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## Tax Day Tea Party

By G. Bray

*“For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?” ( Matthew 5:46)*

Premier Hussain has decided to break out the big guns and accuse the Tea Patriots of being Tim McVeighs. Wouldn’t it be special if they were as concerned about real terrorists as they are about people who love America? This is the old Stalinist thug tactic that liberals always go to when they have lost the argument, to force the other side to stop talking. The Tea Party signs are making a huge impact on the American people and have turned against these communists. The viler their attacks, the more America will side with the Tea Parties. They need to stop the labelling from the signs since they have no way of stopping the effectiveness of these descriptions.

Never has there been a movement as dynamic or as important move across America. The Tea Parties are the biggest event to have ever formed, and the establishment has no way of stopping or controlling it, so they can only discredit them. They have maintained their position in America by fooling the American people through belittling conservatives as fools and hicks, while they paint themselves as sophisticated intellectuals, though now they have shown themselves to be hate-filled communists whose only answers are bigger gummit and more spending. Now we are showing America who they

This week, G. Bray points out how the Tea Parties have the Left running scared, while Robert Maynard explodes yet another lie used by the MSM to try to discredit the movement. Jamie Freeze, white devil that she is, observes firsthand the spiritual and political bankruptcy of the “Reverend” Jeremiah Wright, and Carla Harper recounts for us a providential episode in the life of one of America’s greatest heroes. Linda Kimball exposes the efforts by the Left to disarm the American people – both materially and morally, and Tim Dunkin’s kid is more fit for adult society than a lot of American “adults.”

are, and the failed economy is proving us right. If Bama Co hadn’t done anything, we would be out of the recession by now, yet we still have the worst economy since FDR for the same reasons.

To pretend that the Tea Party is the same as the people who bombed the OKC building is not only insulting, but completely hypocritical. This from a President whose mentor bombed the Pentagon, as well as numerous gummit military bases. He now compares the Tea Parties to those America-despising terrorists? This is a sign of pure desperation as they have declared war on the American people. The problem the Premier is having is that there is too much truth being spread through the new media which is hard for them to combat with his lies and class/race warfare. We are not playing by their rules and we have people who can play their game.

At the Tax Day Tea Party there was a pride in being with these Patriots, who were both an inspiration as well as an honor to be standing with against tyranny. Walking among these Patriots gave a feeling of what the Revolution was about 235 yrs ago, as we know Republics never last. We all understand that we are at a crossroad and even the Dems are beginning to understand. During the march, nearly 1/4 of the cars passing by were honking and waving in support of the Tea Party. They know obozo is taking us in a direction they don’t want to go. Americans are the most informed people on the planet and are seeing some disturbing changes being made by the Rats. We

now have a Country divided between the 75% of Americans who love their Country and the communists who hate it.

Talking to a Dem staff member who was videoing our protest, we began talking about the corruption in DC and he agreed he was frustrated with it. All of America is frustrated, and it is time to begin a new mission to end the corruption. We can spend the remainder of our lives exposing corruption from Pelosi, Reid, Rangel, Dodd, Biden...and never eliminate all of it. In addition to the elimination of corrupt politicians, we need to shrink gummit to give individuals more Liberty. This may be the more difficult task since it will require the American people to go back to not having the bloated safety nets they have become socialized to. The combination of taking a fire axe to corruption and shrinking gummit will bring our budget into balance, since those are the two largest culprits causing the deficit. These are the forces we are fighting.

To accuse a bunch of women with signs of being McVeighs looking to blow up buildings would be laughable if it wasn't so pathetic. This is just another Chicago tactic to shut the people up. They need to accuse the Tea Parties of crimes they haven't committed as they shove bill after bill down our throats against our wills. There never has been a regime who has worked against its people in any free country the way this one has. While they're giving the admitted terrorist who planned 9-11 a \$300 million trial in NYC, this ruler is accusing the Tea Party of being a terrorist organization. Once again proving where his priorities lie. Why isn't he in the least bit as concerned about the Muslim who killed our soldiers in Ft. Hood as he is about the Tea Patriots? Simple, one is on his side, the other is a threat. One is a man-made event and the other is a crime against his regime. We are seeing the emergence of a more powerful dictator.

The Tea Party movement has been an amazing phenomenon as we have seen it grow from a random protest to a positive movement grabbing the hearts of America and the world. This is a positive pro-Freedom movement fighting an established anti-America, Soviet-sponsored menace. This movement has exposed the old Soviet-sponsored radical agenda, which has been to destroy this Country for the past thirty years. We are on the march and have turned back some of what they have destroyed with a clear message emanating from the movement. This message is

focused on the Founding Fathers and the words they passed down to us through history. Their message was one of limited gummit and expanding the role of the individual. Now is the time to go back to their message as the individual is magnified through technology and lightning-fast communication. This will allow the economy to explode as ideas are exchanged in real time without gummit interference. We will leave a legacy to our children of Freedom and Liberty as well as an economy that will be the envy of the world again as we peel off the layers of gummit intrusion.

We are seeing the regime and the Obamedia taking their rhetoric to another level. They have declared war on the people and will do what it takes to destroy them. All of this is happening due to their messiah's inability to convince America that tyranny is better than Liberty. The label of "communist" is sticking as they are finding from their polling and it scares them to death. They have been exposed for what they are and no longer can hide it through lies or Pravda announcements. So now they have taken to calling a protest that is absolutely peaceful "terrorist bombers." Humpty Obama sat on a wall. Humpty Obama took a great fall. All the regime's horses and all the regime's men couldn't put Humpty together again.

Pray for America



## Taxation and Tea Parties

By Robert Maynard

On April 15<sup>th</sup> the Tea Party movement once again held tax protest rallies all across the country. In a surreal response to their protests, President Obama argued that they ought to be [thanking him](#) for cutting taxes instead of protesting.

This was the second consecutive year that the Tea Party movement has held mass tax protest rallies on Tax Day. Both times, there was a reaction to their protest that appears a bit bizarre to say the least. I will leave President Obama's absurd notion that we should be thanking him for lowering taxes alone for now. I would like to focus in on another response from a media outlet to last year's Tea Party protests. The argument then was that the Tea Party movement was being disingenuous in claiming solidarity with the Boston Tea Party and the tax protests at the time of our founding. Their argument was that the tax revolt in colonial times was over taxation without representation. (The taxes were passed by the British Parliament, which the colonists had no part in electing) According to this argument, because the taxes being imposed on us were done so by our elected officials, we have nothing to protest.

This response assumes that the only concern our founders had regarding taxation was that it be carried out by the proper "representation." This was not at all the case. There were several other areas of concern that were of even more importance. Other basic concerns were the overall level of taxation, the use of taxes and how they were obtained. These concerns were summed up in the following quote by Thomas Jefferson: "...a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them

otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, *and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.* This is the sum of good government."

First of all, he insists that the government be "wise and frugal." In other words, do not spend the taxpayer's money wastefully. Of course, the flip side of this concern is that excessive taxation is to be avoided. The second concern expressed here was the purpose of government for which taxation is used to support. Taxation was restricted for use as revenue to provide the essential services of government. Those functions were minimally defined so as to keep the overall tax burden light and the people free. Finally, our founders were opposed to direct taxes that "*take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned.*" Instead they favored indirect taxes on transactions such as excise taxes and tariffs. User fees were another method of generating the needed revenue to support the limited functions of government. Excessive taxation was considered a thing to be avoided. Besides the level of taxation, the reporting of one's income to the state was seen as an intrusive assault on our privacy. This attitude toward taxation carried over into the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

In a 1976 article for the *Freeman* entitled "The Power to Tax is the Power to Destroy," Dr. Clarence Carson quotes from an opinion put forward by Chief Justice John Marshall in the 1819 case *McCulloch v. Maryland*, "That the power to tax involves the power to destroy; that the power to destroy may defeat and render useless the power to create..." Of course the question in this case was an attempt by the State of Maryland to tax a federal bank. Chief Justice Marshall was applying the stated general principle of taxation to the relationship between political entities. Dr. Carson simply broadened the application to include the relationship between a political entity and private citizens.



Renew America (<http://www.renewamerica.com/>) is a grassroots organization that supports the self-evident truths found in the Declaration of Independence, and their faithful application through upholding the U.S. Constitution, as written. Its purpose, therefore, is to thoughtfully and courageously advance the cause of our nation's Founders.

This theme is also picked up by Charles Adams, who was a certified specialist in taxation law, in his book *For Good and Evil: The Impact of Taxes on the Course of Civilizations*. The book provides a well-researched conclusion that policies of a light tax burden have long accompanied the rise of civilizations, while excessive tax burdens have been a big factor in the fall of civilizations. He concluded that the method used by the Egyptians to enslave the Israelites was excessive taxation. Taxation was seen by the Israelites as a form of tribute that set up a master/servant relationship. The use of a tax collector to confiscate this tribute by force was particularly objectionable. The Israelites set up a "tithing" system when they entered the promise land in which they gave out of their own conscience to support the work of God.

Direct taxation and confiscation was an anathema to the ancient Greeks as well. Herodotus, the father of history, saw the defining relationship between the east and the west as one of freedom vs. tyranny. The central factor in this division was the method and level of taxation. Like the Egyptians, the Persian Empire was extracting tribute from the people who submitted to them. The Greeks refused to pay tribute to them and this refusal sparked the Persian War that the movie *300* made famous.

The Greeks considered a direct tax on the wealth one had accumulated to be a tool of tyranny. They only considered indirect taxes on financial transactions to be a legitimate way of raising revenue from a free people. This was an idea that our founders picked up. The bulk of the revenue collected by the city-states in ancient Greece did not even come from taxes, direct or indirect. The Greeks had devised a system known as the *Liturgy* to fund public projects. The term loosely translates as "public service" and was later adopted by the Catholic and Orthodox Churches for their worship services. It consisted of a voluntary contribution to the public good on behalf of prominent citizens. It was considered an honor and a civic duty. The name of the donor was displayed in recognition of his contribution. No tax collectors were needed as this was given voluntarily out of civic patriotism. Voluntary giving out of a sense of civic patriotism, rather than forced confiscation of wealth, was considered a more appropriate way of generating revenue from free citizens.

Today it is clear that we have strayed far from a non-intrusive revenue generation system designed to fund only the essential functions of government. Our founders would be horrified with our current tax system and would have considered it a toll of tyranny, as would the ancient Israelites and Greeks. In short, today's Tea Party movement has a lot to protest.

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## Wright Has Never Been So Wrong

By Jamie Freeze

For the past twenty-two years, I have been guided by a man who counseled me, admonished me, corrected me, and led me. This man's influence is clearly seen in my life. That man is my father. For the past twenty years, Barack Obama was guided by a man who counseled him, ministered to him, preached to him, and led him. That man was Reverend Jeremiah Wright. One could easily argue that the influence of a father and a pastor are quite similar. Indeed, they are - those people shape us into the people we are. I guess we have Reverend Wright to thank for Obama.

On April 23, I attended an installation service at New Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk, Virginia. Reverend William Marcus Small was being installed as the fifth pastor of the church. His mentor, Reverend Jeremiah Wright, gave a sermon on the subject of a legacy of faith and looking towards the future - an apropos message to deliver to a church who is welcoming a new pastor. The event was publicized in the local media and was free and open to the public, but no press or photographers were permitted.

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Admittedly, the sole purpose for my attendance was to see if the hype surrounding Wright was indeed true. The cynic in me takes fifteen-second sound bytes with a grain of salt, but the phrase "God d\*\*\* America" uttered by Wright in a past sermon stuck with me far past the election. Why? I believe God has blessed America beyond measure. It shocked me to hear that a supposed minister of the gospel would disagree. I googled the full text of Wright's sermon and found that he uttered that phrase after listing a long line of abuses suffered at the hand of America. Some real and some distorted — this seems to be a pattern of his. But I digress.

After a lengthy introduction, Rev. Wright took to the pulpit and began to pray in a quiet, modulated, soft voice. Then, he directed the congregation's attention to Joshua 4:1-9. A central point of his sermon included this mantra: "A person cannot cut themselves off from the religion of their group because it cuts them off from everything." He urged the church to teach their children their religion. Then, in a move that left me highly offended, he referenced Malcolm X's famous line: "Why do you let your enemy teach your children who they are?" For the rest of the sermon, Wright continued to reference the "enemy" and alluded several times that the white person was the enemy. As one of only three white people in the entire church, I felt a little unwelcome, to say the least. But Wright was not done.

Declaring the white race the enemy, Wright began to give the congregation his version of Fiction versus Fact that went exactly like this:

"Fiction of the Bush administration: Bush was a legal president who took us to war in Iraq under the auspices of the presence of WMDs, a connection between Saddam and Osama, and the need to bring democracy to Iraq.

Fact of the Bush administration: Bush was an illegal president who took us to war in Iraq to promote corporate interests and to disgrace the United States. All of this after having Saddam and Osama on the US payroll and after knowing there were no WMDs.

Fiction about Ronald Reagan: Reagan was the Great Communicator.

Fact about Ronald Reagan: Reagan set black people back 100 years [Wright never explained how this was true, and for full disclosure, this is when I wanted to shout, "YOU LIE!" since I have a mild, okay severe, hero fascination with Reagan].

Fiction about Obama: We now live in a post-racial society.

Fact about Obama: Nothing has changed for the ordinary black person.

Fiction about Gaza/Palestine: The settlements constitute peaceful Jewish actions.

Fact about Gaza/Palestine: The settlements are illegal, the wall is akin to apartheid, and the Jews are engaging in murder and ethnic cleansing.

Fiction about Africans: They were polytheists.

Fact about Africans: They were Christians before the Europeans were.

Fiction that America cares about Africa: The US promised AIDS help.

Fact that America raped Africa: The US ignored genocide in Rwanda, Sudan, South Africa, etc. and instead of providing AIDS help, the US promoted abstinence."

I was never quite sure how his Fiction versus Fact illustrated a legacy of faith, but then again, I am not the "homiletic genius" that Wright is (according to his printed bio in the church bulletin). However, his Fiction versus Fact illustrated his deep-seated animosity towards conservatives and whites. Instead of promoting unity, he used the occasion to promote division and an "us vs. them" mentality. This, coupled with the fact that he quoted the Association of Black Psychologists more than he quoted his Bible, led me to the conclusion that Wright had it all wrong when it came to the preaching of God's Word.

However, even a blind squirrel finds an acorn every now and then. In the last ten minutes of his sermon, Wright must have had an epiphany. He began urging the congregation to "move from the material to the spiritual and care less about where a man lives and more about how he lives."

He reminded us that "we got here because of God." He ended with words that surprised me: "We need more than scholarship — we need a relationship with God." I could not argue with that, but as I told a friend who accompanied me to the event, if Wright had spoken more about a relationship with God than liberal politics, Obama might have been saved during those 20 years! Of course, I do not presume to know Obama's spiritual condition, but the Bible does say, "by their fruits ye shall know them." Wright did a grand job of missing the big picture!

The tragedy of the evening was not that Wright spouted off false liberal hype (although it was tragic for me to suffer through it). The tragedy was that he is leading congregations to hell because he is more concerned about his liberal revisionist agenda than the souls of his congregation. Condemning the Bush administration and calling white people the "enemy" is nothing more than tickling the ears of his listeners. Wright, and ministers like him, need to care more about rightly dividing the Word of Truth than paying lip service to God with soft platitudes. They need to care more about standing on the fundamentals of the faith instead of pleasing men. Their lack of care is leading a nation to hell in a hand basket.

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## A Miraculous Escape from New York

By Carla Harper

New York City, summer of 1776 – George Washington became known as the father of our country for his outstanding leadership, character, and ability to apply wisdom at many pivotal moments. In many stories, Washington

appears to be a man guided by the hand of God. To the simple reader at least, some might call it luck. Regardless, the facts reveal miraculous occurrences. The loss of New York City, the seat of government at that time, in the summer of 1776 is an illustration of all these elements that made Washington worthy of his moniker. General Washington, as the commander of a force outnumbered, out-funded, out-trained, and otherwise at disadvantage in every sense, reminded his troops over and over that when they fought for liberty, life, property, and honor, they would eventually prevail over the mercenary whose cause is ultimately foul.

The Revolutionary army forced the British out of Boston in March of 1776. As predicted by Washington, they made their way for New York City with an army and navy larger than anything the American forces imagined: 55,000 men directed to destroy the whole United Colonies, once and for all. When General Howe, head of the British forces, landed on Staten Island, the American army stood at around 10,000. A call for all available forces resulted, by that August, in 27,000, mostly militia, and about a fourth of them sick.

In the words of historian David Ramsay in 1807, "When the whole reinforcements of the enemy had arrived, Washington, in expectation of an immediate attack, again addressed his army, and called on them to remember that 'liberty, property, life, and honor, were all at stake.'"

He further added - "The enemy will endeavor to intimidate by show and appearance, but remember they have been repulsed on various occasions by a few brave Americans. Their cause is bad - their men are conscious of it, and if opposed with firmness and coolness on their first onset, with our advantage of works, and knowledge of the ground, the victory is most assuredly ours. Every good soldier will be silent and attentive - wait for orders - and reserve his fire until he is sure of doing execution: of this the officers are to be particularly careful."



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Miraculously, for a week or better prior to the invasion while extra American troops arrived, uncommon winds kept the British vessels from entering the harbor. Eventually, the invasion came on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, with British troops landing on Long Island. Washington immediately roused his troops: "The enemy has landed, and the hour is fast approaching on which the honor and success of this army, and the safety of our bleeding country, depends. Remember, officers and soldiers, that you are freemen, fighting for the blessings of Liberty; that slavery will be your portion and that of your posterity, if you do not acquit yourselves like men. Remember how your courage has been despised and traduced by your cruel invaders, though they have found by dear experience at Boston, Charles-town, and other places, what a few brave men, contending in their own land, and in the best of causes, can do against hirelings and mercenaries. Be cool, but determined. Do not fire at a distance, but wait for orders from your officers."

At the height of the battle, Washington saw with regret the slaughter of his best troops. With nothing in his power to prevent the defeat of his men, no match for the disciplined British troops, outnumbering them two to one, Washington had but two choices. He must either put all his forces into the battle at once, and risk all on a single battle, or evacuate the island. He went with the wiser plan of evacuation which entailed the movement of 9,000 men, horses, baggage, provision, and military stores from Long Island to New York City across the East River. During the thirteen-hour transport, the British troops were not 600 yards away; it was said they could be heard at work with pick-axes. General Washington would not close his eyes for forty-eight hours, and was almost constantly on horseback. Despite the urgings of his generals, he remained last upon the shore until all of his men had safely reached the other side.

Around 2:00 AM that night a heavy fog enveloped the whole of Long Island. The retreat was completed without interruption sometime after the dawn of the next day.

For further reading, see *The Life of George Washington*, written by David Ramsay, 1807, which can be viewed online at <http://www.earlyamerica.com/lives/gwlife/>

## The Demonic Mendacity of the Organized Left

By Linda Kimball

In recent times, America has been experiencing an explosion of neo-pagan movements in concert with a relentless assault on truth, reality, first principles, universal moral law, and the created order of being - the two sexes (male and female) for example. These movements interface with mystical, quasi-Buddhist, occult Gnostic, and other "blood and soil" notions: New Age cults, transcendental meditation, Wicca, goddess worship, "gay" shamanism, reincarnation, Luciferian Theosophy, the Great Apes Project and all other animal rights agendas, Gaia worship, deep ecology, channeling, and other such notions. All are types of pantheism, which stress in one way or another that mankind is "one with" nature (or the cosmos or dialectical matter) and should therefore make obeisance to it as Sovereign.

In his penetrating analysis of the organized Left, M. Stanton Evans author of "The Theme is Freedom: Religion, Politics, and the American Tradition," observes that it is only against the background of neo-paganism that the bizarre "isms" of Leftist politics come into focus. The common feature of all these movements - naturalism, materialism, sexism, multiculturalism, determinism, economic determinism, heteronormativism, and patriarchalism for instance - is that they view irrational nature itself as ultimate and sovereign. In other words, they make a god of irrational nature, which is precisely why



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Al Gore is synonymous with Gaia, global warming, and carbon footprints, and the Left in general is so very “green.” “Much of it, indeed,” Evans continues, “is pantheism or other nature-worship, dressed up as secularism or science.” Darwinian evolution, says Evans, is the “most influential case in point (as it) explicitly replaces (or identifies) God with physical nature, and in some versions even attributes to nature, or some agency within it, ineffable designs.” (“The Theme is Freedom,” p. 122)

For almost one hundred years, the Left has been busily engaged in stealthily undermining and gutting our founding documents and America’s social, political, legal, and cultural infrastructures. Toward this end, they’ve managed to marginalize the Declaration of Independence - the charter document - and to cleverly infiltrate new and alien meaning into our Constitution. Whereas originally, the individual’s right to liberty was viewed as God-given - thus fixed and unchanging - God has been declared dead and subsequently replaced by a quasi-divine State, while group privileges are increasingly sweeping away individual rights. And where each and every human life possesses an “inalienable right to life” was held as an immutable truth and a universal moral good, the “enlightened” politically correct view holds that truth and morality are irrelevant and human life is without value, dignity, or purpose. Taking the place of our inalienable right to life is politically correct choice. In reality, choice is an elitist eugenics mentality in disguise. Hence it views procreation of undesirables - such as the common man - as bad, therefore all population control schemes such as euthanasia, abortion, and the abomination called partial birth abortion - which is tantamount to infanticide - are “good.”

However, despite these and the Left’s many other successful changes toward the transvaluation or total inversion of America’s traditional cultural, social, political, and legal order, our Second Amendment rights remain a primary concern to the totalitarian ambitions of the organized Left.

In the face of these ominous signs of impending serfdom, there are - very incredibly - those who have expressed to me their fear that should the Left ever succeed in fully taking over our country, they will take our X-Boxes away from us.

Fear not, they don’t want our X-Boxes. Nor do they covet our mind-and-soul destroying entertainment.

What they want are our guns, for a weaponless people are a helpless people. What Leftists definitely don’t want are our X-Boxes, MTV, porn, drugs, sado-masochistic Jerry Springer programs, slut-and-pedo-chic clothes, and demonically-occluded rap, for these things are modernity’s versions of yesterday’s Roman “bread and circuses.”

Various Leftists and their ilk predicted long ago that they and an interconnected network of accomplices throughout academia, the entertainment world, government, and elsewhere, would bring about the fall of the West by way of a “long walk through the culture.” A diabolically conceived “walk” that would slowly invert our traditional order by disarming, dumbing-down, and putting Westerners “to sleep” (enslaving them) through immorality: “sex, drugs, and rock ‘n roll.” The unwary sleepers, it was confidently foretold, would never dream that they would one day awaken to a nightmare world of slavery.

Over the course of many years those predictions have been coming true. For today, far too many Americans are fast becoming an immoral, narcissistic people addicted to instant gratification; an infantilized people whose ongoing mind-conditioning comes by way of a warped, pornographic, propaganda-spewing media and entertainment. And while Americans have been sleeping, our universities and schools have become transmission belts for the proselytizing of socialism, political correctness, open-borders, New Age pantheism, sexual confusion and androgyny, one world universalism, and hate: hate-whitey, hate-Conservatives, hate-America, hate truth, hate Boy Scouts, hate history, hate free markets, hate straight males, hate-tradition, hate-morality, and hate the Biblical God.

As truth, common sense, morality, and knowledge of our founding worldview die, the American mind shuts down in tandem, thereby allowing the icecap of a new “green” totalitarianism to relentlessly advance across our nation, snuffing out the light of liberty and all things good. Under its oppressive weight, America is being crushed downward into a dark abyss of pagan superstition, where at the urging of the Left’s demonic mendacity, 2+2 becomes 5, being

bad is cool, but doing evil is much more gratifying.

Our founders long ago warned Americans that only a God-fearing, informed, and virtuous people can remain a free people, for these practices lend themselves to self-determination (impulse-control) and the cultivation of higher reason and logic, hence to individual liberty and our form of self-government. In the words of Patrick Henry - Christian patriot, governor of Virginia, revolutionary general, "The Voice of Liberty," and signer of the U.S. Constitution:

*"The great pillars of all government and of social life (are) virtue, morality, and religion. This is the armor, my friend, and this alone, that renders us invincible."*

On the other hand, ignorance, narcissism, and the giving in to base impulses and passions leads to lack of impulse-control (determinism) and the downward-spiraling consequences of dependency, lying, cheating, crime, chaos, anarchy, and eventually slavery. Tragically, and of great consequence to the continuance of individual liberty, all too many Americans today are materialistic, drug-using, infantilized, violence-prone, obscenity-spewing, sex-obsessed people, and the name Jesus Christ is for many of these - and particularly for the Left's "self-anointed" - the obscenity of choice. In 1909, Reverend Francis Grimke warned of the perils of moral corruption. He said:

*"If the time ever comes when we shall go to pieces, it will...be...from inward corruption - from the disregard of right principles..."*  
(Equality of Right for all Citizens, Black and White Alike)

As we watch and wait in trepidation, wondering if our fellow Americans will be so foolish as to re-elect the seductive, charismatic Messiah Obama - the most Progressive Leftist ever to hold the office - we need to realize that our greatest enemy is often ourselves. For when we allow ourselves to fall down the slippery slopes of moral corruption, ignorance, dependency, and apathy we fall right into slavery, both spiritual and physical. Our own freely-chosen follies and conceits - in concert with a willingness to transgress - will be the downfall of our individual liberties, self-government, and a free America.

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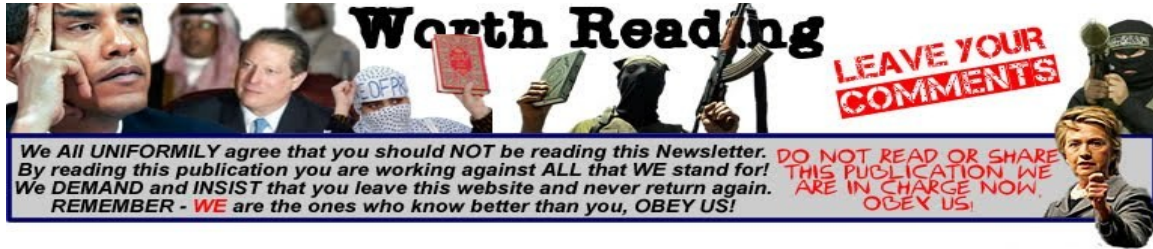
## Self-Reliance: So Easy That Even a Baby Can Do It

By Tim Dunkin

As a new parent — our first son was born just six and a half months ago — I am finding that there are a lot of responsibilities that I never had before. One of these, even at his young age, is to begin teaching our little man right from wrong, proper ways to behave, and the right attitudes and expectations he should have, both for himself and from other people. About four weeks ago, I had an opportunity to begin training him in the last of these areas.

Now, any leftists reading this will be horribly, absolutely horrified, at what a terrible parent I am after reading this. Why? Well, four weeks ago, I was watching my son in the nursery before our evening church service started. I had him in the crib, he was rolling around gurgling, cooing, eating his toys and doing all the other things that babies his age do. He was holding one of his favorite toys, and rolled over onto his back, and his arms flew out from his body. He lost his grip on the toy, which went flying over to the other side of the crib and became lodged between the mattress and the railing. My son, with a bewildered look on his face, began looking all around and then saw the toy out of reach. He looks at the toy, sort of whines, looks at me, looks at the toy, looks at me again, goes "uh uh uh" and looks at the toy again.

It was at this point that I became a brute — I decided that I was going to see if he could figure out for himself how to get the toy (keep in mind that at this point he had not yet learned to



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crawl). So I sat down in a chair by the crib and just watched him. After a minute or so, he figured out that I wasn't going to get the toy for him, so he starts worming himself around, and rolling in various directions, and stretching, going after the toy. Lo and behold, he was soon close enough that it was in reach. He grabbed it, gurgled with glee, and then jammed the toy back into his mouth. He had figured it out for himself. He had faced a problem, and solved it without somebody doing it for him. I was very proud of him that evening. He was even then beginning to learn that we can't just expect everything to be handed to us on a silver platter.

Then the question struck me — why is it that a six-month-old baby can exhibit the time-honored trait of self-reliance, whereas thousands of ostensible adults in New Orleans, Louisiana, apparently could not?

The reason is that the government of our nation has spent the last several decades working hard to infantilize increasingly large segments of our population. At the same time that I am starting to train my son to be an adult in slightly less than two decades from now, our governing class, largely (but not exclusively) made up of Democrats, is feverishly trying to retrain adults to become children.

Obviously, we all know that our government, at all levels, has any number of programs and other incentives that seem designed to sap the ability of the individual to fend for themselves in this big, scary world. The government will pay for your housing. It will pay you to have kids, and pay for their child care. It will protect you from bumping your head when you do stupid things on a motorcycle. It will cut you a check so you can buy cigarettes, flashy rims, and high-top basketball shoes. Now, it'll even pay for your health care. After a few years of that,

most anybody who gets drawn into the cycle will become addicted to it. Human nature being what it is, most people, if given a choice, would rather do nothing than something, would rather play than work. It takes discipline and wisdom to resist the ever-increasing intrusion of the nanny-state into our lives, and many in our society simply don't have those traits anymore.

And we need to understand that once the nanny state gets started, it tends to perpetuate itself. Once government starts getting the notion that it knows better how to order your life than you do, that habit tends to become more and more pronounced. We're going to see this accelerate even more than it has now that ObamaCare is the law of the land, and as further and further control over the health care apparatus in this country is established. After all, think about this — since health care is now in the process of being completely federalized, our personal lifestyles are going to become everybody else's business. Do you drink too much soda pop? Well, that can cause kidney stones, which the state will have to pay to remove. Do you eat fatty fast food? Sorry, you could give yourself a heart attack, which will eat up the increasingly-rationed resources of Government Health. Hence, things even as simple as what you eat and drink will come under the government's purview. Tax the stuff, then ban it and find other stuff to tax that people shouldn't eat, drink, etc. That will be the watchword of the new health nannies who are "just looking out for your best interests."

Now, however, we come to the moral aspect of the problem that many so-called "conservatives" would like to ignore, which is that the lack of self-reliance that leads to ever-increasing numbers of Americans wanting the government to nanny them comes from a lack of self-government. The two go hand in hand — without self-government, you cannot really have self-reliance.

Self-government, though, is one of those things that a lot of folks don't really understand. For instance, libertarians and related groups talk a lot about "self-government," but do not really understand what it entails. They tend to think of it in the simplistic sense of "doing whatever I want." That's not self-government, however. Self-government, true and clear, involves restraining yourself from certain behaviors and lifestyles as much as it does doing what you want to do. It involves considering the consequences of your actions, not just in the immediate short-term of the pleasure/pain synaptic complex, but it involves understanding the moral and social ramifications of our actions as they apply to the longer-term future.

I would argue that the socially libertarian attitude of "whatever floats your boat" is, in part, what has brought us to the point we are at, and which is why people don't have the self-reliance they used to have.

See, there is a moral aspect to self-government, no matter how much the amoralists and misotheists and Objectivists in our society want to deny it. A man's behaviors, when repeated over time, build up character — good or bad — that infuses every area of his life. When a man refuses to take responsibility for his own actions, when he refuses to withhold from himself certain things that harm himself and those around him, when he gives himself over to whatever whim, fancy, or desire he might have, he destroys his own ability to operate beyond the moment-by-moment perspective on life.

A failure on the part of a large portion of our population to self-govern is why we see the rampant abuse of drugs which "requires" intervention through the massively intrusive "Federal War on (Some) Drugs." It's why we see our prisons full of violent criminals, and why the

police powers of the state have been vastly expanded to deal with them. It's why we see ever-increasing regulation in every area of life as a few "bad eggs" did this, that, or the other and the government felt that it "needed" to clamp down on everybody to deal with it. Just think — laws exist, in most cases, because people do bad things which affect other people negatively, because they aren't governing their own behavior. Theoretically, we wouldn't need laws against murder if we could be reasonably certain that nobody would ever kill somebody else. If we don't self-govern, then we will be other-governed. The tossing aside of moral standards, and the self-government that came with them, has handed the government a virtual license to push its nose into whatever area of our lives it wants. Ironically, the push to "liberalize" the social structure of this country has resulted in the very intrusions that conservatives and libertarians hate so much.


Further, the failure to self-govern also undermines the individual's ability to exercise true self-reliance. As more and more people become enamored with the idea of no moral restraints, no self-government, and live for the moment, their ability to pursue true long-term good for themselves and their families is vitiated. The essence of self-reliance, again, does not and cannot rest on dwelling on the immediate. It involves planning, willingness to sacrifice, persistent effort that doesn't give up when the felt need is not immediately satisfied. That, however, is what we see among our non-self-reliant populace. They don't want to sacrifice for the long haul. They don't save for the future so that they will have the resources to provide for future needs. They just want to gratify their immediate desire for some bauble or trinket. It is not coincidental that this failure to have self-reliance on the part of so much of our population arose at the same time that our society was rejecting traditional moral standards and marching towards hedonism, that it was adopting more socially libertarian standards of behavior and mores.

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Which leads, then, to the ironic inversion that many, many Americans who pride themselves on being adults who do whatever adult things they feel like doing (and don't you dare start preachin' at 'em about it!) are really becoming children with no self-control, no self-reliance for the long haul, and who are increasingly wanting the government to take over all the burdens and all the risks involved with participating in adult society as full members. It's always easier to play with your big boy toys and to let the government keep you cleaned up and out of trouble. You get to the point where you have whole cities full of people who simply won't take it upon themselves to get in a car and drive away from a hurricane for which they've had *three days warning*, unless the government drives a bus up to their house, packs their suitcase,

walks them onto the bus, and drives them to Houston.

If we want a truly self-reliant population that doesn't need the government to nanny it, then we need to get back to having a population that self-governs. Our people need to wake up to the fact that we either accept that our behaviors have moral ramifications that pertain to eternal, objective principles of right and wrong and that self-government brings with it self-responsibility, or else we will continue to slide down the path of intrusive government "necessitated" by a lack of self-control. A lot of this will come by conservatives taking the time now to train up our children, the future generations of this country. That, itself, is an act of self-government and self-reliance, and one which we must do.

“The most precious of all possessions, is power over ourselves; power to withstand trial, to bear suffering, to front danger; power over pleasure and pain; power to follow our convictions, however resisted by menace and scorn; the power of calm reliance in scenes of darkness and storms. He that has not a mastery over his inclinations; he that knows not how to resist the importunity of present pleasure or pain, for the sake of what reason tells him is fit to be done, wants the true principle of virtue and industry, and is in danger of never being good for anything.” - John Locke