

COMMON SENSE; **REVISITED**

ADDRESSED TO THE

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OF

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on the following interesting

S U B J E C T S.

- I. Of the Origin and Design of Government in general, with concise Remarks on the Declaration of Independence.
- II. Of Indigenous Power and Surrogate Power.
- III. Thoughts on the present State of American Affairs regarding specific issues.
- IV. Of the present Ability of America, to return to “the laws of nature and of nature’s God.”

“Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages, are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor; a long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defence of custom. But the tumult soon subsides.”

Thomas Paine (1737-1809)

“POWER ALWAYS THINKS IT HAS A GREAT SOUL AND VAST VIEWS BEYOND THE COMPREHENSION OF THE WEAK, AND THAT IT IS DOING GOD’S SERVICE WHEN IT IS VIOLATING ALL HIS LAWS.”

John Adams

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“LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY DO NOT EXIST BECAUSE MEN HAVE MADE LAWS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WAS THE FACT THAT LIFE, LIBERTY, AND PROPERTY EXISTED BEFORHAND THAT CAUSED MEN TO MAKE LAWS IN THE FIRST PLACE.”

Bastiat

The author of Common Sense Revisited is a passionate student of the founding principles of our country. The author, at this time, desires to remain anonymous. Restoring the Heart of America has been asked by the author to handle the printing and marketing of this powerful pamphlet. It is our honor to accept that mission. This pamphlet is virtually identical in length to the original version of COMMON SENSE by Thomas Paine. The essential subject matter is the same; individual sovereignty vs. government sovereignty. This version puts the issue in the framework of indigenous vs. surrogate power, essentially the same concept stated in modern terms. It is our hope that this pamphlet will have the same incredible impact on America and the rest of the world as Paine's original version.

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INTRODUCTION

“MAN KNOWS NO MASTER SAVE HEAVEN, OR THOSE WHOM CHOICE AND COMMON GOOD ORDAIN.”

Thomson (From the cover of COMMON SENSE by Thomas Paine)

In January 1776, it seemed unlikely that the 13 American colonies would declare independence from England. Even as George Washington was leading the Colonial Army against the British in Boston, most of the delegates attending the Continental Congress in Philadelphia wanted to patch things up with King George.

The advocates for freedom, led by John Adams, asked for a non-binding survey of delegates to see where they stood. The results were disheartening. Less than a third voted for independence. Even Virginia voted no.

Then, late in the month of January, a seemingly small event changed the course of history. Thomas Paine published an 80-page pamphlet entitled *COMMON SENSE*.

COMMON SENSE presented common sense arguments to refute the predominant theory of sovereignty for the Western world. Instead of a divine birthright that gave kings and queens power over others, Paine made the case for individual sovereignty, declaring that all powers of government were derived from the individuals who created the government. His arguments were so clearly stated that anyone could understand that individual sovereignty was the natural order, based on self-evident, eternal truths. Each individual human being, divinely created and given free will by their Creator, had the right to function in society in a manner which allowed them to exercise that divine gift of free will.

After emphatically laying out his reasoning, Paine proceeded to explain the inevitability of the colonies' separation from England. He then suggested how the war could be won and proposed structures for the new colonial government.

To say that his small pamphlet struck a chord with the colonials would be the understatement of the millennium. The first edition of 50,000 copies sold out in a day. The second printing also sold out in a day.

An estimated 500,000 copies would be printed over the next few months and be read by the vast majority of the 3

million people then residing in the 13 colonies. The huge groundswell of support for a formal split with England created by this powerful little pamphlet quickly reached the delegates in Philadelphia as well as the Colonial Army in Boston. In late March, General Washington wrote in a personal letter that “by private letters which I have lately received from Virginia, I find *COMMON SENSE* is working a powerful change there in the minds of many men.”

By July, the groundswell had reached the boiling point. On July 2, with New York abstaining, the Continental Congress unanimously voted for independence. On July 4, 1776, the formal document was signed by 56 very courageous individuals.

That was not the only impact Paine was to have on the country's independence movement. In late 1776 the war was going very badly for the Continental Army. So badly that many soldiers were defecting to the British and most of the British military leaders were confident that the war was effectively over.

It was at this time that Thomas Paine was inspired to start a series of letters he called *THE AMERICAN CRISIS*. His opening paragraph is infamous:

“These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.”

The letters of *THE AMERICAN CRISIS* inspired the troops to keep fighting and the civilian population to donate the necessary resources to provision the army. Paine had come to the rescue of freedom once again. In 1805 John Adams wrote of Paine, “I know not whether any man in the world has had more influence on its inhabitants or affairs for the last thirty years than Tom Paine.”

Paine wrote with enthusiasm, clarity, and common sense. He wrote in language that everyone could understand, and in

doing so, inspired the people of the 13 colonies to sacrifice their property and their lives for the cause of liberty.

COMMON SENSE REVISITED also comes from a lover of liberty who wants to see his children and grandchildren grow up in a free country and a free world—a world devoted to creating freedom, prosperity, peace, and love for all people of all races, religions, and nationalities.

The American Founders provided the formula for that kind of world. The freedom formula worked well for the first 100 years; but during the first decade of the 20th century, America was subjected to a much different view of sovereignty than that held by the Founders. Unfortunately, that competing ideology has gradually gained strength, severely weakening the country and dramatically reducing the degree of individual liberty the people once enjoyed.

But the principles of liberty are based on eternal laws of nature and cannot be contained for long. It is time that the people unite once again to reignite the flame of freedom that lies within their hearts.

The Boston Tea Party of Dec. 16, 1773, was a turning point in the history of the United States and is known throughout the world as one of the most important symbolic gestures for freedom from tyranny. The primary instigator of the original event was Samuel Adams, one of the most effective organizers of the independence movement.

As this introduction to *COMMON SENSE REVISITED* is being written, it is Dec. 16, 2007—the 234th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. Today too is a special day, as tens of thousands of Americans join together to resurrect their sovereignty. They are donating their money and time to support the presidential campaign of a unique individual, Congressman Ron Paul. Paul has devoted his life to restoring the fundamental and eternally valid principles that the colonials were fighting for in 1776.

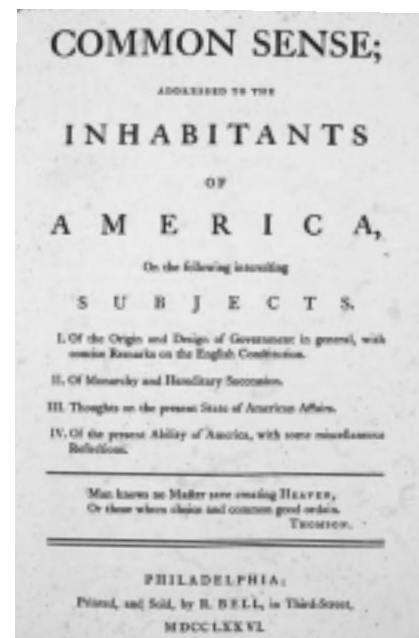
It is the author's hope that, like its inspiration, this pamphlet will create some brushfires. If it ignites a passion for increased freedom in you, please share it with everyone you know as quickly as possible. The world is waiting for inspiration.

“IT DOES NOT REQUIRE A MAJORITY TO PREVAIL, BUT RATHER AN IRATE, TIRELESS MINORITY KEEN TO SET BRUSH FIRES IN PEOPLE’S MINDS.”

Samuel Adams

When *COMMON SENSE* was published, the identity of the author was unknown. In the last paragraph of Paine's introduction he stated, “Who the author of this Production is, is wholly unnecessary to the Public, as the Object for Attention is the Doctrine itself not the Man.”

Paine simply signed the book *COMMON SENSE*. This pamphlet too is about the message, not the author.



This is the original cover of Thomas Paine's COMMON SENSE as printed in January of 1775

INDIGENOUS POWER VS. SURROGATE POWER

“THE PRINCIPLES ON WHICH WE ENGAGED, OF WHICH THE CHARTER OF OUR INDEPENDENCE IS THE RECORD, WERE SANCTIONED BY THE LAWS OF OUR BEING, AND WE BUT OBEYED THEM IN PURSUING UNDEVIATINGLY THE COURSE THEY CALLED FOR.”

Thomas Jefferson, to Georgetown Republicans in 1809

Understanding the nature of power is the key to understanding all relationships between humans and their institutions. To understand this, it is necessary to understand what Jefferson called the “laws of our being.” All humans are created with unique characteristics. All have free will. All have the capacity to grow and evolve and appreciate the infinite nature of their being. All have the power to create their own reality—humans are creators, created in the image of their creator.

The Founders saw the truth of this as “self-evident.” In other words, for any rational thinking being, it is just plain common sense to conclude that they are unique among the inhabitants of the planet because they have free will and the ability to manifest thoughts into concrete form through action. Since each individual human has this power, it follows that the only true source of power is the individual. Since that power originates and occurs naturally within each individual it is called “indigenous” power. The other type of power is that which human beings delegate to others which could be called “surrogate” power. The following quote from *Love Without End*, by Glenda Green, provides an extremely clear explanation of this concept.

“True power resides with God, and is indigenous thereto. Through enduring connections with the Creator, that power is transmitted to individual beings and all living things, to be held indigenously within each life. Such power can be lost or corrupted

only through denials of love and separations from God, because all power from God is essentially pure. Surrogate power is delegated by man to structure, authority, and forces external to himself. Surrogate power can extend man's influence over the environment. However, when delegated power assumes the rights of indigenous power, it corrupts very quickly.

“For example, when two men form a business together, they create a surrogate power. If it is understood as such and supervised equally by both, the structure they created can be useful. If one man should usurp the other and assume the delegated power only for himself, it will surely corrupt. Education of children is a surrogate power, delegated by their parents. As long as it reflects the values and wishes of the parents, that power is held in proper custody. Should it be used to undermine the indigenous power which exists between parents and children, there will be problems.

“A government is surrogate power, delegated by the governed. As long as it serves the needs of the governed and respects the indigenous power from which it was formed, that surrogate power can be useful. The moment surrogate power assumes the rights of indigenous power, corruption will begin. Usually this is implemented by the use of force, mandatory conformity, suppression of rights, and dishonesty. Surrogate power always draws its energy from indigenous power. When this is respected and openly acknowledged, surrogate power can be an effective extension of authority. Although, if force and dishonesty have reversed priorities to give the false impression that surrogate power is real power, you then have

a situation where the flea is trying to own the dog, and enforcing its claim with threats and punishment.

“Under such oppressive conditions nothing works better than a declaration of sovereign rights held by indigenous power. This is the power of all true liberators. It is what the Founding Fathers did in 1776. It is what occurred with the abolition of slavery. It has happened within communities, families, careers, and personal lives. This is what happens when a person returns to the heart and activates the indigenous power established there by the Creator. Sometimes surrogate power fights back, although it never wins. For it has no authority of its own!”

Surrogate activities, duties, and limitations are usually laid out in a written agreement. These types of agreements are called contracts, partnership agreements, corporate charters, constitutions, labor union agreements, or any other kind of agreement between the individuals who are creating the specific surrogate and those who will be managing that surrogate.

In the 1700s, the leaders of the American freedom movement knew that they had to reclaim their indigenous power. They also knew they had to declare, in a clearly written document, their authority to create their own government. This is what they did in the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Independence:

“When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.”

These were highly educated individuals who were well aware that if separation from the most powerful nation on earth was successful, the world would never be the same. They had a very clear understanding of indigenous power and surrogate power. The document they created, which is one of the most powerful spiritual-political documents in the history of the human race, clearly states who has the power and who does not:

“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. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just

powers from the consent of the governed. That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

The primary question was whether self-government would really work in America. The American experiment did work, while a similar experiment in France a few years later did not. The American leaders had more clarity about the concept of indigenous and surrogate power; the French were confused about this fundamental principal and that confusion created disastrous results.

Understanding the difference between surrogate power and indigenous power is the key to liberation from any surrogate that is out of control. Surrogates can use force and deception to create the illusion that they have power, however the only true source of power is the individual. The declaration of indigenous power is the first step to recapturing the power that has been usurped by any surrogate. That is what happened with the American colonists, it is what happened with Gandhi and the people of India, it is what happened more recently with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

It is much easier for the people to control a government that is physically close to them than it is to control and contain a government located far away from the people. This was a fundamental principle that the founders understood very clearly. Therefore, it is best to have more severe limitations on the government entities that are farther away from the people. That is why state governments have constitutions that limit their power, and it is why the national constitution created even more stringent controls and limitations (enumerated powers) on the federal government which is even further removed from the people.

The Founders created a constitutional republic, not a democracy. They knew that it was way too easy for the majority in a pure democracy to violate the natural rights of the individual. As Jefferson stated, “A democracy is nothing more than mob rule, where fifty-one percent of the people may take away the rights of the other forty-nine.” Their intention was to do everything possible to put into place a form of government that would keep indigenous power from being usurped by surrogate power. The only kind of government entity that can maintain indigenous power is one that is structured from the bottom-up.

BOTTOM-UP GOVERNMENT

“A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO SUPPLY EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE EVERYTHING YOU HAVE...THE COURSE OF HISTORY SHOWS THAT AS A GOVERNMENT GROWS, LIBERTY DECREASES.”

Thomas Jefferson

The Founders had a vision of a country totally in tune with natural laws. They had studied Cicero, Locke, Hutcheson, and many of the early Greek philosophers as well, all of whom wrote about natural law in great depth. To them, God’s law and natural law were essentially the same; natural law was God’s will expressed. In their Declaration, the Founders termed it the “laws of nature and of nature’s God.” Understanding the fundamental principles drawn on by the Founders dissolves misconceptions and provides a framework for understanding where the nation went wrong and how the people can restore their indigenous power.

Examples of how these principles work can be found at various points in history and within different institutions (surrogates) other than government. The different surrogates people create—corporations, partnerships, unions, political parties, and governments—are all made up of other people. Human beings operate according to basic laws of nature. If surrogates are structured properly, there is less chance that the surrogate will usurp the indigenous power of its creators and a better chance that the surrogate will be highly effective at achieving its purpose.

Consider the story behind Visa International. Dee Hock founded the company in 1968 with nothing but a list of principles which he had gleaned from a lifetime of observing nature. Within a few years, Hock’s company was the largest commercial enterprise on the planet, with \$1.25 trillion in annual revenues. The amazing thing about Visa was that nobody could find the center of the company. As one observer said, “The center was like a non-coercive enabling organization that existed only for the purpose of assisting

owner members to fulfill their activities with greater capacity, more effectively, and at less cost.”

Hock described his company as a “chaordic organization,” embracing both the chaos of competition and the order of cooperation. In his book, *The Birth of the Chaordic Age*, he lists the principles behind a chaordic organization as follows:

- It should be equitably owned by all participants.
- It must not attempt to impose uniformity.
- It should be open to all qualified participants.
- Power, function, and resources should be distributed to the maximum degree.
- Authority should be equitable and distributive within each governing entity.
- No interest should be able to dominate deliberations or control decisions, particularly management.
- To the maximum degree possible, everything should be voluntary.
- It should be non-assessable.
- It should introduce, not compel, change.
- It should be infinitely malleable yet extremely durable.

This list of Hock’s is a very good description of a freedom formula for any surrogate institution. What’s more, the observer’s description of the company’s center serving as an “enabling organization” is an accurate description of the Founders’ perspective of republican government.

In addition to Hock’s story, there are far earlier examples of success in following the principles of natural law in governments. Both the Anglo-Saxons and the early Israelis

under Moses were bottom-up societies.¹ The Anglo-Saxons were the dominant people in England until the 11th century, and included descendants of the Scythians, or Goths, who originally migrated from the region of the Black Sea. Some scholars believe that the Goths were remnants of one of the “lost” tribes of Israel and that the code of laws that they handed down from generation to generation was based on the same commandments that Moses received on Mount Sinai.

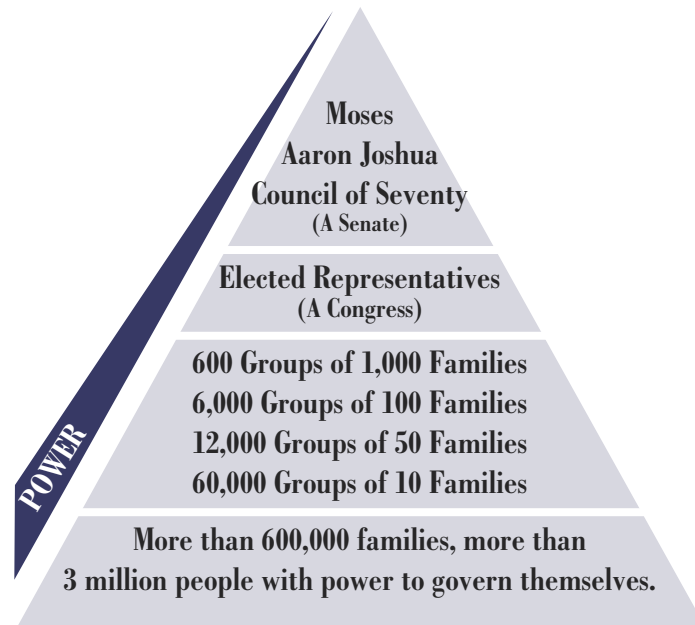
The governing principles followed by both the Anglo-Saxons and the people of Israel were remarkably similar. They both contained the following principles:

- Equal representation.
- Inalienable rights of the individual.
- Local resolution of problems to the maximum extent possible.
- Few laws; those that did exist, were well known by the people.
- A justice system based on complete reparation to the person who had been wronged.
- Organized into small groups in which every adult had a voice and a vote.
- Family units of ten, each with an elected leader; within units of 50 families, each with an elected leader; then 100, then 1,000, and so on.

Both systems were firmly based on the principle of individual sovereignty and indigenous power. It was up to the individual to be responsible for their own actions. If they weren’t, then it was up to the family to deal with the situation. And if that didn’t work, it went to the leader of the ten family unit, and then to the 50 family leader and so on.

What is remarkable is how similar these organizing principles of the Anglo-Saxons and the early Israelis are to Hock’s list of principles, which he gleaned from his observations of nature. As with his chaordic organization, VISA International, the bottom-up model worked well for the early Israelis and Anglo-Saxons, and led to greater peace, prosperity, and freedom for their people.²

¹ *The Five Thousand Year Leap*, by Cleon Skousen
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The base of the pyramid represents the highest degree of power.
 Pyramid 1. Organizing Principles of the Early Israelis

Three of the most knowledgeable Founders—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin—all believed these civilizations were the most worthy of copying. In fact, they proposed that the first national seal for the United States of America reflect these two civilizations.³

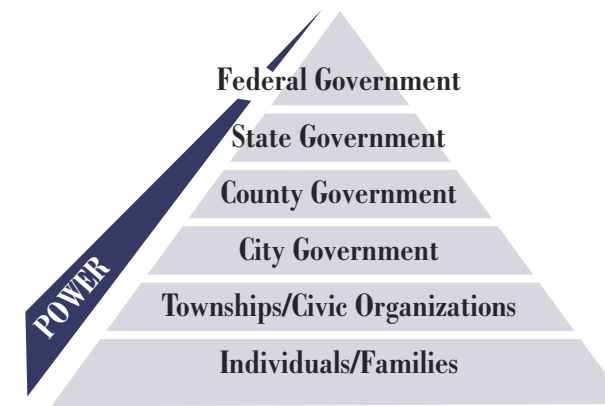


The Founders’ vision of a bottom-up republic was thriving by the time French historian Alexis de Tocqueville came to America in the 1830s. He was astonished that “government was invisible.” What he saw instead was a country in

which local problems were solved by individuals, families, and a plethora of community and civic organizations.

By 1905, the United States was one of the richest industrial nations on the planet. With 5 percent of the world’s land and 6 percent of its population, the country was producing almost half of everything produced in the world, including clothes, food, houses, transportation, communications, and luxuries. Most importantly, people were coming to the United States from all over the world to enjoy unprecedented freedom.

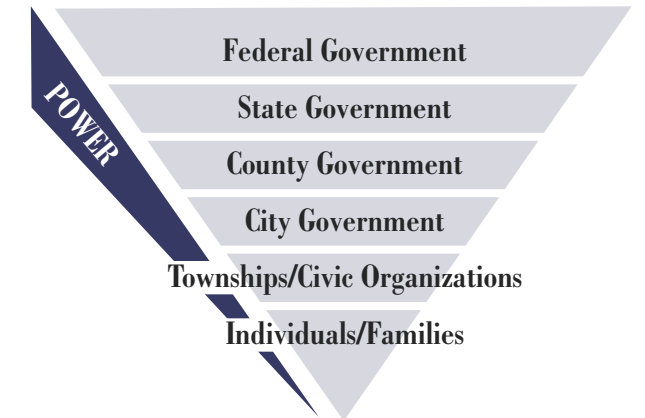
This was the structure of government in the country at this time, with the power at the base of the pyramid with the individuals and their families.



Pyramid 2: The Bottom-up Model of Government

Then things began to change, and the country started moving toward a top-down model of governing. It was so gradual that no one realized it was happening. In 1913, those who wanted to turn the power pyramid upside-down made significant gains. That year, the first income tax was passed and the Federal Reserve was created, essentially ceding the constitutional authority of Congress to create money to private individuals. Since 1913, the top-down government model has become predominant. Now most of

the power is with the federal government instead of the individual and the family.



Pyramid 3. The Top-down Model of Government

As a result of this shift to top-down, command-and-control, force-based government, Americans have less freedom every day. There is never a time when power relinquishes itself; it just grows and grows until the people wake up and realize what has happened to them. It is time to flip the power pyramid back to its proper configuration (Pyramid 2), with the power once again held by the individual and the family.

Once people understand the true meaning of the fundamental principles of the Founders, the standard debates of the political parties and all of the contentious arguments over issues just melt away. These are natural laws and universal principles that have worked for thousands of years. Deep down, Americans still believe in a bottom-up society. Institutions (surrogates) have simply been allowed to grow too powerful. There is a worldwide battle going on—above and below the surface—between the leaders of the surrogates who believe in top-down, command-and-control management of society and those who believe in the principles of indigenous power, bottom-up management, freedom, and individual sovereignty.

"GOVERNMENT IS NOT REASON, IT IS NOT ELOQUENCE, IT IS FORCE; LIKE FIRE, A TROUBLESOME SERVANT AND A FEARFUL MASTER. NEVER FOR A MOMENT SHOULD IT BE LEFT TO IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION."

George Washington

The defining quality of top-down management will always be force. And when a society is dominated by force, fear is the emotion that predominates. The bottom-up model is based on the indigenous power of the individual with the fundamental governing unit being the family. What quality holds families together? Love. Therefore, the essential unifying principle of the bottom-up system—and the predominate emotion—is love. Love on one side, fear on the other.

The Top 10 Characteristics of Bottom-up vs. Top-down Societies

Love	Fear
Freedom	Control
Non-coercion	Force
Local control	Centralized planning
Abundant creativity	Stifled creativity
Optimism	Despair
Strong families	Breakdown of families
Personal responsibility	Dependence
Universal opportunity	Concentrated power
Prosperity	Poverty

Everyone needs to work together to bring the country back to the bottom-up model which is based on love and freedom. Virtually any situation can be improved by human creativity, and creativity is stimulated and increased by freedom. The solution to all of the nation's problems—including

monetary policy, welfare, health care, education, environmental degradation, drug abuse and even foreign entanglements—is to increase indigenous power.

Each of these areas will be covered in the following sections, but first a deeper understanding of the nature of indigenous power and how each individual can increase their own indigenous power is necessary. Appreciation of various solutions presented will be increased and hopefully a strong desire will be instilled in every reader's soul to increase their own indigenous power.

“AMERICA IS A BOTTOM-UP SOCIETY, WHERE NEW TRENDS AND IDEAS BEGIN IN CITIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES...MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE STUDIED THIS GREAT COUNTRY BY READING ITS NEWSPAPERS. WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT TRENDS ARE GENERATED FROM THE BOTTOM UP.”

—John Naisbitt, *Megatrends, based on a 12-year study of 2 million local events*

INCREASING INDIGENOUS POWER

“BE SURE THAT IT IS NOT YOU THAT IS MORTAL, BUT ONLY YOUR BODY. FOR THAT MAN WHOM YOUR OUTWARD FORM REVEALS IS NOT YOURSELF; THE SPIRIT IS THE TRUE SELF, NOT THAT PHYSICAL FIGURE WHICH CAN BE POINTED OUT BY YOUR FINGER.”

Cicero

Each individual has the responsibility to know the difference between their indigenous power and the many roles that they play in their lives. Humans have different identities socially, culturally, and in the workplace. An individual's ego can get attached to these aspects of self, but these are surrogate personalities and not the true self.

The ego can be very good at creating illusions. The source of indigenous power is the true self, that aspect of self that is the source of a person's thoughts and the witness to all that he or she does. It is the true soul. It is deep within and it is divine love in its essence.

This source of love within is also infinite and all powerful. The channel for contacting the true self is through the heart. Jesus said that the “Kingdom of heaven is within” and that each must enter like a small child. In other words, enter in innocence like a child.

This knowledge of the true self is basic to all religious and spiritual traditions. It is just expressed differently. Science and spirituality have merged. Physics has proved the existence of what is called the “unified field” which contains the source of all the laws of nature, just as a seed contains the blueprint of the tree it will grow into.

Science has identified an electro-magnetic spectrum that is the size of the ever-expanding universe. It cannot be drained and pervades all of space in the universe. Words are sound waves, they are mechanically magnetic. Words spoken in fear, anger, or worry create very slow waves in that field and produce poor results. Words spoken with love and positivity create a higher frequency and have a more positive and profound effect.

What you visualize, think, and say all has an effect. Thoughts, words, and emotions all create material substance because of the nature of this field. From a scientific perspective, this is called the electro-magnetic field. In spiritual terms, it is called consciousness, or infinite intelligence, or Divine Love.

The following excerpt from *Love Without End* describes how every individual has the natural ability to increase their indigenous power.

“For each individual there is a responsibility to know and to honor the difference between indigenous and surrogate power. Your indigenous power lies in being a child of God, in the love that you are, and in your eternal covenant with the Father through the Sacred Heart. In the course of living you also delegate authority to many self-created identities, most especially social, career, and achievement identities. Whenever such identities command and own your life, assuming the rights of indigenous power, then problems will arise. The term ‘ego’ has various meanings...Nevertheless, the dysfunctional problems associated with ego might best be explained as the result of surrogate identities displacing the soul's true self.

“In the depths of your being is your own sacred center. It is the still, quiet chamber deep within where you are one with the Father. Through this connection is your own indigenous power. Therefore, you cannot underestimate the value of this knowledge to your life. Priceless to your life is knowledge of the heart itself.”

There are different kinds of freedom. True freedom is permanent and an inner state of awareness. It is a human

being utilizing their full indigenous power. Political freedom relates to the outer realm of life, the aspect of life that is ever-changing. How this outer field of life affects someone is totally determined by the person's inner state of being.

An individual acting from a state of fully developed, indigenous power is invincible. That person has great strength and character, and is immune to fear, anger, jealousy, and all the lower emotions. This person is aware that their essential nature is Divine Love and that the true nature of every other person on the planet is the same. Nothing shakes this person or their resolve.

If indigenous power is developed to a higher state of fullness, it is possible to be totally free, living in a state of total happiness even while paying a 90 percent tax rate. On the other hand, one could be living in a country that had no income tax and still be a total slave to their fears and worries, living a miserable life! In other words, this state of freedom, or fully developed indigenous power, is much more significant than political freedom.

If it is true that lasting freedom can only be found in the inner/spiritual realm of life, why waste time attempting to retain indigenous power in the political realm of life? Because it is human nature to create as much freedom as possible on all levels. Not only for oneself, but for others. Even if someone is totally free spiritually, it is human nature to want to create an environment that enables others to achieve maximum growth.

In a country that has a high degree of freedom, it is easier to grow and prosper than in a more oppressed society. When people have the opportunity to grow materially, they are naturally in a position to grow spiritually. Abraham Maslow proved this in his ground-breaking studies on self-actualized people. He proved that as people are able to satisfy the more basic needs of life, they then have the time and resources to become more highly developed internally. He also found that humans have a virtually unlimited potential for growth, enabling them to become "self-actualized" or fully realized human beings using 100 percent of their potential.

One of the people Maslow studied was Albert Einstein. When Einstein was asked how much of his potential he used, he answered about 20 percent. When asked about the average person, he answered from 5 percent to 10 percent. If Einstein was only using 20 percent of his potential, imagine what it would be like to live in a world where the average person has fully developed their indigenous power. Clearly, the challenge we face, to restore our bottom-up

model of government, will be easier to accomplish if we can increase our own indigenous power.

Einstein also once said, "Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom." He knew something the Founders clearly understood: not only must individuals have an environment of freedom to use their free will, it is through the use of free will that they are able to more completely develop their indigenous power.

This is why the Founders created our bottom-up form of government. Throughout history they knew that only a bottom-up model would provide the opportunity for humans to develop their full potential and their full indigenous power. All problems can be solved easily when humans can operate with more of their inner power and natural intelligence.

“THIS SAME MAN EXAMINES THE HEAVENS, THE EARTH, THE SEAS, AND THE UNIVERSE AS A WHOLE, AIMING TO DISCOVER THE ORIGIN AND DESTINY OF LIVING THINGS, WHEN AND HOW THEY DIE, WHICH OF THEM IS MORTAL AND PERISHABLE AND WHICH DIVINE AND ETERNAL. IN THE END HE WILL COME NEARER TO A COMPREHENSION OF THE BEING WHO GUIDES AND REGULATES THEM ALL. AND EVENTUALLY HE WILL REALIZE THAT HE HIMSELF IS NOT CONFINED BY THE WALLS OF ANYONE’S CITY, BUT IS A CITIZEN OF THE WHOLE UNIVERSE.”

Cicero

With all the history, knowledge, and experience of indigenous power in the U.S. why would we, as a nation, give up the incredible structure that was created by the Founders? How could we devolve from a bottom-up to a top-down structure?

WHAT WENT WRONG?

“ARBITRARY POWER...MUST BE INTRODUCED BY SLOW DEGREES, AND AS IT WERE, STEP BY STEP, LEST THE PEOPLE SHOULD SEE IT APPROACH.”

Lord Chesterfield

How can a society that has successfully operated in a bottom-up mode allow itself to morph into a society based on fear and force, rather than freedom and love? How have institutions/surrogates gradually assumed the role of indigenous power?

The real answer is that there are two competing ideologies in the country that are like two competing religions. The two have been at war for more than 100 years, and those who believe in freedom have been losing because they don't understand how the war is being waged. The ideology of the Founders is based on the belief of the individual as a divinely created being with free will and inalienable rights based on natural law. This is the principle that gives rise to the concept of the indigenous power of the individual. In this belief system, only the individual has indigenous power. The individual is the sovereign/master and the government is the servant/surrogate.

English philosopher John Locke believed that natural law was divine law created by a divine creator. To Locke, natural law, or God's law, governed the material world as well as the spiritual world. Divine spiritual law applies to each individual and cannot be usurped or taken from the individual by anyone or any institution, including the church or the state. These natural rights are inalienable and they include freedoms and responsibilities. Locke rejected the divine right of kings as he believed that government was an agency or surrogate of the people and could only be created by the will of the people.

He reasoned that there should be a contract between the people and the government called a constitution. The government should protect the equal rights of the citizens and not step outside of the bounds of the contract/constitution.

The constitution should be the supreme law of the land rendering other laws not in accord with the constitution invalid.

Locke believed that the primary goal of the government was to increase the freedom of its citizens and that there should be a separation of powers to keep the government from ever exceeding its role. In addition, he believed the constitution should strictly limit the functions of the government and that the government/surrogate should be replaced by the people if it ever exceeded the powers delegated to it.

“WHENEVER THE LEGISLATORS ENDEAVOR TO TAKE AWAY AND DESTROY THE PROPERTY OF THE PEOPLE, OR TO REDUCE THEM TO SLAVERY UNDER ARBITRARY POWER, THEY PUT THEMSELVES INTO A STATE OF WAR WITH THE PEOPLE, WHO ARE THEREUPON ABSOLVED FROM ANY FURTHER OBEDIENCE, AND ARE LEFT TO THE COMMON REFUGE WHICH GOD HATH PROVIDED FOR ALL MEN AGAINST FORCE AND VIOLENCE.”

Locke

According to Locke, the government should protect property and the fundamental natural rights of the individual including life, liberty, religion, and speech. It was this clear and coherent philosophy that most closely resembled that of the Founders.

The counter philosophy is based on the theory of materialism first introduced by Thomas Hobbes. Hobbes believed that matter was the source of life and that humans were nothing more than a complex collection of particles. According to Hobbes, the human mind has no existence outside the interactions of matter. Hobbes believed that human relationships followed the same mechanical laws as the world of matter and that there was nothing spiritual or divine about human beings. He concluded that government itself could alter the terms of the social contract, between government and individuals as justified by the material laws of matter.

Jean-Jacques Rousseau expanded on Hobbes' theory of materialism and originated the idea that human beings were nothing but the products of their environment. He believed that the primary role of the government was to create equality for its citizens. However, Rousseau did not believe in the political equality that Locke and the American Founders believed in; he believed in material equality. Material equality can only be created by an extremely strong central government, strong enough to take from some and give to others in order to create equal results for all.

It was Rousseau's viewpoints that infected the French Revolutionaries and ended up creating insurmountable problems for the French independence movement. Unfortunately, even Thomas Paine's later writings were influenced by Rousseau's materialistic emphasis on equal outcomes versus equal rights and opportunities.

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels expanded on the theory of materialism creating the theory of dialectic materialism. Their theories led to the concept of the state as the supreme authority, the supreme arbiter, and the supreme power. This led to the gruesome and brutal regimes of Vladimir Lenin and Joseph Stalin in Russia and Mao Tse-tung in China. Tens of millions, perhaps hundreds of millions, died and most of the living wished they were dead. This is the natural result of a surrogate government having all the power and the indigenous power of the people being completely crushed by the power of the surrogate government.

Promoters of top-down, command-and-control institutions (surrogates) have become extremely adept at masquerading as proponents of freedom and justice. Whether they come from the left or right makes no difference in the end. Adolf Hitler was a fascist and Stalin was a communist, but what difference did the label mean to the people living under either regime?

Collectivism in all its forms—socialism, communism, fascism—is nothing more than an incredibly deceptive scheme enabling some of the most powerful people on the planet to increase their power and wealth. They do this by slowly shifting the country from indigenous power to surrogate power, with them and their minions controlling all the surrogates.

Does this mean that all those who believe in collectivist policies are knowingly part of a deception? Absolutely not. Few people really understand the nature of what is happening when they vote for candidates who support policies that move us closer to a purely socialist or fascist state. Many Germans voted for Hitler, who ran on a platform that sounded exactly like those of some of the modern-day American politicians. Hitler's proposals included strong anti-smoking laws as well as national registration of firearms. He also promoted vegetarianism, all in the interests of protecting the people and keeping them healthy, safe, and secure.

Looking back over the last 50 years, it is truly amazing that despite the complete and utter failure of top-down, federal programs to eliminate poverty and drug abuse, improve education, restore the environment, reduce crime, and solve other social problems, most people still don't realize that this paradigm does not work. The reality is that all problems can be more effectively solved at the local level, and in most cases, through private (non-coercive) organizations rather than government agencies. In other words, through civil society rather than political society, and through indigenous power rather than surrogate power.

The inherent desire for power and control never sleeps. In the 1800s, the proponents of surrogate power found the perfect tactic as the theories of Marx, Engels, and other collectivists began to sweep Europe. They appealed to the natural human desire to help others. Since then, the collectivists have perfected their ability to appeal to the compassionate hearts of the people—and in so doing, expanded their power—by presenting a never-ending array

of social programs to help the poor, the children, the disabled, and others. They gained the votes of the compassionate and, of course, those who came to depend on the programs. The extra bonus is the loyalty of all those who work for the newly created bureaucracies.

In her famous essay, "Why I'm Not a Conservative," author Ayn Rand described the insidious process which takes a society inch by unremarkable inch to collectivism. "The goal of the 'liberals'—as it emerges from the record of the past decades—was to smuggle this country into welfare statism by means of single, concrete, specific measures, enlarging the power of the government a step at a time, never permitting these steps to be summed up into principles, never permitting their direction to be identified or the basic issue to be named. Thus, statism was to come, not by vote or by violence, but by slow rot, by a long process of evasion and epistemological corruption, leading to a *fait accompli*."

She understood that the two parties presented to the people in their "democratic" process provide only an illusion of choice. She said that the "conservatives" were just there to present the alternative of a slightly slower growth of surrogate power, and with either choice, they still get statism. And with statism comes increasing governmental power. Because as the government grows, so too must force and coercion increase in order to extract the necessary finances from the people to pay for the growing government.

The growth of force has to happen gradually so that the people do not wake up and realize what is happening. What will it take for people to wake up? How many Wacos, Ruby Ridges, Patriot Acts, REAL ID acts, and outrageous search-and-seizures in the name of the war on drugs will people endure before realizing what is happening?

People don't mind sacrificing to help their neighbors or those in need, but they do not appreciate being forced to sacrifice the fruits of their own labor for the achievement of abstract social goals. Increasing force is required to maintain a growing top-down massive welfare/warfare state. The monstrous social experiments in Russia, China, and other communist countries, which have resulted in the mass murder of tens of millions of human beings over the last century,

could have been avoided if intellectuals and philosophers had not ignored fundamental laws of human nature:

- Human beings are born with free will and are driven to express it.
- Human beings act in their own self-interest.
- Human beings will act to help others once they feel secure.
- Human beings do not like to be forced to do anything.

Any institution, government, or business that ignores these fundamental facts of life is doomed to fail. Propaganda, mind control techniques, or brute force will all fail eventually. Collectivism cannot be implemented without force and that force always increases over time. There has never been a government bureaucracy that has come forward and said, "You know, we have completed our task now and there is really no need for the taxpayers to continue to fund our department."

Frederick Hayek wrote convincingly in his classic *The Road to Serfdom* that once begun, the process of collectivism (in whatever form) always leads to a totalitarian government and serfdom for the vast majority of the people.

“A CLAIM FOR EQUALITY OF MATERIAL POSITION CAN BE MET ONLY BY A GOVERNMENT WITH TOTALITARIAN POWERS... ‘EMERGENCIES’ HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE PRETEXT ON WHICH THE SAFEGUARDS OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY HAVE BEEN ERODED.”

Friedrich August von Hayek



GLOBAL GOVERNMENT: THE ULTIMATE SURROGATE

“GOOD INTENTIONS WILL ALWAYS BE PLEADED FOR EVERY ASSUMPTION OF AUTHORITY...THERE ARE MEN IN ALL AGES WHO MEAN TO GOVERN WELL, BUT THEY MEAN TO GOVERN. THEY PROMISE TO BE GOOD MASTERS, BUT THEY MEAN TO BE MASTERS.”

Noah Webster

In the last century the proponents of centralized top-down governance have adopted a strategy of transferring the sovereignty of individual nations to world government. The United States, being the only government in the world with founding documents totally dedicated to the concept of indigenous power, has been the major target of efforts toward globalization. The goal of the proponents of total surrogate power is straightforward: weaken the United States in every conceivable way and gradually transfer the national sovereignty of the United States to the United Nations.

It is not possible to explain this entire story in this pamphlet. To learn more, read *The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve*, by G. Edward Griffin. This book offers one of the best and most comprehensive explanations of the situation, including the historical perspective.

The United Nations does not have a constitution founded on the principles of indigenous power. The U.N. charter and founding documents are patterned after the constitution of the former Soviet Union, which allowed all constitutional “rights” to be abrogated by enforcement provisions. The Soviet constitution had a clear provision for freedom of religion. However, it also had a clause that allowed any provision in the constitution to be overridden by the Soviet penal code. Under this code, parents who tried to teach their children religion were subject to life imprisonment; many Soviet citizens spent their lives in prison under this provision.

In other words, the U.N. charter, like the Soviet constitution, has no meaning. It is a fraud. The United Nations is the perfect government for collectivists. The people have no rights. It is truly a government of the governments, by the

governments, and for the governments. It is a process of surrogates supporting the power of other surrogates working together to increase surrogate power to create the ultimate surrogate, a global government with absolutely no connection or responsibility to the people. The result is the total elimination of mankind’s indigenous power.

On Feb. 17, 1950, James Paul Warburg, the former president of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), told the U.S. Senate: “We shall have world government whether or not we like it. The only question is whether world government will be achieved by conquest or consent.”

Is this really happening in the United States? Isn’t this just a “conspiracy theory”? It all seems so unbelievable! Yet, Texas Congressman Ron Paul, a medical doctor and one of the few congressmen with the guts to stand up to the constant transfer of sovereignty to the United Nations, has reported that the World Trade Organization is now demanding that the United States change its tax laws. In his newsletter, he wrote, “It’s hard to imagine a more blatant example of a loss of U.S. sovereignty. Yet there is no outcry or indignation in Congress at this naked demand that we change our laws to satisfy the rest of the world. I’ve yet to see one national politician or media outlet even suggest the obvious, namely that our domestic laws are simply none of the world’s business.” (Jan.21, 2002)

A statement by former CFR president David Rockefeller, at a 1991 Bilderberger meeting, really sums up the whole ball of wax: “We are grateful to the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time magazine, and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promise of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been

impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But the world is now more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The super-national sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.”

A large percentage of the leaders of U.S. media, government, major political parties, wealthy foundations, and large corporations believe, or are under the influence of individuals who believe, that the world would be better off with them as a ruling elite. Even people who can’t, or won’t, believe what is described here must at least acknowledge that people in government, and those who influence government, do what they do not only to increase their power, but because they honestly believe that they are smarter than everyone else and that they know best how others should live their lives.

Is this happening right now? After the 2008 Iowa caucus, one of the leading Republican presidential candidates announced that one of his chief foreign relations advisors is the current president of the CFR, Richard Haass. Here is an excerpt from Haass’ article in the *Tapai Times* (Feb. 21, 2006):

“Moreover, states must be prepared to cede some sovereignty to world bodies if the international system is to function...The goal should be to redefine sovereignty for the era of globalization, to find a balance between a world of fully sovereign states and an international system of either world government or anarchy.”

Given these three quotes by two former CFR presidents and the current president of the CFR, it does not take an extraordinary level of perception to realize that their common agenda is the weakening of the sovereignty of individual nations and the transfer of that power to a global government. The question is, is it also the agenda of the entire organization that they represent?

This is not conspiracy theory, because a theory is not the same as a proven fact. This is conspiracy fact. These are real documented quotes from real people. Or you could look at it this way. It is just the long-term business plan of some very powerful families coming to fruition.

Admiral Chester Ward, a member of the CFR for over a decade, became one of its harshest critics, revealing its inner workings in a 1975 book, *Kissinger On The Couch*. In it he states, “The most powerful cliques in these elitist groups have one objective in common: they want to bring about the surrender of the sovereignty and national independence of the United States.”

Most members are one-world-government ideologists whose long-term goals were officially summed up in the September 1961 State Department Document 7277, adopted by the Nixon Administration: “...elimination of all armed forces and armaments except those needed to maintain internal order within states and to furnish the United Nations with peace forces...by the time it [U.N. global government] would be so strong no nation could challenge it.”

Within the CFR, there exists, according to Ward, a “much smaller but more powerful group...made up of Wall Street international bankers and their key agents. Primarily, they want the world banking monopoly to end up in control of the global government...This CFR faction is headed by the Rockefeller brothers.”

What must be remembered is that this is not some lunatic fringe group. These are members of one of the most powerful private organizations in the world—the people who determine and control American economic, social, political, and military policy. Members’ influence and control extends, according to the CFR 1993 Annual Report, to “leaders in academia, public service, business, and the media.”

In case you were wondering:

- Why does the mainstream media seem to have a clear-cut agenda about who they want in power?
- Why do you never hear anything about the CFR, or the loss of national sovereignty to the United Nations anywhere, at anytime, on the mainstream media?
- Why does the mainstream media seem to favor establishment, pro-war candidates and censor anti-establishment, anti-war candidates?
- Why does the mainstream media never talk about the true nature of the Federal Reserve, i.e., it is not part of the federal government, it is a private corporation?
- Why does the mainstream media always promote global or federal solutions to environmental issues when top down solutions to environmental problems never work?

The answer to all of those questions is that many of the most influential people in the mainstream media are members of the CFR. In addition, virtually every major media outlet has been purchased and is controlled by one of five companies. The boards of directors of those companies have many interrelated members, many of whom are also members of the CFR. The following chilling statements from top-level media insiders tell the story.

- “We are going to impose our agenda on the coverage by dealing with issues and subjects that we choose to deal with.” Richard M. Cohen, former senior producer, CBS Political News, as quoted in *Losing Your Illusions*, by Gordon Phillips
- “We paid \$3 billion for these television stations. We will decide what the news is. The news is what we tell you it is.” David Boylan, Fox News, as quoted in *Genetic Engineering, Food, and Our Environment*, by Luke Anderson
- “Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have.” Richard Salant, former president, CBS News, as quoted *Losing Your Illusions*, by Gordon Phillips

It is sometimes difficult to understand the mindset of people who believe they have the authority to control the minds of others in this manner. Edward L. Bernays was considered the father of modern public relations. His philosophy provides a deep insight into the thinking process of those within the mass media companies, and all other surrogates, who believe that they have the indigenous power, rather than the people. Bernays believed that he and other members of the elite were exactly the leaders needed to protect the people from their primitive, animal-like selves.

Bernays and his brethren felt it was their role to “create manmade gods...who assert subtle social control” to “bring order out of chaos.”

“IF WE UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISM AND MOTIVES OF THE GROUP MIND, THE ELITE COULD CONTROL AND REGIMENT THE MASSES ACCORDING TO OUR WILL WITHOUT THEM KNOWING IT...JUST AS THE MOTORIST CAN REGULATE THE SPEED OF HIS CAR BY MANIPULATING THE FLOW OF GASOLINE...THE DUTY OF THE HIGHER STRATA OF SOCIETY—THE CULTIVATED, THE LEARNED, THE EXPERT, THE INTELLECTUAL—IS THEREFORE CLEAR. THEY MUST INJECT MORAL AND SPIRITUAL MOTIVES INTO PUBLIC OPINION.”

Bernays



Of course, the ruling elite’s view of chaos is what others would call freedom. Dee Hock’s definition of a chaordic organization—“embracing both the chaos of competition and the order of cooperation”—is exactly what the Founders created. The citizens of the United States all owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Fortunately, the Founders were focused on creating a country where indigenous power was supreme. For more than 100 years, the country enjoyed freedom from rulers who think like Bernays. Unfortunately, those who share this elitist philosophy have had the upper hand for the last several decades.

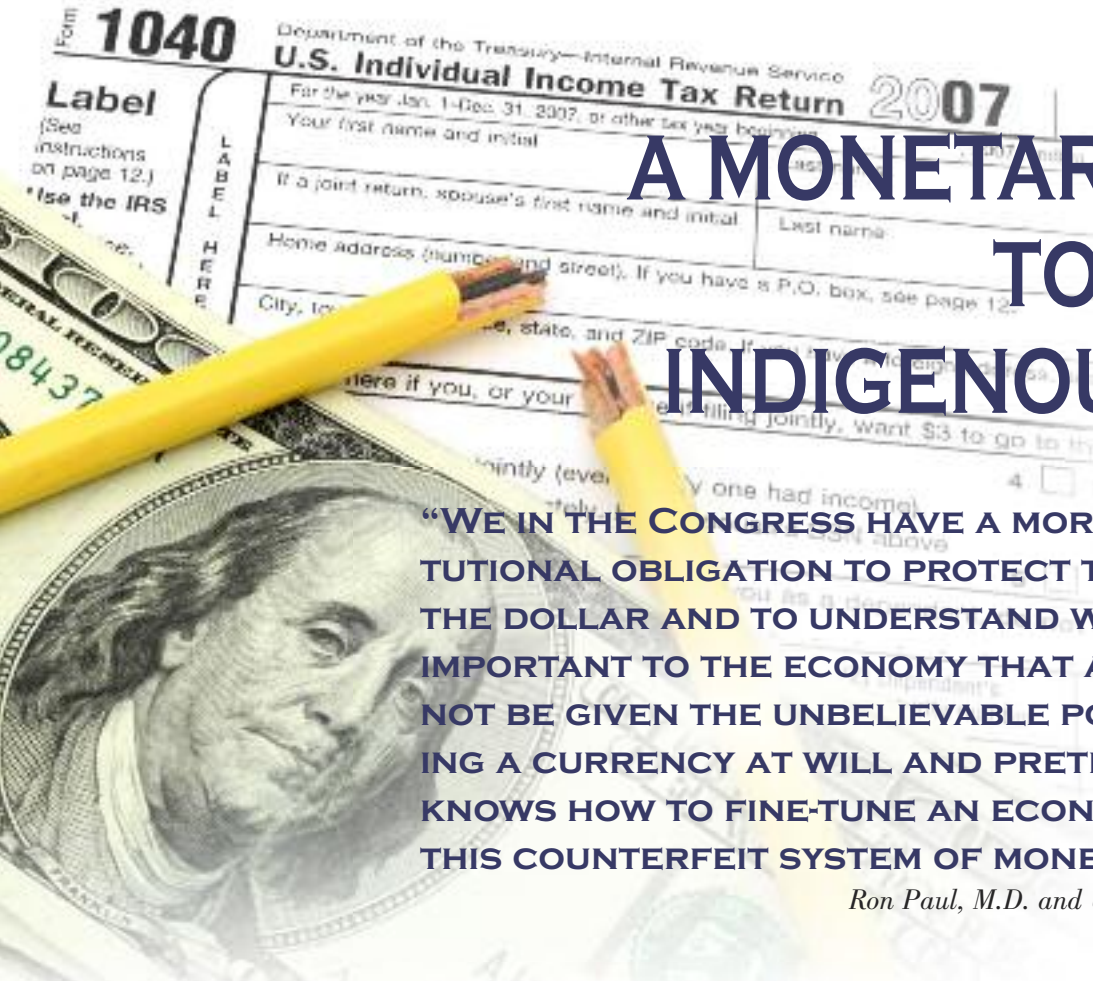
It is not the intent of this publication to frighten or discourage people by describing the full extent of the growth of surrogate power, but rather to educate. Knowledge is power-

ful. It gives people the strength, clarity of mind, and confidence to restore their indigenous power. It is very important to focus on the positive —the growth of freedom, love, and indigenous power. At the same time however, it is dangerous to be totally ignorant of what the proponents of surrogate power are up to.

This is a battle between force and freedom, coercion and love, darkness and light. People have to know something about the darkness before they bring in the light, otherwise they might be tripped before making it to the light switch. Once they understand and know how to utilize their indigenous power, they cannot fail. Paraphrasing Jefferson, first you understand the “laws of our being” and then you pursue your course without deviation.

“GOD HAS GIVEN TO MEN ALL THAT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO ACCOMPLISH THEIR DESTINIES. HE HAS PROVIDED A SOCIAL FORM AS WELL AS A HUMAN FORM. AND THESE SOCIAL ORGANS OF PERSONS ARE SO CONSTITUTED THAT THEY WILL DEVELOP THEMSELVES HARMONIOUSLY IN THE CLEAN AIR OF LIBERTY. AWAY, THEN, WITH QUACKS AND ORGANIZERS! AWAY WITH THEIR RINGS, CHAINS, HOOKS, AND PINNACLES! AWAY WITH THEIR ARTIFICIAL SYSTEMS! AWAY WITH THE WHIMS OF GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATORS, THEIR SOCIALIZED PROJECTS, THEIR CENTRALIZATION, THEIR TARIFFS, THEIR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS, THEIR STATE RELIGIONS, THEIR FREE CREDIT, THEIR BANK MONOPOLIES, THEIR REGULATIONS, THEIR RESTRICTIONS, THEIR EQUALIZATION BY TAXATION, AND THEIR PIOUS MORALIZATIONS! AND NOW THAT THE LEGISLATORS AND DO-GOODERS HAVE SO FUTILELY INFLICTED SO MANY SYSTEMS UPON SOCIETY, MAY THEY FINALLY END WHERE THEY SHOULD HAVE BEGUN: MAY THEY REJECT ALL SYSTEMS, AND TRY LIBERTY; FOR LIBERTY IS AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORKS.”

Bastiat, The Law



A MONETARY SYSTEM TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS POWER

“WE IN THE CONGRESS HAVE A MORAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND TO UNDERSTAND WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO THE ECONOMY THAT A CENTRAL BANK NOT BE GIVEN THE UNBELIEVABLE POWER OF INFLATING A CURRENCY AT WILL AND PRETENDING THAT IT KNOWS HOW TO FINE-TUNE AN ECONOMY THROUGH THIS COUNTERFEIT SYSTEM OF MONEY.”

Ron Paul, M.D. and U.S. Congressman (R-Texas)

It could be argued that the single most important act of the Founders was to provide a sound monetary policy. Money must reflect real value. When a nation’s money has no value, and it becomes fiat money, the people lose power; those who control the money control the government and, eventually, all of the country’s institutions including the media.

The Founders clearly understood the agenda of bankers, and they frequently referred to them as “friends of paper money.” They mistrusted the Bank of England in particular, believing that even if they were successful in winning independence from England, the new country could never truly be a nation of free individuals unless it had an honest money system.

Through ignorance and apathy, past generations have allowed a small group to rob today’s generations of their rights, liberties, and wealth. Freedom has been handed over without resistance and paid for by “voluntary” tax contributions and the use of a debt-laden fiat currency.

The Founders established a system of coin money that was designed to prohibit the improper manipulation of the nation’s medium of exchange while guaranteeing the power of the citizens’ earnings. There is no more fundamental problem

in the country today than the current corrupt money system. It is virtually impossible for the people to be truly prosperous with the current debt-based system. It is also virtually impossible to have true indigenous power when politicians have been given the ability to borrow unlimited amounts of money.

“IF ALL BANK LOANS WERE PAID, THERE WOULD NOT BE A DOLLAR OF COIN OR CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION. SOMEONE HAS TO BORROW EVERY DOLLAR WE HAVE IN CIRCULATION. WE ARE ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT A PERMANENT MONEY SYSTEM.”

Robert Hemphill, Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta. As quoted in the foreword of 100% Money, by Irving Fisher

The federal government has departed from the principle of coin money, as defined by the U.S. Constitution and the Mint Act of 1792, and granted unconstitutional control of the nation’s monetary and banking system to the private Federal Reserve System. These violations now threaten our citizens’ economic stability and survival.

“BY A CONTINUING PROCESS OF INFLATION, GOVERNMENTS CAN CONFISCATE, SECRETLY AND UNOBSERVED, AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE WEALTH OF THEIR CITIZENS. THERE IS NO SUBTLER, NO SURER MEANS OF OVERTURNING THE EXISTING BASIS OF SOCIETY THAN TO DEBAUCH THE CURRENCY. THE PROCESS ENGAGES ALL THE HIDDEN FORCES OF ECONOMIC LAW ON THE SIDE OF DESTRUCTION, AND DOES IT IN A MANNER WHICH NOT ONE MAN IN A MILLION IS ABLE TO DIAGNOSE.”

John Maynard Keynes

The Founders clearly understood the danger of allowing bankers to control the monetary system in this country. As James Madison wrote, “History records that the money changers have used every form of abuse, intrigue, deceit, and violent means possible to maintain their control over governments by controlling money and its issuance.”

According to John Adams, if this country ever lost its freedom, it would be due to the people’s ignorance of the nature of money. He was right. A government-managed educational system will never reveal the truth about the fatally flawed monetary system. When the time comes to eliminate the current monetary system—and it will, soon—there will need to be a substantial, well-educated group of citizens ready to implement an alternative. It is absolutely essential that the

people understand this subject well enough to make sure that what has happened in this country never happens again.

“ALL THE PERPLEXITIES, CONFUSION AND DISTRESS IN AMERICA RISE, NOT FROM DEFECTS IN THE CONSTITUTION OR CONFEDERATION, NOT FROM WANT OF HONOR OR VIRTUE, SO MUCH AS FROM DOWNRIGHT IGNORANCE OF THE NATURE OF COIN, CREDIT, AND CIRCULATION.”

John Adams, in a letter to Thomas Jefferson, 1787

This cannot be a sovereign nation, nor can the people enjoy their indigenous power when a private corporation owns the central bank that controls the money-creation process of the nation. The power that has been given to a small group of individuals is so immense that calling the nation a free country under the current circumstances is an absurdity. If you don’t believe this, please ponder these words of the former President of the United States who signed the Federal Reserve Act in 1913. Spoken in 1916, these remarks by President Wilson obviously show that he realized he had made an enormous mistake:

“A great industrial nation is controlled by its system of credit. Our system of credit is concentrated [in the Federal Reserve System]. The growth of the nation, therefore, and all our activities are in the hands of a few men... We have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated governments in the civilized world—no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and duress of small groups of dominant men.”

The good news is that by returning to the monetary system envisioned by the Founders, inflation and potentially all federal taxes including the income tax can be eliminated. By

not requiring the federal government to “borrow” from the private Federal Reserve (instead, having the federal government re-assume its constitutional prerogative to create its own money), people would no longer have to pay interest on money they created themselves. The nation’s people would also gain the right to charge commercial banks throughout the country a modest interest (say, 3 percent) on funds which they then loan to their customers. This interest, paid to the federal government, would be sufficient to pay for the essential, and constitutional, services provided by the federal government. There would be no need for an income tax, national retail sales tax, or any other kind of federal tax. This plan is fully explained by W. Cleon Skousen in *The Urgent Need for Comprehensive Monetary Reform* (see http://www.nccs.net/monetary_reform.html).

The following list of the current taxes provides a perspective of what has happened since the advent of the Federal Reserve. None of these taxes existed before the monetary and economic policies created under the influence of the owners of the Federal Reserve: dog license tax, federal income tax, federal unemployment tax (FUTA), fishing license tax, food license tax, fuel permit tax, gasoline tax, hunting license tax, inheritance tax, inventory tax, IRS interest charges (tax on top of tax), IRS penalties (tax on top of tax), liquor tax, luxury tax, marriage license tax, Medicare tax, property tax, real estate tax, service charge taxes, Social Security tax, road usage tax (truckers), sales taxes, recreational vehicle tax, school tax, state income tax, state unemployment tax (SUTA), telephone federal excise tax, telephone federal universal service fee tax, telephone surcharge taxes, telephone minimum usage surcharge tax,

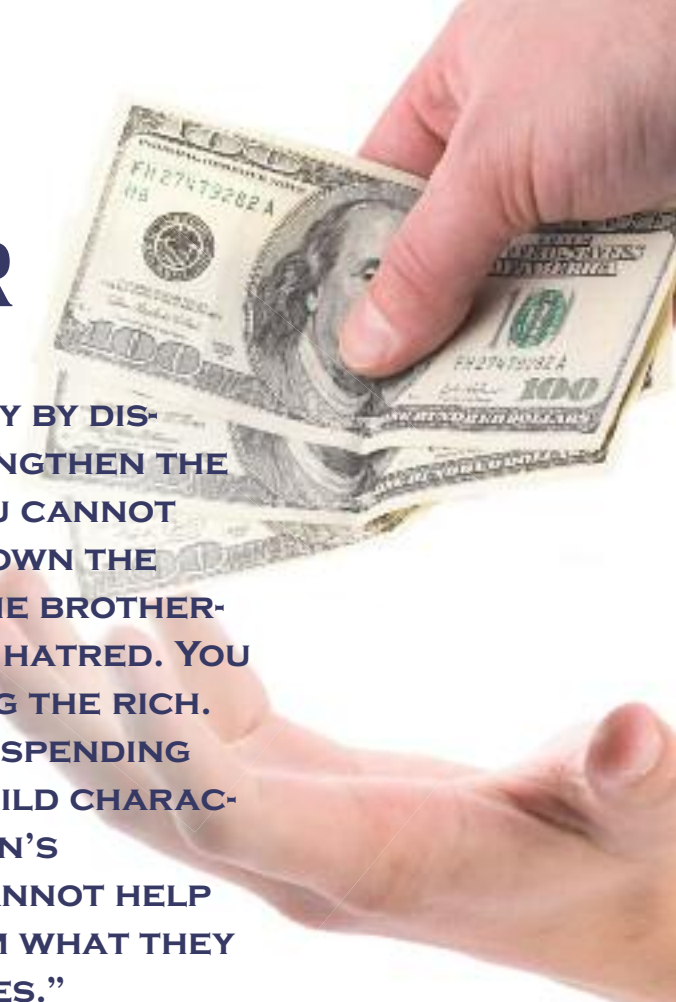
telephone recurring and non-recurring charges tax, telephone state and local tax, telephone usage charge tax, utility tax, vehicle license registration tax, vehicle sales tax, watercraft registration tax, well permit tax, and workers compensation tax.

It is a daunting list. Not one of these taxes existed 100 years ago, when the nation was the most prosperous in the world. There was no national debt, the middle class was the largest in the world, and one parent could stay home to raise the children and police the neighborhoods.

“IF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EVER ALLOW PRIVATE BANKS TO CONTROL THE ISSUE OF THEIR CURRENCY, FIRST BY INFLATION AND THEN BY DEFLATION, THE BANKS AND CORPORATIONS THAT WILL GROW UP AROUND THEM WILL DEPRIVE THE PEOPLE OF ALL PROPERTY UNTIL THEIR CHILDREN WILL WAKE UP HOMELESS ON THE CONTINENT THEIR FATHERS CONQUERED.”

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury, 1802

WELFARE AND INDIGENOUS POWER



“YOU CANNOT BRING ABOUT PROSPERITY BY DISCOURAGING THRIFT. YOU CANNOT STRENGTHEN THE WEAK BY WEAKENING THE STRONG. YOU CANNOT HELP THE WAGE EARNER BY PULLING DOWN THE WAGE PAYER. YOU CANNOT FURTHER THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN BY ENCOURAGING CLASS HATRED. YOU CANNOT HELP THE POOR BY DESTROYING THE RICH. YOU CANNOT KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE BY SPENDING MORE THAN YOU EARN. YOU CANNOT BUILD CHARACTER AND COURAGE BY TAKING AWAY MAN’S INITIATIVE AND INDEPENDENCE. YOU CANNOT HELP MEN PERMANENTLY BY DOING FOR THEM WHAT THEY COULD AND SHOULD DO FOR THEMSELVES.”

Abraham Lincoln

The people are endowed with life, liberty, property, and the right to pursue happiness. It is up to them, however, to care for the needy, the sick, the homeless, the aged, and those who are otherwise unable to care for themselves. It is an American tradition and the natural inclination of humans to help those in need.

As the nation shifts from a top-down model to a bottom-up model, the people will develop the institutions necessary to take care of everyone in need. These institutions existed in this country in the past and they can be recreated very quickly. However, these institutions should never be based on the principle of force.

Forced charity is an oxymoron. It is impossible to feel charitable when the government is confiscating money from one family to give it to another—especially when the federal government keeps over two-thirds of what is budgeted for welfare for its own bureaucracy. Right now, 72 percent of the federal tax money that goes to federal welfare programs stays with the bureaucracy in Washington, D.C.! That is right, only

28 percent goes to the people who are supposed to get help (Martin Gross, *A Call for Revolution*). On the other hand, 75 percent to 80 percent of the money raised by many well-run private charities goes directly to the people they are helping.

What does common sense reveal about those numbers? A system based on local, private, or faith-based organizations will do a much better job of taking care of those in need than the system in place today. And at a much lower cost.

It is amazing that food stamps have a depiction of the Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence. What could be more ironic than linking dependency on the federal government for food with the “independence” of the people? Redirecting resources from wasteful government bureaucracies to private organizations and local entities will provide for the basic needs of the people, without the federal government’s involvement.

In many cases, federal welfare provisions are not only misdirected, but morally destructive. Poverty has increased as freedom has decreased. If you want to reduce poverty, you

must increase freedom. This is a natural law proven over and over again throughout 5,000 years of history. Everything done through the government that could be done privately increases government power, raises taxes, and reduces freedom and opportunity.

Renewing American Compassion, by Marvin Olasky, provides the historic evidence that the system in this country before the federal government became involved was far more effective in improving the lives of those who needed help. This book also outlines workable and realistic plans for transitioning from the current top-down, wasteful, ineffective system to a bottom-up system that will work.

For example, as unconstitutional and wasteful federal programs are being phased out, every county could find volunteers to take part in mentor/sponsor teams for people in need. The teams' priority would be to help individuals who cannot support themselves find work in the community so that they do not have to go on welfare. Those who are already in the system would work with their mentor/sponsor team in developing a plan to get off welfare as soon as possible.

This type of solution is based on the natural human compassion to help others. The meaning of compassion is to "suffer with." In other words, compassion is a personal response to another being's situation. It is a voluntary action and cannot be forced. This is the essence of why government-driven welfare, charity, or compassion will never work.

There are many people in every community who would be willing to take on these challenges. And they would do it for free out of the goodness of their hearts. Just consider the success of Habitat for Humanity. People in every community are willing to voluntarily donate time, money, and skills to help others in need help themselves.

The mentor/sponsor team concept would draw on community support to keep an individual or family out of the welfare system. As an incentive, the resulting reduction in welfare payments to the county would be matched with a reduction in the county's state sales tax rate for the following year. The creation of this community-based infrastructure is the first step to eliminating the incredibly wasteful and destructive role of the federal welfare bureaucracy.

To phase out federal programs, the bureaucracy can be cut first rather than cutting payments to recipients. At the

same time, proven community models can be developed. This will save enormous amounts of money for every American family and community, providing more wealth and resources for helping those in need.

The next step would be to phase out unnecessary state programs, which would provide additional savings for the taxpayers and further reduce the number of people who have to experience the vicious cycle of welfare dependency.

The goal of any program to help people should ultimately be to help that person or family increase their indigenous power. Dependency increases surrogate power; self-sufficiency increases indigenous power.

“THE WAR AGAINST ILLEGAL PLUNDER HAS BEEN FOUGHT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD. BUT HOW IS LEGAL PLUNDER TO BE IDENTIFIED? QUITE SIMPLY. SEE IF THE LAW TAKES FROM SOME PERSONS WHAT BELONGS TO THEM, AND GIVES IT TO OTHER PERSONS TO WHOM IT DOES NOT BELONG. SEE IF THE LAW BENEFITS ONE CITIZEN AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER BY DOING WHAT THE CITIZEN HIMSELF CANNOT DO WITHOUT COMMITTING A CRIME. THEN ABOLISH THIS LAW WITHOUT DELAY...IF SUCH A LAW IS NOT ABOLISHED IMMEDIATELY, IT WILL SPREAD: MULTIPLY AND DEVELOP INTO A SYSTEM.”

Bastiat

THE ENVIRONMENT AND INDIGENOUS POWER



“IN A MINDLESS, CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT PROCESS, WE Poured RESOURCES INTO MILITARY EXPANSION BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD WITHOUT ANY REGARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES. POLLUTION WAS IGNORED ON THE GROUNDS THAT ‘NATIONAL SECURITY’ TOOK ABSOLUTE PRIORITY OVER ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.”

Admiral Eugene Carroll, U.S. Navy (Retired)

Surrogates rarely demonstrate any responsibility for the condition of the environment. In general, the history of government as a protector of the environment is very poor. There is a direct relationship between a citizenry's indigenous power and a country's environmental health. The more indigenous power, the less destruction of the environment. Those countries where surrogate power has usurped indigenous power have the worst track records for environmental destruction.

The U.S. government has a horrible track record on the environment. Yet most of the major well-known environmental organizations in the country raise millions of dollars and spend the vast majority of that money on lobbying govern-

ment rather than spending it directly on projects that would immediately provide a positive impact on the environment.

It is astonishing that people in America think that the government would be a good protector of the environment when the fact is that the government is the worst polluter in the country!

It is true. Government, both federal and local, is the greatest single polluter in the U.S. The sad reality is that surrogate power is so out of control in this country that this polluter literally gets away with murder because of "sovereign immunity."

- In 1988 the EPA demanded that the Departments of Energy and Defense clean up 17 of their weapons

“THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AMERICA’S BIGGEST POLLUTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS THE GOVERNMENT’S WORST OFFENDER...THE PENTAGON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MORE THAN 21,000 POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED SITES AND, ACCORDING TO THE EPA, THE MILITARY MAY HAVE POISONED AS MUCH AS 40 MILLION ACRES, A LITTLE LARGER THAN FLORIDA. THAT RESULT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF WAR IF COMMITTED BY A FOREIGN POWER.”

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., from a speech reported in the Chicago Tribune, May 16, 2003

plants, which were leaking radioactive and toxic chemicals— enough contamination to cost \$100 billion in clean-up costs over 50 years! No bureaucrats went to jail or were sued for damages. Government departments have sovereign immunity.

- In 1984, a Utah court ruled that the U.S. military was negligent in its nuclear testing, causing serious health problems (e.g., death) for the people exposed to radioactive fallout. The U.S. Court of Appeals dismissed the claims of the victims because government employees have sovereign immunity.
- Hooker Chemical begged the Niagara Falls School Board not to excavate the land where Hooker had safely stored toxic chemical waste. The school board ignored these warnings and taxpayers had to foot a \$30 million relocation bill when health problems arose. The EPA filed suit, not against the reckless school board, but against Hooker Chemical! Government officials have sovereign immunity.

Unfortunately, there are many, many examples like these. It is simply common sense not to rely on the fox to protect the hen house.

Currently, government employees and government contractors have immunity from liability for the environmental damage they create. It is absolutely crucial that this immunity be eliminated.

There is no question that the Founders would have required the originators of environmental damage— whoever they were—to pay for the costs of correcting that damage. After all, why should individuals who work on behalf of governments or corporations be allowed greater rights than other individuals? Restorative justice—making full use of civil law and civil courts—would do more to restore the environment than any federal government program ever devised.

Changing government from a top-down to a bottom-up system will play a critical part in eliminating institutional resistance to environmentally friendly technologies. Indigenous power and environmental protection are not only compatible, they are essential to each other. The fundamental principles of a free society are based on an understanding of natural law. That understanding provides a model for restructuring institutions for maximum personal evolution, as well as resolving environmental problems.

It is already happening. Buildings are now being built according to natural principles that do not create pollution.

Farming methods that mimic nature allow crops to be profitably grown without damaging the environment. Manufacturing processes based on observing natural processes are already gaining acceptance.

“WE ARE AT THAT VERY POINT IN TIME WHEN A 400-YEAR-OLD AGE IS DYING AND ANOTHER IS STRUGGLING TO BE BORN—A SHIFTING OF CULTURE, SCIENCE, SOCIETY, AND INSTITUTIONS ENORMOUSLY GREATER THAN THE WORLD HAS EVER EXPERIENCED. AHEAD, THE POSSIBILITY OF REGENERATION AND INDIVIDUALITY, LIBERTY, COMMUNITY AND ETHICS SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER KNOWN, AND A HARMONY WITH NATURE, WITH ONE ANOTHER AND WITH THE DIVINE INTELLIGENCE SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS DREAMED.”

*Dee Hock, Founder and CEO Emeritus,
VISA International*

Moving away from a top-down system will also result in the elimination of government subsidies which are destructive to the environment. Federal subsidies to the oil, gas, and coal industries have kept fossil fuel prices low, discouraging the development of cleaner alternatives. Federal subsidies to agriculture encourage farmers to cultivate their lands to the hilt. This has resulted in larger farms and more intense applications of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides with sometimes disastrous results for neighbors downstream. Therefore, the elimination of all agricultural subsidies as well as all government subsidies to the oil, gas, and coal industries is essential to preserving the environment.

At the same time, it is up to each individual to make environmentally sound decisions. Everything makes a difference,

from what light bulbs you use to how well insulated your home is to what vehicle you choose to drive. In almost every instance, there is an economic incentive already built into being environmentally aware. For example, insulation retrofits on homes usually pay for themselves within 18 months. After that, it is pure profit.

If properly done, community-based financial incentives that encourage individuals to be more environmentally conscious can have wide community support and foster good relations among people who are working together to improve the quality of their community. For instance, last year National Public Radio (NPR) reported that over 600 communities are taking it upon themselves to reduce pollution on their own.

“MAYORS ACROSS THE NATION ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE. MORE THAN 600 HAVE PLEDGED TO TRY TO MEET THE TARGET FOR CUTTING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SET BY THE KYOTO PROTOCOL, EVEN THOUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WON’T MAKE THE COMMITMENT.”

*NPR, “All Things Considered,”
July 31, 2007*

These individuals and communities are doing exactly what they should be doing, cleaning up their environment from the bottom up. Unfortunately, the report insinuates that the federal government should be taking the initiative. But grand schemes from the top down just don’t work and in many cases create more damage to the environment.

The involvement of world government in the management of global warming will be even more counterproductive than relying on the federal government. The Kyoto agreement, for example, results in a loss of money and sovereignty for all the so-called developed nations that participate while giving incen-

tives to the worst polluters to do nothing to improve. Under this agreement, China is considered an undeveloped nation, even though it is now the biggest polluting country in the world!

So what is it really about? It is always about money at this level. The Kyoto plan will require potentially hundreds of billions of dollars to be paid by developing nations to underdeveloped nations. Those hundreds of billions, which will end up being trillions, are not to be paid directly from one nation to another. The money will be paid to the World Bank!

Top-down, command-and-control, force-based schemes, politically and financially motivated by the special interests who control political entities like the EPA, FDA, and the U.N., which serves as banker under the Kyoto plan, will never accomplish their altruistic stated goals. They will, in fact, just make matters worse.

Consider the difference in environmental quality between West Germany and East Germany before they were united, and between North Korea and South Korea. In a free society, the people have at least some control over the situation and will demand some level of action regarding damage to the environment. In North Korea and East Germany, where the people had absolutely no ability to demand anything, environmental damage has been extreme compared to their free counterparts.

A government that has no accountability to the people is never a good steward of the environment.

Enlivening civil law and recognizing the legal rights of individuals as paramount will provide the best chance to protect against continuing degradation of the environment. Whenever possible, individuals and communities must be given the primary responsibility to make decisions (such as, if and where to allow the placement of a confinement operation). Common sense demands that the primacy of individuals and communities be honored over top-down, government-imposed restrictions and exemptions favoring the powerful.

Fortunately, a revolutionary and evolutionary way of approaching environmental problems is beginning to take hold in this country that is more in tune with the bottom-up approach. As people move in this direction, they are finding much more effective solutions to environmental problems. They are coming together in a non-coercive manner to create alternative institutions, rather than relying on regulatory agencies to solve environmental problems.

There are many examples of this new principle in action. For example, the Lobster Coalition is one of the country’s most interesting experiments in cooperative self-government.

A coalition of lobster fishermen, restaurant owners, environmentalists, and other interested parties are working together to protect and preserve Maine's lobster market. Reporter Alan Ehrenhalt described the group's efforts in "Lessons From the Lobster Legislature," Perc Reports, June 2001.

"More than 7,000 individuals are engaged in lobster fishing in Maine. In a good year, they bring in 50 million pounds of crustaceans, worth half a billion dollars—roughly 2 percent of the gross state product. So the health of the industry is central to Maine's economy. Of course, when things are good in the industry, anyone can enter the business, and that is exactly what has happened in Maine in the past. Before long the number of lobsters begins to dwindle, and there are not enough to support the families who are dependent on that way of life.

"...This is a classic problem of the commons, a situation in which the relentless pursuit of self-interest by members of a community eventually destroys the livelihood of everyone within it. But it is now a different story in Maine. The lobster coalition created local legislative bodies that made regulatory decisions without bureaucratic input from Washington, D.C. The group divided the state into seven lob-

ster-fishing zones. Each zone contains between eight and 14 districts, and every district has 100 licensed fishermen. The job of each of these units is to cooperate in crafting rules that will prevent overfishing and stave off the dreaded intrusion of the federal bureaucrats.

"The first thing the local legislative bodies did was to agree that they wouldn't put a limit on fish; instead, they would put a limit on the number of traps each fisherman could put in the water. A form of grassroots government created in response to a difficult situation has been able to make hard political choices that have eluded mainstream government."

This is an example of a serious environmental problem being solved without coercion. It represents an incredibly important and positive development for the environment and the people's freedom. The irrefutable conclusion when comparing top-down coercive environmental programs with these non-coercive bottom-up approaches is that the bottom-up approach is actually more effective at dealing with the environment. The constant struggle between environmentalists on the one side and property owners and freedom lovers on the other side will disappear once there is a paradigm shift to a bottom-up approach to governing.

"IN ALL THAT I'VE HEARD ABOUT THE ANIMAL CONFINEMENT ISSUE, I FIND THAT PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES...IN PROMOTING REGULATION OF THE LIVESTOCK BUSINESS THE ANTI-CORPORATE PEOPLE HAVE TRANSFERRED THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PEOPLE TO GOVERNMENT. THIS FACT HAS, IN EVERY CASE, WORKED AGAINST THE ANTI-CORPORATE CAUSE. THEY SHOOT THEMSELVES IN THE FOOT AND GO ON LIKE MIND-NUMBED ROBOTS DEMANDING MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN OUR LIVES. THE CORPORATES SMILE ALL THE WAY TO THE LAGOON AS THEY SEE THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE HANDED TO GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT FARMERS QUIT. THEIR BUILDINGS KEEP GOING UP AND THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, BECAUSE PROPERTY RIGHTS HAVE BECOME A FORGOTTEN CONCEPT. IF THEIR STENCH POLLUTES OUR PICNIC WE CAN'T COMPLAIN, BECAUSE THEY'VE COMPLIED WITH THE REGULATIONS WE BEGGED FOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE PASSED TO BUY VOTES. IN A WORLD WITHOUT ALL THESE REGULATIONS, THE STENCH WOULD BE CALLED AN INFRINGEMENT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS, THE BUILDING WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BUILT, AND THE PICNIC WOULDN'T STINK."

Fritz Grogzkruger, Farmer



EDUCATION AND INDIGENOUS POWER

"THE AIM OF PUBLIC EDUCATION IS NOT TO SPREAD ENLIGHTENMENT AT ALL; IT IS SIMPLY TO REDUCE AS MANY INDIVIDUALS AS POSSIBLE TO THE SAME SAFE LEVEL, TO BREED A STANDARD CITIZENRY, TO PUT DOWN DISSENT AND ORIGINALITY."

H.L. Mencken

Individuals are as different as leaves on a tree. Each can do one special thing better and with less effort and more joy than anyone else on the planet. The goal of education should be to help students find out what their unique potential is and then help them develop it.

But the nation's federally controlled schools do not develop individual potential. The result is a deep dissatisfaction among young people, which in turn leads to drug abuse, crime, depression, and societal breakdown. It is vital that education in this country be restructured and that it be done on the local level. The federal government will never create the kind of education needed. Parents must be involved, and local communities must have the freedom to develop education in the way that works best for them.

When it comes to education, look at the motivation of those in charge. At the local level the parents have one primary goal: to see that their children receive a great education that prepares them to be successful, happy, and prosperous human beings who are using their full potential. That is what any parent wants for their child.

However, the educational system in this country is exactly what the out-of-control surrogate government wants. Citizens who are too bright and too well educated may ask too many questions and start challenging the accepted order of things.

So is it any surprise that since the federal government has taken more authority over the education system, the U.S. education system has gone from being ranked first of 21 developed nations to 21st? Or that a huge percentage of young

children are placed on psycho-active drugs for an endless number of "disorders"? Or that children are being dumbed down by the entire experience of public education? Or that they learn that the "great" presidents were the ones who greatly expanded the federal government and the worst were those who attempted to contain the growth of government?

For many years, the United States has operated under the fallacy that the more spent on education, the better it will get. This just isn't true. The amount spent per student has continued to increase, and yet, the quality of education has declined. In fact, there is increasing evidence that home-schooled students are outperforming all others on tests and in college classrooms.

The politicians who run the public schools keep creating new regulations and mandating new programs. As these are imposed on local schools, there is more bureaucracy and less innovation, more red tape and less creativity, and more resources spent on regulatory requirements. So the cost of education goes up and the quality of education goes down.

As former Education Secretary Gary Bauer pointed out during his 2000 campaign, "More than 75 percent of our tax money that goes to the federal government for education stays in Washington, D.C., to pay bureaucrats."

No parent believes that those bureaucrats are helping to educate their kids. The bureaucrats spend most of their time thinking about how to increase the size of their department, not teaching the children.

The U.S. Department of Education should be abolished. No money for education should be given to the federal government. It should have no role whatsoever in educating children. The resulting tax savings would mean more money at the local level to educate children the way parents choose.

Allowing local communities to choose the education model that best fits their situation will dramatically improve the quality of education. Many superb models exist throughout the United States and the world. Every community can choose among the very best programs available, without the federal or state government imposing a system that by its very nature requires uniformity. Educators could attend statewide conferences that focus on the most successful education technologies. By doing so, the state would have a low-cost, minimalist role in facilitating the most intelligent choices for each community. The marketplace of ideas will rule, instead of a centralized government. This will dramatically reduce taxes and allow people's funds to directly support their local schools.

Charter schools provide an excellent bottom-up example. These are schools which are publicly funded schools run by parents, educators, and sometimes companies. The proof is in the pudding—a 2001 study by the Rand Corporation found that with charter schools, parents are more satisfied, children are well integrated, and academic achievement tends to grow after the child's first year. The report also suggests that to ensure that an adequate supply of charter schools are available, multiple chartering authorities should exist. The most successful charter schools are generally in states with laws that provide local communities and parents the most freedom.

There are many other models for improving education at the community level as well. Once the fundamental principle of bottom-up government is re-established, there will be the flexibility to consider the full range of models that have been successfully implemented in communities throughout the world. Local educators, school boards, and especially the parents will create the best educational environment for their students when given the freedom to develop what they feel is the best system. By understanding and implementing the vision of a free society, unencumbered by surrogate

power, it is possible to implement an educational system that will be envied and unrivaled throughout the world.

The current educational program run by the federal government has its roots in the General Education Board founded in 1902. It was funded by the Rockefeller family and eventually became the Rockefeller Foundation. This foundation was instrumental in the creation of the Columbia Teacher's College, which was the birth place of the nation's "progressive education." The following two quotes are enlightening regarding the process occurring within our government run schools to replace the natural law based concept of indigenous power by teaching young people the ideology of surrogate power.

From the General Education Board's first newsletter:

"In our dreams, we have limitless resources and the people yield themselves with perfect docility to our molding hands. The present education conventions fade from their minds, and unhampered by tradition, we work our own good will upon a grateful and responsive rural folk. We shall not try to make these people or any of their children into philosophers or men of learning, or men of science. We have not to raise up from among them authors, editors, poets or men of letters. We shall not search for embryo great artists, painters, musicians nor lawyers, doctors, preachers, politicians, statesmen, of whom we have an ample supply...The task we set before ourselves is very simple as well as a very beautiful one, to train these people as we find them to a perfectly ideal life just where they are. So we will organize our children and teach them to do in a perfect way the things their fathers and mothers are doing in an imperfect way, in the homes, in the shops and on the farm."

From *The New York Times* regarding the General Education Board's proposed experimental school at Columbia:

"Unblushing materialism finds its crowning triumph in the theory of the modern school. In the whole plan there is not a spiritual thought, not an idea that rises above the need of finding money for the pocket and food for the belly...It is a matter of instant inquiry, for very sober consideration, whether the General Education Board, indeed, may not with the immense funds at its disposal be able to shape to its will practically all the institutions in which the youth of the country are trained."

HEALTH CARE AND INDIGENOUS POWER

"THE CURE FOR THESE PROBLEMS? REMOVE THE STATE BACKING FROM THE AMA AND FDA, AND UNLEASH THE POWER AND CREATIVITY OF THE FREE MARKET. MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BRAINWASHED INTO THINKING THE STATE PROTECTS THEM. THE TRUTH IS THE EXACT OPPOSITE."

Morris Fishbein

One of the biggest fallacies regarding the health care discussion in America is the notion that individuals are not responsible for their own health, but rather that responsibility falls on someone else or on some institution. The related foolishness is that cradle-to-grave health care is some how a natural right. There is no natural right that involves the forcible confiscation of one person's assets by the government to pay for another person's needs.

It is each individual's responsibility to take care of their own health. Why would someone who has neglected their health have the right to demand that someone else pay for their lack of self-responsibility?

The health care system in this country is not based on common sense. Common sense would dictate that each individual's health care efforts should focus on remaining healthy. But under the current health system, health care resources are directed toward taking care of problems after they have manifested as a disease or injury. This is extremely expensive and lacking in common sense. It is, however, a great system for the medical and pharmaceutical industries. The powerful lobbies of these industries influence all of the nation's federal and state health policies.

Twenty years ago, health care was a \$42 billion per year industry. Today, health care costs Americans more than \$2 billion per day, more than 14 percent of the Gross Domestic Product. These soaring costs are putting enormous financial pressures on American businesses, forcing thousands of

small businesses to reduce or drop benefits for their employees. Nearly 35 million Americans lack health insurance. Even those families who have insurance are finding that health care costs are an increasing burden to already strained family budgets.

Proposals for socialized medicine are worse than the disease. These plans would increase costs, destroy jobs, impose broad new taxes on the American people, and lead to the rationing of care. The only health care reforms that are likely to have a significant impact on America's health care problems are those that draw on the strength of the free market and individual responsibility. As with virtually everything in this country, the health care industry has suffered from centralization.

Individuals are ultimately responsible for their own health, with families responsible for family members unable or unwilling to take care of their own health. The community is next in line for taking care of the health concerns of its citizens. State government should be involved only to the extent that the citizens want it to be involved, and the federal government should not be involved in health care at all.

Essentially government policies have been responsible for rising health costs and the unavailability of health care services. America can help lower health care costs and expand health care access by taking immediate steps to deregulate the health care industry, including elimination of

mandated benefits, repeal of the Certificate-of-Need program, and expansion of the scope of practice for nonphysician health professionals.

Within the current Medicare and Medicaid systems, costs are skyrocketing while patients receive second-rate care and providers are shortchanged. The first step should be a restructuring of the system to give Medicaid and Medicare recipients more flexibility to purchase private health insurance.

Another positive step would be the elimination of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The regulatory agencies of other countries are able to safeguard their citizens for far less and still allow innovative products to enter the marketplace. The FDA has probably protected fewer people than it has let die waiting for new therapies to come to market. In addition, it is a significant factor in the cost of bringing drugs to market, a process that can cost a manufacturer more than \$200 million.

There is no evidence that the agency offers Americans any real protection, but there is massive evidence that it is causing great harm by driving up health care costs and depriving millions of Americans of the medicine they need. The FDA should be replaced by a voluntary certification system by private-sector organizations, similar to the way Underwriters Laboratories certifies electrical appliances.

There are many ways to reduce the costs of health care and simultaneously increase quality and choice. One critical measure is to expand the scope of services offered by health care professionals other than physicians. One excellent example is having midwives provide prenatal care and

attend deliveries. In Europe, more than 90 percent of the women who are pregnant never consult a physician during their pregnancies and childbirth. Midwives see these women from the beginning of their pregnancies onward, helping them to remain healthy and deliver healthy babies. The rate of problematic births is significantly lower in Europe than it is in America. The cost of the European system is significantly less as well.

The current system offers no real choice for the patient. Each individual must have freedom of choice of practitioner and treatment, and absolute say over the care of their bodies. If they feel a particular treatment is the best one for them, it should be their choice.

A health care system that would help people help themselves would involve education in proper diet, exercise, rest, stress management, environmental concerns, and other prevention-oriented knowledge. Communities could offer these types of courses through adult education programs and the schools. Hundreds of private companies already offer excellent preventative health educational programs as part of training programs for their distributors and customers.

This is a private or a community function and should not involve federal funding. If the people of a particular state wanted state government to be involved, it could play a role by offering knowledge and support, and creating a communications infrastructure for sharing information about successful preventative health programs in communities around the state.

“MILLIONS OF AMERICANS TAKE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS EVERY DAY, AND THE NUMBERS ARE GROWING AS THE BABY BOOM GENERATION AGES. MORE AND MORE AMERICANS UNDERSTANDABLY ARE FRUSTRATED WITH OUR GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. THEY HAVE CONCLUDED THAT VITAMINS, MINERALS, AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS MIGHT HELP THEM STAY HEALTHY AND LESS DEPENDENT ON THE SYSTEM. THEY USE SUPPLEMENTS BECAUSE THEY CAN BUY THEM FREELY AT STORES AND RESEARCH THEM FREELY ON THE INTERNET, WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE IN THE FORM OF DOCTORS, PRESCRIPTIONS, HMOs, AND LICENSES. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY USE SUPPLEMENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE LARGELY FREE TO MAKE THEIR OWN CHOICES, IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE CONVENTIONAL MEDICAL SYSTEM.

“BUT WE LIVE IN AN ERA OF UNBRIDLED GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF BOTH OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND THE ECONOMY, AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION BUREAUCRATS BURN TO REGULATE SUPPLEMENTS IN THE SAME MANNER AS PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

“THE HEALTH NANNIES INSIST THAT MANY DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ARE UNTESTED AND UNPROVEN, AND THEREFORE DANGEROUS. BUT THE TRACK RECORD FOR FDA-APPROVED DRUGS HARDLY INSPIRES CONFIDENCE. IN FACT, FAR MORE AMERICANS HAVE DIED USING APPROVED PHARMACEUTICALS THAN SUPPLEMENTS. NOT EVERY DIETARY SUPPLEMENT PERFORMS AS CLAIMED, BUT NEITHER DOES EVERY FDA DRUG.”

Ron Paul, M.D. and U.S. Congressman



FOREIGN RELATIONS, DEFENSE AND INDIGENOUS POWER

**“I HOPE OUR WISDOM WILL GROW WITH OUR POWER,
AND TEACH US THAT THE LESS WE USE OUR POWER
THE GREATER IT WILL BE.”**

Thomas Jefferson

There was a strong consensus among the Founders about foreign relations that was based on their experience, wisdom, and common sense. They certainly did not believe in pacifism and they knew that the nation could not appear weak to potential adversaries. But they knew that your friend's enemy became your enemy, so they advocated having a strong defense combined with a foreign policy that kept the country out of foreign entanglements. It was not a policy of isolationism. They believed in commerce and friendship with all nations.

The idea, in fact, was to be fully engaged with all nations in commerce without getting involved in the alliances and wars that plagued the rest of the world. The hope was that the United States would set an example as a free nation that did not get involved in wars unless attacked. With that policy in place, people of other nations would strongly desire the peace and prosperity of America and follow its example, thus creating a free, prosperous, and more peaceful world.

The idea of a strong defense was balanced with the belief that a large standing army was also a danger to the peace of any nation. General Washington was one of the biggest proponents of a strong defense, but he was also the one who spoke most often about the risks of having too large of a standing army.

The Founders wanted a strong militia, and the militia, they believed, consisted of all of the people. The Second Amendment was not just about the right to bear arms, it was also about having a citizenry that was armed, well trained, and organized to come to the defense of the nation if necessary.

**“THE WAY TO SECURE PEACE IS
TO BE PREPARED FOR WAR. THEY
THAT ARE ON THEIR GUARD, AND
APPEAR READY TO RECEIVE
THEIR ADVERSARIES, ARE IN
MUCH LESS DANGER OF BEING
ATTACKED THAN THE SUPINE,
SECURE, AND NEGLIGENT.”**

Benjamin Franklin

The fundamental philosophy of the Founders toward other nations is just as valid today as it was 230 years ago. Its basic principle is the Golden Rule, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” It is a rule that applies as much to nations, which are made up of individuals, as it does to individuals. This is the fundamental policy that needs to be followed today.

While the wording might be slightly different in various countries, religions, and cultures, that same principle is found in every major religious and spiritual tradition:

- Christianity: “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets,” Matthew 7:12, King James Bible

- Confucianism: “Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you.” Analects 15:23. “To treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself, and you will find that this is the shortest way to benevolence.” Mencius VII.A.
- Hinduism: “This is the sum of duty: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.” Mahabharata 5:1517
- Islam: “None of you [truly] believes until he wishes for his brother what he wishes for himself.” Number 13 of Imam Al-Nawawi’s Forty Hadiths
- Judaism: “...thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Leviticus 19:18
- Native American Spirituality: “All things are our relatives; what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One.” The Great Law of Peace
- Buddhism: “...a state that is not pleasing or delightful to me, how could I inflict that upon another? Samyutta Nikaya v. 353
- Taoism: “Regard your neighbor’s gain as your own gain, and your neighbor’s loss as your own loss.”

T’ai-shang Kan-ying P’ien

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George Washington

Many argue that the world is more dangerous today because of advanced weapons technologies, terrorism, biological weapons, scarce resources, and so on. It is precisely because of all these factors that the United States, the most powerful nation on earth militarily, must set an example that creates less volatility in the world and less acrimony.

The words that best described the nation’s original foreign policy and the policy that should be pursued now were spoken by Thomas Jefferson during his first Inaugural Address in 1801: “Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.”

Unfortunately, this is not the policy that has been followed in the last century.

Ever since the proponents of surrogate power took over the country, the government has grown in excess of constitutional boundaries on all levels. The nation is now involved militarily all over the world. Defense spending, added to all of the unconstitutional domestic programs, has bankrupted the country and made its people much more fearful and vulnerable to attacks.

As Douglas MacArthur said, “Our country is now geared to an arms economy bred in an artificially induced psychosis of war hysteria and an incessant propaganda of fear.”

Sound familiar to the situation today? No one could say that Douglas MacArthur didn’t know what he was talking about. Immediately after John Kennedy’s assassination, MacArthur strongly encouraged Lyndon Johnson to get out of Vietnam while he still could. He advised President Johnson that, based on his own experience in Korea, he believed that the U.S. would not be allowed to win the Vietnam war and that decisions about the outcome would not be decided by the constitutionally elected government, but by others, including the U.N.

The CIA and other covert government organizations have fomented revolutions, organized coups, and ordered assassinations of leaders who were not in harmony with the U.S./U.N. agenda. Coercion and force have been used to interfere in the affairs of other nations for the last 60 years. Yet people wonder why others hate the United States. At the same time, the current administration has the gall to say the U.S. is hated because it is free.

The powerful interests who benefit from a constant state of war must maintain a climate of fear. In order for them to do this, the public must be ignorant of the country’s true actions. Michael Scheuer’s book, *Imperial Hubris, Why the West is Losing the War on Terror*, should be read by every American of voting age. (Scheuer is a former U.S. CIA officer and was in charge of

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Michael Scheuer, Imperial Hubris, Why the West is Losing the War on Terror

the agency’s Osama bin Laden unit.) Apathy and ignorance of the impact of the country’s actions on other nations and cultures have allowed surrogates to take control of U.S. foreign policy.

Dwight Eisenhower told the country that “We must never let the weight of the military-industrial complex endanger our liberties or democratic processes.”

His famous speech originally referred to “the military-industrial-congressional, complex” but his advisors convinced him to delete the word “congressional.” Eisenhower was clearly concerned about what already existed and was continuing to grow stronger: an extremely powerful group that benefited from war and that was easily able to buy influence in government.

This is the situation currently endangering the people’s safety. Remember, the federal government is the people’s surrogate. The people must take back control of their surrogate for many reasons, but retaking control of foreign policy is crucial. The 9/11 Commission Report says that “the American homeland is the planet.” To defend this “homeland,” the United States spends six times as much on its military as does China, the next highest-spending nation, and funds more than 730 military bases with 500,000 soldiers in more than 130 countries, abetted by more than 100 military space satellites and more than 100,000 seaborne battle-ready forces. This is the greatest military colossus ever forged.

How did a nation start out with such a sane foreign policy and then become involved in a completely insane foreign policy that is not only making the world more dangerous but also creating an

economic collapse? As a very perceptive Alexis de Tocqueville wrote in his book *Democracy in America* in the 1820s:

“Hence it is chiefly in war that nations desire, and frequently need, to increase the powers of the central government. All men of military genius are fond of centralization, which increases their strength; and all men of centralizing genius are fond of war, which compels nations to combine all their powers in the hands of the government. Thus the democratic tendency that leads men unceasingly to multiply the privileges of the state and to circumscribe the rights of private persons is much more rapid and constant among those democratic nations that are exposed by their position to great and frequent wars than among all others.”

All alliances and treaties with foreign countries should be eliminated, as should all foreign aid. In addition, the nation should immediately withdraw from the United Nations and encourage all other nations to do the same. The country’s leaders should meet with the leaders of other nations and let them know that the U.S. will not be meddling in their affairs and that the U.S. is willing to replace the U.N. with a non-coercive arbitration organization to enhance harmonious relationships between countries.

This organization would have absolutely no enforcement role, no troops, no police, no guns, no courts, and no intelligence agencies. It would have a charter based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence, totally dedicated to the proposition that every individual on the planet is a sovereign with indigenous power and that all governments are surrogates that can be replaced at any time by the individuals within that country. The World Bank, World Trade Organization, World Court, International Monetary Fund, and all the other spawn of the current United Nations should be dissolved.

Withdrawal of U.S. troops from other nations should also begin. The result will be a lessening of tensions with other nations, China in particular. China could then stop wasting its resources on its military and put those valuable resources to work cleaning up its immense pollution. Eighteen of the most polluted cities in the world are now in China. When presented with the opportunity to reduce military expenditures, its leaders will respond in a positive manner.

Once this process has begun, and it is understood that the U.S. is serious, the fear and level of animosity in the world will decrease even more. The U.S. can then start to phase out additional bases around the world and bring even more of its troops home. This will allow a stronger defense making the U.S. virtually invincible.

This is all common sense. The problem is the fear-mongering of those who benefit from war and the threat of war. The nation is now governed by powerful interests who have purchased their position of control. It is in their interests to keep people afraid and angry at some foreign enemy. Even better for them is a worldwide, never-ending war on terror. This is the perfect war for the military-industrial -congressional complex.

The following quote should be placed on the bathroom mirror of every American citizen, so they can see it every day of their lives as a reminder of the propaganda machine that they are exposed to daily in all mainstream media.

“NATURALLY THE COMMON PEOPLE DON’T WANT WAR. NEITHER IN RUSSIA, NOR IN ENGLAND, NOR FOR THAT MATTER IN GERMANY. THAT IS UNDERSTOOD. BUT, AFTER ALL, IT IS THE LEADERS OF THE COUNTRY WHO DETERMINE THE POLICY AND IT IS ALWAYS A SIMPLE MATTER TO DRAG THE PEOPLE ALONG, WHETHER IT IS A DEMOCRACY, OR A FASCIST DICTATORSHIP, OR A PARLIAMENT, OR A COMMUNIST DICTATORSHIP. VOICE OR NO VOICE, THE PEOPLE CAN ALWAYS BE BROUGHT TO THE BIDDING OF THE LEADERS. THAT IS EASY. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TELL THEM THEY ARE BEING ATTACKED, AND DENOUNCE THE PEACEMAKERS FOR LACK OF PATRIOTISM AND EXPOSING THE COUNTRY TO DANGER. IT WORKS THE SAME IN ANY COUNTRY.”

Hermann Goering, Nuremberg jail cell interview with intelligence officer Gustave Gilbert, recorded in his book Nuremberg Diary

Perhaps an even better place to put Goering’s quote would be on each television screen.

Thankfully Americans are beginning to wake up to the disastrous effects of the current government policies. Ultimately, as the dollar declines in value, the countries and investors who have been buying U.S. debt instruments will discontinue their purchases. At that point, the government will not be able to keep the printing presses going to continue to finance this enormous military machine. All empires eventually collapse because of the high cost of maintaining an empire by force.

“THE BUDGET SHOULD BE BALANCED. PUBLIC DEBT SHOULD BE REDUCED. THE ARROGANCE OF OFFICIALDOM SHOULD BE TEMPERED, AND ASSISTANCE TO FOREIGN LANDS SHOULD BE CURTAILED, LEST ROME BECOME BANKRUPT.”

Cicero

The sooner the people of this nation wake up and start following the common sense-based foreign policy of the Founders, the better it will be. Does the U.S. have to make the same mistake so many empires have made before it? Not if the people remember that they are the ones with indigenous power, they own the government, it is their surrogate!

“THOSE WHO IGNORE HISTORY ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT IT.”

George Santayana



DRUGS AND INDIGENOUS POWER

“NO ONE, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS EVEN REMOTELY TALKING OF INCREASING YOUNG PEOPLE’S ACCESS TO HARMFUL DRUGS. BUT WHAT WE ARE DOING SIMPLY ISN’T WORKING. THE WAY THINGS ARE NOW, YOUNG PEOPLE TELL ME IT’S EASIER FOR THEM TO FIND MARIJUANA OR COCAINE THAN IT IS ALCOHOL...THE WAR ON DRUGS ISN’T WINNABLE, BUT IT’S FUNDABLE...IT’S NOT ONLY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION’S NEARLY \$20 BILLION ANNUAL BUDGET BUT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OF EVERY KIND RECEIVE EXTRA FUNDING FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT...THINGS MUST CHANGE; IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE BOTH A FREE SOCIETY AND A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY. WE WILL HAVE DRUGS; EITHER WITH DRUG LORDS OR WITHOUT THEM. THE ANSWER IS TO HOLD PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AS WE DO WITH ALCOHOL. AND LET’S GET RID OF THIS ENORMOUS AND EXPENSIVE BUREAUCRACY. IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT, MOST DRUG RELATED PROBLEMS STEM FROM DRUG PROHIBITION; NOT DRUGS.”

Judge James P. Gray, author of Why our Drug Laws have Failed and What We Can Do About It

There is no doubt that drug use and abuse increase dependency and reduce one’s personal, indigenous power. Virtually everyone would agree that drugs are an extremely negative influence on development of the true self. Those who argue that somehow drugs can be a positive influence are involved in serious self-deception. Drugs and alcohol damage the human physiology and reduce the natural powers of perception.

A society based on indigenous power, rather than surrogate power, would create a culture and educational program which would foster the development of a young person’s indigenous power through fully activated religious, spiritual,

cultural, and family traditions. Drug use and abuse would be minimal with a strong family-based, bottom-up society. This is not happening in the country today.

The massive welfare/warfare federal surrogate has made it difficult for families to survive economically unless both parents are working. This puts a tremendous strain on parents and weakens their ability to create the appropriate family environment for a child’s holistic growth. The full growth of the child’s indigenous power is not going to happen in government-run schools; it can only occur within the family. Therefore the conditions today set the stage for substance abuse among young people.

The federal war on drugs has done nothing to curtail the availability of drugs. Any young person can obtain virtually any harmful illegal drug they want today. At the same time, the war on drugs has increased the power of law enforcement officials at all levels of government. In the name of this drug war, search and seizures of perfectly law-abiding citizens has risen dramatically with no recourse by those whose property and lives are ravaged.⁴

Compounding the problem is a rehabilitation system based on the concept that “once an addict always an addict.” The belief is that the addict is permanently flawed with an incurable life-long disease and that relapse is normal. Parents, kids, siblings, society, television shows, and bad genes are just a few of the so-called causes for this disease. An individual, supposedly, is neither responsible for their actions, nor able to cure themselves without a recovery group.

Within this flawed concept, in many cases, the addict in recovery simply trades his or her dependency on drugs for a dependency on the recovery group. Those who cure themselves by declaring their independence from substance abuse are considered “dry drunks,” who are deluding themselves into thinking that they can actually decide to stop their addictive behavior and live a normal life just like anyone else.

Common sense can turn this dependent culture around.

There is overwhelming evidence that the government’s war on drugs should be ended, including several extremely well-researched books by highly esteemed members of the law enforcement profession that convincingly make the common sense case for ending this nightmare. For instance, both Judge Jim Gray and Sheriff Bill Masters have excellent books which are listed at the end of this pamphlet.

The solution to the drug war is straightforward: end the federal government’s unconstitutional involvement in people’s personal choices that do not harm others. There should be absolutely no role for the federal government regarding what people decide to put into their bodies. The resources of the state and local governments, local community groups, and primarily the family unit can be much more effective in eliminating the substance abuse problem.

Skeptics need only to look to the past. Remember Prohibition, when the federal government banned the sale of alcohol?

Prohibition 1:

- turned millions of otherwise law-abiding citizens into “criminals.”
- put families on welfare by arresting breadwinners.
- made the illegal business of selling and transporting alcohol very profitable.
- encouraged gangsters to arm themselves to defend their turf.
- led to almost universal corruption of law enforcement professionals, breeding disdain for law enforcement among the public.
- created much more powerful crime syndicates.
- resulted in an overcrowding of the judicial system, jails and prisons.
- actually increased the use of alcohol each year of prohibition.⁵

Does this sound familiar? The public became angry enough to put an end to Prohibition 1 because it became obvious that attempting to manage the private activities of the people through government force is counterproductive on every level.

The present-day war on drugs, Prohibition 2, is an even bigger failure than Prohibition 1. Neighborhoods all over the country have turned into battlegrounds because gangs are now involved in drug dealing. Jails are filled with nonviolent drug offenders and prisons are filled with drugs! If there was ever an irrefutable argument against the use of force to curtail drug abuse (the Drug War), it is the wide availability of drugs within U.S. prisons!⁶

Career law enforcement officers have explained how police forces at the local, state, and federal levels now depend on drug raids to finance their departments. This gives them a strong financial incentive to raid whenever they have an opportunity. According to these forthright officers who believe the drug war must be ended now, the people are guilty until proven innocent. Innocent people who have had property seized never get the property back, and they never get compensated.

Decriminalizing drugs at the federal level would automatically take away the profit incentive that is now the lifeblood of violent gangs. It would also free up the court system. According to studies by law enforcement, more than 50 percent of the 1.3 million Americans in jail today are there for drug crimes, many for mere usage. Drug cases make up an

4 Graphs 22, 23 and 24, <http://www.druglibrary.org/Schaffer/library/graphs>

5 <http://www.echeat.com/essay.php?t=26805>

6 http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1571/is_7_18/ai_83553855/pg_1

estimated 60 percent of the court system's time as well as the time and energy of a half million police officers.

Of course, under a bottom-up system, the people in any state could decide to make any drug they want illegal. But it is more likely that people will have learned their lesson and use their resources for education and rehabilitation rather than for law enforcement and providing free housing, in jail, for nonviolent drug offenders.

Many people wonder if decriminalizing drugs will encourage their use. The exact opposite is true. Ending the government's involvement in this arena and letting the people reassume their sovereignty and personal responsibility for themselves, their families, and their communities will create the greatest opportunity to succeed in reducing harmful drug use. All of the human and financial resources misused at the governmental level would be directed to the family and local level, where they actually can make a difference.

If individuals were free to be open about their inappropriate drug usage without fear of criminal prosecution, they would be much more likely to deal honestly with their problem. If resources were focused on a rehabilitation program that worked and that emphasized personal responsibility and the growth of indigenous power, drug and alcohol abuse would be dramatically reduced.

Fortunately there is such a program, one that has had such tremendously successful results that it is spreading like wildfire across the country. The program is called Rational Recovery and was created by Jack and Lois Trimpey. It works on the exact principles described in the earlier section

in this pamphlet "Indigenous Power and Freedom." Each individual has the responsibility to know the difference between their own indigenous power and the roles they play as they go about their lives.

In Rational Recovery, the addicted individual learns to recognize the surrogate that has been created by the mind and the ego. This is a surrogate that cares about one thing and one thing only—pleasure. It becomes animalistic in its desire for pleasure and it will sacrifice all that is valuable in life to achieve its goal. That surrogate is not the person's true self.

The addict/surrogate is called the "beast" and it speaks to the drug user as if it were the person's true self. The beast does not give up easily. But once a person recognizes that the addictive voice of the beast is not their true self, they can declare their independence from that surrogate identity. They can start to live a totally normal life, and restore relationships with family members. The family plays an important part in the Rational Recovery program.

The technique used in the Rational Recovery program, called Addictive Voice Recognition Technique (AVRT), has been proven more effective than any other form of addiction treatment or recovery group participation. With AVRT, everyone has a 100 percent chance of prompt and full recovery. Over 60 percent of recoveries from addiction occur without groups, counselors, or rehab. As Rational Recovery demonstrates, the scourge of drug abuse in this country can be turned into an insignificant issue by returning to the bottom-up model in which the family unit makes up the solid base of the power pyramid.

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Jack Trimpey



CREATING A PARADIGM SHIFT TO INDIGENOUS POWER

"THE SPIRIT OF THE TIMES MAY ALTER, WILL ALTER. OUR RULERS WILL BECOME CORRUPT, OUR PEOPLE CARELESS...FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THIS WAR WE SHALL BE GOING DOWNHILL. IT WILL NOT THEN BE NECESSARY TO RESORT EVERY MOMENT TO THE PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT. THEY WILL BE FORGOTTEN, THEREFORE, AND THEIR RIGHTS DISREGARDED. THEY WILL FORGET THEMSELVES, BUT IN THE SOLE FACULTY OF MAKING MONEY, AND WILL NEVER THINK OF UNITING TO EFFECT A DUE RESPECT FOR THEIR RIGHTS. THE SHACKLES, THEREFORE...WILL BE MADE HEAVIER AND HEAVIER, TILL OUR RIGHTS SHALL REVIVE OR EXPIRE IN A CONVULSION."

Thomas Jefferson, Notes on Virginia, 1781

Jefferson and the other Founders had an incredibly deep understanding of human nature and the nature of surrogate power to expand. Drawing on their vast knowledge of history, government, and natural law, they set out to create a civilization that would offer the most freedom and opportunity possible. They were determined to provide an environment conducive to the full development of the individual, even though they realized from the beginning that the nature of some humans to expand their influence over others would begin eroding individual freedom.

The Founders did everything they could to limit the power of the newly formed central government, creating checks and balances between the branches of the federal government as well as federal, state, and local governments. Even so, they realized their safeguards would not

be enough; eventually a future generation of Americans would be called upon to revive the fundamental principles upon which they based the founding documents. Jefferson and the others clearly foresaw that if this future generation did not answer the call, the freedoms they fought for would be lost.

Conditions right before the Revolutionary War were similar to those today. The Founders knew that to achieve freedom, they would have to stir the hearts of the people so they would support the effort to separate from the top-down, command-and-control regime of King George. So too do the hearts of the people today need to be awakened to the fact that they are no longer governed by people who understand, or believe in, the fundamental principles that inspired the founding documents.

What will it take to flip the power pyramid back to where it belongs, with the people in charge once again?

Fortunately, there is a model from the past to emulate. Remember that in January 1776 about two-thirds of the delegates to the Continental Congress were not planning to vote for independence. Then the small pamphlet *COMMON SENSE* so powerfully and effectively articulated the case for liberty that a passion for independence swept the country. And on July 4th, the United States of America was born.

A paradigm shift occurred in a matter of months! A paradigm shift is a significant change in an existing pattern or model. In this case, it is a change in the structure of the people's government. But what really needs to happen is a change in people's hearts. A change of heart will drive a return to a bottom-up structure based on love and freedom versus the top-down model based on fear and control.

It is encouraging to have the knowledge that love is the most powerful force in the universe. The growth of indigenous power is the growth of love. The electro-magnetic spectrum, which is the size of the ever-expanding universe, cannot be depleted. Words are sound waves, they are mechanically magnetic. Words spoken in fear, anger, or worry create very slow waves in that field and produce poor results. Words spoken with love and positivity create a higher frequency and have a more positive and profound effect.

What people visualize, what they feel, what they think, and what they say all have an effect because of the nature of this field. In recent years, incredible research has been done by the HeartMath Institute in Palo Alto, California. Here is a very brief summary of some of the conclusions of its well-documented research:

- The electro-magnetic frequency, or EMF, of the heart is 5,000 times more powerful than the brain.
- The EMF of the heart can be felt several feet away by other humans.
- The heart has its own “brain” made up of 40,000 neurons, the same as certain brain centers.
- Positive emotions such as happiness, appreciation, compassion, care, and love improve hormonal balance and the immune system.
- When the head and heart are in sync, the power of both are working, creating successful action.

- Positive emotional states create coherence. Distress creates lack of coherence.

Every human being, deep within his or her heart, yearns for freedom and love. Fortunately for all, the Ron Paul Revolution, or better yet *ReLoveution* that is occurring as this pamphlet is being written has already started the paradigm shift. For maximum effectiveness everyone should continue to articulate the freedom message with loving hearts, minds, thoughts, and words to every person with whom they connect.

If everyone does this, all of the force and power of the “laws of nature and nature's God” will create a *tipping point* for the paradigm shift from surrogate power to indigenous power. In fact, it will take the country and the world to a level of prosperity, peace, and harmony well beyond that envisioned by the Founders. It will create a force so attractive that even those individuals working for the most power-hungry surrogate institutions will want to be part of the paradigm shift!

“I AM ONLY ONE; BUT STILL I AM ONE. I CANNOT DO EVERYTHING, BUT I STILL CAN DO SOMETHING. I WILL NOT REFUSE TO DO THE SOMETHING I CAN DO.”

Helen Keller

In 1776, the paradigm shift set in motion by *COMMON SENSE* grew rapidly. The last century of institutional consolidation of power can also be overturned in a few months or years—as soon as enough people wake up. Each individual is important in this shift. One person can bring together a small group of people who believe in bottom-up government and common sense solutions. A small group can transform a community and set an example for others in other towns. Soon the whole state is affected and eventually the whole country. That is the whole idea—it all starts with you, the individual.

The Nation's Inspired Youth

It is the incredible enthusiasm of America's youth, uniting behind a peaceful revolution to restore the country's eternally valid founding principles, that finally inspired the writing of this pamphlet. The young people get it, and hopefully they will awaken in their parents and grandparents the flame that burns within every individual for freedom.

Young people know intuitively that there is something very wrong about the current government and institutions. They know that top-down, command-and-control surrogates increasingly create an oppressive environment. They are responding to the freedom message with great enthusiasm and energy.

Jimi Hendrix said, “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.”

Young people across this nation are realizing that:

“When the power of love exceeds the love of power, the world will know peace, prosperity, and freedom. The creative solutions to our problems will occur spontaneously, and naturally, from the bottom up.” *COMMON SENSE*

“YOUTH IS THE SEED TIME OF GOOD HABITS, AS WELL IN NATIONS AS IN INDIVIDUALS. IT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, TO FORM THE CONTINENT INTO ONE GOVERNMENT HALF A CENTURY HENCE...THE MORE MEN HAVE TO LOSE THE LESS WILLING ARE THEY TO VENTURE. THE RICH ARE IN GENERAL SLAVES TO FEAR, AND SUBMIT TO COURTLY POWER WITH THE TREMBLING DUPLICITY OF A SPANIEL.”

Thomas Paine, COMMON SENSE, 1776

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

“ENLIGHTEN THE PEOPLE GENERALLY, AND TYRANNY AND OPPRESSIONS OF BODY AND MIND WILL VANISH LIKE EVIL SPIRITS AT THE DAWN OF DAY.”

Thomas Jefferson

People must educate themselves, their friends, and their families about the freedom principles. Studying the information found on the following list of websites, books, and DVDs will be more fun and more fulfilling than you can possibly imagine. Three phases of education are suggested. As you learn and grow from this knowledge, the “shackles” will dissolve before your eyes.

But before you start on the recommended materials below, please take time to order more copies of *COMMON SENSE REVISITED* and give, sell, or loan them to as many people as you can. This will help start those brushfires that can lead to massive change

To order more copies, go to www.commonsenserevisited.org

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- 50 copies = \$75 + \$5 shipping
- 75 copies = \$75 + \$15 shipping
- 150 copies = \$150 + \$20 shipping

All links in this section are available at either www.restoringtheheartofamerica.com or www.commonsenserevisited.org.

Phase One

Read the following three items first. These are short but extremely powerful pamphlets, all available on the web. Form a discussion group to go through each one for more in-depth study. Share these with everyone you know.

The Urgent Need for Comprehensive Monetary Reform, by W. Cleon Skousen

http://www.nccs.net/monetary_reform.html

Short but comprehensive history of the monetary system and a proposal for reform. 26 pages

The Law, by Bastiat
<http://bastiat.org>

Incredibly powerful essay on the nature of the relationship between government and the individual; this is a classic. 15 pages

The Nature of Man and His Government, by Robert LeFevre
users.aol.com/xeqtr1/voluntaryist/nomahg.html

A brilliant analysis of what government really is and a call for the creation of something that works better. 25 pages

Phase Two

Form study groups around the two-part American Government course created by the National Center for Constitutional Studies.

To start, contact Restoring the Heart of America at www.restoringtheheartofamerica.com to arrange for a day-long seminar on the U.S. Constitution to be held in your area. The seminar will help create interest and likely result in one or more study groups of individuals committed to taking the American Government course. Once people have a working knowledge of the correct and proven principles for freedom, prosperity, and peace, they will begin to see history from an entirely different perspective—American history becomes a study of how the United States, throughout its 200-plus years, has either supported the principles of liberty and prospered, or violated these principles and suffered.

The primary textbooks for the American Government course are:

Part 1:

The 5,000 year Leap, by W. Cleon Skousen

This is a classic. Skousen explains all the fundamental principles of nature which guided the Founders while creating the “freedom formula.”

Part 2:

The Making of America, by Cleon Skousen

This book is the ultimate textbook on the creation of the U.S. Constitution. Every clause is analyzed with excerpts from the Founders, providing deep insight regarding the intent of every part of the constitution.

Phase Three

Other outstanding books and articles are listed below. You can also find more resources, including websites, at www.commonsenserevisited.org.

Organizations

Please join these organizations now to help the cause of freedom.

This website, www.restoringtheheartofamerica.com, offers free education on the U.S. Constitution and founding principles. Go to their website to sign up.

Another website, www.campaignforliberty.com, is dedicated to recruiting and supporting candidates for office who support the founding principles.

These organizations can be joined for no charge, just go to their websites and follow the instructions to join now. These are two of the key organizations you can join that are going to make a difference in creating a paradigm shift to freedom.

Additional Books

The Destiny of Freedom, by Daniel Leacox and Donald Seyfried

Great description of what freedom is and how it was lost. This is a manual for understanding freedom and a game plan for winning it back.

Economics in One Easy Lesson, by Henry Hazlitt

Another classic. This blows away the nonsense that is now taught about economics. This is the basis for understanding freedom-based economics.

The Revolution: A Manifesto, by Ron Paul

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