

A Wake Up Call

I was standing fifth in a line of candidates waiting to speak to a huge audience. I was running for public office and I was there to tell people why they should vote for me. Suddenly I realized it was my turn to speak. A feeling of panic overwhelmed me: "What can I promise these people to make them vote for me?"

I felt an inner strength and calmness as a voice from within said, "You need only speak from your heart. Let these people know what you believe to be truth."

I walked to the center of the stage: "I believe we are here on earth for our spiritual growth. The government we form should recognize we are spiritual beings and respect our God-given freedoms."

I then outlined three principles:

1. *Our government should be as small as possible.*

Why? Bigger government equals loss of freedom, loss of accountability and higher taxes. Prior to the 1970's a family could live on the income of one parent. The basics—holiday travel, higher education, medical expenses, and owning a home and car—were all possible. Today that same family has to have the income of both parents as well as a high level of debt.

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Where do the taxes go? To large bureaucracies that take away our freedoms in the name of protecting us such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Federal Trade Commission, the World Trade Organization and the military. We pay to have our freedoms taken away.

If we want government to protect us and to pay for us, we create the opportunity for government to grow and gain greater control over us. Smaller government means more freedom, more accountability, and lower taxes. Big government keeps us on a treadmill that is going faster and faster.



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2. Our government should respect our God-given freedoms.

To gain freedom, we must give freedom. For example, our freedom of choice in health care is constantly being eroded as government increases regulations and laws that narrow our choices. If we want government to respect our freedom, we must be willing to give freedom. Are we willing to give others their freedom? Issues that push our emotional buttons or issues based on our personal religious beliefs often cause us to limit the freedom of others. Freedom means allowing others to have their own beliefs. If you want your freedom, are you willing to give others their freedom?

To gain our freedom, we must also accept responsibility for our own choices. It is easy to point the finger of blame when something goes wrong ... and then clamor for government to keep us safe. It is harder to accept responsibility for making the choice.

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3. Our government should recognize that each person is a spiritual being with the ability to get answers from within—from a Higher Power ... from Spirit.

This means a respect for each individual as Soul—a spark of Higher Consciousness, our Creator or God. It means each of us has the ability to recognize right from wrong for ourselves. It means each of us has the ability to get answers from within as we make our decisions on a daily basis. It is important that government not interfere with this natural spiritual ability. It is equally important that we as individuals take responsibility for the guidance we receive and how we use it.

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After presenting these three principles, I awoke. I started my day by recording this dream in my dream journal—an important part of listening to my inner guidance. For me, a government based on these three truths would be based on Natural or Divine law.

So ... what laws do we need?

What is necessary to keep order in society without allowing government to control us? Most of us have no idea what laws are governing our lives. Today, we rely on political law—laws and by-laws formulated by bureaucrats and passed into existence on a daily basis by

politicians. Laws that are often pushed into existence by money, special interest groups or by fear. Laws that are not necessarily for the greater good.

In *Whatever Happened to Justice?* Richard Maybury says, "In short, we live in a world where it is assumed politicians have the divine power to make up law; they have become deities."

We have abandoned common law. Common law was developed by experience. As people needed to solve disputes and problems among themselves, laws based on common sense and for the greater good surfaced. Maybury explains:

It evolved carefully over many centuries ... By the way, I've noticed that this logic in the old common law is what causes many lawyers to become hooked on law ... they are struck by its wondrous beauty. They know—they feel deep in their hearts—that they are in the presence of something profound. It's much the same feeling doctors experience when they study the human body, or astronomers when they study the heavens. They sense they are making contact with...what? Too bad common law is gone.

When researching common law, Maybury discovered two fundamental laws. "Two laws on which all major religions and philosophies agree. The two laws necessary for a civilization to develop and advance." The two laws are:

1. *Do all you have agreed to do and*
2. *Do not encroach on other persons or their property.*¹

And, what can we do? Live our lives by doing all we have agreed to do and by not encroaching on other persons or their property.

Choices for the greater good

Why are we here? The individuals who signed the Declaration of Independence must have asked themselves that question. The 56 men who signed this declaration were committing an act of treason against the Crown of England. Most of the men who signed had a family, were wealthy, and had gained the respect of their communities. In material ways, they had more to lose than gain by signing. They knew what they risked. They chose principle over the domination of a government that restricted freedoms and that imposed ever-greater taxes.

We've found the following Maybury books offer great insights and a vision for change:

Whatever Happened to Justice?

Richard Maybury, 1993.

Are You Liberal, Conservative or Confused?

Richard Maybury, 1995.

The Thousand Year War,

Richard Maybury, 1999.

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Benjamin Rush reflected about the dangers they faced in a letter to John Adams after attending the 1811 July 4th celebration "... scarcely a word was said of the solicitude and labors and fears and sorrows and sleepless nights of the men who projected, proposed, defended, and subscribed the Declaration of Independence. Do you recollect your memorable speech upon the day on which the vote was taken? Do you recollect the pensive and awful silence which pervaded the house when we were called up, one after another, to the table of the President of Congress to subscribe what was believed by many at that time to be our own death warrants? ..."²

One man is reported to have said: "My hand trembles, but my heart does not." He knew in his heart that the principles behind the Declaration of Independence were more important than his personal safety or fears.

The freedoms represented by the Declaration of Independence are being eroded—in all countries of the world. Agreements are being signed that shift control of government from the people to bureaucrats, to international bodies and to industrial giants. We are in support of free markets but this is not what these agreements are about. A report on legal proceedings in Canada concerning international trade indicates the extent to which bureaucrats have assumed control. A high-level bureaucrat was being questioned:

The tenor of the answers of the witness and the body language of her and the observer from the negotiating team created the following strong impression: These are people accustomed to the power of the bureaucracy. The officials are in control and have been for a very long time, and expect to be for an even longer time. Their manner demonstrated the expressed position ... that all the domestic law of all nations will be changed in the face of globalization to accommodate the needs of corporations. Further, the bureaucrats have the power and, in effect, there is nothing that can stop them. ...

The overriding impression created is that Parliament is not in control and will not be. ... Officials run the show.

I came away struck by the enormity and extent of power and the arrogance we are confronting and attacking. Images of David and Goliath, of Christians and Lions

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swam in front of me. There was a distinct impression that the people running the government (whoever the government actually is) are our enemies.⁴

We are not suggesting it is necessary to risk life and limb to change government today. We can create a system of government that is accountable to us as a people. To create a government that is accountable to us, we each need to take responsibility for our lives ... to allow the size of government to be reduced—to be as small as possible. To create a government that is accountable to us, a government that respects our God-given freedoms, we can adhere to Maybury's two common laws so we do not encroach on the freedom of others. To create a government that is accountable to us, a government that recognizes each person as a spiritual being, we each need to respect the ability of others to think for themselves and to make their own decisions ... to recognize our own divinity as a spiritual being.

We are creating the society in which we live—we can create a society where fear and self-interest are replaced with truth and the greater good. We have the power to create the change.

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