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WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY?

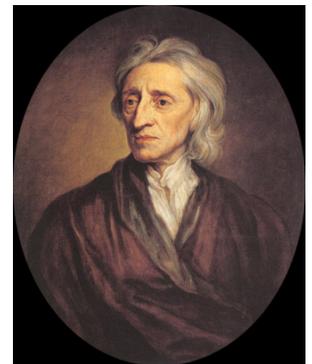
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Recently, one of my FaceBook friends posted the question: **“HOW DO WE GET OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC BACK THAT OUR FOUNDING FATHERS FOUGHT SO HARD TO OBTAIN?? DOES ANYONE KNOW?”**

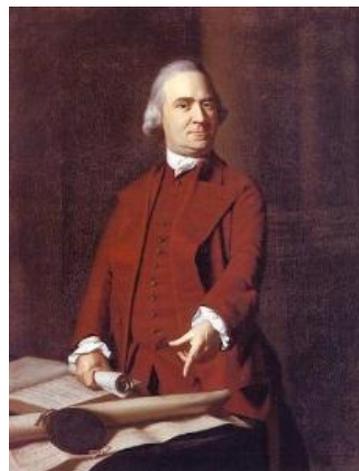
In my book, *Piercing the Illusion*, (published in 2002), chapters 12, 13 and 14 laid out how we got to this present state of tyranny, and how to start back to what was intended. And as I stated in my August 2014 Liberty Tree article, “Let’s Pretend — A Child’s Game?,” going back cannot be done incrementally, even though that’s how we got to this disastrous state of affairs. Due to the Republic’s serious financial condition, time is simply too short to go that route. Not only that, but principally, who would get to say what laws we obey, and what laws we continue to violate on our way back? How can society punish the bank robber armed with a gun, stealing from a single bank, but not the bank robbers in the Federal Reserve System who, armed with their computers, printing presses and pretended legislative authority, steal from EVERYBODY? How can we punish citizens for violating unlawful unconstitutional laws, but not the legislators who enact those unlawful unconstitutional laws? Where do you start? YOU DON’T!! Before we set our course back to the state of lawful sanity, we have to identify the state of lawful sanity sought.

Being a home builder, I understand that you cannot build a house unless you have a foundation

on which to set it. The plans for the foundation of our Republic were first drafted by English philosopher John Locke (1632-1704). In 1689, Locke published his essay entitled *Two Treatises of Government*, attacking monarchy in favor of the revolutionary idea that the average man is capable of ruling himself. Initially, it was published anonymously for an obvious reason — his life literally depended on it.



John Locke



Samuel Adams

Samuel Adams — Father of the American Revolution — became infatuated with Locke’s theory while attending Harvard University in his early teen years, and spent the next forty years agitating for the revolution that separated the colonies from the mother country England. In furtherance of this endeavor, Adams

connected with like-minded patriots in other colonies, through the formation of Committees of Correspondence. Thomas Jefferson, who at that time

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was a young lawyer from Virginia, also subscribed to Locke's theory, and became one of the founding members of the Committee in that state.

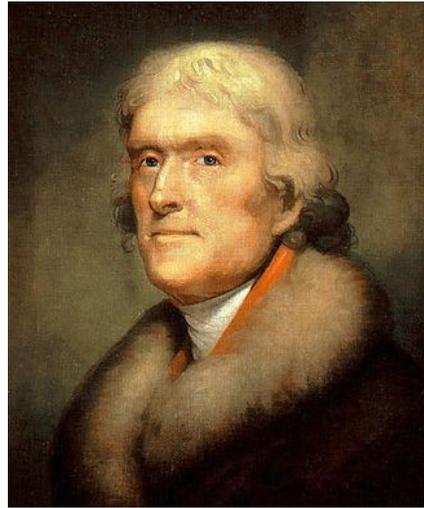
This spark ignited into flames of Liberty, which grew into a revolutionary Congress which drafted and executed the Declaration of Independence. The Declaration officially severed all English political authority within the new United States – that is, after a nine year struggle. At this point, John Locke's drafted plans were revised, and the 13 new States formed a confederacy with a national Congress having very limited powers. This wonderful new experiment in confederation was short lived however, for the same reason that anarchy can never work. As the Holy Bible tells us, mankind has a sinful nature, and pride always goes before a fall.

The States were printing “Bills of Credit,” (that is, paper money – actually State I.O.U.'s), and Congress was printing its own national “Bills of Credit,” called “Continental.” The ease of producing these paper debts enabled the marketplace to be flooded with them, diminishing their purchasing power. All this paper money, coupled with States charging import taxes on the goods of other States at their borders, nearly brought the experiment in freedom from monarchy to destruction.

So, to correct the problems that arose within the Articles of Confederation, the States, in 1787, sent delegates to represent their interests in a convention assembled to make better the Confederacy. This, however, never took place, for not one minute was spent to “make better the Confederacy.” Instead, the convention drafted the final blueprint for our house of Freedom – known as the United States Constitution, which was such a building marvel that it was ratified by the States in 1789.

These Constitutional building plans gave us a structure of human government never before known to man in the entire history of the world, a government whose sole purpose was described in the Declaration of Independence, to wit:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by



Thomas Jefferson

their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,

The idea of a government that affords the individual total freedom to worship God according to his beliefs, to live in peace with his family, to derive his livelihood as he sees fit, without any government interference – that is, unless he infringed on his fellow citizens' right to do the same – was unheard of at that time. Today, even with most of these blessings either lost or unrecognizably diminished, people still crave to live here, believing it is still so.

In order to make sure that this national government did not turn into another monarchy or imperial dictatorship, all the powers entrusted to it were specifically enumerated within the Constitution itself. And to make sure that citizens are isolated from those powers, the Constitution prohibits the national government from having any direct authority over citizens. That is, all the delegated authority affecting citizens – such as the regulation of interstate commerce, and the imposition of federal taxes¹ – is of an indirect nature, except for the authority given to customs officers and U.S. Marshals for the enforcement of crimes involving counterfeiting of U.S. Treasury-minted coins, the non-payment of excise taxes, and the use of the U.S. Post Office for fraudulent purposes. Of course, these limitations to the power delegated to the federal government do not pertain

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1. I am forbidden from explaining how the federal taxing laws are only imposed indirectly on citizens, because a federal injunction prohibits me from doing so, under the threat of incarceration, thus diminishing my Right to freedom of speech. This injunction also extends to the Save-A-Patriot Fellowship, and its staff. However, my 12-hour video lecture (“Just The Facts”) covering the Constitutional provisions of federal taxation can still be found on YouTube, for those who want to watch that banned video. A web search for the title of my banned book (“Piercing the Illusion”) should point you to copies of that, as well.

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to the territories and possessions of the United States, where there is full governmental authority. Except for these few delegated enumerated powers within the several States, all the other powers deal with foreign intercourse.

Of course, like all law, these Constitutional provisions only work when those having the fiduciary capacity under them, obey and enforce the authority of their office by the provisions given within the Constitution. To encourage their obedience, the Framers used two means or methods.

The first is the fear of God's punishment, by means of the oath of office, found in Article 6, Clause 3:

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all

executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

All Oaths are made to God, and until the last several decades, whenever the Oath was required, the taker of that Oath put his right hand on the Holy Bible, and always completed the Oath with a phrase such as, *so Help me God.*

The second method is by earthly punishment, by means of two criminal penalties. In times of peace, the crime is Sedition:

Title 18, United states Code, § 2384. Seditious conspiracy:

If two or more persons in any State or Territory, or in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, conspire to overthrow, put down, or to destroy by force the Government of the United States, or to levy war against them, or to oppose by force the authority thereof, or by force to prevent, hinder, or delay the execution of any law of the United States, or by force to seize, take, or possess any property of the United States contrary to the authority thereof, they shall each be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than twenty years, or both.

In times of a declared war, the crime is Treason:

Title 18, United states Code, § 2381. Treason:

Whoever, owing allegiance to the United States, levies war against them or adheres to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort within the United States or elsewhere, is guilty of treason and shall suffer death, or shall be imprisoned not less than five years and fined under this title but not less than \$10,000; and shall be incapable of holding any office under the United States.

But common sense tells us that no law is effective if it is not enforced, and enforcing sedition has virtually always been neglected, from the

ratification of the Constitution down to the present day. If it had been enforced, probably the first to be charged would have been George Washington and Alexander Hamilton,

who conspired, and did violate their Oaths of Office, by establishing a national bank. There is not even a hint of permission within the Constitution to do so. The only authority delegated to the government regarding money, is to mint gold, silver and minor base metal coins, and to regulate their value. Just like the mighty oak grows from the tiny acorn, their seditious act spawned the over-reaching behemoth government we're saddled with today. The Oath to "uphold and defend" the Constitution has become meaningless, and those in positions of government authority are doing WHATEVER THEY DAMN WELL PLEASE.

This brings us back to the original question: "HOW DO WE GET OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC BACK THAT OUR FOUNDING FATHERS FOUGHT SO HARD TO OBTAIN?? DOES ANYONE KNOW??" Well, these are my suggestions:

- First, we have to enlighten the citizens – most of whom have been dumbed down and misinformed by means of the educational system, both private and public – with respect to the principles of our system of government and its history.
- Second, we have to focus on securing the county political offices, especially the office

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***Treason doth never prosper,
what's the reason? For if it
prosper, none dare call it
Treason. Sir John Harington***

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of Sheriff.

- Third, we have to practice NULLIFICATION in every phase of our intercourse with federal, state and county governments.
- Fourth, we must insist that all public officials who violate their Oath of Office be charged with sedition.
- Fifth, we must demand the arrest of the Federal Reserve Bankers, charge them with fraud, and seize their assets (since no one is entitled to what they gain unlawfully); we must return to the U.S. Mint's lawful production and circulation of gold, silver and minor base metal coins, and let citizens redeem Federal Reserve Notes at par for the minted coins.
- Sixth, enact federal and state statutes making it a crime for any judge to rule otherwise than in strict adherence to the written provisions of the federal and state Constitutions.
- Then last, but not least, require, by law that public schools teach the documented American history, and the United States

Constitution as written – and making it a crime to teach any court interpretation of it – and the statutes made in pursuance of it.

If we Patriots can achieve these objectives, we will be able to engage once more in the “pursuit of happiness.” At least, for a while!!

WHAT IS THE DEFINITION OF INSANITY? VIOLATING THE LAW THAT THE FRAMERS GAVE US TO BE FREE!!!



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