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# FORWARD

I have spoken with a large number of visitors to my home community recently who have come from all across the nation, particularly from Texas and California. Our passing comments, about their visit to our part of the world, often reveals that these individuals “have escaped their homelands” and the onerous over reach of their political leaders, who have been attempting to manage the unwelcome Chinese export known as Covid 19 and the public protests that claim to be about Black Lives Matter and Police Reform. Sadly, one visitor from California said, “California has become hostile to conservative Christians.”

The knee jerk reaction by many well meaning politicians has been to curtail our civil liberties for the seeming sake of public safety. Yet, in their declarations as to what constitutes “an essential service” many have shown a clear and divisive bias to conservative values. Elder David Bednar, Senior leader in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, stated: “In North America jurisdictions deemed services related to alcohol, animals and marijuana as essential, while the services of religious organizations were classified as nonessential, even when those activities could be safely conducted.” The Church leader cited examples in one state where Catholic priests were barred from anointing a parishioner with holy oil in the performance of last rites, even if that person did not have COVID-19. In the same state, Latter-day Saints were not allowed to perform baptisms.”

Bednar continued with, “The power of government must have limits... This time of restriction and confinement has confirmed for me that no freedom is more important than

religious freedom... Protecting a person's physical health from the coronavirus is, of course, important, but so is a person's spiritual health."

I remember asking how it was that quiet little Salt Lake City was one of the places chosen for a Black Lives Matter protest? Salt Lake has never been a racially bigoted city, even though it has had its share of crimes and dysfunctional humanitarian conflict. Clearly there were those who sought to incite violence and sleepy Salt Lake was one of those targets. - I was rather amazed at the careful and thought out approach exhibited by the Salt Lake City Police during the height of the protest. Any other approach would have ended violently. However, the report of stacks of bricks, in an area of the protest that was not undergoing construction, is evidence that there was an organized effort behind the protests that had nothing to do with speaking out about the wrongful death of George Floyd.

Now that leaders have decided to mandate the wearing of masks, the battle line between the parties grows more radical by the hour. Name calling and public shaming of those who have differing opinions care very little about the actual science that should be debated. Instead this has become another cause for one side of the argument to impose its will upon the other. Sadly, it is our God given liberty that is trampled in the throng.

So, today I will break a personal commitment not to mix business teachings with the seeming religious. The whole world is in commotion, just as prophesied. *"And in that day shall be heard of wars and rumors of wars, and the whole earth shall be in commotion, and men's hearts shall fail them..."*

But it is still a day in which we can rejoice. *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*

*“And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

*“And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

*“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the Lord come.*

*“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call” (Joel 2:28 –32).*

I write this today to add clarity to the conflict and to reveal *“hidden things of darkness”* and I address this, not to one particular religious group, but rather to all Patriots, believing Christians, and to those who would promote the cause of peace.

As Americans, Patriots, and Believers in Christ, we should be about the business of safeguarding liberty and religious freedom for everyone, not just ourselves!

May we take hope in our future and our beloved associations, while we seek to serve one another. *For when you are in the service of your fellow beings you are only in the service of your God.*

Tom Fairbanks

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## **DEDICATION**

This work is dedicated to the good people of America. True believing patriots who have been concerned about our country and have struggled to understand just how we got to this point in our history.

Our real life experiences have engulfed us as a nation and we have become a nation divided. I hope the information provided may be of benefit to you as we awaken to our awful situation.

# CHAPTER 1.

## A TALE OF TWO NATIONS

### A Nation Divided

I was raised in the era of “Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet” here in America. It was an idyllic time of patriotism, national pride and the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. America was taking the lead in space exploration and was the global provider of color television, instant communication and other advancing technologies. We were proud to be Americans and boldly declared our significance under the banner “Made in America.

But, it was also a time of great disturbance and upheaval with the threat of war with Russia in the Cuban Missile Crisis, Race Riots that fractured the quiet community of Watts, California and spread across the country. Racial divides over segregation and inequality added to our struggle in coming to terms with the protests and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, his brother Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

Our innocence had been shattered and our confidence weakened as rumblings began to surface that not everything was as it appeared (or as we had been taught to believe). Conspiracy theories multiplied and were added upon as we faced the “armed police action” in Vietnam and the refusal of our leaders to declare it to be a war. America had become more divided than ever over the Vietnam protest and the rise of a counter culture espousing free love and a pleading for us “to give peace a chance.” Our returning vets from Vietnam were shunned and spit upon and many of them struggled

with the realization that “they had been intentionally lied to” in their upbringing and preparations for military service.

Lost in the disturbance was the warning of former leaders about Communism, the Military-Industrial Complex, and Secret Societies, which threatened the American Way of Life. As citizens, our Trust was eroding with the revelation of illegal spying on political opponents, by a sitting president, which led to the impeachment and resignation of President Richard M. Nixon.

Economic hardship further aggravated our Trust and Beliefs as the nation endured inflation never seen before and the discovery of illicit activities of our political and business leaders. The armed conflicts with foreign nations, alleged to threaten our peace and prosperity, were strategically used to gain support and a patriotic response from American Citizens. With the passage of time, it became evident that America was not as innocent (or noble) in the conflicts as we had been led to believe. The Iran- Nicaraguan Contra-Costa Affair raised a lot of questions about the CIA and our involvement in world conflicts and the trading of guns for drugs and the release of American hostages held captive by our enemies.

Almost everyone got caught up in the irrational exuberance that followed as our leaders implemented highly speculative lending practices to increase home ownership opportunities. Unfortunately, it was a move that ultimately led to the collapse of our housing market.

Our nation was rudely awakened from our complacency on September 11, 2001 following the destruction of the World Trade Center and the loss of approximately 3,000 American

lives. As a nation, we rallied with our support and faithfully followed our leaders into war, overlooking the vast discrepancies surrounding the collapse of the World Trade Center and the continuous absence of Weapons of Mass Destruction.

In the wake of the chaos in New York City, we were stunned to learn of the admissions of business leaders, who had violated their fiduciary responsibilities, placing personal gain ahead of investors or the nation's security.

A promise of "Hope for Change" was in the air as our nation's first ethnically diverse candidate became the President of the United States. Sadly, it soon became evident that it had been another false promise. We witnessed the selling out of America as our leaders negotiated the offshoring of our manufacturing and technology patents and ideas. We watched as our leaders became wealthy from their inside perks and connections and were horrified to learn of a sophisticated "Pay to Play" scheme that funneled millions upon millions of dollars to a former President's charitable organization for humanitarian relief that was never delivered.

In 2016, America experienced a revolution as a new President was elected under a promise to "Make America Great Again." America has become a nation divided and it has become a "Tale of Two Nations," which seemingly appear to be diametrically opposed to each other - one side looking to rekindle our historical values and perspective and the other looking to rewrite the American experience.

There is no doubt about this, We are at War and in one of the most divisive battles that there has ever been. In my attempts to answer the question as to how we got here, I

have had to look back, to research and uncover some of those things which were once considered to be conspiracy theories.

What follows this introduction is a most interesting and disturbing part of our American history, which actually connects current events to the plausible actions being taken to “Make America Great Again!”

I implore you to do your own research, get the facts, and make wise choices as to whom you can share this information with. Remember Edmund Burke warned us – “All that it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing.”

I apologize, in advance, for being the bearer of this news (and the lost sleep you will experience as you awaken to our awful situation), but promise you that truth will prevail. - After all, Truth is the only thing that can withstand time.

## CHAPTER 2.

# Opposition to Independence and the American Experience

Brigadier General Benedict Arnold was an American-born senior officer of the British Army who commanded the American Legion in the later part of the Revolutionary War. He is best known for his defection from the Continental Army to the British side of the conflict in 1780.

General George Washington had given Arnold his fullest trust and placed him in command of West Point, New York. Arnold had plotted to surrender the fort to British forces, but when the plot was discovered in September of 1780 he fled to the British lines. Arnold's name quickly became a byword in the United States for treason and betrayal because he led the British army in battle against the very men whom he had once commanded.

Benedict Arnold was born in the Connecticut Colony and was a merchant operating ships on the Atlantic Ocean when the war began in 1775. He joined the growing army outside Boston and distinguished himself through acts of intelligence and bravery. His actions included the Capture of Fort Ticonderoga in 1775, defensive and delaying tactics at the Battle of Valcour Island on Lake Champlain in 1776 which allowed American forces time to prepare New York's defenses, the Battle of Ridgefield, Connecticut (after which he was promoted to major general), operations in relief of the Siege of Fort Stanwix, and key actions during the pivotal Battles of Saratoga in 1777, in which he suffered leg injuries that halted his combat career for several years.

Arnold repeatedly whined that he was passed over for promotion by the Continental Congress, while other officers claimed credit for some of his accomplishments. Others in his military and political circles brought charges against Arnold of corruption and malfeasance, but he was acquitted in formal inquiries. Congress investigated his claims, however, and they concluded that he was indebted to Congress, because he borrowed heavily to maintain a lavish lifestyle. However, Washington greatly admired Arnold and gave him command of that fort in July 1780.

Arnold had mingled with Loyalist sympathizers in Philadelphia and married into one such family when he married Peggy Shippen. Peggy was a close friend of British Major John André and kept in contact with him when he became head of the British espionage system in New York. Many historians point to Peggy as facilitating Arnold's plans to switch sides; he opened secret negotiations with André, and Peggy relayed the messages. The British promised £20,000 for the capture of West Point, which was a major American stronghold. Arnold's scheme was to surrender the fort to the British, but their plan was exposed in September 1780 when Patriot militia captured André carrying papers which revealed the plot. Arnold escaped but André was hanged.

Following his escape, Arnold received a commission as a brigadier general in the British Army, an annual pension of £360,[a] and a lump sum of over £6,000. He led British forces in the Raid of Richmond and nearby areas, and under Arnold's command, the British burned much of New London, Connecticut, to the ground and slaughtered surrendering forces after the Battle of Groton Heights—just

a few miles downriver from the town where he had grown up.

In the winter of 1782, Arnold and his wife, Peggy, moved to London, England where he was well received by King George III and the Tories but frowned upon by the Whigs and most Army officers. In 1787, he moved to Canada to a merchant business with his sons Richard and Henry. He was extremely unpopular there and returned to London permanently in 1791.

During the American Revolutionary War, Loyalists (often called Tories, Royalists, or King's Men) were those American colonists who stayed loyal to the British Crown. The Loyalists, who were called "persons inimical to the liberties of America," were opposed by the Patriots, who supported the revolution

Prominent Loyalists had repeatedly assured the British government that many thousands of them would spring to arms and fight for the crown. The British government acted in expectation of that, especially in the southern campaigns in 1780–81. In practice, the number of Loyalists in military service was far lower than expected since Britain could not effectively protect them except in those areas where Britain had military control. The British were often suspicious of Loyalists, not knowing whom they could fully trust in such a conflicted situation; and they were often looked down upon from both sides.

Patriots watched suspected Loyalists very closely and would not tolerate any organized Loyalist opposition. Many outspoken or militarily active Loyalists were forced to flee, especially to their stronghold of New York City. William

Franklin, the royal governor of New Jersey and son of Patriot leader Benjamin Franklin, became the leader of the Loyalists after his release from a Patriot prison in 1778. He worked to build Loyalist military units to fight in the war, but the number of volunteers was much fewer than London expected.

When their cause was defeated, about 15 percent of the Loyalists (65,000–70,000 people) fled to other parts of the British Empire, to Britain itself, or to British North America (now Canada). The southern Loyalists moved mostly to Florida, which had remained loyal to the Crown, and to British Caribbean possessions. Northern Loyalists largely migrated to Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. They called themselves United Empire Loyalists and most were compensated with Canadian land or British cash distributed through formal claims procedures. Loyalists who left the US received over £3 million or about 37% of their losses from the British government. Loyalists who stayed in the US were generally able to retain their property and become American citizens. Surprisingly, historians have estimated that between 15 and 20% of the 2,000,000 whites in the colonies in 1775 were Loyalists (300,000–400,000).

Many of the Loyalist engaged in business, especially shipping, often thought that remaining in the British Empire had great economic advantages. Most of America had only recently emigrated from Britain and still felt strong ties to their birthplace. Some of these recent immigrants were British soldiers who had fought in the French and Indian War of 1756-1763, and received land in upstate New York as payment for their service. In general, Loyalists were older, better established, and resistant to change and felt alienated

when the Patriots resorted to violence, such as the Boston Tea Party. Many felt that rebellion against the Crown was morally wrong and wanted to take a middle-of-the-road position. They were not pleased when forced by Patriots to declare their opposition because they had a long-standing sentimental attachment to Britain (often with business and family links. Many felt that being a part of the British Empire was crucial in terms of commerce and their business operations and they felt threatened by the thought of an American society outside of the protection of the British Crown and Parliament. It was to these, Benjamin Franklin warned, “Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

Loyalists were especially strong in some coastal areas, in New York State, and along the Western frontier of the Southern colonies of Georgia and the Carolinas. Most Americans were Patriots, who supported the Revolution. Patriots were strongest in Massachusetts and Virginia. These two colonies (now states) had been hotbeds of resistance against Great Britain and were home to many of the Revolution's leaders (including Sam Adams, John Adams, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison.) Patriots were especially numerous and influential in Massachusetts and Virginia. -.Compilation from Wikipedia and Internet Sources

So, it should not come as a complete surprise that our Founding Fathers felt it necessary to protect our country from the influence of those who have loyalist commitments to interests above those of our country by proposing an amendment to the Constitution in 1789, again in 1810, making such parties incapable of holding any office of trust.

What follows this an intriguing story I was never told in my history classes about the mysterious and missing 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

## **CHAPTER 3.**

### **THE MISSING 13<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT**

#### **"TITLES OF NOBILITY" AND "HONOR"**

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#### **TITLES OF NOBILITY" AND "HONOR"**

In the winter of 1983, archival research expert David Dodge, and former Baltimore police investigator Tom Dunn, were searching for evidence of government corruption in public records stored in the Belfast Library on the coast of Maine. By chance, they discovered the library's oldest authentic copy of the Constitution of the United States (printed in 1825). Both men were stunned to see this document included a 13th Amendment that no longer appears on current copies of the Constitution. Moreover, after studying the Amendment's language and historical context, they realized the principle intent of this "missing" 13th Amendment was to prohibit lawyers from serving in government.

So began a seven year, nationwide search for the truth surrounding the most bizarre Constitutional puzzle in American history -- the unlawful removal of a ratified Amendment from the Constitution of the United States. Since 1983, Dodge and Dunn have uncovered additional copies of the Constitution with the "missing" 13th Amendment printed in at least eighteen separate publications by ten different states and territories over four decades from 1822 to 1860.

In June of this year (1991), Dodge uncovered the evidence that this missing 13th Amendment had indeed been lawfully

ratified by the state of Virginia and was therefore an authentic Amendment to the American Constitution. If the evidence is correct and no logical errors have been made, a 13th Amendment restricting lawyers from serving in government was ratified in 1819 and removed from our Constitution during the tumult of the Civil War.

Since the Amendment was never lawfully repealed, it is still the Law today. The implications are enormous.

The story of this "missing" Amendment is complex and at times confusing because the political issues and vocabulary of the American Revolution were different from our own. However, there are essentially two issues: What does the Amendment mean? and, Was the Amendment ratified? Before we consider the issue of ratification, we should first understand the Amendment's meaning and consequent current relevance.

## **MEANING of the 13th Amendment**

The "missing" 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows:

"If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them." [Emphasis added.]

At the first reading, the meaning of this 13th Amendment (also called the "title of nobility" Amendment) seems obscure, unimportant. The references to "nobility", "honour", "emperor", "king", and "prince" lead us to dismiss this

amendment as a petty post-revolution act of spite directed against the British monarchy. But in our modern world of Lady Di and Prince Charles, anti-royalist sentiments seem so archaic and quaint, that the Amendment can be ignored.

Not so.

Consider some evidence of its historical significance: First, "titles of nobility" were prohibited in both Article VI of the Articles of Confederation (1777) and in Article I, Sect. 9 of the Constitution of the United States (1778); Second, although already prohibited by the Constitution, an additional "title of nobility" amendment was proposed in 1789, again in 1810, and according to Dodge, finally ratified in 1819. Clearly, the founding fathers saw such a serious threat in "titles of nobility" and "honors" that anyone receiving them would forfeit their citizenship. Since the government prohibited "titles of nobility" several times over four decades, and went through the amending process (even though "titles of nobility" were already prohibited by the Constitution), it's obvious that the Amendment carried much more significance for our founding fathers than is readily apparent today.

## **HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

To understand the meaning of this "missing" 13th Amendment, we must understand its historical context -- the era surrounding the American Revolution.

We tend to regard the notion of "Democracy" as benign, harmless, and politically unremarkable. But at the time of the American Revolution, King George III and the other monarchies of Europe saw Democracy as an unnatural, ungodly ideological threat, every bit as dangerously radical as Communism was once regarded by modern Western nations. Just as the 1917 Communist Revolution in Russia spawned other revolutions around the world, the American Revolution

provided an example and incentive for people all over the world to overthrow their European monarchies.

Even though the Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War in 1783, the simple fact of our existence threatened the monarchies. The United States stood as a heroic role model for other nations, that inspired them to also struggle against oppressive monarchies. The French Revolution (1789-1799) and the Polish national uprising (1794) were in part encouraged by the American Revolution. Though we stood like a beacon of hope for most of the world, the monarchies regarded the United States as a political typhoid Mary, the principle source of radical democracy that was destroying monarchies around the world. The monarchies must have realized that if the principle source of that infection could be destroyed, the rest of the world might avoid the contagion and the monarchies would be saved.

Their survival at stake, the monarchies sought to destroy or subvert the American system of government. Knowing they couldn't destroy us militarily, they resorted to more covert methods of political subversion, employing spies and secret agents skilled in bribery and legal deception -- it was, perhaps, the first "cold war". Since governments run on money, politicians run for money, and money is the usual enticement to commit treason, much of the monarchy's counter-revolutionary efforts emanated from English banks. DON'T BANK ON IT

## **Modern Banking System**

The essence of banking was once explained by Sir Josiah Stamp, a former president of the Bank of England:

"The modern banking system manufactures money out of nothing. The process is perhaps the most astounding piece of sleight of hand that was ever invented. Banking was

conceived in inequity and born in sin... Bankers own the earth. Take it away from them but leave them the power to create money, and, with a flick of a pen, they will create enough money to buy it back again... Take this great power away from them and all great fortunes like mine will disappear, for then this would be a better and happier world to live in... But, if you want to continue to be the slaves of bankers and pay the cost of your own slavery, then let bankers continue to create money and control credit." The last great abuse of our banking system caused the depression of the 1930's. Today's abuses may cause another. Current S&L and bank scandals illustrate the on-going relationships between banks, lawyers, politicians, and government agencies (look at the current BCCI bank scandal, involving lawyer Clark Clifford, politician Jimmy Carter, the Federal Reserve, the FDIC, and even the CIA). These scandals are the direct result of years of law-breaking by an alliance of bankers and lawyers using their influence and money to corrupt the political process and rob the public. (Think you're not being robbed? Guess who's going to pay the bill for the excesses of the S&L's, taxpayer? You are.)

The systematic robbery of productive individuals by parasitic bankers and lawyers is not a recent phenomenon. This abuse is a human tradition that predates the Bible and spread from Europe to America despite early colonial prohibitions.

When the first United States Bank was chartered by Congress in 1790, there were only three state banks in existence. At one time, banks were prohibited by law in most states because many of the early settlers were all too familiar with the practices of the European goldsmith banks.

Goldsmith banks were safe-houses used to store client's gold. In exchange for the deposited gold, customers were issued notes (paper money) which were redeemable in gold. The goldsmith bankers quickly succumbed to the temptation to

issue "extra" notes, (unbacked by gold). Why? Because the "extra" notes enriched the bankers by allowing them to buy property with notes for gold that they did not own, gold that did not even exist.

Colonists knew that bankers occasionally printed too much paper money, found themselves over-leveraged, and caused a "run on the bank". If the bankers lacked sufficient gold to meet the demand, the paper money became worthless and common citizens left holding the paper were ruined.

Although over-leveraged bankers were sometime hung, the bankers continued printing extra money to increase their fortunes at the expense of the productive members of society. (The practice continues to this day, and offers "sweetheart" loans to bank insiders, and even provides the foundation for deficit spending and our federal government's unbridled growth.)

## **PAPER MONEY**

If the colonists forgot the lessons of goldsmith bankers, the American Revolution refreshed their memories. To finance the war, Congress authorized the printing of continental bills of credit in an amount not to exceed \$200,000,000. The States issued another \$200,000,000 in paper notes. Ultimately, the value of the paper money fell so low that they were soon traded on speculation from 5000 to 1000 paper bills for one coin.

It's often suggested that our Constitution's prohibition against a paper economy -- "No State shall... make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a tender in Payment of Debts" -- was a tool of the wealthy to be worked to the disadvantage of all others. But only in a "paper" economy can money reproduce itself and increase the claims of the wealthy at the expense of the productive.

"Paper money," said Pelatiah Webster, "polluted the equity of our laws, turned them into engines of oppression, corrupted the justice of our public administration, destroyed the fortunes of thousands who had confidence in it, enervated the trade, husbandry, and manufactures of our country, and went far to destroy the morality of our people."

## CONSPIRACIES

A few examples of the attempts by the monarchies and banks that almost succeeded in destroying the United States:

According to the Tennessee Laws (1715-1320, vol. II, p. 774), in the 1794 Jay Treaty, the United States agreed to pay 600,000 pounds sterling to King George III, as reparations for the American revolution. The Senate ratified the treaty in secret session and ordered that it not be published. When Benjamin Franklin's grandson published it anyway, the exposure and resulting public up-roar so angered the Congress that it passed the Alien and Sedition Acts (1798) so federal judges could prosecute editors and publishers for reporting the truth about the government.

Since we had won the Revolutionary War, why would our Senators agree to pay reparations to the loser? And why would they agree to pay 600,000 pounds sterling, eleven years after the war ended? It doesn't make sense, especially in light of Senate's secrecy and later fury over being exposed, unless we assume our Senators had been bribed to serve the British monarchy and betray the American people. That's subversion.

The United States Bank had been opposed by the Jeffersonians from the beginning, but the Federalists (the pro-monarchy party) won out in its establishment. The initial capitalization was \$10,000,000 -- 80% of which would be owned by foreign bankers. Since the bank was authorized to

lend up to \$20,000,000 (double its paid in capital), it was a profitable deal for both the government and the bankers since they could lend, and collect interest on, \$10,000,000 that didn't exist.

However, the European bankers outfoxed the government and by 1796, the government owed the bank \$6,200,000 and was forced to sell its shares. (By 1802, our government owned no stock in the United States Bank.)

The sheer power of the banks and their ability to influence representative government by economic manipulation and outright bribery was exposed in 1811, when the people discovered that european banking interests owned 80% of the bank. Congress therefore refused to renew the bank's charter. This led to the withdrawal of \$7,000,000 in specie by european investors, which in turn, precipitated an economic recession, and the War of 1812.

That's destruction.

There are undoubtedly other examples of the monarchy's efforts to subvert or destroy the United States; some are common knowledge, others remain to be disclosed to the public. For example, David Dodge discovered a book called "2 VA LAW" in the Library of Congress Law Library. According to Dodge, "This is an un-catalogued book in the rare book section that reveals a plan to overthrow the constitutional government by secret agreements engineered by the lawyers. That is one of the reasons why this amendment was ratified by Virginia and the notification ~lost in the mail.' There is no public record that this book exists."

That may sound surprising, but according to 'The Gazette (5/10/91), "the Library of Congress has 349,402 un-catalogued rare books and 13.9 million un-catalogued rare manuscripts." There may be secrets buried in that mass of

documents even more astonishing than a missing Constitutional Amendment.

## **TITLES OF NOBILITY**

In seeking to rule the world and destroy the United States, bankers committed many crimes. Foremost among these crimes were fraud, conversion, and plain old theft. To escape prosecution for their crimes, the bankers did the same thing any career criminal does. They hired and formed alliances with the best lawyers and judges money could buy. These alliances, originally forged in Europe (particularly in Great Britain), spread to the colonies, and later into the newly formed United States of America.

Despite their criminal foundation, these alliances generated wealth, and ultimately, respectability. Like any modern member of organized crime, English bankers and lawyers wanted to be admired as "legitimate businessmen". As their criminal fortunes grew so did their usefulness, so the British monarchy legitimized these thieves by granting them "titles of nobility".

Historically, the British peerage system referred to knights as "Squires" and to those who bore the knight's shields as "Esquires". As lances, shields, and physical violence gave way to the more civilized means of theft, the pen grew mightier (and more profitable) than the sword, and the clever wielders of those pens (bankers and lawyers) came to hold titles of nobility. The most common title was "Esquire" (used, even today, by some lawyers).

## **INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

In Colonial America, attorneys trained attorneys but most held no "title of nobility" or "honor". There was no requirement that one be a lawyer to hold the position of

district attorney, attorney general, or judge; a citizen's "counsel of choice" was not restricted to a lawyer; there were no state or national bar associations. The only organization that certified lawyers was the International Bar Association (IBA), chartered by the King of England, headquartered in London, and closely associated with the international banking system. Lawyers admitted to the IBA received the rank "Esquire" -- a "title of nobility".

"Esquire" was the principle title of nobility which the 13th Amendment sought to prohibit from the United States. Why? Because the loyalty of "Esquire" lawyers was suspect. Bankers and lawyers with an "Esquire" behind their names were agents of the monarchy, members of an organization whose principle purposes were political, not economic, and regarded with the same wariness that some people today reserve for members of the KGB or the CIA.

Article 1, Sect. 9 of the Constitution sought to prohibit the International Bar Association (or any other agency that granted titles of nobility) from operating in America. But the Constitution neglected to specify a penalty, so the prohibition was ignored, and agents of the monarchy continued to infiltrate and influence the government (as in the Jay Treaty and the US Bank charter incidents). Therefore, a "title of nobility" amendment that specified a penalty (loss of citizenship) was proposed in 1789, and again in 1810. The meaning of the amendment is seen in its intent to prohibit persons having titles of nobility and loyalties foreign governments and bankers from voting, holding public office, or using their skills to subvert the government.

## **HONOR**

The missing Amendment is referred to as the "title of nobility" Amendment, but the second prohibition against "honour" (honor), may be more significant.

According to David Dodge, Tom Dunn, and Webster's Dictionary, the archaic definition of "honor" (as used when the 13th Amendment was ratified) meant anyone "obtaining or having an advantage or privilege over another". A contemporary example of an "honor" granted to only a few Americans is the privilege of being a judge: Lawyers can be judges and exercise the attendant privileges and powers; non-lawyers cannot.

By prohibiting "honors", the missing Amendment prohibits any advantage or privilege that would grant some citizens an unequal opportunity to achieve or exercise political power. Therefore, the second meaning (intent) of the 13th Amendment was to ensure political equality among all American citizens, by prohibiting anyone, even government officials, from claiming or exercising a special privilege or power (an "honor") over other citizens.

If this interpretation is correct, "honor" would be the key concept in the 13th Amendment. Why? Because, while "titles of nobility" may no longer apply in today's political system, the concept of "honor" remains relevant.

For example, anyone who had a specific "immunity" from lawsuits which were not afforded to all citizens, would be enjoying a separate privilege, an "honor", and would therefore forfeit his right to vote or hold public office. Think of the "immunities" from lawsuits that our judges, lawyers, politicians, and bureaucrats currently enjoy.

As another example, think of all the "special interest" legislation our government passes: "special interests" are simply euphemisms for "special privileges" (honors).

**WHAT IF? (Implications if Restored)**

If the missing 13th Amendment were restored, "special interests" and "immunities" might be rendered unconstitutional. The prohibition against "honors" (privileges) would compel the entire government to operate under the same laws as the citizens of this nation. Without their current personal immunities (honors), our judges and I.R.S. agents would be unable to abuse common citizens without fear of legal liability. If this 13th Amendment were restored, our entire government would have to conduct itself according to the same standards of decency, respect, law, and liability as the rest of the nation. If this Amendment and the term "honor" were applied today, our government's ability to systematically coerce and abuse the public would be all but eliminated.

Imagine!

A government without special privileges or immunities. How could we describe it? It would be ... almost like ... a government ... of the people ... by the people ... for the people!

Imagine: a government ... whose members were truly accountable to the public; a government that could not systematically exploit its own people!

It's unheard of ... it's never been done before. Not ever in the entire history of the world.

Bear in mind that Senator George Mitchell of Maine and the National Archives concede this 13th Amendment was proposed by Congress in 1810. However, they explain that there were seventeen states when Congress proposed the "title of nobility" Amendment; that ratification required the support of thirteen states, but since only twelve states supported the Amendment, it was not ratified. The Government Printing Office agrees; it currently prints copies

of the Constitution of the United States which include the "title of nobility" Amendment as proposed, but un-ratified.

Even if this 13th Amendment were never ratified, even if Dodge and Dunn's research or reasoning is flawed or incomplete, it would still be an extraordinary story.

Can you imagine, can you understand how close we came to having a political paradise, right here on Earth? Do you realize what an extraordinary gift our forebears tried to bequeath us? And how close we came?

One vote. One state's vote.

The federal government concedes that twelve states voted to ratify this Amendment between 1810 and 1812. But they argue that ratification require thirteen states, so the Amendment lays stillborn in history, unratified for lack of a just one more state's support.

One vote.

David Dodge, however, says one more state did ratify, and he claims he has the evidence to prove it.

## **PARADISE LOST**

In 1789, the House of Representatives compiled a list of possible Constitutional Amendments, some of which would ultimately become our Bill of Rights. The House proposed seventeen; the Senate reduced the list to twelve. During this process that Senator Tristrain Dalton (Mass.) proposed an Amendment seeking to prohibit and provide a penalty for any American accepting a "title of Nobility" (RG 46 Records of the U.S. Senate). Although it wasn't passed, this was the first time a "title of nobility" amendment was proposed.

Twenty years later, in January, 1810, Senator Reed proposed another "Title of Nobility" Amendment (History of Congress, Proceedings of the Senate, p. 529-530). On April 27, 1810, the Senate voted to pass this 13th Amendment by a vote of 26 to 1; the House resolved in the affirmative 87 to 3; and the following resolve was sent to the States for ratification:

"If any citizen of the United States shall Accept, claim, receive or retain any title of nobility or honour, or shall, without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them."

The Constitution requires three-quarters of the states to ratify a proposed amendment before it may be added to the Constitution. When Congress proposed the "Title of Nobility" Amendment in 1810, there were seventeen states, thirteen of which would have to ratify for the Amendment to be adopted. According to the National Archives, the following is a list of the twelve states that ratified, and their dates of ratification:

Maryland,	Dec. 25, 1810
Kentucky,	Jan. 31, 1811
Ohio,	Jan. 31, 1811
Delaware,	Feb. 2, 1811
Pennsylvania,	Feb. 6, 1811
New Jersey,	Feb. 13, 1811
Vermont,	Oct. 24, 1811
Tennessee,	Nov. 21, 1811
Georgia,	Dec. 13, 1811
North Carolina,	Dec. 23, 1811

Massachusetts,      Feb. 27, 1812  
New Hampshire,    Dec. 10, 1812

Before a thirteenth state could ratify, the War of 1812 broke out with England. By the time the war ended in 1814, the British had burned the Capitol, the Library of Congress, and most of the records of the first 38 years of government. Whether there was a connection between the proposed "title of nobility" amendment and the War of 1812 is not known. However, the momentum to ratify the proposed Amendment was lost in the tumult of war.

Then, four years later, on December 31, 1817, the House of Representatives resolved that President Monroe inquire into the status of this Amendment. In a letter dated February 6, 1818, President Monroe reported to the House that the Secretary of State Adams had written to the governors of Virginia, South Carolina and Connecticut to tell them that the proposed Amendment had been ratified by twelve States and rejected by two (New York and Rhode Island), and asked the governors to notify him of their legislature's position. (House Document No. 76)

(This, and other letters written by the President and the Secretary of State during the month of February, 1818, note only that the proposed Amendment had not yet been ratified. However, these letters would later become crucial because, in the absence of additional information they would be interpreted to mean the amendment was never ratified).

On February 28, 1818, Secretary of State Adams reported the rejection of the Amendment by South Carolina. [House Doc.

No. 129]. There are no further entries regarding the ratification of the 13th Amendment in the Journals of Congress; whether Virginia ratified is neither confirmed nor denied. Likewise, a search through the executive papers of Governor Preston of Virginia does not reveal any correspondence from Secretary of State Adams. (However, there is a journal entry in the Virginia House that the Governor presented the House with an official letter and documents from Washington within a time frame that conceivably includes receipt of Adams' letter.) Again, no evidence of ratification; none of denial.

However, on March 10, 1819, the Virginia legislature passed Act No. 280 (Virginia Archives of Richmond, "misc." file, p. 299 for micro-film): "Be it enacted by the General Assembly, that there shall be published an edition of the Laws of this Commonwealth in which shall be contained the following matters, that is to say: the Constitution of the united States and the amendments thereto..." This act was the specific legislated instructions on what was, by law, to be included in the re-publication (a special edition) of the Virginia Civil Code. The Virginia Legislature had already agreed that all Acts were to go into effect on the same day -- the day that the Act to re-publish the Civil Code was enacted. Therefore, the 13th Amendment's official date of ratification would be the date of re-publication of the Virginia Civil Code: March 12, 1819.

## **RATIFICATION FOUND**

The Delegates knew Virginia was the last of the 13 States that were necessary for the ratification of the 13th Amendment. They also knew there were powerful forces allied against this

ratification so they took extraordinary measures to make sure that it was published in sufficient quantity (4,000 copies were ordered, almost triple their usual order), and instructed the printer to send a copy to President James Monroe as well as James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. (The printer, Thomas Ritchie, was bonded. He was required to be extremely accurate in his research and his printing, or he would forfeit his bond.)

In this fashion, Virginia announced the ratification: by publication and dissemination of the Thirteenth Amendment of the Constitution.

There is question as to whether Virginia ever formally notified the Secretary of State that they had ratified this 13th Amendment. Some have argued that because such notification was not received (or at least, not recorded), the Amendment was therefore not legally ratified. However, printing by a legislature is *prima facie* evidence of ratification.

Further, there is no Constitutional requirement that the Secretary of State, or anyone else, be officially notified to complete the ratification process. The Constitution only requires that three fourths of the states ratify for an Amendment to be added to the Constitution. If three-quarters of the states ratify, the Amendment is passed. Period. The Constitution is otherwise silent on what procedure should be used to announce, confirm, or communicate the ratification of amendments.

Knowing they were the last state necessary to ratify the Amendment, the Virginians had every right announce their own and the nation's ratification of the Amendment by

publishing it on a special edition of the Constitution, and so they did.

Word of Virginia's 1819 ratification spread throughout the States and both Rhode Island and Kentucky published the new Amendment in 1822. Ohio first published in 1824. Main ordered 10,000 copies of the Constitution with the 13th Amendment to be printed for use in the schools in 1825, and again in 1831 for their Census Edition. Indiana Revised Laws of 1831 published the 13th Article on p. 20. Northwestern Territories published in 1833. Ohio published in 1831 and 1833. Then came the Wisconsin Territory in 1839; Iowa Territory in 1843; Ohio again, in 1848; Kansas Statutes in 1855; and Nebraska Territory six times in a row from 1855 to 1860.

So far, David Dodge has identified eleven different states or territories that printed the Amendment in twenty separate publications over forty-one years. And more editions including this 13th Amendment are sure to be discovered. Clearly, Dodge is onto something.

You might be able to convince some of the people, or maybe even all of them, for a little while, that this 13th Amendment was never ratified. Maybe you can show them that the ten legislatures which ordered it published eighteen times we've discovered (so far) consisted of ignorant politicians who don't know their amendments from their ... ahh, articles. You might even be able to convince the public that our forefathers never meant to "outlaw" public servants who pushed people around, accepted bribes or special favors to "look the other way." Maybe. But before you do, there's an awful lot of evidence to be explained.

## THE AMENDMENT DISAPPEARS

In 1829, the following note appears on p. 23, Vol. 1 of the New York Revised Statutes:

"In the edition of the Laws of the U.S. before referred to, there is an amendment printed as article 13, prohibiting citizens from accepting titles of nobility or honor, or presents, offices, &c. from foreign nations. But, by a message of the president of the United States of the 4th of February, 1818, in answer to a resolution of the house of representatives, it appears that this amendment had been ratified only by 12 states, and therefore had not been adopted. See Vol. IV of the printed papers of the 1st session of the 15th congress, No. 76." In 1854, a similar note appeared in the Oregon Statutes. Both notes refer to the Laws of the United States, 1st vol. p. 73 (or 74).

It's not yet clear whether the 13th Amendment was published in Laws of the United States, 1st Vol., prematurely, by accident, in anticipation of Virginia's ratification, or as part of a plot to discredit the Amendment by making it appear that only twelve States had ratified. Whether the Laws of the United States Vol. 1 (carrying the 13th Amendment) was recalled or made-up is unknown. In fact, it's not even clear that the specified volume was actually printed -- the Law Library of the Library of Congress has no record of its existence.

However, because the notes authors reported no further references to the 13th Amendment after the Presidential letter of February, 1818, they apparently assumed the ratification process had ended in failure at that time. If so,

they neglected to seek information on the Amendment after 1818, or at the state level, and therefore missed the evidence of Virginia's ratification. This opinion -- assuming that the Presidential letter of February, 1818, was the last word on the Amendment -- has persisted to this day.

In 1849, Virginia decided to revise the 1819 Civil Code of Virginia (which had contained the 13th Amendment for 30 years). It was at that time that one of the code's revisers (a lawyer named Patton) wrote to the Secretary of the Navy, William B. Preston, asking if this Amendment had been ratified or appeared by mistake. Preston wrote to J. M. Clayton, the Secretary of State, who replied that this Amendment was not ratified by a sufficient number of States. This conclusion was based upon the information that Secretary of State J.Q. Adams had provided the House of Representatives in 1818, before Virginia's ratification in 1819. (Even today, the Congressional Research Service tells anyone asking about this 13th Amendment this same story: that only twelve states, not the requisite thirteen, had ratified.) However, despite Clayton's opinion, the Amendment continued to be published in various states and territories for at least another eleven years (the last known publication was in the Nebraska territory in 1860).

Once again the 13th Amendment was caught in the riptides of American politics. South Carolina seceded from the Union in December of 1860, signaling the onset of the Civil War. In March, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated.

Later in 1861, another proposed amendment, also numbered thirteen, was signed by President Lincoln. This was the only proposed amendment that was ever signed by a president.

That resolve to amend read: "ARTICLE THIRTEEN, No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State." (In other words, President Lincoln had signed a resolve that would have permitted slavery, and upheld states' rights.) Only one State, Illinois, ratified this proposed amendment before the Civil War broke out in 1861.

In the tumult of 1865, the original 13th Amendment was finally removed from our Constitution. On January 31, another 13th Amendment (which prohibited slavery in Sect. 1, and ended states' rights in Sect. 2) was proposed. On April 9, the Civil War ended with General Lee's surrender. On April 14, President Lincoln (who, in 1861, had signed the proposed Amendment that would have allowed slavery and states rights) was assassinated. On December 6, the "new" 13th Amendment loudly prohibiting slavery (and quietly surrendering states rights to the federal government) was ratified, replacing and effectively erasing the original 13th Amendment that had prohibited "titles of nobility" and "honors".

## **SIGNIFICANCE OF REMOVAL**

To create the present oligarchy (rule by lawyers) which we now endure, the lawyers first had to remove the 13th "titles of nobility" Amendment that might otherwise have kept them in check. In fact, it was not until after the Civil War and after the disappearance of this 13th Amendment, that American bar associations began to appear and exercise political power.

Since the unlawful deletion of the 13th Amendment, the newly developing bar associations began working diligently to create a system wherein lawyers took on a title of privilege and nobility as "Esquires" and received the "honor" of offices and positions (like district attorney or judge) that only lawyers may now hold. By virtue of these titles, honors, and special privileges, lawyers have assumed political and economic advantages over the majority of U.S. citizens. Through these privileges, they have nearly established a two-tiered citizenship in this nation where a majority may vote, but only a minority (lawyers) may run for political office. This two-tiered citizenship is clearly contrary to Americans' political interests, the nation's economic welfare, and the Constitution's egalitarian spirit.

The significance of this missing 13th Amendment and its deletion from the Constitution is this: Since the amendment was never lawfully nullified, it is still in full force and effect and is the Law of the land. If public support could be awakened, this missing Amendment might provide a legal basis to challenge many existing laws and court decisions previously made by lawyers who were unconstitutionally elected or appointed to their positions of power; it might even mean the removal of lawyers from our current government system.

## **QUICK, MEN! TO THE ARCHIVES!**

Each of Sen. Mitchell's and Mr. Hartgrove's arguments against ratification have been overcome or badly weakened. Still, some of the evidence supporting ratification is inferential; some of the conclusions are only implied. But it's

no wonder that there's such an austere sprinkling of hard evidence surrounding this 13th Amendment: According to The Gazette (5/10/91), the Library of Congress has 349,402 un-catalogued rare books and 13.9 million un-catalogued rare manuscripts. The evidence of ratification seems tantalizingly close but remains buried in those masses of un-catalogued documents, waiting to be found. It will take some luck and some volunteers to uncover the final proof.

We have an Amendment that looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck. But because we have been unable to find the eggshell from which it hatched in 1819, Sen. Mitchell and Mr. Hartgrove insist we can't ... quite ... absolutely prove it's a duck, and therefore, the government is under no obligation to concede it's a duck.

Maybe so.

But if we can't prove it's a duck, they can't prove it's not. If the proof of ratification is not quite conclusive, the evidence against ratification is almost nonexistent, largely a function of the government's refusal to acknowledge the proof.

We are left in the peculiar position of boys facing bullies in the schoolyard. We show them proof that they should again include the "missing" 13th Amendment on the Constitution; they sneer and jeer and taunt us with cries of "make us".

Perhaps we shall.

The debate goes on. The mystery continues to unfold. The answer lies buried in the archives.

If you are close to a state archive or large library anywhere in the USA, please search for editions of the U.S. Constitution printed between 1819 and 1870. If you find more evidence of the "missing" 13th Amendment please contact David Dodge, POB 985, Taos, New Mexico, 87571.

1) It's worth noting that Rick Donaldson, another researcher, uncovered certified copies of the 1865 and 1867 editions of the Colorado Civil Codes which also contain the missing Amendment. Although these editions were stored in the Colorado state archive, their existence was previously uncatalogued and unknown to the Colorado archivists.

2) If there's insufficient evidence that Virginia did ratify in 1819 (there is no evidence that Virginia did not), this raises a fantastic possibility. Since there was no time limit specified when the Amendment was proposed, and since the government clearly believed only Virginia's vote remained to be counted in the ratification issue, the current state legislature of Virginia could theoretically vote to ratify the Amendment, send the necessary certificates to Washington, and thereby add the Amendment to the Constitution.

### **Article XIII**

A few months back there was quite a lot of traffic concerning the "lost" 13th amendment. It has recently been mentioned again, so this may be a good time to bring this up. I was able to contact the researchers, David Dodge, Tom Dunn and Brian March and get a copy of the latest report on this topic. Many of you are very familiar with this story, but there is relatively new information concerning the records that exist which substantiate the validity of the claim that the "Titles of

"Nobility" was actually ratified. It is necessary to go through the report carefully, but it seems certain from the documents that have been found at the National Archives and elsewhere that TON was legally ratified. For those who are new to this I will re-hash the old news and weave in the new as I go along.

In 1983, two independent researchers, David Dodge and Tom Dunn, while looking for evidence of political corruption in a library in Belfast Maine, stumbled across an 1825 copy of the Maine Civil Code. In this document, as I believe is customary, the Constitution of the U.S. was printed. They noticed that Article Thirteen of the amendments was not the same Article Thirteen which is now enumerated in the Constitution. This Article Thirteen, which is known as the "Titles of Nobility" amendment, (TON) reads as follows:

### **Article XIII**

*If any citizen of the United States shall accept, claim, receive, or retain any title of nobility or honor, or shall without the consent of Congress, accept and retain any present, pension, office, or emolument of any kind whatever, from any emperor, king, prince, or foreign power, such person shall cease to be a citizen of the United States, and shall be incapable of holding any office of trust or profit under them, or either of them.*

The post went on to say that the researchers had carried on a written communication with Sen. George Mitchell (D. Maine) and as I recall, someone named Hargrave from the National Archives in Washington DC. It appears that the original position of Mitchell and Hargrave was that this was simply a printing error and that it had been immediately corrected upon discovery. This does not appear to be the case. Dodge and Dunn went on to find, at last count, 24 different state

legislatures which printed this amendment as Article Thirteen, in 77 separate editions of their respective Civil Codes. This occurred over a period from 1818 until 1876. It has also been found in school text books and other publications from that period. At first I was very skeptical, but now I have seen 2nd generation photo copies of all of these documents. Almost every document carries a stamp from the library where it was found. In some cases where the document was hand written I have only seen a typed version, but after speaking with the researchers at length, I am sure that these typed reproductions are faithful. In total, they present compelling evidence that the original Article Thirteen was wrongfully removed from the Constitution.

Gradually the position of Senator Mitchell and others at the National Archive changed. (Paraphrased from the letters between Dodge and Mitchell). One such position was that the article in question had been proposed in the 11th congress, 2nd session in 1810 and subsequently ratified by only 12 states before the close of 1812. As there were 17 states at the time that the Amendment was proposed it required that 13 states ratify, and this did not happen. Dodge and Dunn continued their research. They found a circular letter, dated 7, Jan. 1818, commissioned by the House of Representatives for President James Monroe and written by then Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams. It was sent to only 3 states, of the original 17, that had not yet responded, as to their disposition on the proposed Thirteenth Article. Virginia was one of those states. Dodge and Dunn now went to the Library of Congress and were allowed access to the rare book room. There they found an un-cataloged book entitled "The Revised Code of the Laws of Virginia", 1819. The amendment was there, listed as the Thirteenth Article of

the U.S. Constitution. This, of course, indicated that a 13th state had indeed ratified the amendment, constituting a 3/4 majority of the states of the Union at the time the amendment was proposed... and now, the Senator's position changes once again. They responded to Dodge by saying that since there were 21 states by the time that Virginia ratified in 1818 or 1819, 13 was no longer enough to bring the amendment into law. They contended that It would have then required 16 votes to ratify, not 13.

This appears to be the current position of Senator Mitchell and the National Archives, although the Archives legal department has not yet formally responded to the question. The Constitution is **\*\*silent\*\*** on what is to be done concerning the addition of new states during the ratification process. Furthermore, the four new states (Louisiana, Indiana, Mississippi and Illinois) who, Senator Mitchell and the archivists, claim should have been considered in this process, all, **\*\*without exception\*\***, carried the "Titles of Nobility" amendment on their U.S. Constitutions for at least several years after 1818 or 1819. It would appear that those state's own legislatures considered this to be the law of the land.

There are some documents which have been uncovered that are not included in the current edition of the report. Brian March did a thorough search of the archives in the four states that were added during the ratification process. No evidence was found to indicate that the Secretary of State polled them as to their response on the amendment. **!!!THEY WERE NOT CONSIDERED!!!** and as I said earlier, all four states have been shown to have published the TON amendment. The letters from those state archives are among the

documents not included in the report. I have seen copies of all the documents. These guys have done some tremendous research and documented everything very well.

Another "report to the President" of Feb 3, 1818, a time when the four states had already been admitted, also lists specifically the states that were involved in the ratification and !!!AGAIN, THE NEW STATES ARE NOT CONSIDERED!!! Again, this report was not available when they went to press. If you ask Brian to include some of the new material I feel certain that he will.

## **SUMMARY**

The current position of those in the government is that there may have been a 13th state (Virginia) ratify the amendment. However, at the time that such ratification took place, new states had entered the union. The required 3/4 majority was not met as determined by the addition of the new states.

Dodge, Dunn and March contend and provide documentation that supports the claim that at that time the new states were not considered in the process of ratification.

The circular letter of Jan. 7, 1818

The report to the president of Feb. 3 1818

Published civil codes of the four new states which clearly show that those states considered the amendment law even though they had not been asked to vote on it.

Consider the fact that the Constitution is silent on the matter

of new states entering the Union during the ratification process.

Consider the fact that the Constitution is silent on the matter of time limits on the ratification process itself. Today, time limits on an amendments ratification must be stipulated at the time of the acceptance of the proposal. This was not done in the case of TON, so there was/is no time limit in effect.

I know of no legal way for an amendment to be removed from the Constitution other than congressional repeal, which requires the passage of a contrary amendment. Does anyone know of another way with precedent?

## **CHAPTER 4.**

### **NESARA LAW - HISTORY**

The National Economic Security & Reformation Act

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NOTE: Writing a history of NESARA requires locating the separate dots and attempting to put them together to create truth. The original documents are sequestered and those individuals directly involved are still under a strict gag order. I have used as my foundation a history written by James Rink. My research set out to prove NESARA by locating original documents and articles written by reputable people that illustrated each of the tenets. I have inserted some of these URLs for these tenets into Rink's history. In my 7+ years of research, I have found nothing to disprove the existence of the NESARA LAW. The internet is loaded with disinformation that can be easily dismissed by research.

Now that information regarding the government/military cover-ups... is in the public domain, we can see parallels of the facets regarding NESARA that many have used to discredit it. Some of these are: deliberate cover-ups of information, government/military gag orders, the suspicious death of persons who attempted to tell the truth, control of the media, and the ruining of individual lives and professions.

I encourage all to do your own research and add to the pool of documented evidence on the truth of NESARA. - Now is the perfect time for NESARA to be released to the world!

1892 – Bankers adopted their Bankers' Manifesto of 1892 in which it was declared: "We [the bankers] must proceed with caution and guard every move made, for the lower order of

people are already showing signs of restless commotion. Prudence will therefore show a policy of apparently yielding to the popular will until our plans are so far consummated that we can declare our designs without fear of any organized resistance. The Farmers Alliance and Knights of Labor organizations in the United States should be carefully watched by our trusted men, and we must take immediate steps to control these organizations in our interest or disrupt them.... The courts must be called to our aid, debts must be collected, bonds and mortgages foreclosed as rapidly as possible.

When through the process of the law, the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and easily governed through the influence of the strong arm of the government applied to a central power of imperial wealth under the control of the leading financiers. People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders.”

1907-1917 - In order to warn Americans, the 1892 Bankers' Manifesto was revealed by US Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh, Sr. from Minnesota before the US Congress sometime during his term of office between the years of 1907 and 1917.

1910 - John E. DiNardo, professor of public policy and economics at the University of Michigan, writes in his article "The Federal Reserve Act": "On the night of November 22, 1910, a small group of surrogates of the most powerful bankers of the World met ... under the veil of utmost secrecy.

Over the next few weeks these men would perpetrate, under the orders of their masters, ... perhaps the most colossal and devastating fraud ever inflicted upon the American People.

This ultra-secret fraud is known as the Federal Reserve Act of 1913.... The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 concocted legislation, to be foisted upon the People's Congress of the United States, that empowered and commissioned this secret cabal of World-dominant bankers to PRINT UNITED STATES CURRENCY, a usurpation of our Constitution's explicit edict empowering ONLY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT to print and coin currency. This world banking empire used their stolen power to print, out of thin air, paper currency which, in no way represents the gold and silver reserves that authentic currency is supposed to represent."

1913 – The Federal Reserve Act of 1913 Complete text of Act may seen at:

<http://www.llsdc.org/attachments/files/105/FRA-LH-PL63-43.pdf>

1933 – 1934 – Prior to 1933, Federal Reserve Notes were backed by gold. This changed with the new law:

Congressional Record, March 9, 1933 on HR 1491 p. 83.  
"Under the new law the money is issued to the banks in return for government obligations, bills of exchange, drafts, notes, trade acceptances, and bankers acceptances. The money will be worth 100 cents on the dollar, because it is backed by the credit of the nation. It will represent a mortgage on all the homes, and other property of all the people of the nation."

The Bankers' Manifesto ties in with the U.S. Senate Document No. 43, 73rd Congress, 1st Session (1934), which states: "The ultimate ownership of all property is in the State; individual so-called 'ownership' is only by virtue of Government, i.e., law, amounting to mere 'user' and use must be in acceptance with law and subordinate to the necessities of the State."

1970s - The Federal Land Bank illegally foreclosed on farmers mortgages all throughout the Midwest. In each of these cases the farmers were defrauded by the banks with the approval of the Federal Reserve System. These court cases would eventually become known as the Farmer Claims Program.

1978 - An elderly ranch farmer in Colorado purchased a farm with loan from the Federal Land Bank. After he died the property was passed on to his son Roy Schwasinger, Jr., who was a retired military general. Soon after a Federal Land Bank officer and Federal Marshall appeared on his property and informed him the bank was foreclosing on his farm, ordering him to vacate within 30 days. Without his knowledge, his deceased father had signed a stipulation which reverted the property back to the Federal Land Bank in the event of the borrower's death.

Outraged, Roy E. Schwasinger, Jr. filed a class action lawsuit in the Denver Federal Court system. The suit was dismissed on the basis of incorrect filing. This prompted Roy Schwasinger's investigation into the inner workings of the banking system.

1982 – Roy Schwasinger was given a contract by the US senate and later Supreme Court to investigate banking fraud.

But because he was under a strict non-disclosure order he was not allowed to tell the media what he discovered. In the late 80s he began sharing his knowledge with others including high ranking military personnel who helped him bring about a class action lawsuit against the federal government. The first series of these lawsuits began in the mid 1980's when William and Shirley Baskerville of Fort Collins, Colorado were involved in a bankruptcy case with First Interstate Bank of Fort Collins; who was trying to foreclose on their farm. At a restaurant their lawyer informed them that he would no longer be able to help them and walked-off. Overhearing the conversation Roy Schwasinger offered his advice on how to appeal the case in bankruptcy court. So in 1987 they filed an appeal (Case No. 87-C-716) with the United States District Court in Colorado.

1988 - On November 3, 1988, the Denver Federal Court system ruled that indeed the banks had defrauded the Baskervilles and proceeded to reverse its bankruptcy decision. But when the foreclosed property was not returned they filed a new lawsuit. Eventually, 23 other farmers, ranchers, and Indians swindled by the banks in the same manner would join in the case.

In these cases, the banks were foreclosing on the properties using fraudulent methods such as charging exorbitant interest, illegal foreclosure, or by not crediting mortgage payments to their account as they should have but instead would steal the mortgage payments for themselves triggering foreclosure on the property. After running out of money they continued their fight without the help of lawyers. With some assistance by the Farmers Union a new lawsuit was filed

against the Federal Land Bank and the Farmers Credit System. Case No. 92-C-1781

The District Court ruled in their favor and ordered the banks to return the stolen properties with help from either Federal Marshals or the National Guard. But when no payments were made, the farmers declared involuntary Chapter Seven Bankruptcy against the Federal Land Bank and the Farmers Credit System. The banks appealed their case insisting they were not a business but a federal agency therefore they were not liable to pay the damages.

So the farmer's legal team adopted a new strategy. According to the Federal Land Bank's 1933 charter they are not allowed to make loans directly to applicants, but instead could only back loans as a guarantor in case of default. Because the Federal Land Bank had violated this rule the farmer's legal team was able to successfully sue the bank for damages. Word of the lawsuit began to spread; the legal team would teach others how to fight foreclosure and to help them file lawsuits as well (Case No. 93-1308-M). Celebrities such as Willie Nelson joined in the cause and helped raise money during his "Farm Aid" concerts.

The Baskerville case had now become the Farmer Claims Class Action Lawsuit. Worried about the legal ramifications the government retaliated against the farmers by hitting them with either outrageous IRS fees, or by imprisoning the legal team under frivolous nonrelated charges. When the farmers realized they were being unfairly targeted, they had military generals such as General Roy Schwasinger sit in the courtroom to make sure the bribed judges would vote according to constitutional law.

The farmers now with a large team of knowledgeable people of the law behind them filed a new case to claim additional damages from the fraudulent loaning activities of the Farmers Credit System.

The government tried to settle but they had already lost many cases and were now losing the appeals as well.

More and more evidence was collected. According to the National Banking Act all banks are required to register their charters with the Federal and State Bureau of Records, but none of the banks complied, allowing the legal team to sue the Farmers Credit System. Not only was Farmers Credit System not chartered to do business with the American Banking Association, but so were other quasi government organizations such as the Federal Housing Administration, The Department of Housing and Urban Development, and even the Federal Reserve Bank.

The Farmers Claims lawsuit was thrown out of court at each level with the records purposely destroyed. An example of these court cases may be viewed at:

<http://openjurist.org/25/f3d/1055/baskerville-jb-v-federal-land-bank-na>

1990s - In the early 1990's Roy Schwasinger brought the case before the United States Supreme Court. Some of the content of this case is sealed from public eyes but most of it can be viewed today.

The U.S. Supreme Court Justices ruled that the Farmers Union claims were indeed valid, therefore, all property foreclosed by the Farmers Credit System was illegal and all those who were foreclosed on would have to receive

damages. In addition, they ruled that the U.S. federal government and banks had defrauded the farmers, and all U.S. citizens, out of vast sums of money and property. Furthermore, the court ruled the shocking truth that the IRS was a Puerto Rican Trust. Read more at:  
<http://www.supremelaw.org/sls/31answers.htm>

In addition the court ruled that the Federal Reserve was unlawful: <http://www.save-a-patriot.org/files/view/frcourt.html>

<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=10489>

[http://www.apfn.net/doc-100\\_bankruptcy27.htm](http://www.apfn.net/doc-100_bankruptcy27.htm)

That the income tax amendment was only ratified by four states and therefore was not a legal amendment, that the IRS code was not enacted into “Positive Law” within the Code of Federal Regulations. Positive Law = Laws that have been enacted by a properly instituted and recognized branch of the government.

<http://www.givemeliberty.org/features/taxes/notratified.htm>

That the U.S. government illegally foreclosed on farmer’s homes with help from federal agencies. Irrefutable proof was presented by a retired CIA agent. He provided testimony and records of the banks illegal activities as further evidence that the Farmers’ Union claims were indeed legitimate. The implications of such a decision were profound. All gold, silver, and property titles, taken by the Federal Reserve and IRS must be returned to the people.

The legal team sought assistance from a small group of benevolent visionaries, consisting of politicians, military generals, and business people who have been secretly working to restore the constitution since the mid 1950's.

Somehow within their ranks, a four star U.S. army general received "title" and "receiver" of the original 1933 United States Bankruptcy. When the case was brought before the U.S. Supreme Court, they ruled in his favor, giving the Army General title over the United States, Inc. Legal action was then passed on to the Senate Finance Committee and Senator Sam Nunn, who was working with Roy Schwasinger.

1991 - With the help of covert congressional and political pressure, President George H.W. Bush issued an Executive Order on Oct. 23, 1991, which provided a provision allowing anyone who has a claim against the federal government to receive payment as long as it's within the rules of the original format of the case. You may read Executive Order No. 12778 at the URL below. Executive Order No. 12778 Principles of Ethical Conduct for Government Officers and Employees; October 23, 1991  
[http://www.doh.state.fl.us/ig/ADR/Federal\\_Laws/Federal\\_ExecutiveOrder.pdf](http://www.doh.state.fl.us/ig/ADR/Federal_Laws/Federal_ExecutiveOrder.pdf)

According to the Federal Reserve Act of 1913, all present and succeeding debts against the U.S. Treasury must be assumed by the Federal Reserve. Thus the farmer's claims legal team was able to use that executive order to not only force the Federal Reserve to pay out damages in a gold backed currency but also allow them to receive legal ownership over the bankruptcy of United States, Inc.

To collect damages the farmers legal team used an obscure attachment to the 14th amendment which most people are not aware of. After the civil war the government allowed citizens to claim a payment on anyone who suffered damages as a result of the Federal Government failing to protect its citizens from harm or damages by a foreign government. President Grant had this attachment sealed from public eyes but somehow, someone on the farmer's legal team got a hold of it.

If you read that carefully, it specifies damages by a foreign government. That foreign government is the corporate federal government, which has been masquerading to the public as the constitutional government. See <http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/813840/posts> for explanations.

Remember this goes back to the Organic Act of 1871 and the Trading with the Enemies Act of 1933, which defined all citizens as enemy combatants under the federal system known as the United States. The Justices and farmer's legal team recognized how evil and corrupt our federal government had become and to counteract this they added some provisions in the settlement to bring the government back under control.

a. First they would have to be paid using a lawful currency, backed by gold and silver as the constitution dictates. This would eliminate inflation and gyrating economic cycles created by the Federal Reserve System. See Article 1, Section 10 of the US Constitution.

b. Second they would be required to go back to common law instead of admiralty law under the gold fringe flags. Under

common law if there is no damage or harm done then there is no violation of the law. This would eliminate millions of laws which are used to control the masses and protect corrupt politicians.

c. Lastly the IRS would have to be dismantled and replaced with a national sales tax. This is the basis of the NESARA Law.

When the legal team finally settled on a figure, each individual would receive an average of \$20 million dollars payout per claim. Multiplied by a total of 336,000 claims that were filed against the U.S. Federal Government, the total payout would come out to a staggering \$6.6 trillion dollars.

The U.S. Supreme Court placed a gag order on the case, struck all information from the Federal Registry, and placed all records in the Supreme Court files. Up to that point Senator Sam Nunn had kept the Baskerville Case records within his office. A settlement was agreed to out of court and the decision was sealed by Janet Reno.

Because the case was sealed, claimants are not allowed to share court documents to media outlets without violating the settlement, but they can still tell others about the lawsuit. This is why you probably have not heard about this.

1991 - Roy Schwasinger went before a senate committee to present evidence of the banks and governments criminal activity. He informed them how the Corporation of the United States was tied to the establishment of a New World Order which would bring about a fascist one world government ruled by the international bankers.

1992 - A task force was put together consisting of over 300 retired and 35 active US military officers who strongly supported constitutional law.\* This task force was responsible for investigating governmental officials, congressional officers, judges, and the Federal Reserve.

\*Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Jeremy Boorda

\*General David McCloud

\*Former Director of Central Intelligence, William Colby

They uncovered the common practice of bribery and extortion committed by both senators and judges. The criminal activity was so rampant that only 2 out of 535 members of congress were deemed honest. But more importantly they carried out the first ever audit of the Federal Reserve.

The Federal Reserve was accustomed to giving orders to politicians and had no intentions of being audited.

However after they were informed their offices would be raided under military gunpoint if necessary; they complied with the investigation. After reviewing their files the military officers found \$800 trillion dollars sitting in accounts which should have been applied to the national debt. And contrary to federal government propaganda they also discovered that most nations had in fact owed money to the United States instead of the other way around.

These hidden trillions were then confiscated and placed into European bank accounts in order to generate the enormous funds needed to pay the farmers claims class action lawsuit.

Later this money would become the basis of the prosperity programs.

Despite these death blows President George H.W. Bush and the illuminati continued on with their plans of global enslavement.

1992 - In August 1992 the military officers confronted President Bush and demanded he sign agreement that he would return the United States to constitutional law and ordered him to never use the term New World Order again. Bush pretended to cooperate but secretly planned to bring about the New World Order anyway by signing an Executive Order on December 25, 1992, that would have indefinitely closed all banks giving Bush an excuse to declare martial law. Under the chaos of martial law, Bush intended to install a new constitution which would have kept everyone currently in office in their same position for 25 years and it would have removed all rights to elect new officials. The military intervened and stopped Bush from signing that Executive order.

1993 - In 1993 members of the Supreme Court, certain members of congress and representatives from the Clinton government meet with high ranking US military officers who were demanding a return to constitutional law, reforms of the banking system, and financial redress. They agreed to create the farm claims process which would allow the legal team to set up meetings all over the country on a grass roots level to help others file claims and to educate them about the lawsuit. A claim of harm could be made on any loan issued by a financial institution for all interest paid; foreclosures; attorney and court fees; IRS taxes or liens; real estate and property

taxes; mental and emotional stress caused by the loss of property; stress related illness such as suicide and divorce; and even warrants, incarceration, and probation could also be claimed.

1994 - But the Clinton government undermined their efforts by requiring the farm claims to use a specific form designed by the government. This form imposed an administrative fee of \$300 for each claim, which was later used in 1994 as a basis to arrest the leaders of the legal team including Roy Schwasinger. The government was so afraid of what they would say during their trial in Michigan that extra steps were taken to conceal the true nature of the case. County courthouse employees were not allowed to work between Monday and Thursday during the course of the trial. And outside the courthouse, FBI agents swarmed the perimeter preventing the media and visitors from learning what was going on as well. Harassment and retaliation by the government increased, many were sent prison or murdered while incarcerated. Despite being protected by his military personnel the army general who acquired the original 1933 Title of Bankruptcy of the United States; was imprisoned, killed, and replaced with a doppelganger. This doppelganger was then used as a decoy to prevent any further claims from being filed. (I am not qualified to speak on the fact of doppelgangers; however, that they exist is a fairly widely accepted fact among those who study behind the scenes activities. You may read more at:

[http://www.questacon.edu.au/indepth/cloning/arguments\\_against\\_cloning.html](http://www.questacon.edu.au/indepth/cloning/arguments_against_cloning.html) - Don't allow the thought of doppelgangers running the government cause you to refuse to

consider the veracity of this history. As truth emerges, we will be shocked at much we hear.

During the first Clinton administration the military delayed many of Clinton's federal appointments until they were sure these individuals would help restore constitutional law. One such individual who promised to bring about the necessary changes was Attorney General Janet Reno.

1993 - In agreement with the Supreme Court ruling on June 3, 1993, Janet Reno ordered the Delta Force and Navy Seals to Switzerland, England, and Israel to recapture trillions of dollars of gold stolen by the Federal Reserve System from the strategic gold reserves. These nations cooperated with the raid because they were promised their debts owed to the United States would be canceled and because the people who stole the money from the United States also stole money from their nations as well. This bullion is to be used for the new currency backed by precious metals. It's now safely stockpiled at the Norad Complex at Colorado Springs,

Colorado and four other repositories. Janet Reno's action so enraged the powers-that-be, that it resulted in her death. She was then replaced with a doppelganger and it was this creature that was responsible for covering-up the various Clinton scandals.

To keep the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Robert Rubin in line, he too was replaced with a doppelganger. For the remainder of their term in office both Reno and Rubin received their salaries from the International Monetary Fund as foreign agents and not from the U.S. Treasury. Despite these actions the legal team continued on with their fight while managing to avoid bloodshed and a major revolution.

After 1993 the farmer claims process name was changed to Bank Claims. Between 1993 and 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court required U.S. citizens to file “Bank Claims” to collect damages paid by the U.S. Treasury Department. This process CLOSED in 1996. During this time the U.S. Supreme Court assigned one or more Justices to monitor the progress of the rulings. They enlisted help of experts in economics, monetary systems, banking, constitutional government and law, and many other related areas. These justices built coalitions of support and assistance with thousands of people worldwide; known as “White Knights.” The term 'White Knights' was borrowed from the world of big business. It refers to a vulnerable company that is rescued from a hostile takeover by a corporation or a wealthy person—a White Knight.

To implement the required changes, the five Justices spent years negotiating how the reformations would occur.

Eventually they settled on certain agreements, also known as Accords, with the U.S. government, the Federal Reserve Bank owners, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and with numerous other countries including the United Kingdom and countries of the Euro Zone. Because these U.S. banking reformations will impact the entire world; the IMF, World Bank, and other countries had to be involved. The reformations require that the Federal Reserve be absorbed by the U.S. Treasury Department and the banks' fraudulent activities must be stopped and payment must be made for past harm.

1998 - The military generals who originally participated in the farmer's claim process realized that the US Supreme Court justices had no intentions of implementing the Accords. So

they decided the only way to implement the reformations was through a law passed by congress.

1999 - A 75 page document known as the National Economic Security and Reformation Act (NESARA) was submitted to congress where it sat with little action for almost a year.

2000 - Late one evening on March 9, 2000, a written quorum call was hand-delivered by Delta Force and Navy SEALs to 15 members of the US Senate and the US House who were sponsors and co-sponsors of NESARA.

They were immediately escorted by the Delta Force and Navy SEALs to their respective voting chambers where they passed the National Economic Security and Reformation Act. These 15 members of congress were the only people lawfully allowed to hold office in accordance with the original 13th amendment. Remember British soldiers destroyed copies of the Titles of Nobility Amendment (TONA) in the war of 1812 because it prevented anyone who had ties to the crown of England from holding public office.

October 10, 2000 - Because President Clinton's doppelganger had no interest in signing NESARA into law on October 10, 2000; under orders from U.S. military generals, the elite Naval Seals and Delta Force stormed the White House and under gunpoint forced Bill Clinton to sign NESARA. During this time Secret Service and White House security personnel were ordered to stand down, disarmed, and allowed to witness this event under a gag order. From its very inception Bush Sr., the corporate government, major bank houses, and the Carlyle group have opposed NESARA. To maintain secrecy, the case details and the docket number were sealed and revised within

the official congressional registry, to reflect a commemorative coin and then again it was revised even more recently. This is why there are no public Congressional Records and why a search for this law will not yield the correct details until after the reformations are made public. Members of congress will not reveal NESARA because they have been ordered by the U.S. Supreme Court Justices to deny its existence or face charges of treason punishable by death. Some members of Congress have actually been charged with obstruction. When Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone was about to break the gag order, his small passenger plane crashed killing his wife, daughter, and himself. If fear isn't enough to keep Washington in line, money is. Routine bribes are offered to governmental/military officials by the power elite/secret government.

Not surprisingly, much disinformation about NESARA can be found on the internet. Wikipedia's article is total disinformation. Dr. Harvey Francis Barnard's NESARA bill—National Economic Stabilization and Recovery Act was rejected by congress in the 1990s. Dr. Barnard was a systems philosopher and had tried for years to interest Congress in his monetary reform suggestions. A testimony by Dr. Barnard's close friend, Darrell Anderson, may be read at: [http://www.simpleliberty.org/bookshelf/draining\\_the\\_swamp.htm](http://www.simpleliberty.org/bookshelf/draining_the_swamp.htm) You may also read articles by Darrell Anderson at this site. Both men were interested in monetary reform.

September 11, 2001 - The next step is to announce NESARA to the world, but it's not an easy task. Many powerful groups have tried to prevent the implementation of NESARA. The NESARA law requires that at least once a year, an effort be made to announce the law to the public. Three then current

US Supreme Court judges control the committee in charge of NESARA's announcement. These Judges have used their overall authority to secretly sabotage NESARA's announcement.

In 2001 after much negotiation the Supreme Court justices ordered the 107th Congress to pass resolutions approving' NESARA. This took place on September 9, 2001, eighteen months after NESARA became law. On September 10, 2001, George Bush Sr. moved into the White house to steer his son on how to block the announcement. The next day, on September 11, 2001, at 10 AM Eastern Daylight Time, Alan Greenspan was scheduled to announce the new US Treasury Bank system, debt forgiveness for all U.S. citizens, and abolishment of the IRS as the first part of the public announcements of NESARA.

Just before the announcement at 9 am, Bush Sr. ordered the demolition of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers to stop the international banking computers on Floors 1 and 2 in the North Tower from initiating the new U.S. Treasury Bank system. Explosives in the World Trade Center were planted by operatives and detonated remotely in Building 7, which was demolished later that day in order to cover-up their crime. Remote pilot technology was used in a flyover event to deliver a payload of explosives into the Pentagon at the exact location of the White Knights in their new Naval Command Center who were coordinating activities supporting NESARA's implementation nationwide. With the announcement of NESARA stopped dead in its tracks, George Bush Sr. decapitated any hopes of returning the government back to the people.

For the past 10 years, life in the USA, and numerous other countries, has been dictated by the staged terrorist' attack and its repercussions. Seldom does a day go by that we do not hear mention of 9/11.

2005 – Dr. Harvey F. Barnard died on May 18, 2005.  
<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/newssdi?sn=Barnard&fn=Harvey&nt=exact>

2009 – Roy E. Schwasinger, Jr. died on 8/23/2009 at the age of 75. Verification – Social Security Death Index at:  
<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/newssdi?sn=Schwasinger&fn=Roy&nt=exact>

2011 – The Debt Ceiling debacle kindled re-newed interest in NESARA. As we watch the world economy collapse, we can know that the NESARA LAW remains in the background, ready to be announced.

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## **NESARA / GESARA**

The National/Global Economic Security & Reformation Act

NESARA is the most ground breaking reformation to sweep not only the United States of America but the whole planet (thus GESARA) in its entire history. The act does away with the Federal Reserve Bank, the IRS, the shadow government, and much more.

NESARA implements the following changes:

- Zeros out all credit card, mortgage, and other bank debt due to illegal banking and government activities.
- This is the Federal Reserve's worst nightmare, a "jubilee" or a forgiveness of debt.
- Abolishes the income tax.
- Abolishes the IRS. Employees of the IRS will be transferred into the US Treasury national sales tax area.
- Creates a 14% flat rate non-essential new items only sales tax revenue for the government. In other words, food and medicine will not be taxed; nor will used items such as old homes.
- Increases benefits to senior citizens.
- Returns Constitutional Law to all courts and legal matters.
- Reinstates the original Title of Nobility amendment.
- Establishes new Presidential and Congressional elections within 120 days after NESARA's announcement.
- The interim government will cancel all National Emergencies and return us back to constitutional law.
- Monitors elections and prevents illegal election activities of special interest groups.
- Creates a new U.S. Treasury rainbow currency backed by gold, silver, and platinum precious metals,
- ending the bankruptcy of the United States initiated by Franklin Roosevelt in 1933.

- Forbids the sale of American birth certificate records as chattel property bonds by the US Department of Transportation.
- Initiates new U.S. Treasury Bank System in alignment with Constitutional Law
- Eliminates the Federal Reserve System. During the transition period the Federal Reserve will be allowed to operate side by side of the U.S. treasury for one year in order to remove all Federal Reserve notes from the money supply.
- Restores financial privacy.
- Retrains all judges and attorneys in Constitutional Law.
- Ceases all aggressive, U.S. government military actions worldwide.
- Establishes peace throughout the world.
- Releases enormous sums of money for humanitarian purposes.
- Enables the release of over 6,000 patents of suppressed technologies that are being withheld from the public under the guise of national security, including free energy devices, antigravity, and sonic healing machines.

## **CHAPTER 5.**

### **OUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY**

Ezra Taft Benson. - BYU Devotional, October 25, 1966

President Wilkinson, distinguished members of the faculty, members and friends of this great student body, my brothers and sisters. This is a signal honor, a very great pleasure and a challenging responsibility. Humbly and gratefully I stand before you this morning.

#### **Personal Convictions**

Because of the nature of the message I bring to you, I have committed most of it to writing. I shall speak to you frankly and honestly. What I shall say are my personal convictions born out of an active life which has taken me into some forty-five nations and brought me close to the insidious forces that would destroy our way of life in this choice land. I express these convictions and warnings today because of my love for you and our beloved country.

#### **A Message of Warning**

The message I bring is not a happy one, but it is the truth – and time is always on the side of truth. I take as my theme the words of President David O. McKay, God’s mouthpiece on the earth today, a Prophet of God,

“The position of this church on the subject of communism has never changed. We consider it the greatest satanical threat to peace, prosperity and the spread of God’s work among men that exists on the face of this earth.” (Conference Report, April, 1966, p. 109.)

“No greater immediate responsibility rests upon the members of the church, upon all citizens of this republic and of neighboring republics than to protect the freedom vouchsafed by the Constitution of the United States.” (The Instructor, August, 1953)

In the days of the Prophet Noah, men had no greater immediate responsibility than to repent and board the Ark. Now in our day, the day of the Prophet David O. McKay, he has said that we have no greater immediate responsibility than to protect the freedom vouchsafed by the Constitution of the United States.

At the last general conference of the church (October 1966), President McKay, in his opening address, said,

“Efforts are being made to deprive man of his free agency – to steal from the individual his liberty.... There has been an alarming increase in the abandoning of the ideals that constitute the foundation of the Constitution of the United States.”

Toward the close of his talk, our Prophet, quoting Paul’s letter to Timothy regarding the preaching of the word, said,

“There should be no question in the mind of any true latter day saint as to what we shall preach... the gospel plan of salvation.”

Then President McKay lists the areas our preaching should cover and admonishes us to include in our preaching what governments should or should not do in the interests of the preservation of our freedom.

## **Discourses on Freedom**

Do we preach what governments should or should not do as a part of the gospel plan, as President McKay has urged or do we refuse to follow the Prophet by preaching a limited gospel plan of salvation? The fight for freedom cannot be divorced from the gospel – the plan of salvation.

We sing that we are thankful to “God for a Prophet to guide us in these latter days.” By commandment of the Lord we assemble in general conference twice a year to get that guidance from the Lord’s representative. Do we realize that in the last five years prior to October Conference, the Prophet has key noted three of these conferences with an opening discourse on freedom and given nine other addresses in the conferences that touched on freedom?

Do we see any pattern here? Can we name any other gospel theme that has received as much emphases from the man who holds the keys as has the theme of freedom?

We do not need a prophet – we have one. What we need is a listening ear, a humble heart, and a soul that is pure enough to follow his inspired guidance.

Now why this consistent voice of warning from the Prophet?

### **Statistics on Communism**

Consider the following: Since World War II the Communists have brought under bondage – enslaved – on the average approximately 6,000 persons per hour, 144,000 per day, 52,000,000 per year – every hour of every day of every year since 1945.

Since 1945 the Communists have murdered in one country alone enough people to wipe out the entire population of over fifteen of our states.

### **The Enemy Within**

The communist threat from without may be serious, but it is the enemy within, warns President McKay, that is most menacing. (Jerreld L. Newquist, *Prophets, principles, and National Survival* (Salt Lake City, Utah, Publishers Press, 1964), p. 229.)

President McKay has said that he would not deal with a nation that treats another as Russia has treated America. (Newquist, *op. cit.*) Yet, the tragedy is, that one of the major reasons for the rapid growth of communism is because of the help – yes, the increasing help – which they are receiving from right within our own government.

Today our boys are dying in a war with the Communists, a war which our government has not declared – the largest undeclared war in the history of the world – and one which it is alleged our government has no intention of winning. Yet our government encourages us to buy communist goods and our government continues to give aid to the enemy.

One of the tragic results of prolonging the war in Vietnam is that it weakens our economy and gives excuses for more socialistic controls over our people. Of course within the next few days there may be some dramatic moves made in order to placate and deceive the electorate as there was during the so called Cuban missile crisis. But do not be misled.

President McKay has said that the Supreme Court is leading this nation down the road to atheism. (Newquist, op. cit., p. 187) Not only is the court leading this nation down the road to atheism, but in one tragic decision after another they are leading us down the road to communism. One such decision caused Dorothy Healey, Communist spokesman for the West Coast, to rejoice in these words, quote, "This is the greatest victory the Communist party ever had," unquote. The communists have held victory rallies to honor the Supreme Court and its decisions. The Book of Mormon tells us what corrupt judges can do to freedom.

Communists dedicated to the destruction of our government are allowed to teach at our schools, to hold offices in labor unions, to run for public office. Recently an open and avowed leader of the Communist party in one of our states ran for a county office and received over 87,000 votes.

### **J. Edgar Hoover Statement**

J. Edgar Hoover, the best informed man in government on the Socialist-Communist conspiracy stated:

"We must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not readily recognize the means used to advance them.... No one who truly understands what it really is can be taken in by it. Yet the individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst." (J. Edgar Hoover, *The Elks Magazine*, August 1956; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., p. 273.)

President McKay has said that this nation has “traveled far into the soul-destroying land of socialism.” (Deseret News, “Church News,” October 18, 1952, p. 2.) Now if we understand what socialism embraces, then we will realize that this present Congress has passed more socialistic legislation, recommended by a president than probably any other Congress in the history of our Republic.

At this particular moment in history the United States is definitely threatened and every citizen should know about it. The warning of this hour should resound through the corridors of every American institution – schools, churches, the halls of Congress, press, radio and television, and so far as I am concerned, it will resound – with God’s help.

### **Ten Aids to Enemies of Freedom**

Our Republic and Constitution are being destroyed while the enemies of freedom are being aided. How? In at least ten ways:

1. By diplomatic recognition and aid, trade and negotiations with the Communists.
2. By disarmament of our military defenses.
3. By destruction of our security laws and the promotion of atheism by decisions of the Supreme Court.
4. By loss of sovereignty and solvency through international commitments and membership in world organizations.
5. By undermining of local law enforcement agencies and Congressional investigating committees.

6. By usurpations by the executive and judicial branches of our Federal Government.
7. By lawlessness in the name of civil rights.
8. By a staggering national debt with inflation and a corruption of the currency.
9. By a multiplicity of executive orders and federal programs which greatly weaken local and state governments.
10. By the sacrifice of American manhood by engaging in wars we apparently have no intention of winning.

We should all be grateful for the patriots of both parties who are trying to withstand this tidal wave of collectivism led by “masters of deceit.”

### **Youth Programs**

One regrettable development is the increasing number of government programs embracing our youth. President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., former under-secretary of state, former ambassador, a great constitutional statesman, and counselor to three presidents of the church put it well when he said,

“Our government with its liberty and free institutions will not long survive a government trained and supervised youth.... Such a youth can be a revolutionary machine.” (Deseret News, “Church News,” June 15, 1940; quoted in Newquist, *op. cit.*, p. 367.)

And let me warn you, if these programs are fully introduced here in our midst, we will suffer the tragic consequences.

### **Evidences to Alarm Us**

Some of these things strike pretty close to home.

Communists or communist-fronters have appeared on our three major university campuses in this state. An identified Communist performed in our Mormon tabernacle. Some of our newspapers have carried columnists with communist-front records or who parrot the communist line, and there are many other evidences both in this state and in our country that should alarm us.

### **So-called Civil Rights Movement**

One of the main thrusts of the Communist drive in America today is through the so-called civil rights movement. Now there is nothing wrong with civil rights – it's what is being done in the name of civil rights that is shocking.

The man who is generally recognized as the leader of the so-called civil rights movement today in America is a man who has lectured at a Communist training school, who has solicited funds through communist sources, who hired a Communist as a top-level aide, who has affiliated with Communist fronts, who is often praised in the Communist press and who unquestionably parallels the Communist line. This same man advocates the braking of the law and has been described by J. Edgar Hoover as “the most notorious liar in the country.” (U.S. News and World Report, November 30, 1964.)

I warn you, unless we wake up soon and do something about the Conspiracy the Communist-inspired civil rights riots of the past will pale into insignificance compared to the bloodshed and destruction that lie ahead in the near future.

### **Church Members Not to Escape Danger**

Do not think the members of the church shall escape. The Lord has assured us that the church will still be here when he comes again. But has the Lord assured us that we can avoid fighting for freedom and still escape unscathed both temporally and spiritually? We could not escape the eternal consequences of our pre-existent position on freedom. What makes us think we can escape it here?

**Listen to President Clark's grave warning:**

“I say to you with all the soberness I can, that we stand in danger of losing our liberties, and that once lost, only blood will bring them back; and once lost, we of this church will, in order to keep the church going forward, have more sacrifices to make and more persecutions to endure than we have yet known, heavy as our sacrifices and grievous as our persecutions have been.” (J. Reuben Clark, Conference Report, April 1944, pp. 115-116; quoted in Newquist, *op. cit.*, p. 89.)

Now that is the price we are going to have to pay unless we can help to reverse the course our country is taking. The Lord does not want us to pay that price, but we will pay it in full if we fail to fight to preserve our freedom. Often the Lord has to send persecutions in order to rebuke and try to purge the unfaithful. He has done it in the past, and He can do it again. If we deserve it – we will get it.

“Next to being one in worshipping God,” says President McKay, “there is nothing in this world upon which this church should be more united than in upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States!” (President David O. McKay, 1956, *The Instructor* 91:34; quoted in Newquist, *op. cit.*, p. 101.)

There are some who would have us believe that the final test of the rightness of a course is whether everyone is united on it. But the church does not seek unity, simply for unities sake. The unity for which the Lord prayed and which President McKay speaks is the only unity which God honors – that is, “unity in righteousness,” unity in principle.

We cannot compromise good and evil in an attempt to have peace and unity in the Church, any more than the Lord could have compromised with Satan in order to avoid the War in Heaven.

Think of the impact for good we could have if we all united behind the prophets in preserving our Constitution. Yet witness the sorry spectacle of those presently of our number who have repudiated the inspired counsel of our prophet when he has opposed federal aid to education (Newquist, op. cit., p. 192) and asked support to the right to work laws. (Newquist, op. cit., p. 415, and “Church News,” June 26, 1965.)

It is too much to suppose that all the Priesthood at this juncture will unite behind the Prophet in the fight for freedom. Yet we can pray for that day and in the meantime the faithful should strive to be in harmony with the inspired counsel given by His mouthpiece – the prophet – and thus in unity with the Lord – and hence receive peace to their souls.

The more who are united with the Lord and His prophets the greater will be our chances to preserve our families and to live in freedom.

President Clark knew how righteous unity could stop the Communists when he said:

“Now, what has business and industry done about all this revolutionary activity?... Business and industry neither planned nor did anything effective. There was no concerted effort....

A common cause with a united front would have worked salvation for us. But business officials were afraid of their stock-holders and their outcry against loss of dividends; the lawyers were afraid of getting whipped in the courts, businessmen felt strong vigorous action might further disturb business; bankers (I am a bank director) shivered at their own shadows.

So one constitutional right after another yielded without any real contest, our backs getting nearer to the wall with each retreat. It is now purposed that we retreat still further. Is not this suicide? Is there any one so naive as to think that things will right themselves without a fight? There has been no more fight in us than there is in a bunch of sheep, and we have been much like sheep. Freedom was never brought to a people on a silver platter, nor maintained with whisk brooms and lavender sprays.

And do not think that all these usurpations, intimidations, and impositions are being done to us through inadvertence or mistake; The whole course is deliberately planned and carried out; Its purpose is to destroy the Constitution and our constitutional government; then to bring chaos, out of which the new Statism with its slavery, is to arise, with a cruel, relentless, selfish, ambitious crew in the saddle, riding hard with whip and spur, a red-shrouded band of nightriders for despotism....

If we do not vigorously fight for our liberties, we shall go clear through to the end of the road and become another Russia or worse....” (J. Reuben Clark, “Church News,” September 25, 1959; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., pp. 327s328.)

According to Norman Vincent Peale, “Their was a time when the American people roared like lions for liberty; now they bleat like sheep for security.”

“But,” some say, “Shouldn’t we have confidence in our government officials – don’t we owe them allegiance?” To which we respond in the words of President Clark,

“God provided that in this land of liberty, our political allegiance shall run not to individuals, that is, to government officials... the only allegiant we owe as citizens or denizens of the United States, runs to our inspired Constitution which God Himself set up.” (J. Reuben Clark, *The Improvement Era*, 1940, 43:444; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., p. 198.)

Jefferson warned that we should not talk about confidence in men but that we should inhibit their power through the Constitution. In the meantime, we pray for our leaders as we have always been counseled to do.

It is the devils desire that the Lord’s priesthood stay asleep while the strings of tyranny gradually and quietly entangle us until, like Gulliver, we awake too late and find that while we could have broken each string separately as it was put upon us, our sleepiness permitted enough strings to bind us to make a rope that enslaves us.

## **The Role of the Elders**

For years we have heard of the role the elders could play in saving the Constitution from total destruction. But how can the elders be expected to save it if they have not studied it and are not sure if it is being destroyed or what is destroying it.

An informed patriotic gentile was dumbfounded when he heard of Joseph Smith's reported prophecy regarding the mission our elders could perform in saving the Constitution. He lived in a Mormon community with nice people who were busily engaged in other activities but had little concern in preserving their freedom. He wondered if maybe a letter should not be sent to President McKay, urging him to release some of the elders from their present Church activities so their would be a few who could help step forward to save the Constitution.

Now it is not so much a case of a man giving up all his other duties to fight for freedom, as it is a case of a man getting his life in balance so he can discharge all of his God-given responsibilities. And of all these responsibilities President McKay has said that we have "no greater immediate responsibility" than "to protect the freedom vouchsafed by the Constitution of the United States."

There is no excuse that can compensate for the loss of liberty.

### **Satan's Perverse Reasoning**

Now Satan is anxious to neutralize the inspired counsel of the Prophet and hence keep the priesthood off-balance, ineffective and inert in the fight for freedom. He does this through diverse means including the use of perverse reasoning.

For example, he will argue, “There is no need to get involved in the fight for freedom – all you need to do is live the gospel.” Of course this is a contradiction, because we cannot fully live the gospel and not be involved in the fight for freedom.

We would not say to someone, “There is no need to be baptized – all you need to do is live the gospel.” That would be ridiculous because baptism is a part of the gospel.

How would you have reacted if during the War in Heaven someone had said to you, “Look, just do what’s right, there is no need to get involved in the fight for free agency.” Now it is obvious what the devil is trying to do, but it is sad to see many of us fall for his destructive line.

**The cause of freedom is the most basic part of our religion.**

Our position on freedom helped get us to this earth, and it can make the difference as to whether we get back home or not.

**The “Title of Liberty”**

General Moroni, one of the great men of the Book of Mormon, raised the “title of liberty” and on it he inscribed these words:

“In memory of our God, our religion, and freedom, and our peace, our wives, and our children.” (Alma 46:12.)

Why didn’t he write upon it “just live your religion, there is no need to concern yourselves about your freedom, your peace, your wives or your children.”? The reason he didn’t

was because all these things were a part of his religion as they are of ours.

Listen to what The Book of Mormon had to say about the man who raised the “title of liberty”:

“And Moroni was a strong and a mighty man; he was a man of perfect understanding; yea, a man that did not delight in bloodshed; a man whose soul did joy in the liberty and the freedom of his country, and his brethren from bondage and slavery;

“Yea, and he was a man who was firm in the faith of Christ, and he had sworn with an oath to defend his people, his rights, and his country, and his religion even to the loss of his blood.” (Alma 48:11,13.)

And then Moroni is paid this high tribute:

“Yea, verily, verily I say unto you, if all men had been and were, and ever would be like unto Moroni, behold the very powers of hell would have been shaken forever; yea the devil would never have power over the hearts of the children of men.” (Alma 48:17.)

Now part of the reason why we don’t have sufficient Priesthood bearers to save the Constitution, let alone to shake the powers of hell, is, I fear, because unlike Moroni, our souls do not joy in keeping our country free and we are not firm in the faith of Christ, nor have we sworn with an oath to defend our rights.

The Book of Mormon also tells us of some of the perverse reasoning the devil would use in our day to keep the Saints ignorant, complacent and asleep.

“And others will he pacify, and lull them away into carnal security, that they will say: All is well in Zion; yea, Zion prospereth, all is well – and thus the devil cheateth their souls and leadeth them away carefully down to hell.” (2 Nephi 28:21.)

Now this reasoning takes several forms. For instance, “Don’t worry,” say some, “the Lord will take care of us.” This is the usual theme of those who believe in faith without works.

Brigham Young said:

“Some may say, “I have faith the Lord will turn them away.” What ground have we to hope this? Have I any good reason to say to my Father in heaven, “fight my battles,” when he has given me the sword to wield, the arm and the brain that I can fight for myself? Can I ask Him to fight my battles and sit quietly down waiting for Him to do so? I cannot. I can pray the people to harken to wisdom, to listen to counsel; but to ask God to do for me that which I can do for myself is preposterous to my mind.” (Journal of Discourses 12:241.)

“Don’t you have faith in America?” say others. But America is made up of people – and only righteous patriotic people work to preserve their freedom. The American people’s blessings are conditioned on righteousness and nothing else. We have faith in a faithful citizenry.

### **Need for an Educated Citizenry**

“There is no need to learn about communism in order to avoid it,” Some argue. But this counsel can help keep our people in ignorance and apparently flies in the face of the inspired counsel of President McKay who said,

“I believe that only through a truly educated citizenry can the ideals that inspired the Founding Fathers of our nation be preserved and perpetuated.” (“Church News,” March 13, 1954; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., p. 178.)

And then President McKay said that one of the “four fundamental elements in such an education” was the “open and forcible teaching of the facts regarding communism as an enemy to God and to individual freedom.” (“Church News,” March 13, 1954; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., p. 181.)

Do we teach people to avoid alcohol and tobacco by pointing out its evil effects? Of course we do. Should we then avoid telling people about the evil nature and devious designs of communism – the greatest satanical threat to the spread of God’s work?

“Just preach the gospel – that will stop communism,” is another neutralizing argument by some. Did teaching the truth stop the War in Heaven or convert Satan and his hosts? Satan himself through his earthly followers is directing the Communist conspiracy and as President Clark said, “You cannot mollify an unconvertible.” (J. Reuben Clark, Conference Report, October 1959, p. 46; quoted in Newquist, op. cit., p. 232.)

As members of the Church we have some close quarters to pass through if we are to save our souls. As the Church gets larger some men have increasing responsibility and more and more duties must be delegated. We all have stewardships for which we must account to the Lord.

Unfortunately some men who do not honor their stewardships may have an adverse affect on many people.

Often the greater the man's responsibility the more good or evil he can accomplish. The Lord usually gives a man a long enough rope and sufficient time to determine whether that man wants to pull himself into the presence of God or drop off somewhere below.

There are some regrettable things being said and done by some people in the Church today. As President Clark so well warned, "The ravening wolves are amongst us, from our own membership and they, more than any others, are clothed in sheep's clothing because they wear the habiliments of the priesthood.... We should be careful of them."

Sometimes from behind the pulpit, in our classrooms, in our Council meetings and in our church publications we hear, read or witness things that do not square with the truth. This is especially true where freedom is involved. Now do not let this serve as an excuse for your own wrong-doing. The Lord is letting the wheat and the tares mature before he fully purges the Church. He is also testing you to see if you will be misled. The devil is trying to deceive the very elect.

### **Keep Your Eye on the Prophet**

Let me give you a crucial key to help you avoid being deceived. It is this – learn to keep your eye on the Prophet. He is the Lord's mouthpiece and the only man who can speak for the Lord today. Let his inspired counsel take precedence. Let his inspired words be a basis for evaluating the counsel of all lesser authorities. Then live close to the spirit so you may know the truth of all things.

All men are entitled to inspiration, but only one man is the Lord's mouthpiece. Some lesser men have in the past, and will

in the future, use their offices unrighteously. Some will, ignorantly or otherwise, use it to promote false counsel; some will use it to lead the unwary astray; some will use it to persuade us that all is well in Zion; some will use it to cover and excuse their ignorance. Keep your eye on the Prophet – for the Lord will never permit his Prophet to lead this Church astray.

This is the word of the Lord to us today regarding the President of the Church:

“Wherefore, meaning the church, thou shalt give heed unto all his words and commandments which he shall give unto you as he receiveth them, walking in all holiness before me;

For his words ye shall receive, as if from mine own mouth, in all patience and faith,” (D&C 21:4-5.)

### **A Statement from the Prophet**

Now at our last annual conference in April, President McKay issued a statement on communism. It was printed on the editorial page of the June improvement Era and has recently been reprinted by the Deseret Book Company in an attractive folder entitled “Communism: A Statement of the position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.” Every student and every family in America should have a copy. The cost is five cents each in lots of 100, or three for 25 cents.

Let me quote a few excerpts from that inspired statement and ye who have been misled into believing that you can somehow righteously avoid standing up for freedom – heed his counsel:

“In order that there may be no misunderstanding by bishops, stake presidents, and others regarding members of the Church participating in nonchurch meetings to study and become informed on the Constitution of the United States, Communism, etc., I wish,” said President McKay, “to make the following statements that I have been sending out of my office for some time and that have come under question by some stake authorities, bishoprics, and others.

Church members are at perfect liberty to act according to their own conscience in matters of safeguarding our way of life. They are, of course, encouraged to honor the highest standards of the gospel and to work to preserve their own freedoms. They are free to participate in nonchurch meetings that are held to warn people of the threat of Communism or any other theory or principle that will deprive us of our free agency or individual liberties vouchsafed by the Constitution of the United States.

The position of this church on the subject of Communism has never changed. We consider it the greatest satanical threat to peace, prosperity, and the spread of God’s work among men that exists on the face of the earth.

In this connection,” President McKay continues, “we are constantly being asked to give our opinion concerning various patriotic groups or individuals who are fighting Communism and speaking up for freedom. Our immediate concern, however, is not what parties, groups, or persons, but with principles. We therefore commend and encourage every person and every group who is sincerely seeking to study constitutional principles and awaken a sleeping and apathetic people to the alarming conditions that are rapidly advancing

about us. We wish all of our citizens throughout the land were participating in some type of organized self-education in order that they could better appreciate what is happening and know what they can do about it.

Supporting the FBI, the police, the congressional committees investigating Communism, and various organizations that are attempting to awaken the people through educational means is a policy we warmly endorse for all our people....”

(President David O. McKay, *The Improvement Era*, June 1966, p. 477; Conference Report, April 1966, p. 109.)

I bear witness that this Church position given by our inspired leader – our Prophet-leader – is sound, timely and clear. The need for such counsel has never been greater.

Brethren and sisters, I have talked straight to you today. I know I will be abused by some for what I have said, but I want my skirts to be clean.

### **Some Questions**

Watchman, what of the night?” (Isaiah 21:11) is the cry of the faithful. I have tried to warn you of the darkness that is moving over us and what we can do about it if we will only follow the Prophet.

Have you counted the cost if our countrymen and especially the body of the Priesthood continue to remain complacent, misled through some of our news media, deceived by some of our officials, and perverted by some of our educators?

Are you prepared to see some of your loved ones murdered, your remaining liberties abridged, the Church persecuted, and your eternal reward jeopardized?

## **An Eyewitness**

I have personally witnessed the heart-rending results of the loss of freedom. I have seen it with my own eyes. I have been close to the godless evil of the socialist-communist conspiracy on both sides of the iron curtain, particularly during my years as European Mission President at the close of the war, and today and also during my eight years in the Cabinet.

It may shock you to learn that the first communist cell in government, so far as we know, was organized in the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the 1930's, John Abt was there. It was John Abt whom Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, requested for his attorney. Harry Dexter White was there. Lee Pressman was there. And communist Alger Hiss, who was the principle architect and first secretary of the United Nations organizing committee, was there also.

I have talked face-to-face with the godless Communist leaders. It may surprise you to learn that I was host to Mr. Khrushchev for a half day, when he visited the United States. Not that I'm proud of it – I opposed his coming then and I still feel it was a mistake to welcome this atheistic murderer as a state visitor. But according to President Eisenhower, Khrushchev had expressed a desire to learn something of American agriculture, and after seeing Russian agriculture I can understand why.

As we talked face-to-face, he indicated that my grandchildren would live under Communism. After assuring him that I expected to do all in my power to assure that his, and all other grandchildren, would live under freedom, he arrogantly declared, in substance:

You Americans are so gullible. No you won't accept Communism outright, but we'll keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you'll finally wake up and you find you already have Communism. We won't have to fight you. We'll so weaken your economy until you fall like over-ripe fruit into our hands.

And they are ahead of schedule in their devilish scheme.

I stood in Czechoslovakia in 1946 – two citizens of that country came up to me before this meeting – I stood in Czechoslovakia in 1946 and witnessed the ebbing away of freedom resulting in the total loss of liberty to a wonderful people. I visited among the liberty-loving Polish people and talked with their leaders as the insidious freedom-destroying conspiracy moved in, imposing the chains of bondage on a Christian nation.

In both of these freedom-loving nations were members of the Church, striving, as we are, to live the gospel. But did they stop the Communists? Although their numbers were relatively few, the danger to freedom seemed to be far away. Now there are, no doubt, Mormons in Communist slave labor camps.

### **The Power of the Priesthood**

But here in America, the Lord's base of operations – so designated by the Lord himself, though his holy prophets – we of the priesthood – members of his restored Church might well provide the balance of power to save our freedom. Indeed we might, if we go forward as General Moroni of old, and raise the standard of liberty throughout the land.

My brethren, we CAN do the job that must be done. We can, as a Priesthood, provide the balance of power to preserve our freedom and save this nation from bondage.

The Prophet Joseph Smith is reported to have prophesied the role the Priesthood might play to save our inspired Constitution. Now is the time to move forward courageously – to become alerted, informed and active. We are not just ordinary men. We bear the priesthood and authority of God. We understand the world and God’s divine purpose as no other men.

### **The Gospel and Freedom**

The gospel and its preaching can prosper only in an atmosphere of freedom. And now in this critical period, when many pulpits are being turned into pipelines of collectivist propaganda – preaching the social gospel and denying basic principles of salvation – is the time for action.

We know, as do no other people, that the Constitution of the United States is inspired – established by men whom the Lord raised up for that very purpose. We cannot – we must not – shirk our sacred responsibility to rise up in defense of our God-given freedom.

In our day the Lord has declared to his church:

“Verily I say unto you all: arise and shine forth, that thy light may be a standard to the nations;

“And that the gathering together upon the land of Zion, and upon her stakes, may be for a defense, and for a refuge from the storm, and from wrath when it shall be poured out without mixture upon the whole earth.” (D&C 115:5-6.)

Will we of the priesthood “arise and shine”? Will we provide the “defense” and “refuge”? Now is our time and season for corrective and courageous action.

## **We Have Been Warned**

We have been warned again and again and again. The Lords spokesman has consistently raised his voice of warning about the loss of our freedom. Now he that has ears, let him hear, and ye who praise the Lord, learn to also follow His spokesman.

I know not what course others may take, but as for me and my house, we will strive to walk with the Prophet. And the Prophet has said that:

“No greater immediate responsibility rests upon the members of the church, upon all citizens of this republic and of neighboring republics than to protect the freedom vouchsafe by the Constitution of the United States.” (The Instructor, August 1953.)

In this mighty struggle each of you has a part. Be on the right side. Stand up and be counted. If you get discouraged, remember the words of Edward Everett Hale, when he said:

“I am only one, but I am one.  
I can’t do everything, but I can do something.  
What I can do, that I ought to do,  
And what I ought to do,  
By the grace of God, I shall do!”

God bless us to heed the oft-repeated counsel of our Prophet-leader, I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## CHAPTER 6.

### IT'S JUST A MASK

In the 1960s it began as a public safety issue requiring mandatory seat belts, with financial incentives to ensure compliance to the new legislation. Then restrictions on the speed limit at 55 MPH were forced upon the nation. Soon mandatory auto insurance coverage was required on every automobile as a measure to protect the public from uninsured drivers and then mandatory child restraints were required adding additional financial burdens on those who had the least disposable income, while the insurance industry and others received a financial windfall from the newly required legislation.

Now a thoughtful and enterprising party has expressed their thoughts about our current situation that is worth restating here:

“This is just how I see it and I promise your ‘protect your family and friends’ claims mean nothing to me in comparison to the real protection we must defend...

“ In 4 months, the U.S. transformed into an obedient socialist country. Government dictated what events are acceptable to attend. Violent protests that instill fear are OK but church services, family funerals and patriotic celebrations are dangerous. And you bought it without a fight.

“Standing in a graduation line is a ‘safety hazard’. Small businesses were forced to close but crowds to support the corporate money machine at WalMart, Lowes and Home

Depot are OK. Come on. It's 'just a mask' and 'safety precautions'.

"How about a little hush money. Here's \$2,400 that we stole out of your pay check in the first place. Enjoy. Buy something with it, from a big corporation. Cash is dirty. We can't give change. There's a coin shortage. Use your card.

"In 4 months, they convinced you to use a traceable card for everything. In less than 4 months, government closed public schools then 'restructured' education under the guise of 'public safety'.

"In less than 4 months, our government demonstrated how easily people assimilate to 'guidelines' that have NO scientific premise whatsoever when you are fearful.

"In less than 4 months, our government successfully instilled fear in a majority of the population in America that allows them to control every aspect of your life. Including what you eat, where you go, who you see and your toilet paper. And what is the most dangerous and terrifying part? People are not afraid of the government who removed their freedom. They're afraid of their neighbors, family and friends. And they hate those who won't comply.

"It's absolutely terrifying to me that so many people don't question 'authority'. They are willing to surrender their critical thinking skills and independence. They just... gave up without thinking. Without a fight!

"Do you know what's coming next? 'It's just a vaccine. Come on. It's for the greater good'. Wait until you're told that you can't enter any store or business without proof of the Covid-

19 vaccine. Wait until you can't go to public events or get on a plane without proof of receiving the vaccine.

“To everyone that doesn't believe this is possible - DO YOU UNDERSTAND that government successfully dictated to people WHEN they were allowed to be outside, where they were allowed to go, and how their children would be educated in less than 4 months? And that a majority of the population followed blindly because they were told to do so.

“You're kidding yourself if you think this behavior won't be repeated with a vaccine, or whatever the next step is. ‘I don't follow politics. Who cares about that stuff?’ I don't like to think about it.’

“6 million Jews were exterminated in Germany because 97% of the population cowered to populist control. Nobody wanted to think about it. It's easier to just ignore it. But that couldn't happen here, right? They got you.

“Without a thought. Without a fight. Just like France. Just like Russia. Just like China.

“Welcome, comrade.”

Maybe you would like to view this as a video clip from the people at The United Spot. It can be rather chilling.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zXUtsft0Z74>

It's just a mask.

It's just six feet.

It's just two weeks.

It's just non-essential businesses.

It's just non-essential workers.

It's just a bar.

It's just a restaurant.  
It's just to keep from overwhelming the hospitals.  
It's just until the cases go down.  
It's just to flatten the curve.  
It's just a few inmates.  
It's just to keep others from being scared.  
It's just for a few more weeks.  
It's just church. You could still pray.  
It's just prayer.  
It's just until we get a vaccine.  
It's just a bracelet.  
It's just an app.  
It's just for tracing.  
It's just to let people know you're safe to be around.  
It's just to let others know who you've been in contact with.  
It's just a few more months.  
It's just some more inmates.  
It's just a video.  
It's just a post.  
It's just an email account.  
It's just for protecting others from hate speech.  
It's just for protecting others from hurt feelings.  
It's just a large gathering but for protests.  
It's just a few violent protests.  
It's just a little micro chip.  
It's just a blood test.  
It's just a test.  
It's just a scan.  
It's just for medical information.  
It's just to store a vaccination certificate.  
It's just like a credit card.  
It's just a few places that don't take cash.  
It's just so you can travel.  
It's just so you can get your driver's license.  
It's just so you can vote.  
It's just mail-in voting.  
It's just a few more years.

It's just a statue.  
It's just a monument.  
It's just a building.  
It's just a song.  
It's just a lyric.  
It's just an anthem.  
It's just a few words.  
It's just a piece of paper.  
It's just a book.  
It's just a movie.  
It's just a TV show.  
It's just a cartoon character.  
It's just a piece of cloth.  
It's just a flag.  
It's just a dog at a protest.  
It's just a religion.  
It's just a holiday.  
It's just your guns.  
It's just the police.  
It's just the military  
It's just your freedoms....gone forever.

And "It's just" the way they planned it.  
2% of the impassioned can rule over the 98% apathetic.  
It's not like we don't see it coming.

Please America, collectively as a nation of God and law abiding citizens of the United States... we **MUST FIGHT BACK.**

**WE MUST.**

**BEFORE ITS ALL GONE** and we won't have the ability to get it back. - @BartowDiscussions

Some might ask if this response is just an overreaction, but as George Santayana has reminded us, “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.”

**‘Then they came for me’: A Hitler supporter’s haunting warning has a complicated history**

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By Michael S. Rosenwald

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out — Because I was not a Jew.*

The words above are displayed at the United States Holocaust Museum. This week, amid outrage over President Trump’s rhetoric about the neo-Nazis and white supremacists who clashed with counter protesters in Charlottesville, they have been recited around the world as a simple, haunting warning.

But the lineage of those words is more complicated, beginning with Martin Niemöller, the German Protestant pastor who originally spoke them.

Niemöller supported Adolf Hitler and Jewish hatred — until he was sent to a concentration camp.

“In my native Teklenburg, there were many farmers who were in debt to Jewish moneylenders and livestock traders,” he told a German TV host in 1963. “At that time, the mood

in this area was not systematically anti-Semitic, but it was intuitively and traditionally so, and I never questioned it.”

In 1920, at age 28, he belonged to the Academic Defense Corps, a group of right-wing students with nationalist, hateful ideologies. His beliefs found their way into his calling, according to a Holocaust Museum biography:

Niemöller’s sermons reflected his strong nationalist sentiment. He felt that reparations, democracy and foreign influence had led to damaging social fragmentation and an overemphasis on the individual in German society. Niemöller believed that Germany needed a strong leader to promote national unity and honor Hitler.

Niemöller cheered the rise of the National Socialist Party, voting for Hitler and openly echoing his nationalistic, pro-Christian, exclusionary rhetoric. “Niemöller remained an outspoken anti-Semite throughout the 1930s, justifying his prejudices by referring to Christian teachings that the Jews were guilty of deicide, the killing of Jesus,” the Holocaust Museum says. Niemöller was a complicated guy.

Pressured by other German Christians, he became concerned that the Nazis were politicizing the church, excluding non-Aryans. In 1933, he founded the Pastors Emergency League (PEL) to address the issue. A year later, he and two Protestant bishops met with Hitler to discuss their concerns — “a turning point in Niemöller’s political sympathies,” the Holocaust Museum said, explaining why:

At the meeting it became clear that Niemöller’s phone had been tapped by the Gestapo (German Secret State Police) and that the PEL was under close state surveillance. Following the

meeting, the two bishops signed a statement of unconditional loyalty to the Führer. In contrast, Niemöller had come to see the Nazi state as a dictatorship, one which he would oppose.

Niemöller's sermons attacked the Third Reich's attempts to control the church. The Nazis obviously didn't like this very much. They sent him to Dachau, a German concentration camp, where the intolerant ideology of his earlier years continued dissipating, as he recounted in the 1960s TV interview:

... it was not at all clear to me what only dawned upon me later in the concentration camp: that, as a Christian, I must conduct myself not according to my sympathies or antipathies, but must see in each human being, even if he is unsympathetic to me, the fellow human being for whom Jesus Christ hung His cross as much as for me. This simply precludes any form of rejection and action against a group of human beings of any race, any religion, any skin color.

After he was liberated by U.S. troops in 1945, Niemöller publicly advocated for German Christians who continued supporting Hitler to acknowledge their guilt. However, as the Holocaust Museum points out, Niemöller initially "failed to explicitly repudiate Hitler's political aims, condemning unequivocally only Nazi interference in religious matters." He also criticized Allied forces.

Then, in 1946, he published a memoir, writing:

Thus, whenever I chance to meet a Jew known to me before, then, as a Christian, I cannot but tell him: 'Dear Friend, I stand in front of you, but we can not get together, for there is

guilt between us. I have sinned and my people has sinned against thy people and against thyself.’

In his public speeches and sermons — including a speaking tour of 52 cities in the United States — Niemöller began saying the things for which he is now remembered.

Sort of. In examining interviews, speech transcripts and other documents, University of California at Santa Barbara history professor Harold Marcuse concluded that Niemöller didn’t quite say things as he’s been quoted. The persecuted groups he cited sometimes changed for his audience. So did the order in which he listed them. Sometimes he spoke as “we.” Other times, it was “I” and “me” — as in, “When they came for me, there wasn’t anyone left who protested.”

Even today, there is no one correct version, no exact replica of his words.

But there is the spirit.

In 1958, at the end of a paperback issue of “The Play of the Diary of Anne Frank,” schoolchildren found it put like this:

*First they came for the Jews and I did not speak out — because I was not a Jew*

*Then they came for the communists and I did not speak out — because I was not a communist*

*Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist*

*Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me.*

— (Pastor Niemoeller, Victim of the Nazis in Germany)

## CHAPTER 7.

### JUST AS WE WERE WARNED

The Bible describes events and conditions that would mark the condition of the world in the last days or the time known as “the end of the world.” (Matthew 24:3; 2 Timothy 3:1; Daniel 8:19 - King James Version) The following list are some the features of last-days, or end-times, or prophecies:

War on a large scale. - Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:4.

Famine.- Matthew 24:7; Revelation 6:5, 6.

Great earthquakes. - Luke 21:11.

Pestilences, or epidemics of “terrible diseases.” - Luke 21:11..

Increase of crime. - Matthew 24:12.

Ruining of the earth by mankind. - Revelation 11:18.

Deterioration of people’s attitudes, as shown by many who are “unthankful, disloyal, . . . not open to any agreement, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, without love of goodness, betrayers, headstrong, puffed up with pride.” - 2 Timothy 3:1-4.

Breakdown of the family, with people who have “no natural affection” and children who are “disobedient to parents.” - 2 Timothy 3:2, 3.

Love of God growing cold in most people. - Matthew 24:12.

Noteworthy displays of religious hypocrisy. - 2 Timothy 3:5.

Increased understanding of Bible prophecies, including those related to the last days. - Daniel 12:4.

Global preaching of the good news of the Kingdom. - Matthew 24:14.

Widespread apathy and even ridicule toward the evidence of the approaching end. - Matthew 24:37-39; 2 Peter 3:3, 4.

The simultaneous fulfillment of all these prophecies. - Matthew 24:33.

### ~ A Vision of George Washington ~

"The Birth, the progress and the destiny of the United States"  
"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

The father of our country, George Washington, was a man of prayer. Many of us have read of how he went to the thicket many times to pray during the winter his army was at Valley Forge. However, little publicity has been give to the vision and prophecy he received at that time.

The account of this vision was given in 1859 by an old soldier. He gave it to a writer, Wesley Bradshaw, who published it. In the vision God revealed to George Washington that three great perils would come upon the republic. He was given to know that America was going through the first peril at that time. The old soldier who told the story of the vision said the nation would soon see the account verified by the second peril descending upon the land.

We give the account here as printed in the U.S. war veterans paper The National Tribune, in December 1880. The

National Tribune became, "The Stars and Stripes", and this article was later reprinted in that publication.

I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind, or what, but this afternoon, as I was sitting at this table engaging in preparing a dispatch, something in the apartment seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite to me a singularly beautiful being. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of the visit. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of the eyes.

By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I tried once more to speak, but my tongue became useless, as if paralyzed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitor.

Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed to fill with sensations, and grew luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor also becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations I sometimes imagine accompanying death. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move. All were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly on my companion.

Presently I heard a voice say,

"Son of the Republic, look and learn,"

while at the same time my visitor extended an arm eastward. I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon the strange scene. Before me lay, out in one vast plain all the countries of the world -- Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America lay billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific.

"Son of the Republic",

said the same mysterious voice as before,

"look and learn."

### **The First Peril: The Revolutionary War.**

At that moment I beheld a dark shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left he cast some over Europe.

Immediately a cloud arose from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For awhile it remained stationary, and then it moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds.

Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American People. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud drew back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view.

A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying,

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and town and cities spring up one right after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say,

"Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn."

### **The Second Peril: Slave trade from Africa is used to instigate the Civil War.**

And this time a dark shadowy angel turned his face southward. From Africa I saw an ill omened spectra approach our land. It flitted slowly and heavily over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued look I saw a bright angel on whose brow was traced the word 'Union.' He was bearing the American flag. He placed the flag between the divided nation and said,

"Remember, ye are brethren. "

Instantly the inhabitants, casting down their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard. Again I heard a mysterious voice saying,

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

### **The Third Peril: the USA is Invaded by Foreign Troops**

At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa.

Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene. From each of these continents arose thick black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men. These men, moving with the cloud marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities, which I had seen spring up.

As my ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat, I again heard the mysterious voice saying,

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast. Instantly a light, as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments of the dark cloud, which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shown the word 'Union,' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks, and renewed battle.

Again amid the fearful voice of the conflict I heard the mysterious voice say,

"Son of the Republic, look and learn."

As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped the water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark clouds rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard cried with a loud voice:

"While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last."

And taking from his brow the crown, which blazoned the word 'Union,' he placed it down upon the standard while the people, kneeling down said, 'Amen.'

The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapor, I at first beheld. This also disappeared, and I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I heard before said,

"Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful for her is the third. But the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union."

With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been showed me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States."

## **The Constitution Shall Hang by a Thread**

In October of 2019, Speaker Nancy Pelosi vehemently defended her recently launched inquiry against President Trump, framing it in sweeping moral and ethical terms as she described the U.S. Constitution as "hanging by a thread" in an interview with the Atlanta Journal.

The warning and phrase "The Constitution shall hang by a thread" has been one that has been mocked and condemned since it was first uttered.

There have been a lot of statements on freedom and the Constitution by the Presidents of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Many of these quotes include reference to the Constitution "hanging by a thread", the "nation... on the very verge of crumbling to pieces", "the constitution... upon the brink of ruin" and the Elders of Israel stepping up to save the Constitution.

The following is an excerpt of the journal of John J. Roberts:

"...While this conversation was going on we stood by his south wicket gate in a triangle. Turning to me, [Joseph] said, "I want to tell you something of the future. I will speak in a parable like unto John the Revelator. You will go to the Rocky Mountains and you will be a great and mighty people established there, which I will call the White Horse of peace

and safety.” When the Prophet said, “You will see it,” I said, “Where will you be at that time?” He said, “I shall never go there. Your enemies will continue to follow you with persecutions and they will make obnoxious laws against you in Congress to destroy the White Horse, but you will have a friend or two to defend you and throw out the worst parts of the law so they will not hurt you so much. You must continue to petition Congress all the time, but they will treat you like strangers and aliens and they will not give you your rights, but will govern you with strangers and commissioners. You will see the Constitution of the United States almost destroyed. It will hang like a thread as fine as a silk fiber.” At that time the Prophet’s countenance became sad, because as he said, “I love the Constitution; it was made by the inspiration of God; and it will be preserved and saved by the efforts of the White Horse, and by the Red Horse who will combine in its defense. The White Horse will find the mountains full of minerals and they will become rich. You will see silver piled up in the streets. You will see the gold shoveled up like sand. Gold will be of little value then, even in a mercantile capacity; for the people of the world will have something else to do in seeking for salvation. The time will come when the banks of every nation will fall and only two places will be safe where people can deposit their gold and treasure. This place will be the White Horse and England’s vaults. A terrible revolution will take place in the land of America, such as has never been seen before; for the land will be left without a Supreme Government, and every specie of wickedness will be practiced rampantly in the land. Father will be against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother. The most terrible scenes of bloodshed, murder and rape that have ever been imagined or looked

upon will take place. People will be taken from the earth and there will be peace and love only in the Rocky Mountains. This will cause many hundreds of thousands of the honest in heart of the world to gather there, not because they would be Saints, but for safety and because they will be so numerous that you will be in danger of famine, but not for want of seed, time and harvest, but because of so many to be fed. Many will come with bundles under their arms to escape the calamities for there will be no escape except only by escaping and fleeing to Zion...”

Ezra Taft Benson said: “Will we be prepared? Will we be among those who will ‘bear the Constitution away from the very verge of destruction?’ If we desire to be numbered among those who will, here are some things we must do:

“1. We must be righteous and moral... 2. We must learn the principles of the Constitution and then abide by its precepts... 3. We must become involved in civic affairs... 4. We must make our influence felt by our vote, our letters, and our advice...”

“I have faith that the Constitution will be saved as prophesied by Joseph Smith. But it will not be saved in Washington. It will be saved by the citizens of this nation who love and cherish freedom. It will be saved by enlightened members of this Church — men and women who will subscribe to and abide the principles of the Constitution.

“For years we have heard of the role the elders could play in saving the Constitution from total destruction. But how can the elders be expected to save it if they have not

studied it and are not sure if it is being destroyed or what is destroying it?...

“There is no excuse that can compensate for the loss of liberty.

“Satan is anxious to neutralize the inspired counsel of the Prophet and hence keep the priesthood off balance, ineffective and inert in the fight for freedom. He does this through diverse means, including the use of perverse reasoning. . . .

“The cause of freedom is a most basic part of our religion. Our position on freedom helped get us to this earth and it can make the difference as to whether we get back home or not. . . .

“Now part of the reason why we do not have sufficient Priesthood bearers to save the Constitution, let alone to shake the powers of hell, is, I fear, because unlike Moroni, our souls do not joy in keeping our country free and we are not firm in the faith of Christ, nor have we sworn with an oath to defend our rights.”

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***I say to you that the price of liberty is and always has been blood, human blood, and if our liberties are lost, we shall never regain them except at the price of blood. They must not be lost. - J. Reuben Clark***

## CHAPTER 8.

### THE WATCHMEN ON THE TOWER

A prophetic parable was given regarding our responsibility to watch and ward off the evil, which would come upon us. It follows:

“And now, I will show unto you a parable, that you may know my will concerning the redemption of Zion.

“A certain nobleman had a spot of land, very choice; and he said unto his servants: Go ye unto my vineyard, even upon this very choice piece of land, and plant twelve olive-trees;

“And set watchmen round about them, and build a tower, that one may overlook the land round about, to be a watchman upon the tower, that mine olive-trees may not be broken down when the enemy shall come to spoil and take upon themselves the fruit of my vineyard.

“Now, the servants of the nobleman went and did as their lord commanded them, and planted the olive-trees, and built a hedge round about, and set watchmen, and began to build a tower.

**But of course, the servants soon begin to question the Nobleman’s wisdom and the need for a watchtower at all.**

“And while they were yet laying the foundation thereof, they began to say among themselves: And what need hath my lord of this tower?

“And consulted for a long time, saying among themselves: What need hath my lord of this tower, seeing this is a time of peace?”

“Might not this money be given to the exchangers? For there is no need of these things.

“And while they were at variance one with another they became very slothful, and they hearkened not unto the commandments of their lord.

**But, what the Nobleman foresaw actually came to pass. A thief came in the night and raided his vineyard.**

“And the enemy came by night, and broke down the hedge; and the servants of the nobleman arose and were affrighted, and fled; and the enemy destroyed their works, and broke down the olive-trees.

**Upon his return, the Nobleman is rightly upset, and wants to know how his servants could let this happen.**

“Now, behold, the nobleman, the lord of the vineyard, called upon his servants, and said unto them, Why! what is the cause of this great evil?”

“Ought ye not to have done even as I commanded you, and - after ye had planted the vineyard, and built the hedge round about, and set watchmen upon the walls thereof - built the tower also, and set a watchman upon the tower, and watched for my vineyard, and not have fallen asleep, lest the enemy should come upon you?”

“And behold, the watchman upon the tower would have seen the enemy while he was yet afar off; and then ye could have

made ready and kept the enemy from breaking down the hedge thereof, and saved my vineyard from the hands of the destroyer.”

Here in America, especially, we find ourselves in the midst of evil and destruction. - Just as we were warned! It's time to face the harsh reality that we have been asleep, in our comfort, and have allowed the destroyer within our gates.

Evil has been triumphed as good, while good has been shunned as evil and it is the very cause of a nation divided.

It is now long past time for us to awaken to our awful situation. For far too long we have set our hearts upon the things of this world, and have aspired to the honors of men, failing to realize that the our rights are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled without maintaining the principles of righteousness.

For when we undertake to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vain ambition, or to exercise control or dominion or compulsion upon our fellow brothers and sisters, in any degree of unrighteousness, the heavens withdraw themselves; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved; and when it is withdrawn, we are left to face the consequences of our neglect and disobedience.

*For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the Lord of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.*

*Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her recompense. Jeremiah 51:5-6*

The prophecies and promises given to George Washington and other leaders fills me with confidence that Providence has not left us alone to our own defeat, but rather, has given us hope that America will ultimately become what it was destined to be.

BUT, it is up to us to defend her and the principles upon which she was created. May we awake and arise to our noble responsibilities, is my hope and prayer for all of us.

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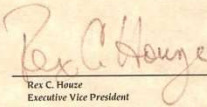
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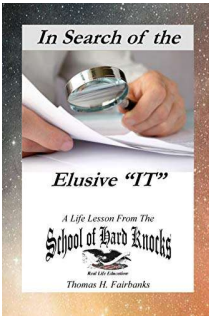
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