



It Starts With You!



It Ends With Us!

Quote of the Month

"Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away."

~ Philip K. Dick

Video of the Month

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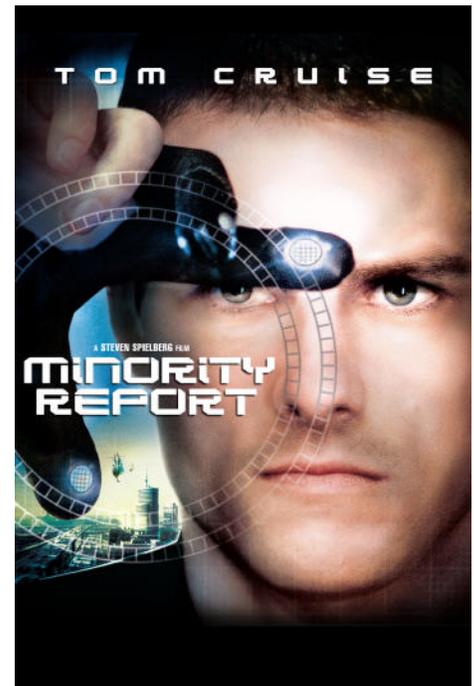
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Minority Report Redux

In the movie Minority Report, a pre-crime unit of the police are able to see murders before they occur, thereby the "police" can prevent them by arresting that person for a future murder. As the movie progresses, the police are given false information from the "pre-cogs" (three psychics whose vision of future murders have never been wrong) when an officer from that special unit is accused of a future murder.

The basic premise of the movie is that "the police" can arrest murders before a crime is committed is analogous to many laws which exist today. For example, drunk driving is against the law and hefty penalties are given to those who are caught doing so. While no one here is trying to say drunk driving is a good thing by any means whatsoever, what right do the police have giving out these hefty penalties for victimless crimes? The assumption is being made is that those who drive drunk will get into an accident and harm another party.



Sound familiar? Is it really all that different from the minority report? This is most certainly a controversial argument so let's use another example. A common and widely accepted stereotype (at least in the Silicon Valley) is that Asian drivers are very bad. Taking the



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forementioned argument to an extreme in this example, if you are/were Asian, how would you feel if you were given a ticket for a traffic violation you might commit in the future? Or how would you feel if your car insurance premiums were significantly higher because you might get into more accidents on the road? Wait, they do this already don't they? This can applied to most every situation, all of which are idiotic. This, however, leads us to another topic. Do you think you own your own body? If the answer in no, then you can stop reading here as this thinking is that of a slave.

If, on the other hand, you believe in ownership of self, how in the world can a victimless crime warrant any punishment by the state (government)? Again, bringing up a controversial topic is that of personal drug use. Why are drugs which are deemed "illegal" against the law when there is no victim? Making this worse is that fact that the government decides what is legal and what is illegal. The government excels at a few things in particular, throwing money down a rat hole with their absurd government programs and government controlled entities, such as the post office and making completely arbitrary decisions which are completely baseless.

In short, if you think that victimless crimes should be illegal, you necessarily don't believe in ownership of self and therefore believe you are and should be a slave to the state. There is no in between as many undoubtedly wish to believe.

Are you awake yet?

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## Where Has America's Morals and Compassion Gone?

We posted an article on our blog entitled "Two pastors and a 90-year-old man were arrested for feeding the homeless" a few weeks ago. In case you missed it, read the entire article on our blog here: [americasgreatawakening.com/blog/?p=337](http://americasgreatawakening.com/blog/?p=337).

It always amazes me the varying comments and opinions that people have when it come to situations

like these. In all seriousness, is it really a crime to give a hungry man something to eat? The city of Fort Lauderdale thinks so and so do about 32 other cities around the United States. And that trend seems to be gaining more traction as other cities are starting to jump on the ban wagon.

Have we lost our damn minds? Our elected officials would rather pass laws that restrict Americas from helping the homeless than come up with a plan to help these poor people. Is this what we hired them to do?

Where is the compassion and Christian values this country was founded on? Where did it go and how did we get so callous?

We're all guilty of it. How many times have you passed a homeless man on the sidewalk. Did you even notice him? We've become so complacent that we don't even notice them anymore. It's as if they are invisible and if we don't acknowledge them, somehow it's not an issue.



Would you notice them if the homeless person was a loved one? If a family member posed as a homeless person, would you recognize him or her?

That's a great question indeed. There is a new campaign -- Make Them Visible -- and they are asking the same question. In a stunning social experiment for the New York City Rescue Mission, several people come



Can we really afford to take care of them? Given the examples above we have no doubt. But before you formulate an answer let's go over a few things. America just had midterm elections where \$4 billion was spent on campaigning — which gives the impression that is something good. But feeding the homeless? That's illegal! Do we really need to spend that kind of money to be elected to office?

Let's not forget the untold billions spent on lobbying. How about the Presidential Campaign? President Obama, raised and spent about \$750 million in the 2008 campaign, and came close to \$1 billion this last time around

Do you find anything wrong with this picture?

It gets worse for our government. It spends \$17.5 billion on NASA each year. Do we really need a space program when we can't take care of ourselves? \$92 billion on corporate welfare. Another \$71 billion on homeland security. More than \$13 billion in Iraq aid has been classified as wasted or stolen. Another \$7.8 billion cannot be accounted for.

Our government Says, "We are broke" And can't help our own Veterans, Seniors, Orphans, Homeless, Etc.,?????

But, over the last several years THEY have provided direct cash aid to.....

Hamas - \$351 Million, Libya \$1.45 Billion, Egypt - \$397 Million, Mexico - \$622 Million, Russia - \$380 Million, Haiti - \$1.4 Billion, Jordan - \$463 Million, Kenya - \$816 Million, Sudan - \$870 Million, Nigeria - \$456 Million, Uganda - \$451 Million, Congo - \$359 Million, Ethiopia - \$981 Million, Pakistan - \$2 Billion, South Africa - \$566 Million, Senegal - \$698 Million, Mozambique - \$404 Million, Zambia - \$331 Million, Kazakhstan - \$304 Million, Iraq - \$1.08 Billion, Tanzania - \$554 Million.

**A total of 14,933,000,000 that is 4.933 BILLION!**



And get this... Our government spends \$25 billion annually on unused and vacant properties. Hello! Anybody have an idea here?

We could go on but you get the idea. Government is the biggest waste of our money.

**How about big business?**

The tobacco industry spent \$8.4 billion on cigarette advertising and promotional expenses in the United States alone. How many homeless people do you think that would help?

Are you ready for this? AT&T spent \$2.9 billion, while Verizon spent \$2.5 billion -- on ads. General Motors spent an impressive \$4.2 billion on advertising last year, while rival Ford followed closely with \$3.9 billion in ad spending. Hewlett-Packard spent \$1 Billion. Citigroup \$1.6 billion. Bank of America \$1.9 billion. Walmart \$2.5 billion.

Big Pharmaceutical spent nearly \$2.7 billion on lobbying expenses alone. The world's 10 largest drug companies made a net profit of \$711.4 billion so that number seems

small in comparison. \$93 Billion in Profits, for the Big Five Oil Companies. And the are demanding to keep their tax breaks?

Again, we could keep going.

**Wait, Are the American People to Blame?**

You didn't think I was going to leave us out of this topic did you? Don't think for a second that "We The People" are not turning a blind eye either. As you just read about the social experiment we would walk past our own mothers.

The people could stop homelessness right now if we wanted to. Homelessness could be ended right now with the amount of money Americans spend on Christmas decorations. Yeah, over \$6 Billion will be spent on them this year alone. And we spend over \$7.4 billion on

Halloween spending—including candy, costumes, and decorations.

Shall we go on?

Americans spends about \$15 billion playing Fantasy Football. We spend \$65 billion on soft drinks every year. A total of \$50 billion was spent on alcohol. Did you know, more than 293 billion cigarettes were purchased just in the United States. That is \$44 billion spent on tobacco each year. Casinos earned gross revenue of \$125 billion. Being generous and estimating that 45 percent of this money was returned to gambler's in winnings. That leaves \$69 billion money that people willingly gave away.

Once again, we can keep going but I think the point has been made.

It's very clear, between government, corporations and good American people, we have more than enough money to end hungry here and all over the world.

So why don't we? Perhaps we'll save that topic for another newsletter.

It should piss you off that a little old man can be arrested for feeding a hungry person, but rich corporations can do what they want so their political stooges are placed in office. We are ok with spending billions of dollars to get someone elected who has no desire to serve and protect the people. It's utter madness.

We must ask why we let these people be in office at all. Could it be they only pass laws that help perpetuate the power of our government?

What value is there in preserving a system and living by it's rules if it's an unfair system and unfair rules?

Something to think about for sure.

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## The Voting Process Just Makes You Think You Are In Control.

If voting changed anything, they'd make it illegal, is an often cited sentiment attributed to political activist Emma Goldman.

Emma Goldman dedicated her life to the creation of a radically new social order. Convinced that the political and economic organization of modern society was fundamentally unjust, she embraced anarchism for the vision it offered of liberty, harmony and true social justice. For decades, she struggled tirelessly against widespread inequality, repression and exploitation.

With another election behind us, various political parties are blowing their trumpets while we the people dreaming and hoping for change.

I watch this spectacle with the same detachment as that of other elections. I watch it with a thousand questions and feelings of rage, with hope of understanding in what way these people determine our destiny.

I do not understand the mechanism of power by which government has the right to rule over others and punish them if they do not obey. Those who determine our destiny are not really better than us. They may be more ambitious and enterprising but they are neither more intelligent, nor enlightened nor stronger than us.



So why do we think this voting process works? Let's examine the ritual of voting, its purpose, and its ultimately its insanity.

First, for the record, yours truly does not vote. Don't judge me just yet. I have many reasons. Most importantly, I will not give anyone permission to rule to me -- just as I don't have the right to rule to you. Your vote allows government to control you. Why? Because your giving them your permission.

I have never taken part in an election and I never will. To many, the idea that someone who actually cares about what is happening in the world would refuse to vote seems incredible. Common sense tells us that voting is the way that we can change things.

How is that working for you so far?

When Obama was elected did you get the change he promised? As a matter of fact, thinking back to all the times you voted, did you get anything you wanted? Hello, you still there?

Imagine for a second you lived in a county in which a self-appointed, self-perpetuating dictatorship were to swipe half of what everyone earns, as well as meddle in every aspect of your life. Imaging that dictatorship uses force to get what they want. What would your attitude be towards such a regime? Hatred? Willingness and eagerness to use force to stop them, and/or exterminate them? Me too.

Someone is doing those things to you and the people here now, why don't you have that attitude? Is it because every two years they let you walk into a booth and press a button? Do feel empowered as you press that button, before going off to earn more counterfeit money to give more than half back to government? If this looks like freedom to you, then by all means keep doing what you are doing. We both know this is not freedom.

Asking me to vote is like four wolves sitting around the table asking the sheep what he'd like for dinner. It certainly doesn't matter what the sheep says. Asking me to participate in this charade won't bring it any legitimacy; it will only make me party to the fraud. Asking me to vote is like asking a free man to put himself willingly into bondage. It's insulting.

Do you think you have choice? We had a very interesting case come up. A man was recently targeted by the IRS. I will leave his name out for obvious reasons. He spends about 50 times more on federal taxes than the median taxpayer. He paid a rate of federal tax that's more than double the average rate.

The 14th Amendment supposedly protects him against this kind of inequity. It promises him the "equal protection" of the laws and says the state can't deprive him of my property without due process. But the last time there was a dispute about his taxes, the state seized every penny of his assets it could find. The IRS took his checking account and brokerage account without even bothering to tell him. It moved to put a lien on his house. He found out what was happening via a letter from Bank of America.

The IRS offered him no due process; it didn't even notify him. Does that sound fair? Would you like that if it happened to you?

He certainly enjoy no equal protection. Just look at the rate and amounts he paid compared with more than 90% of other people in this country. (By the way, the matter was resolved after about six months. Turns out they owed him \$2,000 in refunds. They declined to pay, citing the statute of limitations. True story.

It is impossible for us to peacefully object to this kind of tyranny. Even if we were to give up our citizenship and leave the country, we would be forced to pay an exit tax that's roughly equal to the death tax our heirs will be forced to pay on our estate. These are the same kind of laws, by the way, that kept a generation of people locked behind the Iron Curtain. Leaving meant giving up all of your wealth. We can't possibly vote our way out of this situation. We can't even peacefully object.

I understand there will be some of you who think I have no right to complain because we don't vote and the vast majority of folks will continue to vote. But I say we have it all backwards. I can complain because you voted these idiots into office. You are giving them the power to rule over you. And you'll continue to vote for is more and more of this type of tyranny. They are the wolves. And we are the sheep. When the sheep complains, the wolves just laugh.

This system will inevitably lead to more and more government, higher and higher taxes, and bigger and bigger deficits. This system will eventually destroy our country, just as abuses like these have destroyed every democracy in history. Along the way, with a very small intellectual advantage, We will earn far more from various non-reported speculations (gold, silver, foreign real estate, etc.) than the government will be able to tax. The sheep may be shorn... but he will not be eaten. The wolves, meanwhile, will soon be feeding on each other.

Today, about 10% of the population pays for roughly 75% of all income taxes. Looks like everything is working out the way the voters want... They want more government services... They want free "Obama phones"... and EBT cards that can purchase luxury items and booze... and discounted housing... and cheap mortgages... and free education... and free health care...

They want it all. And they will vote for it every time.

By 2014, 53.1% of American households received some form of direct benefits from the federal government. As a result, more than 60% of Americans now receive more benefits from the federal government than they pay in taxes.

Folks who are the recipients of this benefits have developed sophisticated arguments to explain why this is "fair" and "right." But the truth is, it doesn't really matter what they say. In a democracy, every argument about what's legal eventually comes down to the ballot box. And there's no way the 10% who have to pay can compete with the 90% who don't when it comes to a vote.

We are now spending \$6.3 trillion a year on government at every level. That's \$55,000 per household in the U.S. In other words, if we all paid equally for the burden of government on a per-household basis, the average household would owe the government more than 100% of what it brings in.

Our destiny, as it turns out, is held in the hands of a few people whom have proven time after time they do not have our best interests at heart.

The power of the United States "government" does not come from force. It comes from the delusion; the belief that these voting rituals give someone the right to rule.

Not only would the people not obey if they didn't have this delusion, but the politicians' hired thugs wouldn't be using force if they didn't have this delusion too. When you go into that booth, you legitimize their rule. Regardless of who you vote for, you are making it very clear that you believe that this process gives the right to rule -- to rule you and everyone else.

The only thing we can do is educate and thereby liberate the masses of sheep that are out there and hope they will use their new found knowledge prudently in order to free themselves from the slavery. This world would be a pretty dreary place without hope that things could ever get better and that freedom was the light at the end of the tunnel that we are all heading for.

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil."

[1 Peter 3:15-17, Bible, NKJV]

So that is why I don't vote and neither should you. Stop giving them permission to rule you.

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## America Is A Nation of Laws, Not a Nation of Men

"A nation of laws" means that laws, not people, rule. Everyone is to be governed, regardless of their position; whether it is the most common American or Members of Congress, high-ranking bureaucrats or the President of the United States; all must be held to the just laws of America. No one is, or can be allowed to be, above the law.

Ok, we will pause here while you quit laughing....

If you follow our blog you may have read our post on "America Is A Nation of Laws, Not a Nation of Men". If you missed it, you can view here...

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How did we get so many laws?

If we look back about 200 years ago, something was created that most of us couldn't even understand called the United States Code. Then over here we've got the code of federal regulations and on the backside we have Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) and over here we have the national federal banking act. Then there are the revised statutes of each state.

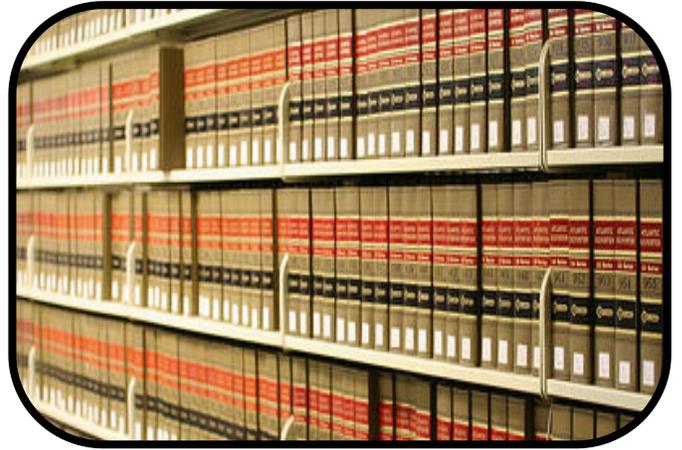
America is choking on laws.

And once a law is in place in the United States, it's almost impossible to dislodge. Our political class assumes that, after a law is forged, it should be honored as if it's one of the Ten Commandments - except it's more like one of 10 million.

We even have a hard time modifying laws that were explicitly designed to be temporary. Just look at the current battle over the Bush-era tax cuts.

America is in the throes of "overcriminalization."

We are making and enforcing far too many laws that create traps for the innocent but unwary, and threaten to turn otherwise respectable, law-abiding citizens into criminals. Consider these few examples:



- A 12-year old girl arrested and handcuffed for eating one French fry on the Washington subway system.
- A cancer-ridden grandmother arrested and criminally charged for refusing to trim her hedges the way officials in Palo Alto, Calif., were trying to force her to.
- A former high-school science whiz kid sent to prison after initially being arrested by FBI agents clad in SWAT gear for failing to affix a federally mandated sticker to his otherwise legal UPS package.
- A 67-year-old grandfather imprisoned because some of the paperwork for his home-based orchid business did not satisfy an international treaty.
- A pastor was pulled over because his license plate light was burnt out. He was arrested because he questioned the vitality of such a stop.

Many laws are so broad that the government cannot realistically prosecute every violation and therefore has to engage in selective enforcement. In the case of 61-year-old Kay Leibrand of Palo Alto, Calif., who was arrested for refusing to trim her hedges to make them in accordance with the 2-foot height limit set by the city government. Yet there were likely hundreds of other violations elsewhere in the city left unaddressed. Such disproportionate treatment is unfair and immoral.

So what happened 200 years ago was this little thing that looked relatively small at the time, and the people think no big deal. As time went by, they started passing

more and more laws that connected and intertwined to form this thing we see today.

They created this pyramid of laws and everybody, because you go to the public school system, believe that you're on the bottom looking up through all these statues and codes. They do not apply to the people, they apply to the people that function in the public, corporately or publicly. Statues and codes create privilege. As we discussed in previous newsletters, no one has the right to give you a right.

At the time of the nation's founding, the only federal crimes were murder, treason, counterfeiting and piracy. Today, scholars don't even know how many federal criminal laws exist, though one 2007 study put the figure at 4,450. So one can hardly blame Carlton Wilson, who - despite never being informed that a restraining order meant he couldn't own a firearm - was sentenced in September 1997 to more than three years in prison. Did you know that was a law? Good luck in figuring it out. Even if you had a reasonable opportunity [to familiarize oneself on relevant laws] it doesn't mean being able to go to the local law library and read Title 18." It's far more complex than that and we are beginning to think that is on purpose.

The change most persistently is to re-establish the requirement of criminal intent. This would prevent people from accidentally becoming criminals by taking the wrong path in a maze of rules and regulations.

Overcriminalization has a huge effect on our lives. Not only are we at risk of finding ourselves on the wrong side of the law, but many goods and services we buy, such as pharmaceuticals and health care, are much more expensive because the cost of defending against liability lawsuits is passed on to consumers. Yet the topic hasn't received nearly as much attention as it deserves because most politicians consider it political suicide to appear "soft on crime."

There are just too many laws for people to keep track of, and yet we are told time and again that "ignorance of the law is no excuse." This may have been appropriate back when crimes included only immoral acts such as murder, rape and theft, where "criminal intent" is obviously present. But today, expecting people to have an awareness of all the laws means punishing a lot of fundamentally innocent people.

If you ask most Americans, we have too many laws, not enough freedom.

America has too many laws, and the laws we do have are tedious, overly complex and sometimes not only impossible to understand, but impossible to comply with. Our elected officials pass laws in fits of whimsy, responding to the latest scare headlines, demands from interest groups or data from polling firms. Reason, freedom or constitutional authority rarely enter into the debate.

The federal tax code today covers 17,000 pages and requires over 700 different forms. The IRS estimates Americans spend 5.1 billion hours annually merely preparing their taxes. The Tax Foundation estimates that those wasted hours drain some \$194 billion annually from the U.S. economy. All of that comes before Joe Taxpayer forks over his first dime.

The federal criminal code is just as bad. Thomas Jefferson wrote that the U.S. Constitution gave Congress the power to criminally punish "treason, counterfeiting the securities and current coin of the United States, piracies, and felonies committed on the high seas, and offenses against the law of nations, and no other crimes whatsoever." Yet the federal criminal code today spans some 1,400 pages, and that's just the "pocket edition."

The Federal Registry, which records all of the regulations the federal government imposes (all of which carry the force of law), now exceeds 75,000 pages.

Now, Congress generally exempts itself from most of the laws it passes. That is a story for another time.

As Nancy Pelosi most famously said when asked about the Health Care bill: *"We Have to Pass the Bill So That You Can Find Out What Is In It"*

That's how much careful consideration Congress gives a bill it passes. Now imagine how little thought and care goes into every bill they pass.

Are You awake yet?