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Unalienable Rights

By Tim Dunkin

*“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain **unalienable Rights**, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”* (The Declaration of Independence)

As Americans, we often hear or see these words repeated, and many of us as children learned them in the course of our education in the history of this great nation. The question, however, is do we really *consider* what these words mean, or do we treat them merely as something we’ve heard a thousand times before, easily forgettable, not worthy of continued thought? While most Americans would understand the gist of what the sentence above says - that we have certain rights given to us by God our Creator that allow us have freedom - I believe that too many here in America have forgotten what it means for our rights to be *unalienable*. When they read this portion from the preamble of the Declaration, a lot of folks gloss over this word, without really understanding what it means. At best the sense is had that these rights are God-given, but this only scratches the surface.

The conviction of our Founders that our rights, including but not limited to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, were unalienable arose out of the liberty ideology articulated by English political theorists, the foremost of whom was John Locke (1632-1704). It was Locke’s

belief that the commonwealth - essentially consensual government, what we would call “of the people, by the people, for the people” - was given by God to man as a blessing, securing to each man the enjoyment of his own property and prosperity without fear of the unlawful invasions of others, as had previous been the norm in the “state of nature” envisioned by these Anglo-Enlightenment philosophers. As Locke said,

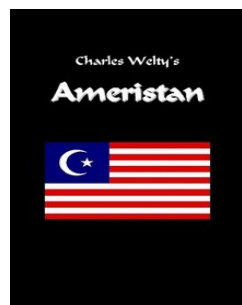
“The liberty of man in society is to be under no other legislative power but that established by consent in the commonwealth; nor under the dominion of any will or restraint of any law, but what that legislative shall enact according to the trust put in it....But freedom of men under government is to have a standing rule to live by, common to every one in that society, and made by the legislative power erected in it; a liberty to follow my own will in all things, where that rule prescribes not; and not to be subject to the inconstant, uncertain, unknown, arbitrary will of another man: as freedom of nature is to be under no other restraint but the law of nature.” (Locke, Second Treatise of Civil Government).

Locke and other classically liberal thinkers took seriously the notion of “natural law”, viewing it as a God-ordained system for man’s political interactions with one another, predicated upon the fact of man’s original possession of unimpeded liberty in the “state of nature”. In joining themselves into a mutually-consenting commonwealth, each man yielded only so much of his liberty as was necessary for him to live in society with other men and not

trample upon *their* respective natural rights. Because this liberty was God-given, it was also vouchsafed by God, and to forcibly intrude upon the natural liberties of another - so long as they were not in turn harming other members of society - was an act of tyranny that was in contradiction to natural law, it was inversion of right order and an assault on the liberty of all members of that society.

But - and here is where the concept of unalienability of rights comes in - it was just as much of an inversion, an assault on natural law and on liberty, for a person to voluntarily abrogate HIS OWN possession of his natural rights. To Locke, to voluntarily yield oneself to the arbitrary or complete will and power of another man was to place oneself illicitly into slavery, a state which Locke characterized as the "state of war" continued between a conqueror and a captive. One of the few powers that man does not naturally have is the power to destroy himself, either by death or by purposeful enslavement to the absolute, tyrannical, arbitrary power and domination of another,

"This freedom from absolute, arbitrary power is so necessary to, and closely joined with, a man's preservation, that he cannot part with it but by what forfeits his preservation and life altogether. For a man not having the power of his own life cannot by compact, or his own consent, enslave himself to any one, nor put himself under the absolute arbitrary power of another to take away his life when he pleases. Nobody can give more power than he has himself; and he that cannot take away his own life, cannot give another power over it." (Locke, op. cit.)



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Alienating your unalienable rights was essentially to cast off the liberty-protecting role of consensual government and the prescribed rule of law (in our system, our Constitution and whatever laws are in accord with it), and to submit to the liberty-destroying despotism of being dominated by the whim of men.

This, then, is the sense in which we must understand the oft-quoted statement of Benjamin Franklin,

"Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

Unalienability does not just apply to individual citizens - it also applies to societies as a whole, or to certain segments within a society. This is what Franklin was warning against - the propensity for man to yield his liberty to another, in return for a crumb of security from his new master's table. This drive is as old as history itself. Thucydides noted it when he observed at one point that "the love of gain would reconcile the weaker to the dominion of the stronger...." (Thucydides, History of the Peloponnesian War, Bk. 1, ppg. 8). Yet, those who give themselves over to the will and power of another usually find that they don't even have the security of peace or prosperity which they thought to obtain.

And this is where we see a large portion of the American people at today, with respect to their own government. As R.R. Reno observed (*First Things*, <http://www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/?p=1234>), the recent election of Barack Obama, far from being a mandate for change, can be thought of as a vote for the status quo - a vote which happened because a large number of Americans are risk-averse and fearful of having to live their own lives, apart from government intervention and hand-holding, facing the risks in life that are the natural corollary to liberty. Many Americans saw the opportunity to vote for a party which open proclaims its desire to continue the course of "caring for" every American from cradle to grave, and took it, rejecting the party which nominally stood for less intervention, less regulation, but also more risk-exposure through greater personal liberty.

Millions of Americans have put themselves into slavery to the government by means of the myriad of social programs, hand-outs, supplements, subsidies, welfare, and other accoutrements of the welfare state. And slavery

it is, I am not exaggerating here. Murray and Herrnstein, in their book *The Bell Curve*, observed that there has been a tendency in modern American society towards the development of what they termed the “custodial state”. In this state of affairs, there is the emergence of a small cadre of rich, politically powerful elites who reduce the vast conglomeration of the underclasses to a status of continuing dependency. As a means of controlling their votes and their behavior, these underclasses are induced to rely upon the provision made by the government controlled by the elites through the carrot of easy money and handouts, and the stick of the threat of having these taken away. While these people are perhaps not physically enslaved with chains of steel, they are spiritually and morally enslaved by the soul-numbing lotus-plant of “something for nothing”. In short, they have been dehumanized, made less than true or full members of the commonwealth, by the destruction of their individuality, their self-respect, and their inheritance of liberty.

In essence, these Americans have alienated the rightfully unalienable, and instead of prospering like they thought they would, they end up being endlessly hectored, pestered, regulated, and aggravated by ever-increasing arbitrary intrusions into their lives - nearly always by means of unconstitutional laws or “administrative decisions“ not even attaining to the dignity of law. They are no longer free to raise their children as they will, but are subject to “oversight” by innumerable social workers and child welfare offices, each seeing that the meager dole given out is “properly spent” on the children. They are subject to the month by month worry of their check coming in on time, the day by day worry that their children are being stolen from then by disinterested educrats in crumbling schools. They have practically no hope of escaping the cycle of dependency, or at least will not if the Democratic elites have their say in the matter. By giving themselves over to the power of the custodial state in hopes of having the security of insulation from the risks of capitalism and competition, they have lost their liberty, and not gained true security - for they are still at the mercy of the powerful. The imaginary domination by the evil capitalist has been replaced by the very real domination of the bureaucrat. The rule of law, of participation within the commonwealth on the equal footing of consistent statutes yielding ordered liberty, is

replaced by the inconsistent and increasingly despotic rule of men.

This is what happens when we forget our first principles, the bases upon which our liberty rests and upon which our constitutional, republican government rests. As conservatives, we must fight to maintain the rule of law in this country, and oppose at every turn the encroachment of the rule of men, the rule of bureaucrat and social theorist. We must not allow ourselves to be sucked into the custodial state, thereby giving up our unalienable natural rights. We must seek to roll back the enslaving social welfare apparatus that blights this nation. We must restore the sense of the unalienability of our rights to our people.

“Those who help the poor the most also hurt them the most.” – James Cook



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The Enlightenment: Anglo-American (Genesis) vs. Franco-Germanic (Anti-Genesis)

By Linda Kimball

"9th Circuit Endorses Censoring Christians," (ruling declares 'family values,' 'natural family,' and 'marriage' constitutes hate speech, . WorldNetDaily, 3/8/07)

"Walter Cronkite Endorses Campaign to Force Christianity Out of US Public Life," (LifeSiteNews, 2/28/07, Gudrun Schultz)

These are but two examples out of thousands that expose the Left's brazenly relentless assault against America's founding Judeo-Christian worldview and traditional culture. All too many Americans allow these attacks to occur because on one hand, they've been dumbed-down and deceived by the Leftist controlled education establishment and media, while on the other hand, they've been taken in by a myth.

The myth assures Americans that there was but one Enlightenment school of thought, that it is synonymous with American ideals and progress, and that religion - particularly Christianity - must be kept strictly separate from the state. Not only is all of this untrue, but these notions are invidious alien transplants to our shores.

In fact, a schism occurred among Enlightenment thinkers from which emerged two distinct and antithetical schools of thought. For ease of identification, Balint Vazsonyi refers to them in his book *America's 30 Years War* as the Anglo-American and the Franco-Germanic.

Genesis: Anglo-American

Among the Anglo-American thinkers were, for instance, Edmund Burke, Hugo Grotius, William Blackstone, Adam Smith, Lord Acton, John Jay, and James Madison. To these thinkers, the indisputable foundations of society are man's Creator, sanctity of life, enduring morality and virtue, family, religion, individuality, property, custom, law, community, order, freedom, prosperity, and recognition of man's fallen nature.

Of our Founders, M. Stanton Evans reports there were forty Christians and one Deist. Of those who attended the Virginia Constitutional Convention in 1776, Evans states that only three were not vestrymen. (The Theme is Religion, p. 272)

John Adams testified to America's Christian roots when he wrote,

"The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general principles of Christianity those ... principlesare as eternal and immutable as the existence and attributes of God; and those principles of liberty are as unalterable as human nature." (Works, Vol. X, pp. 45-46, to Thomas Jefferson, June 28, 1813)

"So God created man in his own image...male and female (He) created them" Gen.1:27 (and thus man is endowed with soul, spirit, conscience, individuality, and free will).

From the Bible's Genesis account come the all-important and immutable first principles of life and liberty expressed in the *Declaration of Independence* thusly,

"that all people are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that

among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

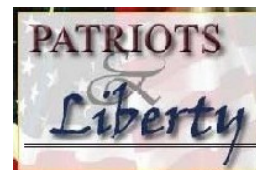
The word 'inalienable' means 'not from man.' Alexander Solzhenitsyn demonstrated his understanding of the Ultimate Source of these first principles when he stated,

"In American democracy at the time of its birth, all individual human rights were granted because man is God's creature. That is, freedom was given to the individual conditionally, on the assumption of his religious responsibility." (A World Split Apart)

The Bible teaches that man is 'fallen' (has a sin nature), thus the Founders understood that man is corruptible, and with power being a primary source of corruption, they ingeniously structured three branches of government into which they distributed power equally. Government being seen as a necessary evil in order to secure the rights and liberties of the people, it was strictly limited in scope and size and tightly bound by the Constitution - the supreme law of the land. Man, the primary source of evil, was to be constrained by the moral disciplines of the Great Lawmaker's universal moral laws, *The Laws of Nature and Nature's God*, known in America as the *Ten Commandments*. Moral constraints, believed our Founders, lead to a moral citizenry, which in turn leads to a moral government. Together, these positive goods create an atmosphere in which justice, order, and maximum freedom can flourish with a minimum of government.

Less than a century after Jefferson's death, James Bryce, an English visitor to the US said,

"Christianity is in fact...though not the legally established religion, (is) yet the national religion. So far from thinking their commonwealth godless, the Americans conceive that the religious character of a government consists in...the religious belief of the individual citizens and the conformity of their conduct to that belief." (God's Funeral, A.N. Wilson, p. xii) (cont. on pg. 7)



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Liberty or Nanny-State

By Marv McWherter

I have some extremely important questions which beg for answers when examining the stances Senator Obama has taken so far on a wide range of issues. As citizens we should all pay very close attention to the initiatives coming from the White House over the next several months if we value our liberty and the Constitution.

1. Does Senator Obama really think the constitutional role of the President is to “solve the people’s problems” as he has stated. His seemingly natural inclination to propose taking my property (earned income) and giving it to someone who has not earned it for himself is nothing more than Fascism disguised as compassion, and the liberals’ idea of “fairness”. Where in the Constitution does it say that **outcomes** must be equal among our country’s citizens? I’ve read it several times and can’t find the word “fairness”.

2. Other than hiring staff for the ranch, when was the last time a President created any jobs? Beyond the bloated bureaucracy, the government does not create anything. Taking money from the private sector to fund government projects merely shifts the resources away from the job producers. A fundamental economic principle, one which Ireland learned several years ago, is that private enterprise, **unencumbered by high taxes** and regulations, is the engine which drives economic expansion and prosperity for all people. Increase corporate taxes, and jobs begin to dry up. Lower those same taxes and the country will be a magnet for investors from all over the world, eager to participate in the resulting expansion. Lower taxes combined with controlled spending have been the only historical formula for sustained economic growth.

3. How many Americans really believe the Founding Fathers would agree with Senator Obama’s premise as stated in San Francisco, that we look to government to provide all our needs, and when that fails, we turn to our faith or our guns? That is exactly the opposite of the principles upon which this great nation was formed. People of faith, working within a framework of an **extremely**

limited federal government, relying on their individual efforts, are the ones who forged arguably the most prosperous nation on the planet.

4. A recent survey found that over 60% of the respondents thought the Republicans control the Presidency **and Congress**. With this sad lack of basic civics knowledge in mind, it is not surprising most pundits predicted a Democratic sweep this election year. More than half the voters thought they would get rid of the “culprits” in their lives by voting Democratic. Little did they apparently know they were reinforcing the meddling, do-nothing Congress with even greater power, swept in on the coattails of a decidedly populist presidential candidate. Does the country really want to support a significant swing to the left in the government’s agenda?

5. Finally, Senator Obama has stated that in the past the Supreme Court has **failed** to step far enough **“outside the framework of the Constitution”** in some of its decisions. Should he nominate and the Democratic Senate confirm judges who do not value the boundaries the Constitution places on the federal government, we can all then say farewell to such fundamentals as property rights, and witness a gradual decrease in our identity as a nation. We will slowly evolve into a nation with limited border control, an overwhelming tax burden, a growing citizenry who look to the government to take care of them, and an emasculated military incapable of defending ours or any ally’s liberty. Is this the direction thoughtful citizens prefer?

I sincerely hope my fears for the direction Senator Obama intends to lead this country are tempered by the gravity of the office to which he will be inaugurated in January (some anecdotal evidence suggests this already). Should he miraculously sever his ties with the tired 60’s radicals and powerful Chicago political machinery he has relied upon so far, he may be susceptible to reason and may come to value the Constitution as it is written, not as he and others would re-write it. On the other hand, if he follows through on his oft-expressed desires to make “fairness” the cornerstone of his policy proposals, this nation will take a giant leap down the path to ultimate destruction from within. It has been said that no self-governing nation can survive once the under-achieving citizens discover they can vote themselves greater government-provided benefits at the expense of the achievers.



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All I Want for Christmas is My Liberty

By Jamie Freeze

Pop Quiz: Tell me where the phrase “separation of church and state” is found. How many of you guessed the Constitution? Many people are surprised to learn that the phrase “separation of church and state” is not found anywhere in the Constitution. They are surprised because the phrase is often bandied about these days. Want to say a prayer at a football game? No way...there is a separation of church and state. Want to wear a religious t-shirt to school? Sorry, there is a separation of church and state. Want to display the Ten Commandments in a court of law? You can't because of separation of church and state. If this phrase is nowhere to be found in the highest law of the land (the Constitution) then why is it cited when a town wants to display a nativity scene?

Legal scholars would tell you that the First Amendment prohibits the mixing of church and state, but I beg to differ. The First Amendment, which guarantees all American citizens the freedoms of speech, religion, press, petition and assembly, has this to say about religious practice:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

The government cannot mandate a religious practice, nor can they forbid religious practice. Unfortunately, in the last sixty years we have seen many judicial rulings that reveal a desire to uphold the establishment clause of the First Amendment at the expense of the free exercise clause. This is a smack in the face to the idea of the First Amendment and a violation of it as well.

For those of you who are still wondering where the phrase “separation of church and state” is found, it was found in a letter from Thomas Jefferson to the Danville Baptist Association in Virginia in 1802. This letter was used in a 1947 Supreme Court ruling (*Everson v. Board of Education*) to justify the invention of the court's “constitutional duty” to separate church and state. The Supreme Court actually had the guts to use a letter written by one of the foremost champions of liberty to *restrict* liberty. Where is the outrage that the

Supreme Court would use a *letter* to decide constitutional law? Maybe it's just me, but I thought you should use the Constitution to decide constitutional law. But what do I know, right?

It took the Supreme Court almost forty years to see the error of its ways. In 1984, they held in *Lynch v. Donnelly* that the phrase in Jefferson's letter was a “euphemism,” not constitutional law. But, alas, the damage had already been done. References to the Judeo-Christian God and religion were systematically struck from our schools and our towns. Today, if a court wants to display the Ten Commandments (which contain really good advice for criminals) they will probably be faced with a lawsuit brought by the ACLU. Today, if a child brings a banned book (the Bible) to school, he will be suspended. Yes. It actually happens. Today, if a store clerk wants to say “Merry Christmas” they are told to say “Happy Holidays” in order not to offend someone. Today if a teacher dares to pray, he or she will be fired. God forbid someone freely exercises his or her religion....at least if it is the Christian faith.

Don't get me wrong. I am all for religious tolerance. After all, our country was founded to be a haven for the religiously oppressed and persecuted. However, G.K. Chesterton said it best when he said, “These are the days when a Christian is expected to praise every creed except his own.” I would argue that it is a double standard to prohibit a child from reading a Bible in a classroom while a teacher leads the class in recitations of the Koran. I have no problem with children learning about other religions. However, I do have a problem with double standards. It seems that our country is obsessed with obliterating references to the Judeo-Christian faith while insisting that other religions be recognized. If you want to practice Hinduism, Taoism, Islam, Atheism, etc. that is fine. I don't care. But why is it necessary to erase our country's history in order to do it? I don't see how displaying the Ten Commandments in a courthouse interferes with anyone's religion. I don't see how a child reading the Bible interferes with anyone's religion. Where is the tolerance?

“We have abundant reason to rejoice that in this Land the light of truth and reason has triumphed over the power of bigotry and superstition, and that every person may here worship God according to the dictates of his own heart. In the enlightened Age and in this Land of equal liberty it is our boast, that a man's religious tenets will not forfeit the protection of the Laws, nor deprive him of the right of attaining and holding the highest Offices that are known in the United States” – George Washington

I know many people believe that if government-run institutions like schools and courthouses have Judeo-Christian references then it automatically means that the government is establishing a religion. However, the Constitution says that Congress shall make no *law* respecting an establishment of religion. If Congress were to make Christianity the official religion of America, they'd be violating the Constitution. However, by infringing on the free exercise of people's religion, they are violating the Constitution. In an effort to preserve a constitutional right, we've destroyed one. In an effort to promote diversity and tolerance, we've done the exact opposite - we've stifled the expression of Christianity. You may feel that I am over-exaggerating the problem, but trust me - it's quite real and quite big. All I ask is that we return to the framer's intent of the Constitution's First Amendment—to extend liberty to *all* American citizens.

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(**Enlightenment**, cont. from pg. 4)
 America's Constitutional Republic - a glorious accomplishment of Anglo-American thought - is something unique in the history of the world. In America, "*We the people*," empowered by man's Creator, tell the government what it is allowed to do. For the first time ever, a system of government was built "*of the people, by the people, and for the people*."

Anti-Genesis: Franco-Germanic

In stark contrast to the magnificent accomplishments of Anglo-American thought stand the blight of socialism and its highly developed evil sibling, the malevolent system of Marxism. These spiritual sicknesses are the 'greatest' achievements of the Franco-Germanic side.

"The world has never before known a godlessness as organized, militarized, and tenaciously malevolent (evil) as that preached by Marxism. Within the philosophical system of Marx and Lenin and at the heart of their psychology, hatred of God is the principal driving force." (Alexander Solzhenitsyn quoted in "Defending the Natural Family Against the

Gay Juggernaut, John A. Howard, PhD; The Howard Center, 3/8/06)

A major philosophical architect of the evil siblings is the amoral Prophet Jean Jacques Rousseau, a narcissist who callously used people to fulfill his self-centered needs and desires. Rousseau was described by Daniel J. Flynn as a person who was,

"incapable of holding a job and sponged off women his entire life. He spawned five children, not one of whom he bothered to name, all of whom he abandoned to almost certain death at an asylum." Jean Jacques, continued Flynn, *"was a sexual pervert who enjoyed physical punishment and exposing himself to women."* It should come as no surprise, observed Flynn that Rousseau advocated, *"a philosophy of sexual anarchy, state ownership of children, and the subsidization of those unwilling to work."* (Intellectual Morons, p. 33)

The axis on which Rousseau's philosophy turns is the proposition that man is born *good*. In other words, and contrary to what our Founders believed and Christianity teaches, man's nature contains no dark side, or sin nature. The primary source of evil and suffering is not man spouted Rousseau, but religion - especially Christianity - along with the concept of sin and the very pillars of society deemed 'indispensable' by Anglo-American thinkers.

Creating the New Man and Utopian Society

"Whoever ventures to undertake the founding of a nation should feel himself capable of changing human nature...of transforming each individual." (Rousseau, the 'sinless demi-god', quoted in Frederic Bastiat's Selected Essays on Political Economy, p.97)

"We are at a stage in history in which remolding society is one of the great challenges facing...us in the West." (Hillary Clinton aping Rousseau, quoted in I've Always been a Yankee Fan, Thomas D. Kupier, p.119)

Rousseau's prescription for the salvation and redemption of mankind called for the severing of all social and familial ties and the wholesale destruction of society. *"Each citizen,"* he stated, *"would (then) be ...absolutely dependant on the State."* The State - controlled by the intellectually-superior Anointed - would serve as *"the agency of emancipation that*

permits the individual to develop the latent germs of goodness heretofore frustrated by a hostile society." Emancipation achieved, the "always constant, unalterable, and pure" State would then subsume individual wills into a "General Will" ('Common Good' in today's leftist-speak) thereby creating not only a New Man but an Ideal Society. Moreover, posited Rousseau, since human nature is undefined (*socially constructed, in Leftist-speak*), not only is it infinitely moldable (*it can even have 5-14 gender variants, claim intellectual morons*), but there are no moral principles and Creator to limit the social-engineering ambitions of the godlike State. Should any citizens refuse to be socially re-engineered and subsumed into Divine Oneness, that merely proves that they have been corrupted and therefore must be forced into conformity. True liberty, bleated Rousseau, lies in conforming to General Will and dissidents must be, "forced to be free."

"We're going to...take things away from you on behalf of the common good." (Hillary again aping Rousseau at fund-raiser, SFGate.com, 6/28/04)

The Reign of Terror that overtook the French Revolution of 1793 was the first attempt by the Anointed to devise a New Order and a New Man. Robespierre and his Jacobin's heeded Rousseau's call for 'force' and condemned and executed all who opposed them. Over 17,000 people were executed within the year.

Among the many and ever-evolving destructive doctrines, schemes, and programs spawned thus far by Franco-Germanic notions are permanent revolution, atheism, radical feminism, secular humanism, New Humanist Man, New International Child of the future, positive law or sociological jurisprudence, collectivism, progressivism, utilitarianism, selfishness as virtue, statism, socialism, utopianism, New World Order, libertinism, queer theory, abortion, infanticide, eugenics, euthanasia, moral relativism, it takes a village, re-education camps, gulags, gas chambers, and killing fields.

Later, Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels wed Franco-Germanic ideas to communism, Freudian psychology, and Darwin's theory of evolution (serving as a counterfeit genesis account) to produce the atheistic religion of Marxism. In turn, Marxism spawned nihilism,

bolshevism, New Soviet Man, fascism, New Aryan Man, social Darwinism, class consciousness, the proletariat, social justice, identity politics, hate crime laws, speech codes, political correctness, the New Left, Cultural Marxism (multiculturalism), and modern liberalism (socialism in disguise). Where under Rousseau's system man was deprived of individuality and free will and then reduced to an anonymous cog in the machinery of the General Will, he was now reduced to something less than human. Stripped of individuality, free will, soul, spirit, and conscience, he became a slightly smarter ape to whom, although he hasn't yet realized it, the Constitution of the United States no longer applies.

"I'm going to start thinking of her as a human being." Social Darwinist Hillary, referring to the woman who cleans the restroom she (Hillary) uses. (Peggy Noonan, discoverthenetworks.org)

Manmade Hell's and Rivers of Blood

Historian R.J. Rummel graphically describes the hellish consequences when unbridled Power is in the hands of fallen man:

"During the first eighty-eight years of this century (20th) almost 170 million men, women, and children have been shot, beaten, tortured, knifed, burned, starved, frozen, crushed or worked to death; buried alive, drowned, hung, bombed, or killed in any other of the myriad ways governments have inflicted death on unarmed, helpless citizens and foreigners. The dead could conceivably be nearly 360 million people. It is as though our species has been devastated by a modern Black Plague. And indeed it has, but a plague of Power, not germs." (Death by Government, p.9)

These millions died, not because of our Founders Judeo-Christian worldview, but because of the ideas generated by egocentric Franco-Germanic thinkers such as Hegel, Comte, Rousseau, Spencer, Babeuf, Darwin, Freud, Marx, and Engels. Ideas then acted on by great wicked ones such as Trotsky, Lenin, Hitler, Stalin, Mao, and Pol Pot. The same ideas - of unbridled power, sexual anarchy, moral relativism, wrath, malevolence, violence, furious hatred, and nihilism - that have corrupted some on the Right and in the GOP and which are the dark forces that drive the Left as it avidly anticipates seizing Absolute Control and Power over America and Americans.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn warns us that,

"Militant atheism is not merely incidental or marginal to communist policy; it is...the central pivot. To achieve its diabolical ends, communism needs to control a population devoid of religious and national feeling, and this entails a destruction of faith and nationhood." (Solzhenitsyn, op. cit.)

The antidote should be obvious. It is rededication to and revival of all that made America great in the first place, *"the indisputable foundations of society are man's Creator, sanctity of life, family, religion, individuality, enduring morality and virtue, property, custom, law, community, order, freedom, prosperity, and recognition of man's fallen nature."*

Socialism and the Savage Man

By Michael J. Payne

The origins of the social theory we call "socialism" date back to before the French Revolution, in the philosophies of Rousseau and Diderot. After them, and after the Revolution, various social commentators and philosophers such as Pierre-Joseph Proudhon (perhaps most famous for his assertion that "property is theft"), Robert Owen, and Henri de Saint-Simon each contributed in some way to its philosophical development, each building on the previous work of others until Marx and Engels codified the concept by encapsulating it into a workable theory which they called "scientific socialism". Born of man's corrupt nature, socialism represents man's desire to create a utopian paradise free from struggle and strife and where equality reigns supreme. Since its inception, proponents of the theory have dedicated all of their efforts to tossing out the existing natural order and supplanting it with what they considered to be a huge leap forward in the development of human thought. Nothing could be further from reality, for this supposed leap forward is, when all of the platitudes and self aggrandizement are removed, the complete opposite. It is a return to the savage state once occupied by prehistoric man.

Capitalism represents the current maturation of the extended order. By extended order, I am referring to the entire social, political,

and cultural system that governs man's interaction with man. Since the days when men first banded together to provide protection and sustenance, there has been a steady evolution of the system of morality and conduct that has eventually brought us all to this present day. Through trial and error, man has developed a series of moral rules of conduct that have built on past successes and learned from previous failings. Although many of our adversaries on the left would not admit it, socialism is not a new and progressive social order - it harkens back to the days when the extended order was just beginning to spontaneously emerge from the primordial ooze of man's mind.

Socialism is a return to the era of savagery when men were forced to band together in order to ensure basic survival. Its sole intent is to provide for the *needs* of a society, but neglects the engine of progress and growth - *wants*. The system was ideally suited for a time, long since past, when man depended on other members of his tribe to ensure his survival. This order is feasible in primitive society only and fails miserably when attempting to manage large, complex groups. Owing its failures to its inability to provide for numerous individual wants, socialism forces the individual to depend upon other men to provide certain needs unavailable to the individual alone, but which maintain him only at a bare subsistence level. This result is increased dependence upon other men, who in turn demand further control over the means of production in order to equitably distribute the goods deemed necessary by the state. Enslavement of the individual becomes

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necessary so that the state can maintain control and the distribution of goods. History shows to be empirically true, for we can see what happened to the people in the Soviet Union, Cuba, Vietnam, and even – with respect to their individualism and personal autonomy – in advanced Western nations such as Sweden.

Capitalism, on the other hand, is not some arbitrary sociological construct devised to correct the perceived inequality among men. It is actually the absence of a “system”, a purely organic result of the social evolutionary process, a natural order if you will. To supplant this natural order with socialism is similar to meddling with the evolutionary process in the biological sense. Although science may be confident in its ability to manipulate the evolutionary process, to do so would end in a monstrous corruption of the process resulting in an outcome that would leave much to be desired. Freedom, not the intuition of man, is the primary component of the capitalist, allowing him to dream and innovate so that not only his basic needs are met, but his wants are fulfilled as well.

Do not be fooled by those who cast their collectivist intent in a benevolent light, promising progress and prosperity for all. There could be nothing further from the truth. Collectivist policies are designed to provide man with only the bare necessities for his existence, nothing more than the chains necessary to bind him forever to the state. To support and condone such a contrivance is tantamount to spitting in the eye of thousands of years of natural social evolution, and is a regression to the age when man competed not against other men, but against nature itself.

“A man who chooses between drinking a glass of milk and a glass of a solution of potassium cyanide does not choose between two beverages; he chooses between life and death. A society that chooses between capitalism and socialism does not choose between two social systems; it chooses between social cooperation and the disintegration of society. Socialism is not an alternative to capitalism; it is an alternative to any system under which men can live as human beings.” – Ludwig von Mises