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Your Life is Yours

By Robert Gore, *Financial Editor*



If the two of you grow tired of living hand-to-mouth and want to make life easier in the future, perhaps by setting up a fresh water delivery system or cultivating plants, you will have to plan, forego leisure time and current consumption, and use some of your resources. That's savings and investment: using today's surplus and effort to generate tomorrow's improvement and wealth.

You may be better at building and maintaining huts, your companion at farming. You offer to build his hut if he'll provide you with food: comparative advantage, voluntary exchange, and gains from trade. If he offered palm fronds for your hut, or you offered the same for his plants, there would be no trade; value must be offered for value. If one of you stole the other's production, the victim would either incapacitate the thief or move to the other side of the island. Both thief and victim would be the poorer for it.

Let's assume a happier outcome, that you and your companion survive, thrive, and improve your island life. You two may not like each other, but your joint interest in self-preservation has led you to production, specialization, voluntary exchange, saving, investment, and progress. You have unmistakable and irreplaceable feelings of competence, achievement, pride, and self-respect. You're a better person than before the shipwreck.

The happy day comes when you are rescued. Or is it happy? "Civilization" turns your island economics and morality upside down. Consumption and debt, not production, saving, and investment, are believed to be the basis of the economy. Governments issue debt, pieces of paper or computer entries that might as well be palm fronds. Central banks exchange their fronds for governments', and that's supposedly the linchpin of the global economy. Apparently nobody needs to produce, save, or invest in order not to starve.

Or perhaps not; production, saving, and investment still occur. If, on your island there had been a third survivor who refused to work although able to do so, claiming it was your duty to keep him alive, you would have let him die with no regrets. Back in civilization, these third parties reign supreme. The self-interest motivating producers is bad; the motives of those who take from them are unquestionably good. It's as if that hypothetical third survivor had said: "I'm virtuous because I produce nothing, you two are evil because you do, feed me," and you had in fact fed him.

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That Would Be Excellent

By T. L. Davis



Because of that, they think they are speaking to a sympathetic public, but too many of them know the truth. They might nod their heads in agreement with every uttered lie, but they know that when the chips are down and someone is threatening their children or home, that they would rather have a gun than a promise from someone like them.

What these politicians really despise about the Second Amendment is that they know that it was designed, written and passed with the idea that it would eventually be used to throw people like them out of office. That it would be used to "alter or abolish" governments, including theirs, that become hostile to the freedom of people to pursue a life they choose; to defend property they rightfully own; and to enjoy those things which are due to a free person, the multitude of things that could not rightfully be delineated in a one-page document.

Back then, there was no need for a longer document. The freedoms insinuated included almost anything a person might do. The Fourth Amendment expressly denies the government from being able to search a place without first describing those things and documents to be searched and the items or people to be seized.

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So, You've Been Made Superfluous...

By Paul Rosenberg

DON'T BE A SHEEPLE...



THINK FOR YOURSELF.

In the US, 94 million people have "dropped out of the workforce," and the unemployment situation is often worse in Europe. The ruling systems of the West have made these people superfluous. If you're one of them, I'm sorry. It's happening to millions of people right now, and it's a horrible thing. (And it's going to continue.)

If you think this is your fault, you're wrong. You are willing and capable of productive work, but the system has its own needs, and they no longer involve you.

Please get clear on this: The system doesn't give a damn about you and never will, unless you suit its needs. All those "we care about you" speeches are sucker-bait.

"I'm Not a Charity Case"

Here are a few lines from the song "Blue Collar Man", by Styx. See if any of them resonate with you.

*"Give me a job, give me security
Give me a chance to survive
I'm just a poor soul in the unemployment line
My God, I'm hardly alive
My mother and father, my wife and my friends
You see them laugh in my face
But I've got the power and I've got the will
I'm not a charity case..."*

My message to you is this:

You do have the power, and you do have the will. But the system has no place for you; it needs you to be a charity case. If you want more than that for your life, you'll have to make it yourself.

Read on and I'll explain how that's done.

The Will and the Power

We've all been seduced into discounting our own will. We've been trained to abandon it to the system. And so long as that pattern holds, the only hope you have is that the system will reform itself to suit you... and that almost never happens. How many times in a row do we play the sucker before we stop believing the system and its agents? Let's make this clear:

Your government has no idea what to do with you, aside from keeping you permanently distracted and giving you just enough handouts to survive.

So, if you want things to get better, you'll have to exercise your own will.

Yes, I know you've been taught never to hold your own thoughts supreme. And being taught that repetitively, you did what everyone else did: You demoted your own mind and obeyed Teacher. And by so doing, we handed our minds to the system.

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So, You've Been Made Superfluous...

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We were children of course and too young to realize what we were doing. Nonetheless, it remains our responsibility to pull our minds out of that trap. And this is necessary, because once you reclaim your will – once you start to act on your own judgment – you will have power. And not until.

Words Are Impotent

Please understand that changing your situation requires action, not words. You can play with words forever to no effect. And that's just what the system wants. Write letters to your congressman, support the party-hack of your choice, and so on, without end. They want you to limit yourself to words... which ensures that nothing really changes.

But when you get up and act, not only does the world change, you change.

The Usual Problem

The fear of acting is a lot like the fear of public speaking; it can be profound and debilitating. People freeze, or they jump to wild, all-or-nothing concepts. (Starting small is just fine.)

So, please understand, what I'm talking about here is acting on your own will, whatever that entails. Anyone who hands you a plan to follow is squeezing your will out of the equation.

Yes, it's scary to act on your own, but you have to do it anyway. Below I'm going to make some suggestions. But I'm only doing this because I know how minds can freeze up at such moments, and I want to make this step easier for you. Do not misconstrue this as a plan of some sort; **I'm just listing ideas to get your mind moving. You must choose, and you must act. You must accept responsibility.**

- Start using cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin. Teach your friends how to use them. (www.freemansperspective.com/bitcoin-cryptocurrencies/)
- Start building mesh networks and private internet systems. (www.freemansperspective.com/plan-b-internet/)
- Start teaching cryptography.
- Start using OpenBazaar, Ethereum, and other distributed technologies.
- Start homeschooling your children.
- Start growing your own food and bartering.
- Quit your war-glorifying church (if yours is one), and tell your friends why. (www.freemansperspective.com/christianity-and-war/)
- Tell your friends that you will no longer pretend you are free... that you won't partake in state-worship rituals.
- Turn off the TV and start reading books.
- Turn off political radio and start listening to intelligent lectures and audio books.

Hopefully this list has jogged your mind at least a bit. Acting on thoughts like these are the first steps on a path to real liberation, and there is no substitute. You have to act on your own, without permission.

Your other option is to watch TV, buy the products they promote, maintain your Facebook addiction, and die young. That's what the system expects of superfluous people.

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Actually, civilization is far worse. Not only are the non-productive kept alive, they're in charge. They don't produce, but they tax, regulate, redistribute (mostly to themselves), and mortgage the production of those who do. They wage stupid and costly wars that benefit their friends in the war and intelligence industries but increase the threats and dangers faced by everyone else. The plunge their nations into debt and have brought the global economy to the brink of ruin.

The honest and productive toil on, hoping against hope that their masters will leave them alone. As their liberties shrink while their masters' powers increase, as the governments they fund grow ever bigger and more intrusive, they are told they have nothing to fear as long as they do nothing wrong, as defined by the masters, of course. That's a vicious asininity. "Wrong" is always shifting and arbitrary, at the discretion of the masters, and the right—integrity and productive ability—only gets more taxed and regulated, condemned, and forcefully reminded of its duties to society, or more accurately, to the masters.

They can't leave the productive alone; their survival depends on them. Your life, your mind, your skills, your effort, and your work are theirs, to be disposed of as they see fit. But it's moral parasitism that makes physical parasitism possible. On the island, the nonproductive third castaway could have only survived by convincing you it was your duty to support him. History's greatest heist, swindle, and travesty has been the never-ending effort to convince those who produce that they owe something to those who don't. Slavery can be imposed by force, but it's not especially productive. Convince producers that their lives are yours, and you get the production without the whips and chains. That has been the philosopher's stone for every half-baked collectivist, redistributionist, populist, authoritarian, totalitarian pipe dreamer who ever became or wanted to become a "leader," and their motley cohorts.

Some producers sell out: if you can't beat 'em, join em. Some think accommodation is possible, compromise between the voracious and the devoured. If that's your strategy, how has it worked out? And some simply give up, weary, embittered, and resigned to the incomprehensible: everybody and anybody is entitled to their lives and work except them.

Nothing is working out, things just get worse. Years worth of future production are implicitly pledged to pay the ever-mounting debt, much of which will never be repaid, no matter how high already exorbitant taxes go. Palm frond exchange between governments, central banks, and their financial co-conspirators has not produced prosperity. These leeches are sucking the life out of the global economy, which will soon emit its last desperate gasp.

Honest producers are the real victims in a world that cherishes all manner of purported victimhood. If honest producers do not make a stand, claim their lives, their minds, their efforts, their work, and their right to choose whom they support, the leeches will suck the remaining life out of them. There is no island haven of rationality, justice, and wisdom to which they can repair; resistance or slavery are the options.

Resistance begins with a moral precept, before strategy, tactics, and weapons .My life is mine. Only when you proudly insist on it, recognizing all that precept implies, will you be ready, willing, and able to fight for it with complete moral clarity.

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Cost: \$98

For Additional Information: David DeGerolamo,
 David@NCRenegade.com



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 9—DAV Monthly Meeting, Blairsville, GA, 7 pm – 8 pm. The Disabled American Veterans meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Veterans Center. Held at the Veterans Building, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy. Blairsville. For information please contact Mike Ruback 954-249-2707.

Aug 9—Cherokee NC ARES Formal Meeting, Murphy, NC, 7 pm. Our regularly scheduled second Tuesday meeting at the Robert Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine Street (behind the courthouse) in Murphy.

Aug 9—The Well Armed Woman, Georgia Mountain Chapter, Hayesville, NC. 5:30 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Shooter's Exchange, 3280 NC Hwy 69, Suite 10, Hayesville, NC. For more information please contact Carrie Brekke at practicalpistoltraining@gmail.com.

Aug 11—The Well Armed Woman, Murphy Chapter, Murphy, NC, 6 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping & empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Christian Martial Arts Center, 56 Valley River Ave, Murphy.

Aug 13—Cherokee NC ARES Social Brunch, Murphy, NC, 10 am. Our regularly scheduled meeting on the third Saturday of each month. This is an opportunity for a social gathering and it will not involve any formal presentations or training. All those interested in amateur radio or just a good meal and fellowship are invited to attend. XYLs welcome! Meeting at Main Street USA located on Hiwassee Street.

Aug 13—Western Carolina Amateur Radio Group Brunch, Murphy, NC, 10:00 am. Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at Main Street USA restaurant located on Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

Aug 19-20 —The Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge's 20th Annual Championship Rodeo, Blue Ridge, GA. To be held at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds. Gates open at 6 pm, rodeo starts at 8 pm. Events will include: Bareback Riding, Bronco Riding, Barrel Racing, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping and BULL RIDING! There will also be a kids calf scramble, the ladies calf scramble, and Wild Wheelbarrow Race! (FREE parking shuttle is from FANNIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL this year). \$12/advance tickets, \$15/at the gate. See www.blueridgerodeo.com/ for more information.

Aug 20—NRA Basic Rifle Class, Murphy, NC. 8 am - 5 pm. This 8 hr. course teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting. Instruction will be taught by a Certified NRA Instructor and includes both classroom and range time. \$98. Instructor: Rick Klopp, Personal Defense Strategies. Class time to be held at 43 Tennessee St., Murphy. Contact David DeGerolamo, David@ncrenegade.com for more.

Sept 16-18 —Prepper Camp, Saluda NC. Prepper Camp is a national event held in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and located in a campground venue that allows you to experience preparedness information, survival skills, and camp-craft activities. Learn what you need to survive, meet speakers and vendors that have preparedness items that you need, all in an environment where you can swim, camp, fish, boat, hike, and cook-out. \$75.00/ages 16 and up includes all classes/admission for the entire 3 day weekend. Ticket sales end August 31. See www.preppercamp.com/ for more.

That Would Be Excellent

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After 240 years, the government has found a way around the Fourth Amendment, but they did not find a way around the freedoms that it offers. So, while legally, they may have found some loop holes that allow them to violate the Fourth Amendment, they did not find a way around the fact that they have become hostile to the right to be free of those searches and seizures. They have painted themselves as traitors to the founders' intent and made it much more likely that the Second Amendment would be used for its original purpose.

Matt Damon recently remarked that the Second Amendment should be done away with in one fell swoop. Which, aside from showing a juvenile misunderstanding of the Constitution and what would be needed to "do away" with the Second Amendment, demonstrates the liberal mentality. Because, I believe that most of us supporters of the Second Amendment would like to see nothing else. Yes sir, Mr. Damon, give us all the same "start" signal. That would be excellent.

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Will Normalcy Bias Allow Islam to Destroy the Country?

By David DeGerolamo, *General Editor*

I can only use the term "normalcy bias" to describe the world's response to Islamic attacks. Here is the response to today's news that a French priest was beheaded by ISIS:



Speaking at the scene of the attack, President Francois

Hollande said that the Islamic State had declared war on France, which should "use all its means" within the law to fight the group. (Reuters)

This statement comes after the Paris and Nice attacks. But I want to address this issue as it pertains to the United States.

President Obama continues to condemn these attacks but there are no consequences. Muslim immigrants flood into the United States without any vetting at the behest of the government. Any opposition is shouted down with cries of Islamophobia and religious intolerance. The issue before us is simple: have we become sensitized to terrorism? If we read or watch an act of terrorism and regard it as just another example of the new normal, we have made terrorism part of our normalcy bias.

And that is exactly what the government wants. John Kerry issued the following statement in Vienna:

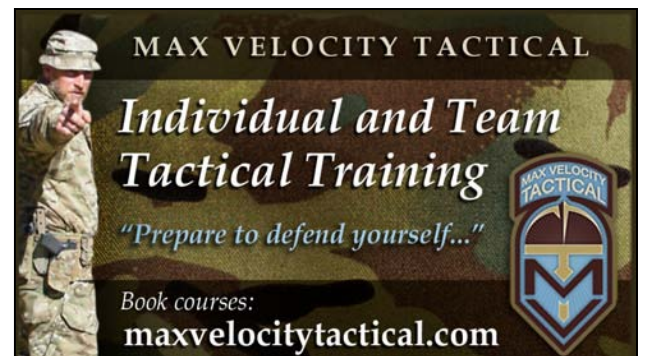
"I met in Washington with 45 nations – defense ministers and foreign ministers – as we were working together on the challenge of Daesh, ISIL, and terrorism. "It's hard for some people to grasp it, but what we – you – are doing here right now is of equal importance because it has the ability to literally save life on the planet itself."

When the Secretary of State equates "global warming" to be of equal importance with terrorism, the point is clear that our government has no intention of addressing this issue. And why should they? The Obama administration created ISIS as their proxy in the Syrian war against Russia.

The danger of marginalizing Islamic terrorism is the deprecation of Liberty. Once we accept the daily aspect of terrorism, we give up our personal freedom. Are we free to criticize Islam? Think about all of the ways in which we already have succumbed to this loss of freedom: illegal NSA surveillance, \$250,000 fines for discrimination on the basis of "gender identity or expression" in New York City, and the continued attacks on the Bill of Rights at all levels of government.

Will normalcy bias allow Islam to destroy the country? If you do not see the threat that Islam poses to the country abetted by the government, then the question is already answered.

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