

In the Name of Liberty

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It is to our disgrace that we have, in this Country, forgotten the meaning and practical application of "Liberty" and "Freedom." In its place we have installed "political correctness" and "social blending" of society. What I mean by "social blending" is that every one must be the same act the same and believe the same; in general, be the "clone" of the person next to us, whether they be male or female, the truth having very little to do with any of it.

We have lost sight of the basic nomenclature of life, that being we are all individuals with individual capacities, personalities, desires, dreams, motives, abilities, and the list goes on. To pigeon-hole every one into the concept that all must conform to some predetermined outline of what is "best" for society (predetermined by some unknown quantity or body) is nothing less than the communist-marxist philosophy that the individual must give up his Liberties, or even his Life, for the (so-called) good of the many. We have come, or gone, so far as to view this philosophy as one that is actually preferable and desirable over the notion of individual liberty. Can euthanasia be far behind? A good case can be made, under this philosophy, for ridding ourselves of those people who are conceived to be a "burden" or "non-productive" to society (determined, I suppose, by this same unknown quantity or body).

When our minds are "bent" into this thought pattern to the exclusion of other viable alternatives, then we have effectively been programmed into believing that one set of philosophical equations is the only direction worth taking, and indeed, is the only one available. Such a condition is desirable to those who would wish to mold and control others for whatever their own personal ambitions or desires would dictate (no doubt the same unknown quantity or body).

There is a word for such a condition, it is called involuntary servitude, or, perhaps more to the point, ignorant servitude, since, at this point, we still may exert some effort toward informing ourselves of what is actually happening to us and then do something that would bring about change. Unfortunately, we must be able to recognize, and then admit, the truth of our situation. This seems to be the only thing that we refuse to do since, God forbid, it would require time to study what is going on and then "think" about a possible solution that would maintain Liberty and accomplish the goal (if attainable at all without infringing on liberty).

Not all things in a Free society can be "legislated" upon, since Liberty calls for the abdication of "private" law to its demands. You cannot maintain Freedom by taking Liberty away. Although you may have "some" Freedom without Liberty, it will be bound by the limits that the takers of Liberty have set. Whomever the takers are, you can be sure they will be the ones setting the limits. Whether it be the "legislature", the "courts" or some other quantity or body of men, makes no difference, the end result is still the same.

Let me explain by giving this illustration: lets take a cyclone fence approximately 12 feet high and surround 500 acres with it. Of course, we hold the key to the gate. Now let us release, say, a herd of deer into the fenced off area and lock the gate. The deer are "free" to roam the 500 acres, but they are not "at Liberty" to go any farther than the limits we have built with the fence.

Such is the state of affairs in the United States, and the 500 acres is shrinking fast. When a group or body of men have power, (taken or given) to erect the fence, then given or not, it will not be long before they reduce the size of the "free" area to conform to their own idea of what it "should" be. This is human nature, and it has been shown to be true down through the ages. A modicum of study will reveal this to any who truly wish to understand.

I have said the above, in part, to say this: When someone, or group, in the name of Liberty, arbitrarily decides that it is "best" to send a child to this school or that school for the sole "purpose" of fulfilling a predetermined quota reached by some quantity or body of men, then Liberty is only an idea, not a reality, and freedom is curtailed, structured, and limited to the conceptual ideas of those "building the fence." No matter how good and moral the idea may sound, if it removes the Freedom of choice and our Liberty to decide what is "best" for ourselves, than we are no more than chattel to be led about and told what to do and what is best for us by those who would "lord it over us." This holds true no matter what the subject is.

This is not the American way, and it is certainly not the foundation which was set by the founding fathers of our nation. America was built on the concept of Liberty vested in each individual and secured to each by the limiting grant of authority to government found in the Constitution of the United States. This contract established and enumerated in specific what power the government had, and what it did not have. It was also made very clear in the document itself that any power not specifically granted was prohibited.

Can anybody tell me where we can get our duly constituted government back? Can anyone tell me where it went? Is not all the political power inherent in "we the People"? Is it not our job as "we the People" to be the guardians of our land, and to be the "belligerent claimants in person" when it comes to standing up for the rights our fore-fathers so desperately fought and gave their lives for? The Supreme Court says so. The founding fathers say so. The Declaration of Independence says so, and so many other witnesses and documents attest to this same fact. How long will it last if we do nothing? If we who live in this land do not stand now, we may be unable to later. And if we don't, who will?