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Senseless World

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Personal Freedom & Sovereignty

Many readers who have read thus far often think they know it all already, and pride themselves in being relatively free of the system. They smugly sit and read these pages without taking any real action on the material presented, believing that 'it will all be OK' for them.

Well, if you are one of those, it is time for a wake-up call. So here is the next of our controversial statements.

If you are currently contributing to any government taxation program (usually known as Inland Revenue) you are a slave.

If you do not agree with this, then withhold this year's Income Tax and see how long it takes before you are thrown in jail, without a fair trial, without the usual 'innocent until proven guilty' laws applying.

Consider a scale or continuum: At one extreme is *the total slave*; at the other, *the complete Sovereign Individual*.

The total slave is the property of a slave owner. Total slaves do not own their bodies, their time, their labor, nor anything else. Total slaves have no freedom of action; they must do what their masters dictate; they may not do what their masters forbid. They may not own any property whatsoever. Total slaves may be harmed, punished, or killed by their masters without restraint.

Complete Sovereign Individuals, on the other hand, own their own lives, bodies, time, labor, and whatever other property they can practically command, control, or utilize. They have total freedom of action without restraint.

The normal person (whether earning a salary or running their own business) willingly hands over at least fifty percent of their personal wealth in the form of taxes, both as income tax and other hidden taxes like property, fuel, Value Added Tax, etc. This money is handed to other people to spend as they see fit. This person neither asks for, nor expects accountability. They do not know where this money is spent (except in the vaguest way), and they do not care. They do not ask for facts and figures, or expect accountability, honesty or efficiency. If they try to withhold their money, then agents of force will come and take them and throw them in jail.

And the reason for this ludicrous arrangement?

FEAR

The same fear that throughout history has kept slaves returning to their masters to continue working for them.

To convert taxes into time, the average person hands over roughly 20 hours every week (that is nearly 1,000 hours a year) of their precious, limited life to another person, without being paid for it. This is exactly the same life that slaves in recent history endured.

From the government's point of view, their fear keeps them as a nice safe producer/consumer who will not rock the boat too much and will dutifully pay over half of everything they earn in their lifetime to the government. The last thing the government wants is too many financially independent people who are living happy, stress-free and self-fulfilling lives without working too hard.

Why do not they want this? There are many reasons, but here are two for a start:

1. For every one thousand dollars or pounds or whatever currency, the government can legally steal half to play their games with. If you stop paying taxes, they have to stop playing their games.
2. Self-fulfilled and happy people have time to start *thinking*. And when they start thinking they come to many of the conclusions reached in *Fresh Wisdom*. If these conclusions were put into practice by too many people, it would result in severe cut-backs in government power. They do not want that, and so they have a vested interest in keeping you paranoid, afraid, insecure and moderately poor.

Just because you cannot see the slave-chains does not mean they are not there. Chains made of steel are obvious, but chains made of beliefs and fears are not always recognized for what they are.

Many are enslaved because their government can do what they want, take what they want, and individuals cannot refuse. We may have freedom to decide what TV channel to watch tonight (little realizing that the content of every channel is carefully controlled), or just which style of car we will drive to work in, but little power over the rest of our life. Even the home we have worked to pay for over the last decade or more can be taken from us at a moment's notice via 'eminent domain'¹. Can we refuse? No?

We are thus slaves, living under a dictatorship.

¹ See www.ThreeWorldWars.com/archive/news/real-estate.htm for details.

How to Stop Paying Taxes and Claim Back Your Freedom

The purpose of this section is not to convince you to stop paying taxes. We are purely using taxes as a commonly understood mechanism by which many of us are unwittingly enslaved. There are few systems in place which are as commonly understood throughout the world. Taxation is just such a system, easily understood by anyone living in America, England, Australia, Hong Kong, India, Israel, wherever. It is global.

If you are interested in legally opting out of the tax regime in America, consider this:

The US employs a fraudulent taxation system that is completely illegal. Hundreds of thousands have realized this and are quietly withdrawing completely legally from this mass hoax.

In 1986, Roscoe Egger, the IRS Commissioner, publicly admitted that, at that time, thirty five million Americans were no longer filing income tax reports. You can join them, legally, without threat of jail or property confiscation.²

You might also be interested in the Canadian situation. On April 22, 2005, a class action suit was filed on behalf of the People of Canada alleging that the Income Tax Act is a fraud.³

What is Freedom?

Now that we have established that many of us are in fact slaves, we can progress to discussing what *true* freedom is, and how one can start claiming back that freedom.

First, a look at the Immutable Laws of Freedom and Sovereignty. These Laws are based on:

1. **Privacy:** The ongoing erosion of privacy in the World is the most important issue facing individuals today. Without privacy, we have nothing, or less than nothing. Privacy is a human imperative because privacy of self is an important biological necessity of a sane and stable sense of self. It is a scientific fact that a rational person cannot have their autonomous sense of self (their sense of privacy of self), compromised and still function as a healthy individual. Thinking and creativity require the capacity to make independent judgments. An invasion of our privacy such as that going on in America and other countries today violates that capacity. It is more than important to reclaim our privacy, it is a biological necessity.
2. **Independence:** Only by having money you alone control and having it privately, can one achieve a truly fulfilled life. Offshore money is therefore a pre-requisite to living independently.
3. **Sovereignty:** This is the end ideal to be achieved. A king or queen is not only independent, but also leads their people. In fact they *serve* their people. This is the epitome of success, self-actualization and reaching the Omega Point.

The vast majority of people in the world are followers, mere sheep with no particular desire for freedom, nor any wish to be allowed to think for themselves or provide for themselves. They want to have leaders, gurus and to be told exactly what to do and how to think. The majority want someone to take care of them, to make decisions for them and to have the security of belonging to a group, a country, a church, a club that will protect them. They have low levels of self-confidence and a great respect for authority. They have been conned. They do not understand what freedom is, and why it is so important.

Definitions of Freedom

*"There is nothing to take a man's freedom away from him, save other men. To be free, a man must be free of his brothers. That is freedom. That and nothing else."*⁴

*"Full freedom is the absence of restraints, other than natural ones, on an individual's actions. The degree of a man's freedom decreases as the restraints on his actions, beyond those imposed by nature, increase in number or extent. Although the influences reducing a man's freedom can vary in form, the source of any and all such influences can only be the actions of other men."*⁵

² <http://web.archive.org/web/20041011160453/http://www.solgroup.com/notax/> - The authors are not associated with this group, and you are advised to seek your own advice regarding Income Tax, but it is a route we would seriously consider. The link shown is an archive of a site which is no longer available online.

³ www.theclassactionsuit.com

⁴ *Anthem* by Ayn Rand, Penguin Books, NY; 1992 - first published in 1938

⁵ *Return to Reason: An Introduction to Objectivism* by Paul Lepanto, Exposition Press, NY; 1971

"Freedom is a condition in which a person's ownership rights in his own body and his legitimate material property are not invaded, are not aggressed against."⁶

"Freedom means self-control; no more, no less."⁷

"It is not recognized in the full amplitude of the word that all freedom is essentially self-liberation - that I can have only so much freedom as I procure for myself by my ownness."⁸

"Freedom is living your life as you want to live it."⁹

Now we are getting to the core of what *Fresh Wisdom* is all about. The concept is a coherent philosophy, a plan for a stress free, healthy, prosperous life not limited by government interference, the threat of nuclear war, the reality of food and water contamination, litigation, domestic conflicts, taxation, persecution or harassment. Whether your concern may be the increasing drumbeat of war, a domestic issue which appears expensive to resolve, or an unwarranted accusation by some Gestapo-style government agency, *Fresh Wisdom* offers escape. It is a way out of any negative situation created and imposed upon you by any external entity. Many individuals choose to vent their frustrations with acts of violence. The *Fresh Thinker* merely avoids conflict by refusing to play where the rules are unfair.

What we are doing in these pages is conditioning and training our mind to unlearn all the beliefs instilled in us from birth, which entrap us. This is true freedom. This is the ultimate "Aha!" experience.

With the *Fresh Wisdom* philosophy, you will be able to remain comfortably beyond the reach of Big Brother's (or anyone else's) ever extending grasp. It is impossible for any government to attack or wipe out *Fresh Thinkers* because we are an amorphous group without consistent behavior patterns. We cannot be identified, classified or isolated from the general run of sheep. Thus, unlike some publicity seeking individualists or tax rebels, we court no danger and invite no confrontations.

Ultimate Freedom

As *Fresh Thinkers*, only restrictions imposed by ourselves can keep us from experiencing the wonders of the world. We can and will drive, fly or sail across international frontiers when and where we want, alone or with anyone we choose. We are mentally, financially and physically prepared to leave anywhere we happen to be and go to the other end of the earth at the first whiff of danger or just in search of greener pastures. We are able to move fast and decisively, to disappear and resurface anywhere, anytime.

We can read what we want to read, eat what we want to eat, see what we wish to see, imbibe or ingest as desired and invest anywhere in anything. We are completely free from restrictions placed upon us by governments. We can buy or sell what we please. We can associate with, employ or live with people whom we find agreeable and pleasing. If we want to change friends, employment or climate for any reason, we can do so almost instantaneously without the need to get any sort of permission from the state.

Until we adopt this mode of thinking, the range of opportunities denied to us is inconceivable. We do not miss the things of which we are unaware. This manual may raise your consciousness as to the true nature of freedom. It is one way to rid one's self of limitations.

We are able to study any philosophy, raise and educate our children in our beliefs and opinions without contradiction from our government-controlled school curriculum. We need not follow the dictates of an obtuse school commissar who bans our favorite books and forbids mention of those truths we find most self-evident.

We finally become able to invent, improvise, abandon, reject or follow any religion, personal morality or way of life we choose. We can shop, have a drink or eat when we want, not just when the local laws allow restaurants and stores to be open. For those with unconventional thoughts, habits or beliefs, the *Fresh Wisdom* philosophy is the answer. Life can be lived spontaneously, free, without state imposed restrictions. Becoming a *Fresh Thinker* means never again having to ask permission or submit to any higher authority. Life is free of

⁶ *For a New Liberty: The Libertarian Manifesto* by Murray N. Rothbard, Collier Books, NY; 1978 - first published 1973

⁷ *The Discovery of Freedom: Man's Struggle Against Authority* by Rose Wilder Lane, Arno Press & The New York Times, NY; 1972 - first published in 1943

⁸ *The Ego & Its Own: The Case of the Individual Against Authority* by Max Stirner, Rebel Press, London; 1982 - first published in German in 1845 as *Der Einzige und sein Eigentum*

⁹ *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World* by Harry Browne, Avon Books, NY; 1973

permits, licenses, exit permits, visas, currency restrictions, taxes, record keeping, bureaucrats, social workers, litigation, filing and reports.

We need not put up with rules, regulations or laws we find personally offensive, inconvenient or immoral. Thus if it suits us, without any government or church dispensation, we may have as many spouse-equivalents as are desired. The range of possibilities for greater freedom is expanded to whatever can be conceived. We may be celibate and need not own a car or acquire any other status symbol unless so desired.

On the other hand, the *Fresh Thinker* can live in a highly controlled society if they so choose, if for some reason this sort of community gives them a sense of security or perhaps even superiority. This is all about options. The more options one has, the more free that individual becomes. We can live under whichever system suits us best.

This freedom, however, does not mean that we should be or can be irresponsible by causing problems, injury or pain to others. The message is not to encourage greed, lust, irresponsibility, immorality or any of the other seven deadly sins.¹⁰ On the contrary, to avoid government's heavy hand is to avoid violating local laws and morality. We must go physically to those places where doing what we want to do is accepted as ordinary behavior. There is no point in spending time where our lifestyle, appearance or conduct will cause moral offense or get us into difficulties with local authorities. This way of life involves discovering those places where your particular pleasures are legal and accepted.

This is Ultimate Freedom – breaking free from any and all previously held belief systems, and living life the way it was *meant* to be lived.

The Freedom Lifestyle

Once again, we are getting a little ahead of ourselves. We are talking about physically moving somewhere, when we know this may not be possible for some right now, for a variety of reasons. All we really want to cover for now is preparing oneself mentally to break free from limiting beliefs.

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Side Note: There is a very real reason why we speak about relocating away from a densely populated city, ideally before mid-2007. For more information about the real state of the world militarily and economically and how you can prepare for what appears to be the coming World War 3, see [www.threeworldwars.com](http://www.threeworldwars.com).

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As a final note on this topic, it is really not as expensive as most believe to be able to leave your comfortable home in a Western nation to lead a truly free life. As a rough rule of thumb, you need approximately fifteen times your desired annual salary 'in the bank' if you are to give up working for a living. For example, if you decide that you need \$20,000 gross every year to sustain your chosen life-style, then you will need fifteen times this amount, or \$300,000 invested to allow you to draw your chosen salary, and leave the capital reasonably inflation-proof.

If you only need \$10,000 gross, then you will require \$150,000 invested.

The very best state to be in, concerning money, is one of total fearlessness, because if you are fearful, then other people will use fear to control your behavior. If jobs are short, then they will use your fear of poverty to extract all sorts of extra values from you. This might mean that you have to work harder for less pay, or touch your cap a bit more respectfully when the boss comes in.

Money & Achieving Fearlessness

The advanced *Fresh Thinker* has enough money so that they need not work if they decide not to. In practice, they often continue to work at some level for the challenge or sheer enjoyment, but they are not dependent upon this generated income.

There is a second, and more important aspect to the fearlessness of a *Fresh Thinker*. Because they enjoy health, wealth and freedom, they genuinely would not care if some terrible disaster reduced them to a humble life of basic existence (similar to a monk in a monastery). It is highly characteristic of our behavior that we win in every situation, so we would view our reduction to absolute poverty as a great chance to catch up on meditations concerning the deeper meaning of life, or some other philosophical activities.

¹⁰ www.whitestonejournal.com/seven

The *Fresh Thinker* would far rather be wealthy than poor, but if riches were denied, then we would still be happy being poor.

In order to become a true free thinking individual, you must be prepared, in principle at least, to become totally poor. Why?

Because if you are at least prepared for this possibility, then you do not fear it. You might not like it, but you do not fear it.

Fear Of Poverty

Fear of poverty in the sheep is the major source of their lack of personal power. One cannot have personal power if one allows other people to dictate to you exactly what to do with most of one's waking time - and yet this is exactly what most people in employment do. They fear poverty and so they stay in jobs which they do not enjoy, as wage-slaves, working for bosses who use fear to manipulate them.

Bosses and the government actually want the population to be in a state of semi-panic concerning unemployment and the economy. Why?

Because bosses and the government want the population to work as hard as possible for the absolute minimum reward. This scenario brings in maximum money and personal power for those in charge, and prevents the masses from waking up.

Most bosses secretly long to have queues of people clamoring at the factory gates for the chance of a job, because this means that they can pick the very best people, pay them almost nothing, and command absolute loyalty, obedience and respect from them.

Likewise, the government desires the same thing, as this keeps inflation way, way down, and ensures that the masses devote 101% of their waking time to slaving in order to earn a crust. No time is then left for thinking, questioning or rebelling.

The opposite scenario - the one detested by governments and bosses alike - is one where the country is in full employment. When jobs are in plentiful supply, companies simply cannot hire staff because no-one is available. Wage prices soar, bringing steep inflation; companies are forced to hire third and fourth-rate employees, and bosses become fearful that their employees will simply up and leave at the slightest provocation, to be snapped-up by one of a hundred rival companies all desperate for workers. Employees, on the other hand, are not fearful since they know that they could have their pick of a hundred different jobs. Bosses then actually have to start being nice to their workers in an effort to keep them.

From the government's point of view, when the country is in full employment, millions of people start working part-time (for full-time money) or giving up work altogether. This gives them time to think and to work out what they really want from their lives. They might actually start to become happy and self-fulfilled, even, heaven forbid.....*content!*

Is it starting to make sense now why there is such high unemployment in your country?

People enjoying new-found freedom, start to question all sorts of things which they had been too busy to even think about in leaner times; furthermore, they do not consume so much (happy, contented people tend to consume far less than unhappy, trapped people), which has the effect of making them less able to be manipulated by adverts, greed, worry, etc.

Freeing Yourself From Poverty

Fresh Thinkers use several techniques for freeing themselves from fear of poverty:

- Become completely and utterly debt-free (including mortgage).
- Maximize personal income.
- Minimize outgoings (expenditure).
- Minimize or reduce to zero responsibilities to support others financially.
- Start an independent business.

Advanced *Fresh Thinkers* have taken these five steps. The result is that they have absolutely no financial concerns of any description. This does not mean that they are all millionaires (although many of them are very wealthy). They take the required steps in their lives to ensure that their income exceeds their outgoings.

Please re-read the above sentence at least three times, as this simple statement conceals a profound principle of becoming solvent. Notice we are saying *solvent* and not wealthy. Solvent means that your income exceeds your outgoings, and so, by definition, you are becoming steadily richer.

In contrast, if your outgoings exceed your income, then you are slipping further into debt with every day that passes.

This trivial observation is at the absolute heart of becoming first debt-free, and then solvent, yet remarkably few people apply this simple fact to their own financial situation. They tend to think that it is much, much more complicated than that - it is not.

The aspiring *Fresh Thinker* should immediately take two vital steps:

- Increase their income.
- Greatly reduce their outgoings.

All *Fresh Thinkers* must do this until their income exceeds their outgoings. This single step confers unimaginable personal power as one starts to shrug off the burden of debt and insolvency.

Overcoming fear is largely a question of having the correct attitude. You must also have the desire, even hunger, to seize personal power. Once you decide that you are no longer going to live in fear of money, certain things automatically follow.

1. You take steps to become completely debt-free (this includes paying off your mortgage if you have one). If you are in debt, even by a small amount, then you are forced to spend a certain amount of your time working to service this debt. If you lose your job, then you cannot pay your debts and certain penalties will come into play (e.g. losing your house). It is fear of these penalties which keeps you locked into the work cycle.
2. You take the required steps to maximize income and minimize outgoings. Why? Because you realize that the route to solvency and eventual wealth is through ensuring that your income exceeds your outgoings. Simple, but so very, very true.
3. You take steps to remove 'freeloaders' from your 'payroll'. Other people can be a huge drain on your resources. People are fundamentally lazy and do not (quite rightly) want to work eight hours a day in some mindlessly tedious job. If they can get someone else (i.e. you) to foot the bill while they sit at home having a relatively easy life, then they will - particularly if you allow them. The *Fresh Thinker* has cut all excess financial encumbrances from their life.
4. You take steps to leave full-time employment and start your own business. Why? Because only by working for yourself can you:
 - Command a far higher salary than is available in any similar paid employment.
 - Be in control of your own destiny.
 - Have a shot at becoming seriously wealthy.

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A short note about debt: Debt, when handled correctly, can be a useful way of increasing liquidity. However, the sheep seldom understand the workings of debt, and the consequences when debt becomes unmanageable. We would encourage to use debt wisely and to your advantages, but only within a framework of being otherwise debt free. In other words, never rely on debt, including a mortgage for your house or a lease for your car.

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We have wandered from the subject of Freedom somewhat, but only indirectly. A *Fresh Thinker* has taken all four of the steps discussed above, with the result that they are totally fearless concerning money. This confers a huge amount of personal power and freedom to them, as money (or rather lack thereof) is the number one illusion used to control the masses.

To finally get back to what *Fresh Wisdom* is all about. Our methodology consists of the practical knowledge, methods, and skills to live free in an unfree world. This could be called the "Harry Browne" principle as expounded in his book *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World*.¹¹ *Fresh Wisdom* enables you to run rings around terrocrats (any individual or entity intent on destroying your personal freedom). *Fresh Wisdom*, properly applied, enables you to lawfully, legally, elegantly, and safely exit terrocrat systems. It also enables you to protect your earnings and assets from the marauding ravages of terrocrats. In short, *Fresh Wisdom* allows you to live life according to your rules, while being cognizant of, and side-stepping rules that you do not wish to follow.

Now perhaps you can understand why *Fresh Wisdom* is not for the sheeple. Very few can handle the responsibility of making their own rules. We are not for a minute suggesting anarchy – we are suggesting a sensible, carefully thought through set of life values and principles, which lead to a fulfilled life.

¹¹ *How I Found Freedom in an Unfree World* by Harry Browne (Avon Books, NY; 1973)

What is Sovereignty?

The idea of a Free Sovereign Individual and what you have to do to become free, is a process, and not something that can be achieved by just anyone. In some very important aspects a Free Sovereign Individual is a special breed of human. Listed below are the basic assumptions, assertions, or affirmations that a Free Sovereign Individual lives by:

- I am free;
- I own myself (I am sovereign);
- I am responsible;
- I choose the values by which I live;
- I live my life the way I want to;
- I practice association by consent;
- I want others to enjoy the same freedom.

Implications of Sovereignty

Each Free Sovereign Individual has his or her own set of basic assumptions, whether explicitly formulated or not. Some of the implications of the assumptions listed previously are covered in this section, with thanks to Frederick Mann.¹²

I Am Free

One cannot become free by merely asserting that you are free. It is very difficult for people who have not lived free to discover that they are free. But people can discover that they control their energy, and that - ultimately - every action they take follows from a decision in their brain. Reading *The Discovery of Freedom* by Rose Wilder Lane may assist this discovery.

My mind and my body are in my power... Whatever beliefs I might have about not being free are beliefs in my mind. I chose those beliefs. I can change those beliefs.

I Own Myself (I Am Sovereign)

Either you own yourself, or somebody else owns you and you are a slave. By extension, if you own yourself, you own your life, your mind, your body, your property, and the fruit of your labor. Being sovereign and owning yourself are the same thing.

The discovery that you are sovereign also follows from the realization that you are free and that all coercive political systems on planet earth today are fraudulent hoaxes. Reading *The Constitution of No Authority*¹³ may assist this discovery.

I do not rule others, nor am I ruled by others. I am sovereign over my life, mind, body, and property.

I Am Responsible

The realization that you are responsible follows from an increasing awareness of the links between your actions (and non-actions) and their consequences. Your choices have consequences. The kind of life you now lead, your degree of freedom, and the state of your health are consequences of your choices. You have created your life. You are responsible, whether you know it or not.

To a very large extent, I cause my actions, I produce my own outcomes, and I determine what happens to me. Though I realize that while I am free to choose my actions, I am not free to choose the consequences of my actions.

Being responsible also means that I keep the agreements I make.

I Choose the Values by Which I Live

Whatever moral code you live by, you chose it - even if by default. If you decide to live by the "laws of a country" (so-called), that is your choice. A Free Sovereign Individual knows that there can be as many moral codes as there are conscious individuals.

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¹³ www.buildfreedom.com/tl/tl07.shtml

I Live My Life the Way I Want To

For the most part, this is really an obvious statement of fact. To think otherwise is to deceive yourself. If you wanted your life to be different you would have created it differently through your choices. Of course, we do realize that "chance events" have considerable influence - but it is the victim or slave mentality who blames external factors and feigns helplessness.

I Practice Association by Consent

Force or coercion by human against human is a remnant of the practice of slavery. I believe in voluntary association. I do not force or coerce others. I organize my life so as to reduce coercion from others against me to a minimum.

I Want Others to Enjoy the Same Freedom

Other Free Sovereign Individuals enrich my life. Social contact with them tends to be rewarding, business mutually profitable. In general, life is more fun and rewarding among a circle of Free Sovereign Individuals. Benefits result from my successful attempts to assist others to increase their freedom.

Parallel: A rational person seeks associations with other rational individuals, and profits from their existence through voluntary exchange in which all parties gain value.

Seize Your Freedom!

(This section is based on a flyer written by the mysterious author "J.E.T.")

So you want to be free? Then become free. All the freedom is yours which you are able to seize. How do you seize freedom? By avoiding, evading, escaping, discouraging, overpowering, destroying, or otherwise frustrating anyone who initiates force, fraud, or the threat of force against you.

Do you beg for freedom? - "But the oppressors ignore my pleas for freedom," you complain. Do you expect them to set you free? (Graffiti in a Las Vegas shopping mall: SLAVES NEED MASTERS.) As you yourself point out, your oppressors have the morals which would shame a beast of the forests. As long as you obey their rules, no matter how onerous, and pay their taxes, no matter how burdensome - why should they set you free? - Why should they relinquish the easy life of a parasite?

"And the oppressors dupe my neighbors who are confused, unaware, and apathetic," you protest. Do you expect them not to deceive? - Not to tame their flocks? The herdsman can milk only tame cows; the shearer can shear only submissive sheep; the tyrant can drive only obedient slaves...

"We must overturn the oppressors," some of you proclaim, "and rule wisely and justly in their place." Then go do it - if you can. But do not be surprised when the oppressors stampede their bewildered subjects against you.

"We must educate - teach increasing numbers our values and ideas," others shout, "And some day truth will prevail and evil will be banished from the earth." But as even you admit in your more reflective moments, this will take time - much time. So how shall you live the only life you will ever have? And how many followers can you attract and hold if you offer only visions of a paradise for their great grandchildren?

"I do want freedom," you cry, "But there is no way to get it now - no chance to elect, no means to revolt, and no place to go." I reply: If you want freedom, seize it.

"But my oppressors are organized into a powerful government, an omnipotent state - their laws shackle me," you object, "And they have thousands of agents and millions of police." I reply: However, each of their minions has only the same two eyes, the same two hands, and usually not as much brains as you or I. They are individuals. They cannot be everywhere. They cannot see everything. They cannot understand everything. They cannot do everything. You do not have to obey them.

"But they collect a tax on my earnings before I even see it," you protest. Only if you are so craven as to hand it over. Discover ways to avoid their extortions: Get your earnings under your own control; trade with those who practice freedom; or be a Gypsy who sells - and flees.

"But they will confiscate my property," you quaver. Only if you are so foolish as to lead them to it. Convert your wealth into forms you can conceal. Put it where they cannot get at it. And rent your shops and homes - or mortgage them to the hilt.

"But they will throw me in jail," you object. Only if you are so careless as to stumble over them - they who have trouble apprehending morons and psychopaths. Make yourself difficult to find.

"But that is too much trouble," you complain, "I would rather follow their rules and pay their taxes - lick their boots and hone their axes - do everything they demand - and maybe, oh maybe, they will leave me alone

just a little." Then tag along with the sheep to slaughter, you who expect freedom on a silver platter. For how long can you appease the tyrant who will demand more and more, until he owns you completely?

And what do we know of this libertarian utopia that some of you dream of? In every land of which we hear, there are some who covet the lives and creations of others - predators who rob and enslave the weak, the foolish, and the cowardly. And when have they failed to recruit millions to vote for them, finance them, and work for them as humble agents and police?

Some predators prowl alone or in small gangs, slinking about as criminals. So the Free Sovereign Individuals go about like tigers - armed and ready for self-defense.

Some predators join together, masquerading and strutting about as "rulers." So the Free Sovereign Individuals go about like foxes - inconspicuous and ready to hide.

In almost every land, those with the courage to assert their freedom seldom need to fight or hide - for the predators live off the easy prey.

Now, at last, I have the key –

The elixir of liberty –

For the first time in history –

And once sufficient numbers see...

All the freedom is yours which you are able to seize. ¹⁴

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Side Note: An excellent table showing the difference between the Republic of the United States and the modern day Corporation it has become can be found online<sup>15</sup>. The table explains clearly what this means to your personal sovereignty.

An extensive list of freedom related reading material to educate yourself on your rights as a Sovereign Individual can also be found online<sup>16</sup>.

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<sup>14</sup> [www.buildfreedom.com/selflib.htm](http://www.buildfreedom.com/selflib.htm)

<sup>15</sup> [www.worldnewsstand.net/guns/truth.htm](http://www.worldnewsstand.net/guns/truth.htm)

<sup>16</sup> [www.wealth4freedom.com/truth/links2educate.htm](http://www.wealth4freedom.com/truth/links2educate.htm)