrival learned our language and our ways. By education and daily living, working overtime to support their families, they and their children learned what we might call the "American Way." Those workers were the labor that fueled our past economic booms!

The Hispanic people have proven to us that they are a hard working people! They are willing to start where they can, and for the most part, all they want is an opportunity to enjoy the prosperity of America. They can be an important part of America's future prosperity!

It is true many have arrived illegally. But it's also true we have forced them to do so. Had we set up fair, honest programs permitting those who desire to come to America for the right reasons to do so, we wouldn't have some of the border problems we face today. Again, I ask, please consider the following ideas, then add your own to them. Let's turn this problem into a blessing for America. Let's do it together!

Buy American Goods Program

We have discussed that it is time for Americans to decide to buy American made goods! We then can protect our quality, our jobs and our future. They may cost a little bit more per item at first, but what does it cost us when a plant moves to a foreign country, or goes bankrupt, and our towns lose jobs and then their population? We have a built-in desire for saving a penny, that's good. However, does buying the lowest costing goods really help anyone but a few large companies? We have been saving a couple hundred dollars a year and losing our industries to China, etc. It's time for us to reclaim our markets and manufacture our goods right here in America. We <u>all</u> must look at labels to see where a product is made. We <u>all</u> must start buying American goods. New factories will begin to open all over America. We have the people, all we need are consumers, and manufacturing plants.

This means we need not just technical people, but workers as well. This is where our immigrants come in. They want to work in America and we will need workers! On the following pages, I suggest we set up certain rules that must be followed. If ignored, heavy penalties must result, not just to companies but to the people running those companies. These penalties must be enforced all the way to top management. Especially to top management! (Hand on a hot stove type of penalties!)

Immigration Problems

First of all, the majority of American citizens must decide how much protection they want to have to control the inflow of human traffic. Second, to what lengths are they willing to go to make the protection secure? Fences, walls, not even sharp shooters will keep individuals out who decide they want in.

If that's true, maybe we should forget about fences and make it easy for them to enter, through set check points, into America. In this way, we can know who's coming in and why. Some still will try to come over our borders, but with a few rules in place , we could make it hard for them to live in our country very long.

<u>Here are a few suggestions</u>: I realize that as you read each one, you can probably think of reasons why each will not work. Do America a favor! Think about ideas that focus on how a concept <u>can</u> work. Only ideas can create workable solutions. Together we can do anything... if it will help others, and only if it's by the grace of a higher power, which I call God.

- Every person coming through a check point could be given a picture ID card, or some form of coded personal ID, that would identify that they are in America on a one-year (or more) work permit. The ID must be forge-proof! It might be electronic, or some similar method. It would be best if it could also be used to track their whereabouts. This would be eliminated once they become citizens of this country. It must be worn so all can see they are potential citizens that are to be respected.
- 2. Before any of these individuals could be hired to do any type of work, whether by a business, or anyone else, the Internet must be used to compare the ID number the individual has, with his or her ID picture in the government files. You could also learn information about an individual. Any monies paid to that

individual must be recorded in his or her Internet file. The Federal government must know the total income he and his family earn on a yearly basis. These figures will determine if he is fulfilling the duties of a candidate for citizenship. They are not for tax reasons.

3. No one could buy or sell anything to an individual without citizenship proof, or an ID work card of some type. I realize some Bible-believers may get upset with that statement. Please remember, many items can be used for good or evil. The majority would make the decision as to their use. Example: The ability to create motion pictures is a blessing when technology is used to create movies that are good and wholesome. When triple X movies are made, technology is used for evil. The majority can control their environment, or lose control of it, depending upon their desire for Godly freedom.

4. Below poverty level immigrants could be employed by the state on the W.P.A. type program we discussed earlier in the Tax Section, but only after meeting the needs of all of the below poverty level citizens in their state. Primarily, just as many of our ancestors did who came to America in the 1800–1900s, immigrants must depend on family members they have here, or others of their nationality, to help support them until they can take care of themselves. If they cannot make it, they will need to go back home.

This is why the punishment for crime must be swift and substantial! We must not just deport the individual who robs and steals. Nor should we pay for their room and board while they relax in prison. I will deal with this in a later chapter. Immigrants should think twice before they decide to come to America.

It's important that those who come to our country are committed to staying and becoming solid citizens. They must learn our language and be willing to adopt our ways. We do not ask them to give up their heritage or culture. However, we must not tolerate or accept any person to this country who we can feel is a second class American.

- 5. Any individual with a one-year work ID card must learn to read and write English, to the point of basic fluency, and take a course in American history <u>during that year</u>. Each immigrant must attend a free education course in their area. Their Internet report must record their educational progress. If we let a person enter our country, we must accept we have a responsibility of doing all we can to help them. Their family tree becomes our future generation. But they must show they are helping themselves.
- At the end of one year, if an immigrant meets the one-year criteria, then the individual would be able to renew his or her work permit for another year or

until they become a citizen of the United States. An individual who does not meet the criteria in one year is deported. His file is closed! In rare cases, if the situation warrants it, an individual could be given a work permit for one more year. The decision would be determined by whether or not the circumstances cited are valid reasons for not meeting the one year criteria test. The length of time before a person could become a citizen would be determined by our present laws or the majority rule of the country.

- 7. If a person is deported, he or she cannot come back for reinstatement for two years. Then, if they decide to enter our country again, they must be able to pass our citizenship test and language requirement at the border. They still must wait for citizenship.
- 8. To encourage families to come to America, the law would forbid anyone who is not a citizen to send, carry, or wire money out of the United States. An

individual (citizen) who wires or sends money for an immigrant, when found guilty, would be deported, period. He would lose his citizenship. Justice must be swift to be effective.

Millions of dollars are earned in America and sent to families in other countries to spend there. That money must be spent here! It must become part of our economy. WE NEED THEIR FAMILIES HERE, TOGETHER. If Mexico or any other nation cannot keep their citizens at home, we should not be the source of their income.

9. All who enter the country as potential citizens might be asked to have a certified letter from a sponsoring individual, a family, a social organization, a church a business, etc., saying they will help support that individual, help with his education and stand good for any medical bills he may incur until he becomes established. Note: Our medical facilities should have special low rates for these non-citizen immigrants who have no health insurance. A system could be set up to cut costs, yet provide the emergency care they need. Remember, a good seed planted always brings a great harvest for the seed planter.

A doctor or hospital could set up different procedures for immigrants. Remember, they are not citizens. They do not yet have rights. I am not suggesting less care, but economic wisdom. You could put more patients in a hospital room, or perhaps set up assembly line care in one section of a public health center. You add the ideas! Someone has the answer!

10. There are points to be worked out, but the overall plan will work. Those who have come over the border illegally will not be able to work, buy or sell. They will not have the necessary ID, papers, or whatever is needed. If someone buys or sells to them, when convicted, they too will be deported, citizen or not. If someone decides to go into the counterfeit business, both the maker and the recipient, when found guilty, will wish we had only placed their hand on a hot stove. I am not blood thirsty! True liberty demands one hand be extended to all in love. <u>The other</u> <u>carries a big stick for discipline</u>. True love knows an individual without self-discipline is a problem ready to happen.

- 11. Illegal individuals already in the USA would get their ID cards at state or Federal offices. I'm using the word "cards," however; the method of identification must not only identify <u>who</u> the person is, but <u>where</u> he or she is, and their status as a valued immigrant. Thus, these individuals are not second class members of American society. They are in training for citizenship.
- 12. When an individual with an ID card purchases anything, the total of their purchase will be recorded

on their Internet file until he or she becomes a citizen. The reasons are many. The technology is available and would cost a lot less than fences, guards, etc.

13. No fence would be needed if this program, plus the others in this book, were put into effect in some form or another, as long as the discipline is proportional to the freedom and even greater.



QUESTION

Before his death, what was Charles Darwin's thoughts about evolution?

"I was a young man with unformed ideas. I threw out queries, suggestions, wondering all the time over everything; and to my astonishment the ideas took like wildfire, people made a religion out of it".

Being bedridden many months before his death, Darwin was often found reading what he called "The Royal Book". (The Bible... especially The Book of Hebrews).

Once after speaking of the holiness of God and " the grandeur of The Book" (Bible), Darwin declared: "Christ Jesus and His salvation, is not this the best theme".

ANSWER

"To suppose that the eye with all of it's contrivances... could have been formed by natural selections, seems I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree".

Charles Darwin

Pro-founder, The Theory of Evolution



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It is time for the people of this great country to make the laws they desire. For too long laws have been made that were controlled in part by those who would gain from them. Today most voters have no idea of the many laws and attached amendments their representatives approve.

Courts must understand, they can not make or bend laws to fit their opinions. Nor can they make new laws with their opinions! Each case must be determined on its own merit. Deciding one case based on the decision of another, over time, can result in a slow eroding of freedoms. The law of the majority, based on our Constitution, must lay out a straight path that law works within. Representatives must pass laws that are clear in what they say, and what they do not say.

Please listen carefully! The time between breaking a law and the punishment for it must be <u>short</u> and <u>swift</u>. Lawyers who defend guilty parties in situations where they <u>know</u> evidence proves the guilt of their client beyond a shadow of a doubt, but who still use underhanded delay tactics, and false or misleading actions to confuse a jury, should <u>suffer the same</u> <u>fate as their clients</u> when he or she is still found guilty.

Everyone has the right to be defended! However, <u>no one</u> <u>has a right to mislead a judge or jury to get a person they</u> <u>know is guilty freed.</u> The guilty person should be punished, according to the law, quickly and effectively. Our lawyers must strive for Godly wisdom, reinforced by solid education. <u>Jury manipulation to obtain freedom for a guilty client must</u> <u>be punished</u>. An individual has the right to be defended to protect his or her <u>innocence</u>, not to disguise guilt. Please read that sentence again!

Lawyers should work to regain the honor and respect their profession once had. Today, many times a person will hire an attorney and sue a company or individual, even when there is no basis for the lawsuit. The individual being sued will go to his attorney and show proof the suit has no merit. The two involved attorneys will discuss the case. Then the attorney whose client is being sued may tell his client it will cost \$100,000 or more to go to court. He may suggest it would be better to pay \$20,000 to solve the case. This is not just a made up example! What kind of justice is that? The attorney who took the worthless suit gets some of the \$20,000. The sued individual's lawyer gets his fee. Who received justice? Is this the American way to run a justice system? The problem lies with the \$100,000 necessary to get fair hearing in court. Let's get our court system straightened out. There has to be a better way!

Lawlessness

Punishment: Our laws must be simple and easily understood by all! The basis of all law should be "<u>if you infringe</u> <u>on the liberty and freedom of another person's rights, you are</u> <u>breaking the law</u>!" The laws should be made by a majority of the people and interpreted in line with the original meaning of our Constitution. Laws must not be made by the interpretation of a judge who is swayed by his beliefs instead of the Constitution.

When you break the law, you need to have something happen that will make such an impression on you that "come Hell or high water," you will not do that again.

This punishment for disobedience to authority must begin in the home and continue into the educational years. By then, in most cases, this individual will not deliberately end up in confrontation with the laws of society.

Back when many of my generation were young, our parents could warn us not to do something and most of the time we paid attention. However, like many young people today, there were times when we wanted to do what we wanted to do. That meant we didn't pay attention to what our parents told us. That also meant, in old-time Tennessee language, we would get a trip to the woodshed. Then, in most cases, our father would apply two or three well-deserved slaps to our rear end. We boys called that a "whooping."

It was not abusive! He told us why we were getting it. It was not done in anger. At times it seemed it hurt him as much as us. We knew he loved us and was doing it for the right reason. Yes, it hurt like everything, but it made an impression on us! We knew not to do that thing again! That is exactly what punishment should do for a person who violates the rights of another person.

Today, at times, we hear from so called experts that such punishment will cause all types of mental and emotional trauma to the individual. All I know is that <u>punishment to</u> <u>enforce discipline, done with love, not anger, and with an</u> <u>explanation for the punishment, will develop a well-behaved</u> <u>child</u>. Compare this method of discipline with the type where a parent hollers out "stop it!" ten times or more and when the child thinks they won't be punished, all of a sudden, in anger, the parent swats them. This type of violence, birthed out of anger, breeds future violence! It is the parent's job to help our young people grow up knowing what is right and wrong, and the reasons behind why they should obey authority.

If you are a parent who never disciplines your child because you do not want to suppress their psychological growth and feel they will straighten out as they grow older, you are in for a rude surprise when they reach their teens.

Penalties for Lawlessness

The time has come to empty our prisons! I don't mean let prisoners go free. Rather, we need to turn them into productive workers for society. I am not talking about chain gangs! I am talking about good old-fashioned productive work. Good, honest work with achieved goals can make most individuals feel better about themselves. Many of our confined prisoners need this, desperately. Outdoor activity and physical work are part of body and mind restoration.

I am suggesting we use all but the hardest of criminals to do what President Roosevelt did before World War II. He put people to work to restore and build the infrastructure of our country. He called it the W.P.A. This program restored the morale of those who, for lack of work, could not support their families. It restored their pride as Americans!

Today, we feed and clothe prisoners by the thousands. It costs millions of dollars to build prisons and operate them. Many individuals in prison are there for crimes they would never commit again, if they were given a chance to re-enter society. Many have made the same mistakes these individuals have committed; only they never got caught. I am sure with a little thought I could push myself into that category.

With maturity our actions change and we no longer do foolish things. Many prisoners, today, have not had that chance to change. While in prison, prisoners should work for room and board, period! <u>That is their punishment</u>. Those who work out their sentences, and have a clean record while serving time, should get a full pardon after one year of their release if they have a job and have successfully re-entered society. They can start their life with a clean record, never to be brought up again, unless they violate the trust placed in them.

While they are in a work camp, they work but are also educated. When they leave prison, for those who need it, they could go immediately into the state "below poverty level program" (discussed in the National Sales Tax chapter), which would help them re-enter society on a solid financial basis. Those who do not take advantage of the opportunity they are receiving must be aware there are consequences much worse than returning to a work camp or jail. There must be a much more serious consequence.

In the end, we could replace many of our prisons with work camps. Prisoners would be fed, clothed and work six days a week. They would wash their own clothes, cook their own meals, learn to live in a democratic society ruled by the majority (not by gang leaders), under Godly principles set forth by supervisors. It will work! I realize many of my readers may be forgetting the power of the carrot and the stick.

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Evening classes would be taught by volunteers. The costs would be no greater than it is today, and thousands of working prisoners would provide improvement to our cities, states and country. This no-pay job, combined with hard work, would help many think again before making the same mistakes. Lest we forget, that is the reason we discipline them in the first place.

Make Prison a Prison

Hardened criminals should not be placed on work details. They should remain in prisons as they are today. Their punishment would be the removal of the luxuries that make them feel so comfortable; no TV, phone, visitors, etc. This is only for very hardened repeat offenders, or those who have violated the freedoms of the work detail.

I visited prisoners in a state penitentiary for several years, as part of a mission team. Like you, I have seen on television how guards in some of the <u>worst prisons</u> fear for their lives every day. I find it hard to believe the majority of citizens believe we should put up with this. I do not want to blow your mind. <u>I am not seriously suggesting the following</u>: However, if the violent prisoner who tried to hurt or kill a guard, knew he would face a firing squad the next day, I honestly believe order would be restored quickly. A hand on a hot stove would do the same thing!

Those whose hearts bleed for the prisoners who would kill a guard in a moment if given the chance, should be forced to work a guard shift for a day or two. As they say back up in the woods, it would not take long for them to "get religion."

In the Old Testament a murderer had to flee to a particular city and stay there. If he left the city anyone could kill him or her. These hardened criminals must understand that prison is their free city, if they get on the outside of it anyone can kill them. They also must understand "there is no free lunch"! If they want to eat, they have to produce something in prison that can be sold to make money to pay for their food, clothing, etc. I am sure if you think about it, you could tweak these ideas to really make them work.

The law should be simple! Anyone who <u>desired to</u>, <u>planned to</u> and <u>deliberately</u> murdered someone when found guilty, should have their life terminated <u>immediately</u>. Anyone who placed themselves in a position of criminal activity where they might have to, or could kill someone, <u>and did so</u>, would suffer the same fate, when found guilty. This includes drunk drivers or those under the influence of illegal drugs.

Those involved in noncriminal activity, who <u>accidentally</u> killed someone would be placed on a work gang. They would have the hope of a new life, if they abide by the rules while imprisoned and for a year afterward, unless they had a previous history of violence.

Those who use a <u>weapon</u> to attempt to rob or infringe on the rights of others, but do not kill or hurt someone, when found guilty, should face a punishment <u>worse</u> than prison or a work gang. <u>Again, I am not suggesting this. I am trying to</u> <u>make a point!</u> If the hand that held that weapon had the four fingers removed, this type of criminal activity would be very scarce! Such punishment can seem barbaric, except to those who have had either themselves, or a family member, violated in such a manner. How can you know that your turn is not next? Are you really safe?

Individuals with anti-social tendencies, such as sex, alcohol, etc., could be placed under house arrest with a monitoring device. If they left their homes during the months or years of their sentence, they would be placed on work gangs in special units. They would be offered help, education, etc., while in the home, through the Internet and volunteers. Churches, universities, etc., would be a source of volunteers as well as non-profit interests. Confined to the house means they stay within the doors of their home, period! Their family and friends would be forced to support them. They would find their help in short supply if they did not show they were trying to help themselves.

Younger Offenders

Young offenders between the ages of 12 and 18 would be given sentences of home confinement. They would be forced to receive their education through the Internet. Failure to pass tests and earn certain grades would mean their period of confinement would be extended. The threat of home confinement would be a deterrent to most young people. It would be worse than death! Repeat offender youths would be sent to a "Junior Military School," where discipline would be learned one way or the other, the hard boot camp way.

Closing Remarks

America has been undisciplined for some time! The problem lies in the basic human characteristics of people. <u>Most of</u> <u>us would rather do what we want to do, rather than what we</u> <u>are told to do, or even what we know we should do.</u>

Only discipline will correct this situation! Fear of pain or loss of respect, or influence will deter many actions by those who normally do not live according to Godly principles. For example, if a drunk driver's punishment was to spend seven days with his arms and legs in an old time "stocks" on the courthouse lawn and his nights in jail, individuals would think twice before drinking and driving. Do we really want to stop drunk driving and the misery if causes others?

Our Constitution does not give criminals rights! Feeling sorry for this convicted person, or that one, cannot stand in the way of swift punishment. Our failure to enforce our laws has permitted thousands of citizens to suffer additional losses and pain. We all have a free will. We must make our laws clear. We must make the punishment equally clear. Then let the individual decide if he wants freedom or pain.

<u>Please listen carefully!</u> The Bible says, when an individual is wronged by another, he should turn the other cheek.. This sentence means we should forgive someone whether they ask for forgiveness or not. <u>Example</u>: A drunk individual runs a red light, plows into your wife's car and kills her. Somehow you <u>must</u> reach a point where you can forgive the INDIVIDUAL. However, when an individual is wronged in a free society, society is wronged also! Society stands in the place of God. Society is a higher power. Just as is true with God's nature, society cannot forgive until justice is satisfied! Punishment is demanded, no matter how sorry the criminal is. <u>Example</u>: By the grace of God, you are able to forgive this drunkard individual. However, the state arrests the individual, tries him, finds him guilty and punishes him with the required sentence.

To not punish proportionately to the crime, creates a nation that is <u>not</u> under God because it does <u>not</u> have true <u>liberty</u> and <u>justice</u> for all. This is exactly the position the United States of America stands in today. We need a rebirth of our values! <u>Love and compassion</u> must be balanced by <u>justice and judgement</u>. A free society can not exist in peace without equality of both.

I pray to God that somewhere in America, millions of voices are saying a big "AMEN"! Please... STAND TALL... and start sharing what you believe with others.

<u>QUESTION</u> What were Thomas Jefferson's concerns about America??

ANSWER

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep".

Thomas Jefferson

1781



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To protect our liberty and to teach discipline to our young people, we need to create a program where every young person, between high school and college, enters into military service for one year. Discipline, nutrition, exercise, team work and the ability to defend oneself are key elements in the maturity of an individual and a nation. These students would not be part of our regular military service, nor would they go to fight wars under normal circumstances.

One year of military service and training would prepare them for a mature lifestyle. They would have a totally different perception of life than if they'd remained at home, gone straight to college and entered the vocation they had in mind. Their vocation may not change, but their perspective on life would. They would be ready to face a tough world with the confidence only military service can bring forth. If a person dropped out of high school before graduation, they would be called into service immediately and remain until their school class also graduated from this same service. These individuals would be taught a trade they could use to support their future family. We must prepare every one of our young people for their future role in America's society. There are no second level citizens!

Believe it or not, having the same hair cut, wearing the same clothes, working as a team with individuals of various races, creeds and backgrounds, tends to wear the rough edges off any individual. A sergeant "booming" in your face every once in awhile, the command to "drop and do 50" (pushups) and early morning marches all tend to help instill discipline in even the wildest of spirits.



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We have lost our way! It is no one individual's fault. We cannot blame it on a party or class of people. We all did it ourselves. A nation can only stay strong if the people in it are willing to stand up for what they believe. We have failed in that regard!

Special interest groups holler loud and clear! However, there is a majority of individuals... a large "<u>silent majority</u>" who try to live as they feel God would have them live. They belong to various races, creeds and colors. Although they may tell you they're a member of this political party or that, the truth is, they want Godly principles introduced back into the mainstream of America's lifestyle... and they want it NOW! They want to wake America up! The silent majority needs to rise like an army going to battle. We need a leader with a vision in which we all can believe. "The time is ripe to restore the dignity and prestige of the United States of America"!

Our Government

Most government employees work hard and do the best they can. The government is operated for the most part by these individuals. Elected officials come and go, but trusted government employees try to keep the ship afloat and running straight. The problem occurs when the public fails to speak out and a candidate is elected who's not the best person for the job. Maybe he's elected because a special interest group knows he will do their will. For whatever reason, at times incompetent individuals are elected; THIS MUST STOP!

In business, if someone wants to sell a product, they go to the potential buyer and make their best presentation. Then, with no strings attached, the potential purchaser makes his own decision with no more influence from the seller than the presentation. Our government decisions must be based on what is best for the majority of Americans, not one race, or one city, or one state. If an official does not have integrity well known to those who know him personally, he should not be elected to public office. He or she is a cancer, and their poison will spread to those forced to work with them.

Elected officials must not be afraid to admit when they have made a mistake. Many times the media considers it a weakness. The truth is the ability to admit a mistake is one of the greatest characteristics of a true leader. A true leader will tell you why he believes he made the wrong decision, and what he intends to do about it. No one is perfect! Voters prefer honest leaders over those who through false pride act as if they are perfect.

Nutrition and Fitness

Our elected officials at all levels of government must lead the charge! America is ready! We want to feel good and look good. We want to restore our vitality and energy. We now realize the answer to our problem is not dieting, fixating on losing weight, or more pills and books. Our nutrition experts can show us how a simple change in foods, as well as a simple exercise program, will not only gradually eliminate excess weight, but some of the many prescription drugs we now take.

Our health is a priority! Medical costs are continuing to rise. If the American public does not correct its lifestyle it will not be long before individuals covered by health insurance will have to prove they're on a nutrition and exercise program. If not, their health insurance may be cancelled. Those individuals who do not take care of their health are infringing on those of us who do, causing higher rates for everyone.

We must never forget when we infringe on the rights of others we lose our own rights also. This may include health insurance.

Decision Making

All of our decisions should be made with prayer, advice from representatives we have elected, and quality information from those specialists who know the topics best. Then, and only then, can we make decisions we feel will be right before God and men. Then we must vote our decisions!

Positive Steps

- We need a <u>12 step program</u> for nutrition and fitness similar to the ones for alcohol, and smoking, etc. Individuals need the support of a group, as well as education, to stay committed. This would be a good project for someone. It certainly would be a blessing for America.
- 2. Our food manufacturers must develop low salt and low sugar foods that do not have trans fats or hydrogenated oils. These foods should have whole grains, no enriched flour, or flours that have been stripped of most of their nutrition.
- Healthy meals can be made to taste great by using spices, all natural sweeteners, sea salt, etc. It's coming... ! The public will demand more and more

of it at reasonable prices. This is a great market for manufacturers to get into.

- 4. Fitness centers could offer special low rates to overweight individuals who <u>commit</u> to stay on a nutrition and exercise program. These low rates could stay in effect until the person reaches his or her goal of weight. Failure to work the program would cancel the low rate. This would be a great advertising method for fitness centers. Keep programs simple! You don't have to turn everyone into body builders. Just show people simple ways to tone up their bodies so they feel good.
- 5. Every social organization, business, school, worship center, public facility and non-profit organization should become part of the program. Clothing stores could offer special discounts to individuals who can prove they've toned up their body and reached their proper weight level.

6. You add your own ideas! Getting all Americans in shape is not an individual thing. It must be a group thing! None of us can do it by ourselves. We need each other, and the help of a power higher than ourselves. Let's renew our vitality!



<u>QUESTION</u> What was the secret of George Washington Carver's unique creativity?

ANSWER

When he went into his laboratory, he would lock the door. He said "Only alone can I draw close enough to God to discover His secrets".

"God is going to reveal to us things He never revealed before if we put our hand in His".

> George Washington Carver Agricultural Chemist of Worldwide Fame



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It is time to raise our flag high! In the past, when an army was ready to move, the color guard raised the flag high so that the entire army knew that the time to move forward was now! Let's show the world we are proud of the United States, our flag, and what it represents to us. Let's fly our flag from every home, from every business, from every place of worship. Let's show everyone we are ready to move forward!

In America, let us never forget we have freedom only as long as we do not infringe on the rights of another person. <u>When a person burns an American flag on American soil,</u> <u>that is not an individual freedom!</u> They are infringing on a <u>symbol of the rights of every American citizen</u>. As we discussed, a crime against the rights of society demands justice. Those who say freedoms permit flag burning have forgotten the words "liberty and justice for all." You can not have one without the other. Let's get our courts and laws right! I do not mean in ten years, I mean <u>RIGHT NOW</u>!

There is a flag symbol I would like to encourage every business to add to their product packaging, signs, trucks, stationery, etc., if they really believe the words on it. This symbol should be used in every manner in daily life. The use of it means you believe what is written on it. Everyone is free to use it! It cannot be copyrighted or trademarked for several reasons.

It is an American flag, with three stars on each side of it, and the following words above and below the flag. Above the flag it says, "United We Stand." Below the flag it says, "In God We Trust." These words should be the banner and battle cry for all Americans who desire the "Rebirth of America," regardless of their beliefs, political affiliation, race, creed, gender, or color. Here is what it looks like. You can go to my website at www.CommonSenseForAmerica.net and download it for your use, or find information how to buy these flag stickers at cost prices.



black & white example of the full color sticker

Let's all lift up the flag so many have died for. We must not lose the individual rights and freedoms our ancestors have fought so hard to attain. We must make every effort to restore these freedoms to their rightful place in a society the majority of Americans truly believe was built on Godly principles.

If you believe in the words on this symbol, place a small sticker of it on the back window or bumper of your car, the front door of your business, and on your mail box. Stand up and let everyone know what you believe in.

Foreign Countries

Individuals in foreign countries seek freedom and justice for all, just as we do. I suggest they remove our flag, and place their flag in the middle and use their language to state the same principles.

Keep The Design The Same

As we all reprint the flag symbol in America, let's keep it the same. Let's show the unity we're trying to express. It won't be long before you'll drive down the street and by looking at the bumper or back window of the cars in front of you, you will quickly see if they feel the same way about the principles of America as you do. Let's stand up and be counted!



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In America today, there is much confusion about what the word "public" means. This confusion affects our understanding of how many citizens feel about activities we conduct in public places such as schools, court houses, streets, sports arenas, etc. To help us better understand the true meaning of the word "public" and its relationship to what can, and cannot, be conducted in these areas, let's see exactly what the World Book Dictionary defines as "public."

The word "<u>public</u>" means any area or object belonging to or concerning the people as a whole. A public area is open to all people. Its purpose is to serve all the people. It may be used by anyone who chooses to use it. The definition of "<u>public policy</u>" is the general purpose of a law protecting the public from acts contrary to its welfare, even when there is no positive statutory prohibition. In other words, public policy protects the general public, or majority, from acts that are contrary to its welfare.

The definition of a "<u>public school</u>" is a free school maintained by taxes. This means it is a free school for all <u>who</u> <u>choose to use it</u>.

The word "<u>public-spirited</u>" means an attitude of having, or showing, an unselfish desire for the <u>public good</u>. We would expect all of our leaders to be public spirited. <u>This means they</u> <u>only pass and support laws good for the majority of its citizens!</u>

A "<u>public utility</u>" is a company or corporation chartered to render essential services to the public. "<u>Public works</u>" are highways, dams, docks, canals, etc., built by the government at public expense for public use.

Notice One Important Point about the Word "Public"

In every case, the word "public" means an object, service or principle that is <u>available to all people for their common</u> <u>good, if they choose to participate</u>. Notice the purpose: "<u>For</u> <u>their common good</u>." May I ask you a question? Exactly who determines what is for the public's common good? Who decides what is taught in public schools? Who decides what public policies, what public utilities, what public works, etc, are needed for the good of the people as a whole? Please think about it.

These decisions are made by representatives of the citizens who elected them. Notice, the elected representatives do <u>not</u> have to carry out the wishes of all of the citizens in the district or area they represent. They only have to do what the majority who elected them mandate them to do. <u>Only</u> <u>those who vote have a say in the decision</u>. The majority vote determines the "common good" for all! The courts must back the will of the majority or laws will be changed. This is the major problem in America! Our citizens do not carry out their voting responsibilities. As a result, representatives do not have to pass laws that represent the wishes of the majority of the citizens in their city, state, school board district, nation, etc. They may feel they only have to carry out the wishes of those who elected them.

Now we can see how laws have been passed that supposedly promote "the best good for all the people," that in truth only represent "the general good for the majority who voted." An example is the opinion that God cannot be discussed in a public school, due to the provisions of our Constitution concerning separation of church and state.

It is true that America should never have a national or denominational religion taught in our schools. Our forefathers came to America to enjoy freedom of worship and our Constitution protects this freedom for all.

However, our Constitution <u>does not say</u> Godly values and the importance of Godly principles cannot be taught or displayed in public areas. A public area is for all the people. <u>The activities conducted there are legal, as long as they are for</u> <u>the welfare of the people</u>! The majority of Americans today realize that unless we teach our young people Godly principles in our public schools, our future of liberty and justice will be destroyed for all of us.

How can we expect our young people to act in a Godly way, when many parents never learned Godly principles when they were in public schools? It seems we now expect the blind to lead the blind, and it's not working.

Godly principles, taught at an early age in the home, school, sports and entertainment media, will develop individuals who will crave peace and right thinking in all their affairs. Implanting Godly principles in young people in all areas of education is for the good of all the public, <u>all</u> of the time!

How many adults who are against God's name being mentioned in school, when getting on a bus, or on a subway, or walking down a dark street at night in a rough area of town, would rather be approached by a group of teenagers raised on Godly principles than a gang that knew only what they learned in the streets? Think about it!

<u>Conclusion</u>: Those who vote have the opportunity to control public places for the good of all. Not just for religion, or for politics, or for those who don't believe in God, but for the <u>good</u> of all. Laws, judges and ungodly opinions cannot stand up against TRUTH. Godly principles... not religion... are America's God given and forefather passed on right to true freedom. Don't ever let anyone tell you different!

It is time for us to stand up and vote our convictions... for the good of <u>all</u> American citizens. No individual in America is forced to use a public school or public place. However, if they do, they must know what goes on there represents what the majority feels is "for the good of all." "The good of all" simply means any type of activity conducted in a public place that adds to the security, rights and freedom of all its individuals! Such actions may be considered by a minority to not be best for their welfare. These conclusions must not stand up in court, if the activities in question promote freedom, peace and security for all citizens.

The Constitution's founders knew you cannot please all the people all the time in a totally free democracy, where every individual is free to develop their own ideas and express them boldly. We should not think we have the ability to do it either!



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QUESTION

"What 'Stinking Thinking' do many Americans possess"?

CONSTITUTIONAL ANSWER

"I do not forget the position assumed by some, that Constitutional questions are to be decided by the Supreme Court... at the same time, the candid citizen must confess that if the policy of the government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be irrevocably fixed by decisions of the Supreme Court, the instant they are made... the people will have ceased to be their own rulers, having—resigned their government into the hands of the eminent tribunal."

Abraham Lincoln

March 30, 1863

SPIRITUAL ANSWER

"But we have forgotten God... we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; an we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom of our own."

> Abraham Lincoln Inaugural Address March 4, 1861

NOTE

On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln... in direct disregard to the Supreme Court's 1857 Dred Scott vs. Sanford decision, proceeded to issue the famous "Emancipation Proclamation," to go into effect January 1, 1863. It did just that!



America has truly become confused in the relationship between liberties, rights, and how they relate to poverty and welfare. Nowhere in our Constitution does it state that the government is responsible to see that you, as a citizen of the United States, have food, clothing, housing, income or a particular standard of living. Where do you honestly think those ideas came from?

Our forefathers left us a heritage... "our Constitution"... that gives us definite rights meant to create an atmosphere in which hard work, Godly living (faith in God and outward action to help others), and freedom could be used to supply the needs of our families and our country. This is our heritage in America. Nothing else! Our government must be used only to protect those freedoms from within, and from without. That is their only job! Nothing else. The care of those who fall into misfortune is the responsibility of all individual citizens of the United States, specifically their families, friends and neighbors. Only those who know the situation can determine if an individual should be helped, and how best to help him or her. The Godly principle of determining who to help is based on the laws of sowing and reaping. I'll explain this with two illustrations.

A thirsty man walking down an unpaved dirt road came up on a weather worn farm house. Knocking on the door, he asked the old farmer if he could have a drink of water. The farmer pointed to the well in his back yard. "<u>Sure, fellow, just</u> <u>be sure to fill the cup back up when you are done</u>."

Seeing that the traveler was not sure what he meant, the old farmer walked out to the pump with him. Lifting a cup full of water from the well lid, he poured it into the top of the pump. At the same time he told the thirsty man to pump like crazy. It wasn't long before both heard a gurgle and water started to pour out of the spout. The first thing the farmer did was refill the old cup, and laid it to the side.

Taking another tin cup, the old farmer pumped as the young man enjoyed the cool, pure water that flowed from deep within the earth.

The principle of sowing and reaping is illustrated in this story. God tells us in the Book of the Old Testament that the law of planting and harvesting would never fail as long as the earth existed.

We know whatever seed we plant returns a harvest of like kind, multiplied many times. In our story, we see the farmer had to pour a cup of water into the top of the pump to get it to draw water from the well. That cup of water was the seed the farmer used or planted. If he drank the cup of water himself, he would never have gotten the pump to draw water. For those of you who never saw an old-fashioned water-pump, here's why he needed that cup of water: the seals in the pump had dried out and shrunk. The cup of water caused the seals to expand, so when the handle was pumped a vacuum was created and pure, clean water in abundance sprang forth from that simple cup of seed water. We used to call that "priming the pump."

In America, many of us have become greedy. Instead of planting seeds to be a blessing to others, we are eating our seed. Years ago when a farmer would eat all of his seed in the winter and had nothing to plant in the spring, he knew he was going to starve that fall, because he'll have no harvest to reap. If we sow good seed, that is, do good things for others, then in due season, we will reap a harvest in areas we need help. If we sow bad actions, we can be sure they'll come back on us multiplied, too.

It is time for our government to get out of the welfare business! It is time for companies to stop making money off of the poor, and those who have fallen into misfortune. We must stop providing services to the poor that satisfy a temporary need, but in reality, push them further in debt. It is time for everyone to realize there is no free lunch in America for anyone! If you need help, show you are trying to help others and then and help will come.

I realize our thinking must change before our actions are ready to meet the needs of the unfortunate. However, the plan I proposed... to put those to work whose income is below the poverty line... will begin to help create an America of which we can all be proud.

God has blessed millions of people in America. Many have more money than they will ever need. By now, it should be apparent that we cannot take it with us when we leave this earth. The citizens of America must join together to prime the pump to relieve the burden of poverty in America. We do not need organizations, buildings, big funds, etc.

We need the government to give a small list of those in need to the volunteer churches or organizations in their area. Then the churches and organizations can decide how they want to divide up the responsibility among their members of working with each person, or family in trouble. The goal is to meet the needs, not the wants. We must help those less fortunate by showing and teaching them how to become a self-supporting citizen of the U.S.A.. As we learn how to help others, we find we are the ones who are blessed the most.

The purpose should not be to continue to feed their needs, but to teach them how to meet their own needs. The first principles we teach is that if they want to receive a harvest of blessings, they have to reach out in some way, little or big, and help someone else. This action preferably should be toward someone outside of their family or home. Seed planting builds <u>self-confidence</u> and <u>self-esteem</u>. These two qualities are basic to individual growth.

The changeover from government welfare to Americans taking care of those who need help doesn't have to be a long, drawn out process. As I've said before, it does require a change of mind and heart in America. Only by God's grace can this happen. However, when we all become seed planters, our harvest of blessings will be beyond belief.

The question is... Does the American public believe strongly enough in the Godly principles they say they support, to share some small part of their wealth and time to help others get their lives straightened out. The rewards here, and for all eternity, will be great!

One Last Thought Worth Repeating

There is no reason for any child to go without glasses, medical care, clothes, shoes or food. Most American families have what they need and a little left over.

By dividing those in need among churches and civic organizations who volunteer, the organizations themselves would be responsible for seeing that these needs are met. Individual families, each working with one or two needy families would be the outreach arm that meets the need.

Medical service should be handled the same way. The volunteer organization provides the funds. Doctors, hospitals, dentists, whatever services are needed, should provide the help needed at a reduced cost. It must be done so no one individual is overloaded in any way. All members of a community must be given the opportunity to plant some of these good helping seeds. This is the true American spirit that built this great country!



I believe all citizens should have a personal method of identification that cannot be stolen. We need to be able to use the Internet or some method of communication so each citizen could vote their conscience on various possible laws their representatives are discussing with representatives from other districts. The best <u>possible</u> program would be if a citizen could sit at home, study the facts and vote their opinion or offer their suggestions right from home. This would be a survey of voters, voting their opinion on the subject. One vote to a citizen! ID would be recorded so people could not vote twice.

This interaction between citizens and their representatives would put control in the hands of the majority of people. It would eliminate laws being passed benefiting only the minority. It would eliminate the role of the Washington lobbyist. They would have to present their story to voters by means of educational TV programs. Citizens would learn to think for themselves. Bills that become law would be much simpler. There would not be amendments attached to bills, so they could slip through under cover of the original bill.

This would help our mayors; our governors and our president know what the public is for, and what they should veto. Technology has given us the means to do this. Public places, plus volunteers, could provide technical skills for those who need help to vote their opinion.

A plan like this would return America back to a nation governed by the people. Those in power now, as most of us would if we were in their position, may have a hard time accepting these changes. However, true statesmen would see the benefit to our great country. Quickly, these individuals would rise to the top, as our citizens demanded true leaders willing to be servants to those they serve.



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The time has come to face the facts that our present Social Security Program will be unable to guarantee retirement funds for our citizens in the future. What should we do about this?

The first thing we need to do is accept it, get our thinking on a positive note, and start working towards a solution. It is true many were promised benefits that now seem impossible to produce. It is also true many of us paid in monies that perhaps could have been invested in better ways.

Was the program set up to cheat anyone? Of course not! Our problem is this: We are involved in a good situation that's beginning to cause us a bad problem. People are living longer! This means Social Security is paying out more than was intended. Of course, this means our friends, family and you and I will live longer, too. That's the good news!

How do we solve this problem? I suggest we handle this financial uncertainty with "Retirement Insurance."

I suggest we fund it with a small percentage of monies collected from our National/State Sales Tax. A much smaller Federal government will provide the monies for our insurance program.

The primary purpose of Retirement Insurance would be to assure that upon reaching the age of retirement, should someone decide to stop working, that individual would know they have an income that would keep them \$1.00 above the poverty level. We would not expect anyone to live at that level! Any part time work they might do, along with their savings, and any returns on their investments, will raise their standard of retirement living. Since we would no longer have an income tax, a Social Security tax or a state income tax, (the National/State Sales Tax would cover these items), the individual will have much more income to save (tax free) or to spend.

Upon reaching retirement age, and until death, if an individual's earned income dipped below the poverty level, the insurance fund would make up the difference.

The Plan

Upon reaching retirement age, each individual would receive a special Identification Card with their old social security number on it. Those who do not have these numbers in the future would be given "retirement insurance numbers."

To show they are entitled to receive Retirement Insurance benefits, they must be able to show proof they have worked as a full-time wage earner in the United States of America for, say, the last <u>20</u> years. (The most appropriate number of years would be determined by experts in that field.) For our present workers, our Social Security records would give us this proof. Future workers would have to get certified work records from companies when they changed jobs. With a National/State Sales Tax, we will not keep national records on the wages earned by individuals until they reach retirement age and start collecting Retirement Insurance monies.

If the individual did not work, or only worked part time, they would not be eligible to receive Retirement Insurance income. An exception to this rule would be if a person not eligible for retirement insurance was legally married to a wage earner who died. The remaining partner would receive the wage earner's share, based upon the complete rules of the program.

The purpose of the plan is to insure all citizens of the United States, who earned wages and paid social security in the past, or earned wages and paid the National/State Sales Tax over a certain period, would have a guarantee from the Federal Retirement Insurance Company. The guarantee is
that, should they need it after retirement, they could be sure they would have a standard of living at least \$1.00 above the poverty line, plus any other income they might earn.

General Ideas (Add Your Own)

As an example, let's suppose the poverty level for families is set at \$20,000. Every individual worker who reached whatever age is determined as "retirement age," has an opportunity to receive monies from the Federal Retirement Insurance Company, <u>if</u> they are eligible.

To be eligible, they must be an American citizen. They must have worked full-time for twenty years in America and either paid Social Security tax during those twenty years, or bought items and paid the National/State Sales Tax for 20 years, or a combination of the two. (Twenty years is only an "Example" figure). If this retired individual had no earned wages for work performed, no earned income from investments, and no inheritance after retirement, (for that year) the individual would be entitled to receive 12 monthly payments of \$1,666.66 upon certification of his or her work record. (\$20,000)

Any income, whether by means of wages, investment returns, inheritances, etc., would affect the retirement funds they receive in the following manner: For every dollar a retired person receives in income, the insurance fund monies would be reduced by 40 cents. This means if the poverty level is \$20,000 a year, a retired person could receive an additional \$50,000 before the level is reached where he or she would no longer receive any insurance money.

Extra \$ of Earned Income of Retired Individual	Retirement Funds Paid to Individual	Total Income of Individual
0	\$20,000	\$20,000
\$10,000	\$16,000	\$26,000
\$20,000	\$12,000	\$32,000
\$30,000	\$8,000	\$38,000
\$40,000	\$4,000	\$44,000
\$50,000	0	\$50,000

Under this plan, each wage earner is considered a separate entity. This means a man and wife, both meeting the qualifications, could receive a combined \$40,000 with no extra income, or earn up to \$100,000 of extra income before they leave the program.

Program Benefits

This type of plan will help both America and its retired workers. The retired person can work full-time or part-time, as long as they desire to, in order to increase their standard of living while keeping their self-esteem high. At the same time, America has the use of their talents, abilities and past experiences. Productivity would be increased because of the accumulated wisdom of our older workers.

Any time we can expand our economy, increase production and create new jobs with increased wages, purchases will increase. All these activities will fuel the growth of our National/State Sales Tax, thus funding this program, as well as state W.P.A.-type programs. The "Buy American Program" is the key! As retirement income is spent, a portion of it recycles back into the Retirement Insurance Fund through the National/State Sales Tax. Thus it becomes self-funding.

Suggestions on How to Switch From Social Security to Insurance

The switch would take place when the National/State Sales Tax program would go into effect.

Months before, those citizens who would reach retirement age in the coming year, would get their Retirement Insurance identification card. Our Social Security files would show us how many years an individual had been employed full-time. Part-time employees are not covered under this program.

All Social Security monies as well as monies collected from a percentage of the National/State Sales Tax would be placed in the Federal Retirement Insurance Company fund. <u>These monies can never be used for anything else!</u> If the accumulation of funds becomes far greater than needed, the percentage collected in the National/State Sales Tax should be reduced, or the poverty level raised to include more individuals.

Example: Raise the \$20,000 limit to \$24,000 to help even more people.

Those who are presently receiving Social Security funds would continue to do so with one exception. Individuals with incomes in excess of \$50,000 in a calendar year would no longer receive S.S. checks. They must be willing to give up these benefits for the good of those less fortunate. Should their income ever fall below \$50,000, their Retirement Insurance checks would be restored proportionally to the figures I previously illustrated.

Those receiving disability checks now would need to be revisited when the new program goes into effect. Many would continue to receive benefits until volunteer and church groups picked up the slack. Some individuals should not be receiving money at all. They know it, and those around them know it. Receiving money under false pretenses is stealing. Stealing always reduces an individual's self worth, and this makes it very difficult to attain any type of success in life. We need to free these individuals from this burden.

The age of retirement, the poverty line, and many other areas of this plan would need fine-tuning by qualified experts. The plan will work, if we work it.

We need a leader with vision who can stand the heat, and press on, to return this country to its true heritage of freedom and justice for all. Vote your convictions!

<u>Question:</u> What do you mean by "discipline of children" by parents? Do you think parents do not know how to discipline, today?

<u>Answer:</u> I did not know how to discipline when I became a parent. There were a lot of things in my life I learned the hard way. I am sure most people find that true. <u>By "discipline," I mean children must learn at an early age</u> <u>to submit to lawful authority</u>. A parent is a lawful authority! This process takes effort on the part of both parent and children. This is the way, I have found, that seems to work best.

 First, a child must be told as clearly and specifically as possible what they should not do. After they have heard what you said, you must ask them if they understand what you said. This dialogue cannot occur successfully if they are playing, or watching television. This is a face-to-face discussion.

2. If they repeat the offense, then, with love, you calmly (by the grace of God), ask them what they just did. When they tell you, ask them if they remember your discussion with them concerning this matter. If they say, "I forgot," explain again. Then tell them, very seriously, that the next time you will have to punish them in a very painful way.

Tell them you love them very much. Explain to them that if you do not teach them to obey authority when they're young, when they get older and disobey authority, they may end up in fights, prison, or even worse. Tell them you do not want to punish them, but if you let them be disobedient, you would be hurting them even more. Now, hug them and let them go play. It is a must to hug our children often! Let them know by word and example, that you really do love them. <u>Guide</u>, <u>encourage</u>, <u>motivate</u>. Never criticize! Tell them when their actions are wrong, but NEVER criticize their character, or attack them personally. Such conduct will kill their ability to ever be all they could be.

3. If your child does it again, calmly ask the young person to come into the bathroom. You sit down on the toilet seat. Hold the child's hand in your hands gently, and look him or her right in the eyes with love, not anger. Ask the child, "Do you know what you did wrong?" If they do not know, explain calmly, softly, (very important) and be very specific. Ask if they remember you and they discussed this subject before. Explain that you love them but, in this world, people who do not obey authority get punished.

Now, turn them over your knee, and with an open palm apply two or three good slaps to the rear end. (A bare rear end will make more of an impression.) Now, stand them up. Hold their hands gently with your hands, and let them tell you specifically why they received a spanking.

If they say, "I do not know," that means they are being stubborn! This will happen in strong-willed children, and must be dealt with softly. Tell them again what they did wrong. Explain they still have not learned the lesson! They will have to be punished again. Give them the same spanking and be sure not to do it in anger. <u>You are the teacher</u>. <u>The child is</u> <u>your student</u>. <u>The principle to be learned is a person's</u> <u>obedience to authority</u>.

Usually, this time, they will start crying. I was told of a child who lasted through three cycles before admitting they'd deliberately disobeyed. After the punishment has been applied, and the child has admitted his or her failing, you again explain how much you love them. Hug them, and tell them how good a person they are in so many different ways. (VERY IMPORTANT) Send them off with a smile and, the rest of the day; make every effort to show them how much you love them.

<u>Basic Rules:</u> Don't shout, don't make unnecessary rules, and always control your anger. Remember, sometimes it takes tough love to heal the most stubborn will. Tell a child something one time, and be sure they understand. The next time they do it, call them over and explain what they did wrong. Ask if they understand. If they say yes, explain next time you will be forced to punish them, to help them learn to obey authority before it gets them in real trouble. If you do not discipline them in love, when they are young, your life will be Hell when they move into their teens.



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QUESTION

What gave America it's peace and prosperity?

ANSWER

"We cannot read the history of our rise and development as a nation, without reckoning with the place the Bible has occupied in shaping the advances of the Republic — where we have been the truest and most consistent in obeying it's precepts, we have attained the greatest measure of contentment and prosperity."

> Franklin Delano Roosevelt 32nd President of The United States (President through World War II)

QUESTION

How do we literally change the face of America?

ANSWER

"Whoever shall introduce into public affairs the principles of primitive Christianity (Godly Principles), will change the face of our country."

> Benjamin Franklin March, 1778



<u>Question:</u> Would you pull our troops out, or send even more to fight?

<u>Answer:</u> May I please ask you a question? How would you feel about someone willing to make a serious decision, like you just asked me, before he knew the true facts about the subject? I have heard a lot of second-hand facts. Second-hand facts are poor decision tools.

All Americans are in this fight together. It must not be a question of politics! It is a question of what the right solution is. If the solution calls for action to protect our freedom, the citizens of our great country must have the backbone to do what it takes, whether that's pulling out or staying in Iraq. This is why we must elect leaders we can believe in and trust with our country and our lives. At this point, this is my opinion! The United States and a few other countries are sharing the fight to protect the world from the tyranny fanatic Muslims are spreading around the world. Up to now, it seems America has shared the majority of the financial and physical burden of this effort. This must stop NOW!

If <u>all</u> free nations of this world are not willing to share the burden equally, then I feel we should pull all our troops out immediately. My focus would be to build a strong military force at home to protect our land, and our population. Other nations are free to do the same and most are doing it.

The people of Iraq have a decision to make. If all the factions of political and economic power would join together, they could rebuild their country quickly. Up to now, territorial disputes have created turmoil from within. We have given this potentially great country the opportunity for freedom. That is all we can do! Freedom is not a given right, it is a right to be earned. America had its Civil War. Now, Iraq may be having theirs.

We can do nothing to help them until they unite to help themselves. The primary mission of our military must be to defend our country from those who would hurt us from within and without. There are countries that have stated clearly they intend to destroy us. We need to save our resources to support our homeland.

There is No Gain Without Pain!

If oil is why we're fighting a war that's sapping our strength, it is time our politicians tell us the truth. We cannot afford to be held in bondage by any nation, or group of nations.

When a leader makes the need clear, if he or she is a true leader, the majority of a nation's citizens will do whatever it takes to solve the problem. World War II proved it! If Americans were convinced that gas rationing was necessary we would do it! There are many ways we all would be willing to cut back if we knew that failing to do so would cost us our freedom.

A message to our leaders: Tell us the unvarnished TRUTH about situations our country faces. Tell us what we can do to help solve problems. Most Americans are ready to follow a leader <u>we can trust</u>!



<u>Question:</u> What are your thoughts on religion?

<u>Answer:</u> I believe the word religion is greatly misused in America. The World Book Dictionary says religion is a belief in God or gods, a worship of God or gods, a particular system of religious beliefs and worship.

Religion can be the worship of any person, place or thing. It is not the worship of a higher power, particularly. All human beings worship something! So, in the true sense of the word, everyone has a religion of some kind. Money is a god to many people.

Now, let's look at the word, "spirituality." The World Book Dictionary says spirituality is the devotion to spiritual, rather than worldly, things. Devotion to spiritual things could be devotion to Godly principles of right and wrong in words and actions. Emerson said, "Great men are they who see that the spiritual is stronger than any material force." Apparently, he believed in a higher power!

In many ways, religion is the worship of rules, regulations and rituals that make us feel more worthy. The practice of spirituality in our lives makes us more Godly and thus, more of a blessing to other people. It seems to me America needs more spirituality and less religion. What do you think?

Question: What are your spiritual beliefs?

<u>Answer:</u> They are very simple! I believe God is a good God, and that he loves me. I believe I can trust His love to help me meet my needs, as I try to help others meet their needs. My first need is eternal salvation, and God's love gift to mankind solved that problem for all willing to accept it. My next need consists of the various daily needs a person has on this earth. I have found my needs are met as I meet the needs of others.

I believe I must associate with like-minded people on a daily basis, so they can help and encourage me, and I can

help and encourage them. It is important for my spiritual welfare to do this each day, not just on Saturday or Sunday, although those times of fellowship are very important.

Question: Do you believe church services are important?

<u>Answer:</u> Church worship services are very important! Many people do not have an opportunity, or take time, to think on spiritual things during the week. The worship service is an opportunity for them to hear a spiritual message and receive encouragement and hope they do not normally get in their daily activities.

<u>Question:</u> Do you believe everyone who worships God is worshipping the same God?

<u>Answer:</u> I believe everyone who worships a God, whom they worship as a higher power, <u>in which selfish motives are</u> <u>not involved</u>, is worshipping the same God whether they realize it or not.

There is only one real God! Men have many interpretations of God. All of these are based on their knowledge, or lack of knowledge, of Him and His ways. These ideas have ranged from those who believed the sun was God, to those who believed a statue was God, to those who have had a personal encounter with God.

God is not as particular as we are! He has one criterion He looks at when a person comes to Him in prayer or worship. Is that person sincere in his faith, in his belief of God's love for all his needs? <u>Worshiping God out of fear or ritual</u> <u>is rooted in self</u>, <u>and its foundation is self-preservation</u>. Acceptance of John 3:16 opens the door from darkness to light... From selfishness to love of others.

It is time we all realized God places responsibility on an individual based upon the individual's knowledge of Him. Our job is two-fold. First, we are to learn all we can about God and His love for us. Second, we must tell others about His love and prove our belief by sharing His love with others. Who are we to judge another's motive or method of worshiping God?



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<u>Question:</u> What type of punishment do you feel it would take to stop criminals from attacking and robbing people using a gun, or any other type of weapon?

<u>Answer:</u> I feel I have already answered this question in some detail. May I ask you a question? Are you asking me to answer this question with compassion for the poor misunderstood criminal, who was raised in a broken home, and whom society never gave a chance to be anything but a person who robs from others in order to support his lifestyle, or whatever pleasures he can buy on the street? OR, are you asking me for a punishment that would be just, yet still totally inadequate for the pain the crime of rape caused in a young girl's life, or the family whose store owner/father was shot for fun, while his store was robbed? Should the punishment take into consideration the pain it will cause the criminal, or should the emphasis be on the pain the victims, their families and friends will experience for a lifetime? You see, today, America is divided on this question. <u>We tend to forget the criminal is the bad guy!</u> In a country where it is a crime to infringe on the freedom of another, the punishment for those who are proven guilty, must be swift and harsh enough that it will provide a deterrent for future similar behaviors.

Do you want to stop crimes committed with weapons? Do you want to do it for sure? Then pass the only fair law. Cut off the fingers that held the weapon during the crime! You would see such crimes stop almost immediately. <u>Don't forget</u>, <u>in the</u> <u>past, that was the America way</u>! We forget this type of justice is how the West was settled. Steal a man's horse and you hang from the nearest tree! Did they ever hang the wrong man? I would think so! However, that man's life saved many from having their horses stolen. That death, in its time and for the lesson it taught others, was as much for the value of mankind as the death of one of our enlisted men in Iraq. They both were martyred for the good of their fellow men.

Why was the punishment so severe? If you took a man's horse and left him in the wilderness, he could die. To rob or attack a person with a weapon could harm or kill him or her.

To have true freedom, Godly people have got to hold each other accountable to the divine law that says, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Without self-discipline there are no rights of freedom for anyone. The atmosphere we live in every day, in our homes, our workplaces, our city, state and nation, depends totally on the rights of each of us and the courage we have to swiftly back them up.

I am not proud when I use examples like cutting a person's fingers off. That certainly gives me no joy! Perhaps you have a solution that would be better to stop the crime. However, don't say the punishment I used as an example is inhuman or not civilized. What is civilized about rape, murder, kidnapping, etc.? The punishment must fit the crime, and be far more brutal, or there is no reason for the crime to stop.

We have tried giving criminals rights. Soon we will be forced to install swinging doors on our prisons to handle the volume of new prisoners every day. Our prisons are overcrowded now! Together, we can find a solution! I remind you in America today we spend more on prisons than on education.

Please think about this. Our forefathers did not have our volume of crime problems because they promoted Godly principles as a way of life. Many of our young people, and even their parents, do not know what Godly principles are today. It is not their fault, it is ours. Let's solve this problem.



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Section IV Closing Statements ****

Almost every day, our newspapers are full of articles detailing our major problems. The preferred solutions are many and varied. Worldly wisdom flows from the lips of many, and many of the ideas are very logical. However, logic does not always work in a society where individuals are not on the same page in their thoughts, words or actions.

Recently, I read an article by Dwight Lewis, an excellent columnist for the Nashville Tennessean newspaper. The title was, "Aids Impact on Black America, a Deepening Tragedy." The article said the black community makes up twelve percent of the nation's population, but they represent fiftyfour percent of new HIV/Aids cases in America. The ages of its victims ranges from 13 to 21 years old. This is a tragedy that did not have to happen. I mention these sad statistics only to point out logical thinking does not always work. We have many groups that believe early sex education and free condoms will solve this problem. They have been carrying out these ideas for some years now, yet the figures above came out in a report dated, 2007.

I wonder why it never crossed the majority of the black community's mind, or the white community for that matter, what the real problem might be? Could it be because many of our young people have never been exposed to Godly teaching in school?

Surely in both communities, there are leaders who realize it is not education in the head, but Godly wisdom in the heart, that gives an individual strength to overcome temptation.

The 12-step program for those with addictions has surely proven logical, but will power does not stop addiction. It takes a power greater than the individual. That is not religion. That is spirituality, "Godly wisdom." All 12-step programs begin with step #1—"admitting you have a problem," America has one!

If the black community in the past could have the courage to march until the curse of their bondage was broken, surely following their example, we all can rise to our feet and get this country and its laws straightened out. <u>Any law can</u> <u>be overcome by the majority</u>! The question is simply this: do we value our pleasure, comfort, and ease more than we value our inheritance of freedoms and rights? They are being stolen from the majority by the vocal minority, and those who want to control America.

Remember, no one has to give up what they believe in, but they do have to stand up and prove to the majority of citizens in America their ideas are the best ones for America to follow.

In our country, the only way a person can earn the right to enjoy freedom is to vote to preserve it. If a person does not vote, they cannot criticize the majority who do. The coming years will be a pivotal point in American history. The nation must rise up as one and vote, not on political party lines or religious beliefs, but on basic principles of freedom. A fire has been lit! A call has gone forth! America is returning to its basic principles and our nation is in the process of a REBIRTH.

The battle will not be easy. Nor were the battles our forefathers fought for us in the past. We will prevail! States rights shall return! The Federal government will serve the people, and our leaders will be men and women of vision, and Godly wisdom.

DON'T WAIT... START TALKING FREEDOM TODAY! Put the "United We Stand, In God We Trust" flag symbol everywhere you can. "Together we can overcome".

★★★ NEVER FORGET ★★★ FREEDOM IS NOT INHERITED, BUT EARNED, ONE CHOICE AT A TIME.



$\frac{\text{Alexis de Tocqueville}}{(1805-1859)}$

Alexis de Tocqueville was a famous French Statesman, historian and social philosopher. Beginning in 1831, he toured the United States of America to observe the people and their institutions. His two-part work, "Democracy in America" excels all other books concerning the relationship between our character and our society. In it he penned these words. "I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers, and it was not there; in her rich mines and her vast world commerce and it was not there.

Not until I went to the churches of America and heard her pulpits aflame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because she is good and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great".

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE CHANGE Final thoughts by the author

May I please ask you to read this message carefully? Thank You!

If you are perceptive, you know that the pathway America is traveling is leading to tyranny and loss of individual freedoms for us and our children

Individually, if we continue to sleep, rocked gently by big government offering to supply our needs, pleasure seeking and in some cases total self-centeredness, too late will we realize that the oppressive exercise of power by the minority has stolen our liberty and justice for their own personal gain. We must wake up or we will be put down... many to the grave. Think about the history of other countries!

As I have said many times in this book, I do not have all the answers. Together we <u>can</u> and <u>will</u> solve our problems!

We must not look for the America of the past to be restored! This time we must birth a new America where all peoples can not only talk but experience the liberties, opportunities and challenges manifested by our constitutional fathers.

We have a constitution. Let's live by it! Those who desire to change it are free to vote their conviction. We must never forget... the majority of voters on any subject rule.

The time has come to stand up for what we believe

All over America a peaceful, nonviolent army of individuals just like you are arising to take back what is rightfully ours. In the past, faithful individuals have suffered pain and death that we might be one nation under God with liberty and justice for all. Today in many parts of the world these sacrifices are being made again for us. Surely, we here in America are not willing to go down in defeat without a struggle. Let's work together. This means democrats, republicans, independents, libertarians and all other believers in one or another form of government.

<u>This uprising is not about a political agenda!</u> It is about a rebirth of America's values. The key is for each citizen to stand up for what they believe and vote for what they believe. Non-citizens can join with us by beginning to incorporate American values into their daily lives to prepare themselves for citizenship.

If you are as excited about this as we are, we have some suggestions that will help spread this message. Below I have listed various actions an individual or group could begin doing on their own to "<u>Wake up America</u>". Any books, brochures or flag stickers purchased <u>in volume to be given</u> <u>away</u>, may be purchased at cost, plus shipping and handling. Prices are listed on the publisher's website.

www.CommonSenseForAmerica.net

All profits on "Common Sense for America", books, flag symbol stickers, or brochures will be used by the author to promote America's return to the Five Basic Principles of Liberty and Justice for all.

- If you have a website or a blog, I would appreciate your spreading the word about the book it's principles and the Common Sense for America movement.
- 2. You might list the book information on your e-mail lists or at the various forums you attend.

- 3. Give a book to friends, relatives and neighbors. Many have given up on the basic principles that made this country great. Others may need to be made aware!
- 4. Buy extra books and give them away to prisons, rehabilitation centers, retirement homes, libraries, women's shelters and service individuals in our armed forces. We will ship them for you!
- Radio stations will at times give free airtime for book publicity in return for books that they give away for prizes and promotions.
- 6. If you know individuals who have a voice to the larger community such as authors, teachers, politicians, speakers, ministers and clergy, radio or television personalities, station employees and owners, Hollywood and music celebrities, sports figures, etc., please get a book or brochure to them and ask them to promote the message.
- If you or your group are interested in promoting the message as a fund raising project, see "fund raising" on the publisher's website.

- 8. If you have a shop, business, bookstore, ect., consider setting up a small book display. You will earn extra income and be a catalyst for change at the same time.
- 9. Be creative! Develop your own style of marketing the message of this book and the many values it represents.
- 10. Give us your ideas on how to get Americans to stand up for what they believe and vote their convictions.
- 11. This book is great for weekly discussion meetings.
- 12. Place the "United We Stand, In God We Trust" Flag symbol on your mailbox, back window or bumper of your car, front door of your business, advertising materials, packaging, coffee cups, ect.; everywhere to show people you believe in the values of America.
- 13. The author will be available for speaking engagements, radio, television and other media interviews, as well as talk shows, to expedite the message nationwide as quickly as possible. Book signings may be arranged at that time. There is no speaker fee. See www.CommonSenseForAmerica.net for information.
- 14. Last but not least, if you believe in praying, pray that God will pour out His favor on America, that we might be an instrument of His blessings to the world.

I hope you have decided "change is really needed," and are willing to rise up out of your comfort zone, use the flag symbol and do what it takes to help restore our Five Freedom Principles in your neighborhood, church, business, city and state. We all need you! It will not be easy, but I assure you, it will be exciting! It may be painful at times, but only those who dare to fight in the arena are in a position to win the prize. <u>United We Stand</u> \star In God We Trust, will be our battle cry to victory!

Join the "Common Sense for America" movement today!

Please help your neighbors become aware of this message, give them a "Common Sense for America" brochure.

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Thank you and God Bless you,

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about the author Don Hunt

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Raised in the food business, educated at Vanderbilt University on a football scholarship, Don and his three brothers, with a tremendous team, have built a multimillion dollar pizza business with over 6,000 outlets in twenty eight states. (see HuntBrothersPizza.com)

Don admits in his early business years that he was totally self-centered, totally selfish. His only desire was to be a millionaire. After building a large business, he lost it all. His conclusion was... "I planted seeds of selfishness and reaped a harvest of pain and loss.

In 1989, the four Hunt Brothers, Don, Lonnie, Jim and Charles, started a new pizza company based on these two Godly Principles. • <u>They decided to have total faith in God's love for all of</u> <u>their needs. Then using Godly business principles they</u> <u>set out to use their abilities to help meet the needs of</u> <u>others.</u>

These two principles have not only produced a life of abundance and goodwill, but the brothers believe when you apply these principles in your daily life, as you understand them, if isn't long before many of your lemons begin to turn into lemonade.

Don feels a personal relationship with God eliminates fear and opens a love relationship. He declares this is not religion, but spirituality. "Common Sense for America" combines these two principles with the difficult problems we face today and offers possible solutions. Most of all, it urges you to stand up for what you believe!



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