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Bringing Hidden Things to Light



Psalms 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter dark sayings of old... We will not conceal them.

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This edition of the Parables Bookshelf Newsletter contains two more chapters from the book *Dragon Flood*. In these chapters we take a look at two of the great transgressions of Satan, which have also become two of mankind's greatest flaws. They are a desire to be independent of God, and a tendency to want to rise higher than others.

The underlying sins from which these two unrighteous characteristics originate are pride and rebellion. Satan was not content to abide in the role assigned to him by his Creator. Although he was given a very lofty position, he became conceited and sought to

make himself equal with God. Rejecting the role of a servant, Satan wanted to choose his own path and direct his own life.

History has revealed the tragic consequences of the creature rebelling against the Creator. The Son of God described Satan's chief activities as "killing, stealing, and destroying." These are the ultimate fruit of selfishness and a rejection of a servant's heart.

Christ came to reveal to mankind the meek, gentle, and selfless character of God. Though He was equal with God, He emptied Himself and took upon the form of a bond-servant. He spent His life feeding, teaching, heal-

ing, and ministering to the needs of others. At the end of His life Yahshua girded Himself with a towel and stooped to wash the feet of His disciples. In doing so, He was demonstrating a character opposite to that of Satan.

Satan kills. Yahshua gives life.

Satan steals. Yahshua gives freely to all.

Satan destroys. Yahshua binds up that which is broken and restores the breach between God and man.

In whose kingdom would you rather dwell? Satan's kingdom ruled by selfishness, or God's kingdom ruled by love?

Food for Thought

The focus of Satan's efforts is always the same: to deceive us into believing that the passing pleasures of sin are more satisfying than obedience.

Sam Storms

Instead of REPENTANCE, people are getting all kinds of counterfeit spiritual experiences. There seems to be almost no discernment at all.

Andrew Strom

Scripture Memory

II Corinthians 11:3

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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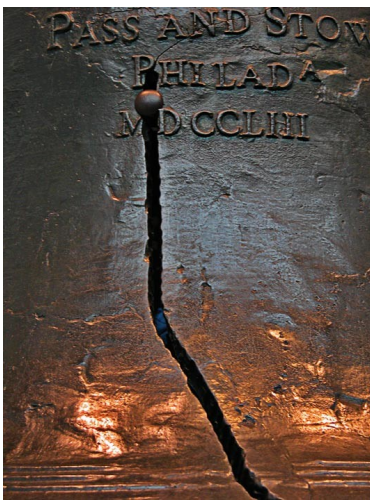
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Do As Thou Wilt



Some months back I posted a blog on the subject of the Liberty Bell. The story of the Liberty Bell features prominently in the founding of America as a nation, and is a staple of public school history lessons. Following is an excerpt from that article.

The Liberty Bell has become a symbol of America as a constitutional nation. The Liberty Bell was hung in Independence Hall where the American Constitution was voted on and adopted. For many years The Liberty Bell was displayed inside Constitution Hall. The Liberty Bell is readily identified by a prominent crack that is quite extensive.



Liberty Bell Crack

To understand the parable contained in this symbol of America one needs to know a little of the history of this bell. Keep in mind that Philadelphia was the Capital of the nascent nation prior to Washington D.C. being constructed.

In 1751, with a bell tower being built in the Pennsylvania State House, civic authorities sought a bell of better quality, which could be heard at a further distance in the rapidly expanding city. Isaac Norris, speaker of the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly, gave orders to the colony's London agent, Robert Charles, to obtain a "good Bell of about two thousands pound weight."

We hope and rely on thy care and assistance in this affair and that thou wilt procure and forward it by the first good oppo as our workmen inform us it will be much less trouble to hang the Bell before their Scaffolds are struck from the Building where we intend to place it which will not be done 'till the end of next Summer or beginning of the Fall. Let the bell be cast by the best workmen & examined carefully before it is Shipped with the following words well shaped around it vizt. By Order of the Assembly of the Province [sic] of Pennsylvania [sic] for the State house in the City of Philada 1752 and Underneath Proclaim Liberty thro' all the Land to all the Inhabitants thereof.-Levit. XXV. 10...

*It arrived in Philadelphia in August 1752. Norris wrote to Charles that the bell was in good order, but they had not yet sounded it, as they were building a clock for the State House's tower. **The bell was mounted on a stand to test the sound, and at the first strike of the clapper, the bell's rim cracked...***

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Philadelphia authorities tried to return it by ship, but the master of the vessel which had brought it was unable to take it on board.

Two local founders, John Pass and John Stow, offered to recast the bell. Though they were inexperienced in bell casting, Pass had headed the Mount Holly Iron Foundry in neighboring New Jersey and came from Malta, which had a tradition of bell casting. Stow, on the other hand, was only four years out of his apprenticeship as a brass founder. At Stow's foundry on Second Street, the bell was broken into small pieces, melted down, and cast into a new bell. The two founders decided that the metal was too brittle, and augmented the bell metal by about ten percent, using copper. The bell was ready in March 1753, and Norris reported that the lettering (which included the founders' names and the year) was even clearer on the new bell than on the old.

City officials scheduled a public celebration with free food and drink for the testing of the recast bell. When the bell was struck, it did not break, but the sound produced was described by one hearer as like two coal scuttles being banged together. Mocked by the crowd, Pass and Stow hastily took the bell away and again recast it. When the fruit of the two founders' renewed efforts was brought forth in June 1753, the sound was deemed satisfactory, though Norris indicated that he did not personally like it. The bell was hung in the steeple of the State House the same month...

It is uncertain how the bell came to be cracked; the damage occurred sometime between 1817 and 1846. The bell is mentioned in a number of newspaper articles during that time; no mention of a crack can be found until

1846. In fact, in 1837, the bell was depicted in an anti-slavery publication—uncracked. In February 1846 Public Ledger reported that the bell had been rung on February 23, 1846 in celebration of Washington's Birthday (as February 22 fell on a Sunday, the celebration occurred the next day), and also reported that the bell had long been cracked, but had been "put in order" by having the sides of the crack filed. The paper reported that around noon, it was discovered that the ringing had caused the crack to be greatly extended, and that "the old Independence Bell...now hangs in the great city steeple irreparably cracked and forever dumb."

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Liberty_Bell]

The remarkable history of this bell, serving as it does as a great symbol of American liberty, and replete with highly unusual events, causes me to suspect a divine hand in sending forth a message as God is wont to do. The founders of America set forth to create a government where "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" were guaranteed (albeit, not to all). The framer's of the Constitution understood that man was easily corrupted, and they sought to form a government that would resist this tendency toward corruption...

Like The Liberty Bell, the American form of government was flawed from the start. It was assumed that wise men, by discerning "the laws of nature and of nature's God," could codify these laws into such a form that an utopian society could be created. Men could then live life, enjoy liberty, and pursue happiness without the interference of tyrannical leaders or the imposition of unjust laws. What the founding father's did not perceive was the depths to which mankind is corrupt. These were not Christian men who professed themselves as disciples of the Son of God. These men were

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Deists, Unitarians, and many were Freemasons. Their beliefs were largely drawn from the teachings of those men they considered sages from the Enlightenment...

I believe it was Yahweh that cracked The Liberty Bell from the very first time it was struck. He was testifying that the sound produced by men being given liberty to follow the passions of their souls would produce only a discordant sound in His ears. Even after the bell was repaired, it sounded with such a jarring and unpleasant sound that it was compared to two coal scuttles being banged together.



Coal Scuttle

(A bucket for carrying coal.)

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for Literature in 1970, commented on what he observed in the nation of America.

"Destructive and irresponsible freedom has been granted boundless space. Society appears to have little defense against the abyss of human decadence, such as, for example, misuse of liberty for moral violence against young people..."

The Liberty Bell is a symbol of America. The sound of her abominations has arisen to the heavens. She is under judgment. Seeing that there is no repentance, no repudiation of the

immorality she has chosen, nor sorrow over her transgressions, the judgments of God will fall with even greater severity.

If Sodom had a bell, would not America's Liberty Bell be a fitting symbol for that wicked city? Did not the leading men of Philadelphia those years ago invite God's judgment when they inscribed their bell with words from His holy scriptures as if Yahweh were Himself putting His blessing upon the works of their hands?...

Who cracked The Liberty Bell? Yahweh did. He was sending forth a message that men granted free reign to choose the course their souls dictated would end up in absolute spiritual poverty and in the depths of moral depravity. Such is the social fabric of America today. It is a filthy garment, detestable to the heavens.

As America's leaders stand and deliver speeches about celebrating homosexuality, does not the sound of man's liberty reach the heavens with great dissonance? America has let man's freedom ring. The sound has been discordant. Soon the liberty and freedom of America will be a thing of distant memory.

[End Excerpt]

This present series is offered with the intent to open the eyes of the saints of God to the great extent to which they have been propagandized. Certain words have been imbued by Satan with false meaning. They are held forth as emblems of righteousness, and heralded as marks of great virtue. Two of the most corrupted words in the English language today, especially in their association with the people of America, are the words "Freedom" and "Liberty."

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Day after day Americans are inundated with media stories that proclaim the virtues of democracy being spread throughout the world. We are told that dictators are being cast down and democracy is being put in place. This is reported as if it is great progress. America is characterized as a benevolent champion of human rights and personal freedom. We are told that oppressed people are being liberated. In Iraq, Libya, Egypt, Syria, and nation after nation, we see national leaders being swept aside and democratic governments set in place. (More will be shared on the falseness of what is reported later.)

Where did this notion arise that nations ruled by a strong central ruler are evil, and democratic government “of the people, by the people, for the people” are righteous and honorable? As one reads the Bible they will find that there were no democratic nations. Israel was a theocracy until the people demanded a king. For many centuries following it was a Monarchy. There were both good kings, and evil kings, but Yahweh never suggested that the Monarchy itself was evil, and the people would be better served with a democratic form of government.

I Peter 2:17

Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

As Americans, we have been indoctrinated from our youth on up to believe there is some intrinsic virtue to a democratic republic where the people choose their leaders, and form their own laws. Stop for just a moment and consider how antithetical such a concept is to the Kingdom of God. How does this natural realm of government correlate to the spiritual realm?

The Bible describes the domain of Yahweh’s

rule as a Kingdom. Christ came preaching that the KINGDOM of God was at hand. We understand that in the Kingdom of God there is a central figure who is ruler over all things. This is Yahweh, the Creator, and the sustainer of all life. Would any Christian dare think that it is an evil thing for Yahweh to rule over His creation? Would any be justified to suggest that mankind would be better off to choose its own spiritual Head and Sovereign, or to form her own laws? Does any saint dare infer that the world would be better off with men being the source of governmental authority in the Kingdom of God, in place of Yahweh?

There is one being, however, who has in his pride and conceit rebelled against the King of heaven and sought to establish his own rule. This one is Satan. What form of government do you suppose Satan would set forth as superior to subjecting oneself to the rule of the King of Heaven? It is self-rule! The motto of Satan’s kingdom is the same as we previously found to be adopted by the Hellfire Club. It is “Do what thou wilt!”



Do What Thou Wilt

Satan is a rebel. He was not content to do the

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will of Yahweh, choosing rather to do his own will. The self-willed nature of Satan is revealed in the famous passage from Isaiah that recounts the fall of this heavenly being.

Isaiah 14:12-14

How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! But you said in your heart,

'I will ascend to heaven;

I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and

I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north.

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;

I will make myself like the Most High.'

Satan was given a very high and glorious position as the Covering Cherub who stood in the presence of Yahweh.

Satan... came to view his role as detestable.

Nevertheless, he came to view his role as detestable. He wanted to ascend higher. Pride and conceit corrupted his wisdom and led to

his rebellion. The apostle Paul recognized the source of Satan's fall as he was giving counsel to Timothy regarding the appointment of church elders.

I Timothy 3:6

And not a new convert, so that he will not become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil.

The prophet Ezekiel describes the fall of Satan in greater detail.

Ezekiel 28:12-17

"You had the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; Every precious stone was your covering: The ruby, the topaz and the diamond; The beryl, the onyx and the jasper; The lapis lazuli, the turquoise and the emerald; And the gold, the workmanship of your settings and sockets, was in you. On the day that you were created they were prepared. You were the anointed cherub who covers, and I placed you there. You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created until unrighteousness was found in you. By the abundance of your trade you were internally filled with violence, and you sinned; Therefore I have cast you as profane from the mountain of God. And I have destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom by reason of your splendor."

Despite the high and glorious position assigned to him by Yahweh, Satan desired more. He wanted to ascend. He wanted to be equal to God. He wanted to do his own will rather than serve the will of Another. Consider the great contrast between the attitude manifested by Satan, and that revealed in the life of the Son of God. The apostle Paul tells us:

Philippians 2:5-8

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Yahshua, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,

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even death on a cross.

Christ existed in the form of God. We are told that Yahshua is the firstborn of all creation. He was the first exhalation of the Father. He was the word of Yahweh given form. He fully expressed the image and likeness of His Father. Yet, Christ did not demand to be equal in authority, to choose His own way, nor to do His own will. He freely SUBMITTED to Yahweh, and was willing even to take upon a form that was humble and lowly. He stooped to serve, willingly laying aside the glory He had with the Father to walk about in the form of fallen mankind.

II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Yahshua Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

Hebrews 2:9

But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Yahshua...

The glorious Son of God, took upon a form that was lower than the angels, though all the angels were created by Him.

Colossians 1:15-16

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities -- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Not only did the Son of God willingly humble Himself at the Father's direction, but He became more lowly still. He was despised and rejected by men. He did not demand to be worshiped. He became a servant to others. He even girded Himself about with a towel and bent down to wash the feet of His disciples when none of them would do so.

*The Son of God
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Himself at the Father's
direction*

In His entire earthly career, the Son of God never once did anything of His own initiative. He only did that which the Father commanded Him to do.

John 8:42

Yahshua said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for ***I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.***"

John 5:30

"I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

Observe the stark contrast in the attitude of Christ and that of Satan. Satan said five times, "**I WILL!**" The Son of God said, "***I do not seek My own will***, but the will of Him who sent Me." Even at the end of His earthly course, as the Father made known to the Son that He must be rejected by the Jews, beaten, spat upon, scourged, and nailed to a cross, Yahshua did not shrink back from doing the

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Father's will. Though His own soul recoiled greatly at the cup of suffering presented to Him, His commitment to do ONLY the will of the Father remained unshaken.

Luke 22:42

"Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet **not My will, but Yours be done.**"

People of God, this is the great distinction between the pride and rebellion of Satan and the humility and submission of Yahshua. I ask you, which of these two heavenly beings attitude was exemplified by the founding father's of America? This is a question that seems to be completely avoided by men and women who describe the United States as a Christian nation. What plan did Satan inspire Freemasons to embrace as they met in the Green Dragon Tavern? Was it not a mirror of his own rebellion? Did not these men determine that they would not be ruled over by another, but would cast off the authority of a king and establish their own government? Let us judge with righteous judgment. It was not the Spirit of Christ that inspired men to rebel against the king. It was the proud spirit of Lucifer. Under the banner of their spiritual leader these men went forth.



Satan's motto is "Do what thou wilt." This expression which is embraced by Satanists, witches, and other occultists today, which was the motto of the Hellfire Club of which Benjamin Franklin was a member, has found expression in the seminal documents of America. Over and over it has been declared that America is a righteous nation, even a Christian nation. Her form of government is deemed to be divinely blessed.

In the previous chapter titled *As Above, So Below*, the mirroring of things in the heavens upon the earth was in view. The Bible reveals that Satan is a rebel. He revolted against the rule of Yahweh as King of all creation. He has sought to induce men to follow his example as they engage in revolts and usurpations.

When Satan five times stated "I will," he was declaring his independence from the rule of Yahweh. He sought to set his own throne beside the throne of the Almighty. He did not want to be ruled, but to be his own ruler. Thomas Jefferson wrote *The Declaration of Independence*, echoing Satan's own revolt against the King of heaven. Jefferson described the King of England as a tyrant, and Satan also seeks to disparage Yahweh in order to justify his rebellion.

There is no correspondence between America's form of government and the government of God. Yahweh's dominion is a kingdom. The form of government adopted by America's founding father's is that of Lucifer. He has enticed men with the promise of ruling themselves, creating their own government, writing their own laws, and appointing and removing their rulers at will. Even as the Liberty bell sounded a discordant note when struck, so too does America's form of government find great harmonic dissonance with the Kingdom of

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God.

Satan has sought to disguise the rebellious nature of this form of government. He uses words like “Freedom” and “Liberty” to put a positive spin on things. Recently the XXX Olympiad was held in London, the Satanic city that is dominated by images of dragons. The opening and closing ceremonies were showpieces of occult and Satanic rule. During the closing ceremony the word “FREEDOM” was displayed in large letters.



I ask you, “What does Satan have to do with freedom?” It was his own personal freedom and liberty that he sought when he rebelled against Yahweh. When Satan says “Freedom” he means “Rebellion.” When he says “Liberty” he means “Self-rule.” He has persuaded mankind that it is their right to do as they please, unfettered by any moral restraint from God or man. We are seeing the diabolical result of his campaign in the mature fruit of America as a nation. We can observe where unfettered liberty and freedom have led.

America is a nation that has slaughtered more than 50 million unborn children in a hedonistic pursuit of sexual liberation, and unbridled lust. It has “pleased” millions of men and women to fornicate, and to commit adultery,

without the consequence of child rearing. America is a nation that champions homosexuality in the name of personal freedom. She exports pornography, violence, rebellion, the drug culture, profane and obscene music, movies, and television programs throughout the world. America has truly lived by the motto “Do what thou wilt” and she is morally, spiritually, and financially bankrupt.

People of God, understand that there have been no more dangerous words sold to mankind as their inalienable rights than “Freedom” and “Liberty.” Christ said:

John 6:38

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Christ is the pattern for those who would be His disciples. Why then has the church embraced the government and behavior of Satan as their pattern? Are they not deceived?

Christ is set forth as the pattern for righteousness. He did not live to please self. He had no overriding principle of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. On the contrary, Yahshua laid down His life. He surrendered His liberty as was proven at the cross when He said “Not My will, but Thy will be done.” He did not live for the pursuit of His own happiness. The apostle Paul testified:

Romans 15:3

For even Christ did not please Himself...

People of God, if you have the discernment of heaven, when you hear the words “Freedom”

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and “Liberty” being championed in this hour, they should strike your ears with a discordant sound. You too should recognize that Satan is using such words to lead mankind down that broad path that leads to destruction.

When Satan says “Let freedom ring,” he means you should cast off all restraint, including that of heaven. Live for self. Pursue your own happiness. This is his message of light, but it is truly darkness.

Christ said:

John 12:25-26

“He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me...”

There is a cross for every son of God. There is a path of self-denial to be walked. We too must say, “Not my will, but Thy will be done.”

This is NOT the path the founding fathers of America chose, and the end will surely show it.

Aristocracy of Deceit

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

Opening Line from Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson chose as the opening line to the *Declaration of Independence* the words:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all

men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

In the 1940s, George Orwell published the book *Animal Farm* in which he made a clever reference to these words of Jefferson. What is interesting is that Orwell wrote his political satire as an attack on communism, but the literary reference of what is perhaps the most famous line in his book points back to America's founding document. Indeed, the entire plot of *Animal Farm* could very well be the story of America.

In Orwell's book a group of animals revolt against the farm's owner who is a severe alcoholic. The farmer, a Mr. Jones, neglects to feed and care for the farm animals so they run him off of the farm. Although Orwell may not have intended this association, there is a parallel found here between the colonialists of America who banded together to overthrow the rule of the King of England whom they accused of mistreating them.

Old Major, the old boar on the Manor Farm, calls the animals on the farm for a meeting, where he compares the humans to parasites and teaches the animals a revolutionary song, 'Beasts of England.' When Major dies, two young pigs, Snowball and Napoleon, assume command and turn his dream into a philosophy. The animals revolt and drive the drunken and irresponsible Mr. Jones from the farm, renaming it "Animal Farm." They adopt Seven Commandments of Animal-ism, the most important of which is, "All animals are equal."

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_Farm]

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Animal Farm

I question whether Orwell did not secretly have America in mind when he wrote this book. After all, America's conflict was with England, and the most important commandment of the animals does not derive from the founding documents of Communist Russia, but from the *Declaration of Independence of America*.

The application to America becomes more apparent as the book progresses. The animals, having driven out Mr. Jones, set up their own government based upon a type of Constitution that includes a Bill of Rights. These rights are seven in total.

1. Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy.
2. Whatever goes upon four legs, or has wings, is a friend.
3. No animal shall wear clothes.
4. No animal shall sleep in a bed.
5. No animal shall drink alcohol.
6. No animal shall kill any other animal.
7. All animals are equal.

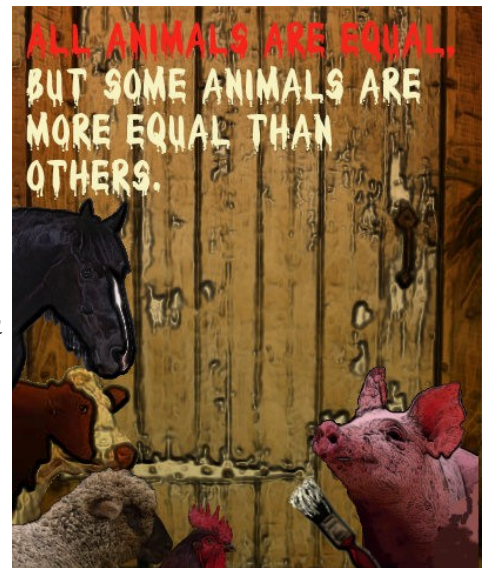
Over time, one of the pigs (Napoleon) begins taking the pups away from the dogs when they are born and trains them as his personal protection force. Napoleon then drives away Snowball, wresting control of the farm to himself. He ends the full community meetings of the animals and sets up a committee of pigs that will govern the farm. Napoleon begins to take the best food and supplies of the farm for his personal use, and that of the other pigs, while also altering the laws to benefit his committee. Following are some of the changes enacted to the original seven commandments.

“No animal shall sleep in a bed,” becomes “No animal shall sleep in a bed **with sheets.**”

“No animal shall drink alcohol,” is changed to “No animal shall drink alcohol **to excess.**”

“No animal shall kill any other animal,” becomes “No animal shall kill any other animal **without cause.**”

Yet, the greatest change, and most noteworthy, is that “All animals are equal” is re-stated as “All animals are equal, **but some animals are more equal than others.**”



Some Animals Are More Equal Than Others

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As I have studied the history of America, I have observed that this last tenet has been in evidence among American government ever since its founding as a nation separate from England. Some months back I read the book *The Secret Destiny of America* by Manly P. Hall. Manly Hall is a Masonic author greatly admired by men of the lodge. In 1944 he published the aforementioned book, setting forth a case for America fulfilling her destiny as “the new Atlantis.”

Manly Hall makes reference to the writing *Critias* that was authored by the Greek philosopher Plato in the fourth century B.C.. In *Critias* Plato imagines a dialogue between Socrates and a man named Critias, who was

Atlantis was ruled over by “philosopher kings.”

named as a descendant of the Greek politician Solon. Critias is telling Socrates of a trip made by his forebear to Egypt, where Solon was shown mysteries

by the Egyptian priests who guarded the wisdom of that ancient nation. What Solon was shown related to the lost kingdom of Atlantis.

What stood out to me in Manly Hall’s review of this ancient writing was the claim that Atlantis was ruled over by “philosopher kings.” These were men who had achieved an illumined state through self-discipline and self-improvement. They were also learned in ancient wisdom, and these qualities commended these men as nature’s only true aristocracy. It was suggested by Manly Hall that certain men reach a state of moral and philosophical advancement that sets them apart from the common man as being worthy of ruling over others.

THE destruction of Atlantis, as described by Plato in the “Critias,” can be interpreted as a

political fable. The tradition of the Lost Empire as descended from Solon was enlarged and embellished according to the formulas of the Orphic theology; but it does not follow necessarily that Plato intended to disparage the idea that a lost continent had actually existed west of Europe. Plato was a philosopher; he saw in the account of the fall of Atlantis an admirable opportunity to summarize his convictions concerning government and politics.

*The “Critias” first describes the blessed state of the Atlantean people under the benevolent rulership of ten kings who were bound together in a league. These kings were monarchs over seven islands and three great continents. From the fable we can infer that the ten rulers of the Atlantic league were **philosopher kings**, endowed with all virtues and wise guardians of the public good. These kings obeyed the laws of the divine father of their house, Poseidon, god of the seas...*

In this way Plato describes the government of the Golden Age, in which men live on earth according to the laws of heaven.

*By the three great continents of Atlantis are to be understood, Europe, Asia, and Africa; and by the seven islands, all the lesser peoples of the earth. The league of the ten kings is the cooperative commonwealth of mankind, the natural and proper form of human government. **The Atlantis, therefore, is the archetype or the pattern of right government, which existed in ancient days but was destroyed by the selfishness and ignorance of men.***

*Plato, it must be remembered, was a monarchist by philosophic conviction, but **his ideal***

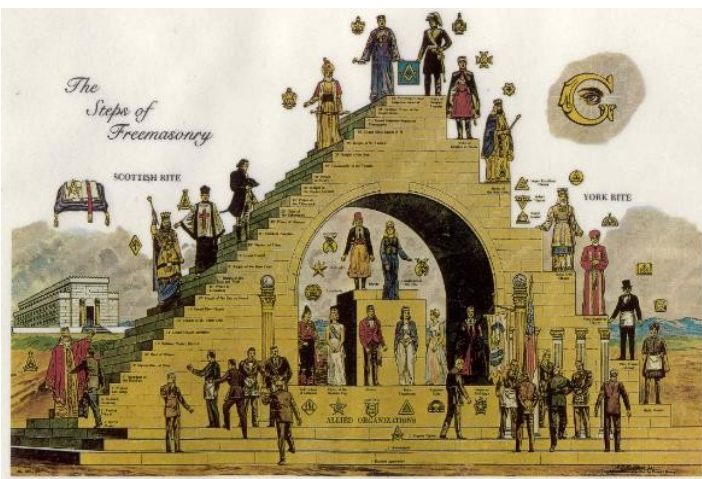
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king was the wise man perfect in the virtues and the natural ruler of those less informed than himself. *This king was the father of his people, impersonal and unselfish, dedicated to the public good, a servant of both the gods and his fellow men. **This king was descended of a divine race; that is, he belonged to the Order of the Illumined; for those who come to a state of wisdom then belong to the family of the heroes - perfected human beings.***

Plato's monarchy was therefore a philosophic democracy; for all men had the right to become wise through self-discipline and self-improvement. One who achieved this state was by virtue of his own action a superior man, and this superiority was the only aristocracy recognized by Natural Law.

[Source: *The Secret Destiny of America*, Manly P. Hall]

What Manly P. Hall describes here is a manifestation of Masonic theology. Freemasonry claims to exist to “make good men better.” The various degrees of Masonry are displayed as a ladder, signifying man’s advancement toward godhood.

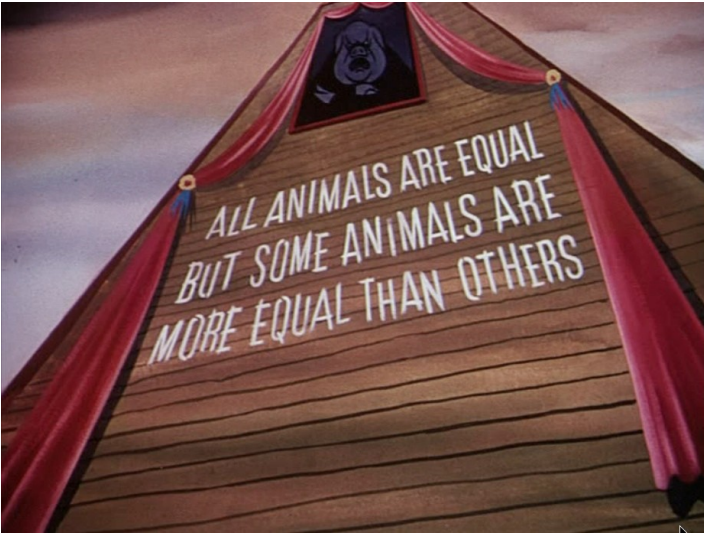


Steps of Freemasonry

This mythos of Freemasonry is not some obscure idea. It is well known by those who have founded and perpetuated America’s government. We saw in the *Apotheosis of Washington*, painted on the interior of the Capitol Dome, the belief that men can attain to godhood by self-discipline and self-improvement. Freemasonry purports to be the guardian of this method of self-improvement, and the guardian of all secret wisdom that men lack. At the top of the Masonic pyramid is the all-seeing eye, representing not only Lucifer, but those elite men who attain to godhood through Luciferian means. Satan’s first lie to mankind was “You shall be as God.” This is a lie he has not deviated from in his long career.

Although not all the men involved in the formation of America as a nation were Freemasons, one common thought held among them was that there are various classes of men. There is the rabble who are incapable of governing themselves, and there are those who are enlightened. Thomas Jefferson was an adherent to the philosophy of The Enlightenment. Manly Hall, writing as a Freemason, spoke of “the Order of the Illumined.” Although different in form, both The Enlightenment and Freemasonry have the same author. They both hold to a view that certain men are by virtue of their wisdom and moral virtues qualified to govern, while the vast majority of mankind needs to be governed, and true power must be withheld from them. This philosophy is not unlike Orwell’s description of the pigs’ attitude in the book *Animal Farm* declaring that some animals (pigs in particular) are more equal than others.

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I found the above graphic online quite appropriate as it incorporates the figure of a pyramid, with an opening at the top where one might commonly see the all seeing eye. In the window is a pig who has determined that he is better than others, and has the divine right to rule over lesser creatures. Surely Yahweh sees the lies of Satan, the deceptions of Freemasonry, the delusions of the Illuminati, and the pride of the proponents of a New World Order in a similar fashion.

As I was preparing for this series of writings I became acquainted with a book titled *An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution of the United States* by Charles A. Beard. This book, originally published in 1913, the same year that the Federal Reserve Act was passed (which strikes me as an interesting “coincidence”), sets forth an articulate, clearly argued, and meticulously documented case that America’s Constitution was written by men of property and substance to give them specific advantages and protections from the rest of the American population. Having read the book, I am persuaded that the author’s viewpoint is correct. At the end of the book there is a section where he sums up the book’s major points. I will paraphrase since some of the language used by the author is archaic, or obscure.

Conclusions

The people involved in the design and adoption of the U.S. Constitution can be divided into four economic groups: banking, public securities, manu-

facturing, and trade and shipping.

The first firm steps toward the formation of the Constitution were taken by a small and active group of men who were motivated by personal financial and property interests.

The framing of the Constitution was not a democratic process.

A large percentage of the American population who lacked property, was excluded from having any input into the formation of the Constitution by voting qualifications that were in force in a majority of the states. A man could not vote unless he paid a certain amount of taxes, or owned a specific amount of land, in most of the states.

The members of the Philadelphia Convention which drafted the Constitution were, with few exceptions, immediately, directly, and personally interested in, and derived economic advantages from, the establishment of the new system.

The Constitution was ratified by a vote of probably not more than 1/6th of adult males in the existing states.

Historical evidence reveals that the voters of New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Virginia, and South Carolina did NOT approve the ratification of the Constitution, but state representatives with financial interests approved it anyway.

During the ratification process for the Constitution, it became clear that the moneyed and propertied classes supported it, while the small farmers and debtors (a majority of the American population) opposed it. Many of this latter group were unable to vote due to voting qualifications that favored those with property and money.

[End Summary]

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What Charles Beard's book reveals is that America's government has never been in the hands of the common man, nor was the Constitution written to give every citizen of the nation equal rights. This document was formed primarily to protect the propertied classes from the rabble, and to give them distinct advantages upon its passage.

One of the means by which the men gathered at the Constitutional Convention stood to gain financially was related to land scrip, a form of payment issued by the Federal government to pay soldiers during the war, and for payment of government debts. America had vast tracts of western land that had not been developed, and the government being short on cash, offered land scrip in its stead. This land scrip was worth only what it could be sold for. As long as the Native American Indians remained a threat (legitimately so, for they were having their lands forcibly wrested from them), and settlement and development of the land was delayed, the scrip was worth only pennies an acre.

Many soldiers after the war needed money and sold their scrip for a pittance to speculators who bought it up in anticipation of its value rising. The men speculating in this land scrip foresaw that once a strong Federal government was in place that the value of this Scrip would greatly increase. A strong federal government could raise a standing army to fight the Indians, and promote settlement of these western lands. Beard writes, "Every leading capitalist of the time thoroughly understood the relation of a new constitution to the rise in land values beyond the Alleghenies."

Charles Beard proceeds in his book to show from existing records, the financial condition of each man that participated in the Constitutional Convention, and how they stood to gain financially, or materially, through passage of this document. Beard sums up this lengthy section of his book with the following statements:

The overwhelming majority of its members, at least five-sixths, were immediately, directly, and personally interested in the outcome of their la-

bors at Philadelphia, and were to a greater or less extent economic beneficiaries from the adoption of the Constitution.

1. Public security interests were extensively represented in the Convention. Of the fifty-five members who attended, no less than forty appear on records of the Treasury Department...

2. Personal assets invested in lands for speculation was represented by at least fourteen members...

3. Personal assets in the form of money loaned at interest was represented by at least twenty-four members...

4. Personal assets in mercantile, manufacturing, and shipping lines was represented by at least eleven members...

5. Personal assets in slaves was represented by at least fifteen members...

It cannot be said, therefore, that the members of the Convention were "disinterested." On the contrary, we are forced to accept the profoundly significant conclusion that they knew through their personal experiences in economic affairs the precise results which the new government that they were setting up was designed to attain.

[End Excerpt]

Beard proceeds to set forth cogent arguments for the design of the government. He presents a convincing view of the separation of powers as a means by which the moneyed and propertied classes could protect themselves against the popular will of the people. By separating the government into Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, and by staggering the election of public officials (Representatives - 2 years; Senators - 6 years; President - 4 years; Supreme Court - Life-

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time Appointment), the Convention members were insuring that a sudden popular uprising against the moneyed and propertied classes would be stymied. It would be nearly impossible to pass any sweeping reforms that would adversely effect that aristocratic class of Americans who were men of money and property.

Keep in mind that many of these men at the Convention were Freemasons. There was a prevailing conviction among them (expressed in the words of Manly Hall) that certain men were born to govern, and the majority of men must in turn be content to be governed by others. Charles Beard writes of the “notions of government which were common to the Federalists” at that time. One of the Convention members was George Clymer who asserted that “a representative of the people is appointed to think FOR and not WITH his constituents.”

James Madison took detailed notes of the Convention and recorded the following about John Dickinson of Delaware. “Mr. Dickinson had a very different idea of the tendency of vesting the right of suffrage in the freeholders of the country. He considered them as the best guardians of liberty; And the restriction of the right to them as a necessary defense against the dangerous influence of **those multitudes without property and without principle**, with which our Country like all others, will in time abound.”

The men who participated in the Convention by and large were opposed to “leveling democracy.” They believed that it was dangerous for the unpropertied classes to have equal say as those with property. Many of the convention members wanted to establish a property clause in the Constitution whereby only those with significant property could vote. The reason such a restriction did not find its way into the Constitution is that the members never could come to agreement on what those requirements should be. The sticking point was that some of the men present had large land holdings, but very little actual cash or stocks or bonds. Others were flush with cash and various financial instruments, but had little in the way of real prop-

erty. In the end, they chose to leave it to the states to establish voting qualifications, which most had in place already. In his book, Beard cites Alexander Hamilton:

All communities divide themselves into the few and the many. The first are the rich and well born, the other the mass of the people. The voice of the people has been said to be the voice of God; and however generally this maxim has been quoted and believed, it is not true in fact. The people are turbulent and changing; they seldom judge or determine right. Give therefore to the first class a distinct, permanent share in the government. They will check the unsteadiness of the second...

There were numerous members of the Constitutional Convention who argued that a permanent aristocracy should be built into America’s government. Some made reference to the House of Lords in England, and suggested that America should have something similar. A few, however, were opposed to giving power to an aristocracy. Gouverneur Morris of Pennsylvania weighed in on the issue. He said:

The sound of (the word) Aristocracy, therefore had no effect on him. It was the thing, not the name, to which he was opposed, and one of his principal objections to the Constitution as it is now before us, is that it threatens this Country with an Aristocracy. The Aristocracy will grow out of the House of Representatives... Give the votes to the people who have no property, and they will sell them to the rich who will be able to buy them.

Some of the Convention members argued that Senators should not be paid, for they believed this would insure that only wealthy men would apply for the positions, keeping the Senate firmly in the hands of the moneyed and propertied class.

Roger Sherman believed in reducing the popular influence in the new government to the minimum... The people, he said, immediately should

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have as little to do as may be about the government. They want (lack) information and are constantly liable to be misled.

When it came time to vote on ratification of the Constitution, it is little wonder that the population was deeply divided. Beard provides vote counts by city and region that demonstrate that the small farmers, who were far more common than today, and the common laborers, were overwhelmingly opposed to the Constitution. The rural areas voted against the Constitution. It was the cities where the merchants, bankers, shippers, and other men of wealth congregated that voted in favor of the Constitution.

In this chapter I am building a bridge to what follows. It has been my intent to demonstrate that there has always been a ruling elite in the nation. They are guided by an unseen hand. The government follows a course that is steered by what Manly Hall refers to as “the Order of the Illumined.”

As the nation has grown in population, and the middle class has burgeoned, new methods had to be developed to insure the continuance of the rule of America’s aristocracy. The chief tool has been deception. This should not be surprising when one considers what has been set forth thus far in this series. A nation whose founding fathers were Freemasons, deists, disciples of the Enlightenment, and members of groups such as the Hellfire Club, who formed counsels in the Green Dragon Tavern, and adopted the image of a serpent as an emblem of their rebellion, may disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, but the truth will come out in the end.

II Corinthians 11:14-15

No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

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Now the number *four* is made up of three and one ($3+1=4$), and it denotes, therefore, and marks that

which follows the revelation of God in the Trinity, namely, *His creative works*. He is known by the things that are seen. Hence the written revelation commences with the words, "In-the-beginning God CREATED." Creation is therefore the next thing—the *fourth* thing, and the number *four* always has reference to all that is *created*. It is emphatically the *number of Creation..*

It is the number of things that have a beginning, of things that are made, of material things, and matter itself. It is the number of *material completeness*. Hence it is the *world number*, and especially the "city" number.

The *fourth* day saw the *material creation* finished (for on the *fifth* and *sixth* days it was only the *furnishing* and *peopling* of the earth with living creatures). The sun, moon, and stars completed the work, and they were to give light upon the earth which had been created, and to rule over the day and over the night (Gen 1:14-19).

Four is the number of the great elements—earth, air, fire, and wa-

ter.

Four are the regions of the earth—north, south, east, and west.

Four are the divisions of the day—morning, noon, evening, and midnight. Or in our Lord's words, when He speaks of His coming at evening, midnight, cock-crowing, or in the morning (Mark 13:35). We are never to put off His coming in our minds beyond tomorrow morning.

Four are the seasons of the year—spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

[E.W. Bullinger, *Number in Scripture*]