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"As ye sow..."

By Robert Gore, *Financial Editor*



Our deranged world is a product of deranged minds. Philosophy begins with invariably difficult questions. Why am I here? What is the purpose of life? Is there a god or gods? What is right and what is wrong? How should groups of people be organized and function together? Ironically, when such questions are infrequently asked, when philosophy is generally ignored or disparaged, as it is now, is when it's needed the most.

Political philosophy is the branch that addresses the question of how coercive power is to be distributed in a society. It's a knotty issue, but one question provides clarification, enabling further analysis and leading to useful conclusions. Who owns a political unit's resources? This question differentiates between governments that protect individual rights and property and those that don't. It also highlights a key problem: on planet earth, every government falls into the latter category.

The United States' founding documents pay tribute to individual rights and private property. Some of the founders may have thought they were establishing a government subordinated to protection of individual rights, which would have been an historical first. However, none thought such a government would be easy to maintain, and their fears were borne out. The US government places prominently on the inglorious list of governments claiming ownership over everything within their dominion, defined as any place where they can exercise their coercive power.

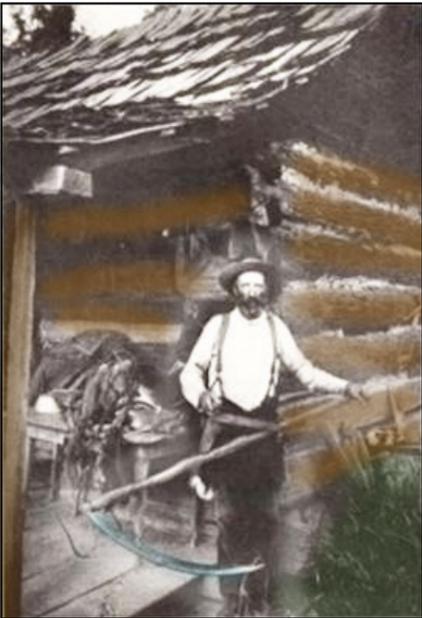
To those who say the institution of inviolate private property still exists in the US, what asset can the US government not seize? The income tax gives it first claim on income. No real estate is exempt from eminent domain. Intellectual property claims are at the sufferance of the patent, trademark, and copyright authorities. Financial assets held within the banking system can be "bailed in," and plans are afoot to ban cash. The already extensive range of assets subjected to civil asset forfeiture continues to expand. More ominously, assets can be seized from parties never adjudicated guilty. Conscriptation grants to the government the lives of the conscripted. The US government is no exception to the general rule, nothing is inviolate except perhaps a person's thoughts, and undoubtedly it's working on that.

Individuals who assert the right to initiate aggression against whomever they choose are philosophically unhinged, candidates for an asylum or a penitentiary. Rejecting the first principle that must guide human interaction—that no one may rightfully initiate force against another person—such individuals have no rational foundation for their thoughts or actions. The "garbage in" of their philosophical premises produces "garbage out" emotional states, mental processes, and ultimately, lives. Having abandoned reason for coercion and violence, reality becomes a chaotic, incomprehensible void.

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Quill Rose and the Quiet Insurrection, Part II

By John Meyers



[This is Part 2 in a series. Please see the 2/10/17 for Part I].

The late 1890s saw the timber industry penetrate the Smokys. W.M. Ritter and Champion Fiber among others soon build railroads all over the mountain chain. Quill took a job as a blacksmith for one of the companies, repairing equipment and shoeing horses. He built a blacksmith shop and reportedly men from the timber company gave him insight on how to use a water wheel on the creek to run his blower for the forge. He later turned this into a gristmill operation as well.

More importantly, Quill found that a very thirsty liquor market has just come to him. He no longer had to transverse impassable mountain roads to haul his Tangle foot. The customers had come to him. There is no telling the amount of illicit liquor that Quill had cunningly slipped past lumber company officials as well as local and state law men, and federal revenue men.

Seymour Calhoun, son of the famous Granville Calhoun, recounted a story of Rose being barricaded on his homestead by federal revenue enforcers. Quill reportedly came out with hands in the air at the demands of the revenue officers. Quill said he would go with them, but the officers would not make it home alive as his brother Jake has already set ambushes on the trail out and is set to waylay the party if anyone attempted to do any arresting that day. After studying about the most pragmatic course of action to take, the revenue men bought a gallon of whiskey from Quill and bid him good day and hurried back to their base at Bryson City hoping they would not be cut down on the road. If any such "terroristic" threats happened today, not only would the news media demonize such action by a free man as intolerable, evil and probably racist,

the majority of people would probably level the same charge.

The independent Quill Rose was an avid hunter and trapper as well as a ginseng digger. Local historian and descendant of the original breeder of Plott bear dogs, Bob Plott, recounted a tale that Quill was out bear hunting one time and ran across a 'sang' patch of several acres. He kept the secret and vowed to return, but he could never find it again. Before his death he revealed the approximate location to another famous hunter, Sam Hunnicutt. In Hunnicutt's memoirs he stated that he finally found the patch Quill told him about near Chimney Rock Branch.

He was a famously happy-go-lucky man and many stories abound of Quill riding his mule on a trip, playing a fiddle, whoopin' and hollering, and having a good time to break the monotony.

Quill was said to have had bear dog training down to an art form. He generally used Plott dogs, a Haywood county breed which became the state dog of North Carolina.

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If I was in America, I would....?

By Selco



And then one day, finally, real democracy came! We were feeling that after long time of the same old politicians who cared only for themselves or their own circles and families, suddenly there is a man (or people) who will bring something new for us, pride, strength, wealth or whatever.

Media was full of high hopes and praising, in order to bring new world for us, jobs, security and what not.

New factories are promised, new liberties, patriotism and love for the country exploded.

Something beautiful was expected. We felt like it is dawn of new era.....

What a bunch of idiots we were.

Then the polarization started. At the beginning it was something like "there are people FOR and there are folks AGAINST it" whatever that "IT" was.

Pretty soon we were "thrown" into situation where you have two families, they are neighbors, friends for years, decades even, but over the political reasons they started to see each other with kinda "bad blood".

And then one morning, SHTF and I found myself standing in my backyard like an idiot, still trying to find out what happened with great words of new era and better life...?

People were shot dead on the street for fun or wrong words, fire trucks were driven by stoned teenagers in weird uniforms, police cars burning, men with assault rifles walking on the street in cowboy boots and metal band T shirt acting like self proclaimed government forces, every group who had more then 15 guys and 5 rifles was self proclaimed police force doing whatever they want to do...

Whole bunch of people who had dreamed of times where and when they can do whatever they want emerged.

I forget together with bunch of other people high hopes and big words, all what was left is pure survival, day by day.

I got mail from one of my readers (thank you Mike!), and I really liked it. Mike and I share some opinions in exactly same time, I will cite his message here:

"My nation, America, is being abruptly dragged out of a deep and prolonged state of subconscious anxiety and depression. It is being assaulted with hope and this is beginning to produce a state of relief which will be managed into uncritical nationalism if at all possible. This euphoric state of national mind is the perfect cover from which to ambush a nation. The pressing for a one world government did not die under Trump, it simply got a new face. The danger to America and to the other nations of the world are more real now than ever. Extreme sobriety is warranted at this time. Most people I have spoken with cannot see this. They need to. Perhaps you could bring this to attention". - Mike

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If I was in America, I would....?

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Yes, America is being "attacked" with hope, changes, trust in better life, new jobs, pride.

In the same time media is on the run for making "demon" out of people or political options, and polarization is there.

It all looks (sadly) VERY familiar to me.

It is looking so familiar too me that I have to say I am afraid for the near future of Americans.

Stage there is "perfect" for violent changes and SHTF.

Stay sober, operate in your small circle, you will appreciate that effort when SHTF.

What Can You Do?

In terms of "big picture" you cannot do anything. It is like that, if big players are set to make shit, then it will happen, and timing and climate there in US is perfect for that, so no matter how hard I hate to shovel "fear", you have to be afraid if that will at least mean you get into motion.

And again and again – think in small circles.

For example, I can say for myself that I am for human rights, protecting the weak and people who suffered, but more from that I am about respecting of my way of living, and if there is a bunch of people who wants to change my way of living with force because they are so different I want them out of my country.

Now this sounds nice and normal, decent.

But it does not have too much with storing food and ammo, learning new skills, knowing how to purify water or simply working on your survival group.

When real SHTF there is no no democrats, republicans, political options, right or wrong, left or right.

Everything is kinda blurred and at the end there are YOU and OTHERS.

You will find yourself standing somewhere, maybe in similar backyard like mine, 25 years ago, asking yourself where everything is gone and how suddenly bottle of water is more important then whole bunch of political options, parties, opinions, solutions etc.

And you had such a high hopes in better life!

Stay on the right track of prepping, do not be mesmerize with current events. Monitor events, of course, but stay on the track, and please do not have high hopes that "everything gonna be OK".

Also note, while America is the greatest example of this problem just now, other countries are, and will, experience very very similar things... Don't believe it 'Can't happen' where you are...

If you see worrying signs where you live, please share your thoughts at my website, shfchool.com/survival-psychology/if-i-was-in-america-i-would/.

Organizational Considerations, Part II

By Bill Roberts



neighborhood and the surrounding area is badly impacted. What should we do? What is the most critical mission? What comes next?

These are all issues better sorted out in the calm than after they occur. After you decide on a list of possible issues that have happened in the past, delve into them individually and expand them. Along with the main issue, could you expect looters? Are there neighbors that require specialized medical care? How will we get them to that care or the care to them?

There are many areas from which to gather the information needed for these plans. Most of it you deal with on a daily basis. If you have community watches already established in the area, they can be a good source of what is occurring in different areas day to day. Look around and tap into the local information sources.

Put these plans on paper. Include any information you deem critical including good, recent maps of the area. I should have mentioned it before but I will now. Get back to the printed page and printed records. Computers need electricity to function and do not handle being dropped very well. Pencils and paper do not suffer the same problems. All of your organizational records should be old school. Just ensure they are in a water tight storage container. Fire proof would not hurt in the least.

As the Leader, you will need to organize this entire effort. The staff you build will have to execute the nuts and bolts work. All of this effort needs to happen and do so in a timely matter. Once you start the planning effort, set a suspense date/deadline for each phase of the planning process, and keep to them.

Probably one of the two biggest concerns that your organization faces from the start is security and public image. Know who you are dealing with and limit how much of your operation, if any, is to be public. Also, if you are intending to be public, you want your image to be non-threatening to the community. Here I come back to comments I have made in earlier pieces about personal appearance in the public eye.

If you have to deploy in some sort of crisis environment, keep in mind that some other agency may eventually show up. As we are not discussing some global, apocalyptic event here, a governmental element such as the National Guard or in some states, the Volunteer Defense Force may show up to take over. FEMA may rear its head. The American Red Cross or other Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) may show up.

At this point, you will experience what is known as subordination to legitimate authority. No, you are not illegitimate – but there is a pecking order and you are near the bottom, no matter how much you have done or how long you have been doing it during this crisis. So, when one of these organizations rolls in, however many hours, days or weeks it is into the crisis, here is what should happen. You, as the Leader, and your staff approach them, identify yourselves, and say "When can we brief you on our current efforts and concerns? Then we can determine how we can best aid you in your efforts and how you can best help our community." Mutual effort for a successful outcome.

As I pointed out at the beginning, this is just an overview intended to get the thought process rolling. It is not detailed or complete by any means, nor was it intended to be. I will be discussing the various specific aspects of staff and unit organization in more detail in the future.



By A. F. Branco, legalinsurrection.com/tag/a-f-branco/

As ye sow...*(Continued from page 1)*

Governments' coercive power allow them to take: might makes right. A philosophy that recognized a right of some individuals to steal from others fails on first principles; there is no logical distinction possible between the privileged and the subjugated. Does the aggregation of individuals into a unit which calling itself a government give them a right which none of them have individually? One could say that the aggregate was for the protection of its constituents' persons, property, and rights, but a government so limited is acting as their constituents' subordinate agent, exercising and enhancing their right of self-defense. Efforts have been made, notably the American experiment, but no government has ever been restricted in this manner.

No matter its guiding "ism," every government has granted itself the power to initiate violence against its citizens. Just because the ruling agglomerate asserts this privilege doesn't render it philosophically valid. What it does is legitimate the initiation of violence for any and all causes—domestic and foreign—the government deems proper.

Having violated the first principle of nonaggression, nothing can stop that philosophical default from trickling down to the subject population. The ragged thief who holds up a liquor store lacks the polish and articulation of the politician who asserts the government's first claim on a nation's production, the central banker who depreciates its currency, or the general bent on global dominance who wages offensive wars, but philosophically they're soul mates. In fact, the thief has a moral one up on the others: he doesn't claim to be protecting the values he destroys.

Millions have decried the violence that prevented Milo Yiannopoulos from speaking at the University of California at Berkeley, just as millions on the other side decried mostly illusory violence among Trump supporters during the campaign. However, not one in a thousand of those denouncing the violence as violations of fundamental civil liberties denounce the daily violations of fundamental liberties visited upon them by their own government. America's corruption is so complete that those who insist that they are not fodder for the government, that their lives are their own, and that the only proper government is one subordinated to the protection of their individual rights—and maintain positions consistent with those principles—could hold a convention and not fill a high-school gym.

This small group is the victim of a terrifying pincer movement from above and below. When a society abandons itself to violence, "legal" and otherwise, it abandons itself to mindless irrationality driven by hate and antipathy towards every positive value. Violence is not a means to any end other than destruction and death; violence itself is the end. Humanity has been fed the same tripe for centuries: noble ends justify evil means. Violation of the first principle—the stricture against initiated aggression—bars consideration of the purported ends. A "discussion" with a gun is no discussion. Violence exercised in self-defense protects positive values, but when violence is initiated, destruction, death, and the depraved pleasure of loathsome minds are its only ends.

An individual who claims by word or deed the right to initiate violence—and the consequent rights to subjugate, injure, and kill—is a rabid, deranged, and dangerous animal. A government that asserts that right is a pack. In self-defense, the virtuous, if they are to protect their liberty, rights, and lives, must quarantine or kill the rabid. A necessary corollary of the stricture against initiated aggression is that we have the right to use all means necessary to defend ourselves from it—with pity, perhaps, but no remorse.

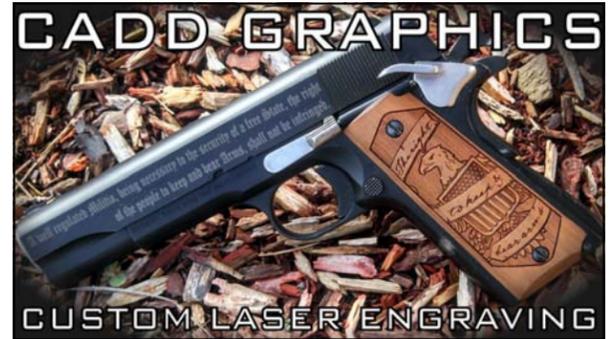
The chaos, the terror, of our deteriorating world is a true and faithful reflection of souls abandoned to hate. The free mind and its methods—intrepid curiosity, truth, and logic—stand as their ultimate enemy. If those who would oppose this destruction and death abandon their souls, they become the mindless evil they opposed. Those who defend their rights, values, and lives without surrendering their morality will rebuild from the rubble the kind of world in which they deserve to live. They will do so unobstructed—hate inevitably leads to its own destruction.

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**Quill Rose and the Quiet Insurrection, Part II** *(Continued from page 1)*

Legend has it that Rose went on a trip from Proctor, North Carolina by way of train to Bryson City. He couldn't take his dogs on the train so he left his hat at the depot and told the dogs to guard the hat. After pitching a drunk with his friends at Bryson City, Quill arrived back home much later than expected. Upon return to the depot 2 days later, the Plott hounds were in the same spot he left them.

Quill's 11th commandment of "*never get ketched*" was only violated once from what we can tell. In 1912 at age 71, (Some sources say he was 80, but this seems to be incorrect) he was brought to federal court at Asheville, North Carolina in front of Judge Boyd, on charges in violation of the Internal Revenue Code by having the audacity to convert corn into alcohol without the King's permission. When the judge asked if he was going to plead guilty or not guilty, Quill's response was "*maybe*".

Some stories recount that Rose, his lawyer and the judge all met behind closed doors the night before and had a healthy laugh at the charges and circumstances at hand and that the federal judge was one of Quill's customers. Regardless of the validity or truth of informal plea deals or the backroom gathering, we do know that Quill never went to jail and was turned loose after the trial.

Don E. Rose, author of "*Quill*" recounts that late in life, Quill had given his Eagle Creek homestead to a relative as a wedding gift and he and Aunt Vacey moved to her family's property on Forney Creek, on the North Carolina side of the Smoky Mountains. He was said to reminisce about his childhood home at Cades Cove in later years. He purportedly made a yearly trip back to Cades Cove. Quill died at age 81 in Blount County, Tennessee and is buried at Townsend, Tennessee at the Tuckaleechee Methodist Church.

Despite gaining popularity in the late 19th and early 20 centuries from writers such as Horace Kephart, Quill's life in reality wasn't much different than many other inhabitants of the Back of Beyond during the same time period. He didn't lead an armed revolution or engage in daring exploits confronting the authorities. He lived a simple life without much concern for busy bodies, regulators and enforcement agents. While he didn't lead the life of the daring Lewis Redmond and what undoubtedly was a small scale insurgency against federal supremacy in the upstate South Carolina hills and Western North Carolina mountains, no one can argue that Quill Rose didn't live life as a free man. He lived independently and largely free from state control, taxation, and dependence on much else than himself and his family. His remote location afforded him privacy and put him out of reach of the affects of the State. What if you applied some of these concepts to your life today?

When the topic of freedom vs. tyranny comes up, people inevitably want a solution to the problem. People want a formula to unshackle themselves from the chains of the overarching state. Some want to affect a certain brand of politics and vote it away. Some want to use legal semantics, capitalization of certain words and technicalities to remove themselves from federal jurisdiction. Some want a shooting war. I'm of the opinion that a final liberty solution doesn't exist in practical terms and that man's eternal struggle is between freedom and slavery. Our only option may indeed be is to forever seek methods and ways to carve out niches of freedom and use various means of dissolution of the mechanisms of slavery.

We must first identify our goals. If our goal is to be as free as humanely possible there are avenues to take. Do not confuse being as free as possible in our daily lives with a political victory. In general most people in these united States love their shackles. Our limited span of control cannot change that easily, if at all. But we can use examples such as the life of Quill Rose of Eagle Creek as a blueprint on how to affect the art of being free in the proverbial un-free world. Individuals on the side of Team Freedom right now can lead a quiet social and cultural insurrection by ignoring Power and acting like the free men we are intended to be.

Be free. Be Quill Rose. Montani Semper Liberi.

About the author: *John Meyers traces his Appalachian ancestry back nine generations to the 1750's. He lives with his family on the high ridges of the Smoky Mountains.*

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Bryson City Canners - Preppers

The "Bryson City Canners", a local group of Preppers, are hosting a series of programs to help people understand what they need to do to be prepared for the number of threats that we face to our way of life. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

The schedule for the February and March is:

- February 7 - "Energy Sources and Uses - Now and in the Future"
- February 21 - "Gardening for Food"
- March 7 - "Food Preservation"
- March 21 - "EMP Protection/Faraday Cages & Security"

All presentations are from 7-9 PM and will be held in the Community Room at the back of the Marianna Black Library in Bryson City, 33 Fryemont Road.

Other presentations will be announced in the future. For further information, you can email AliceSmith9876@aol.com.

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The North Carolina Litter-Free Coalition encourages all "At your own risk" ADOT Adopt-A-Highway groups, solo groups and individuals to join the "Road Warriors" in recovering as much highway and community litter as possible to improve the image and economy of North Carolina and our country. We are promoting pride in self, community and country.

If you are a "At your own risk" Adopt-A-Highway group, solo group or individual, please share your contact information, meeting place and meeting times with your local newspapers, radio and television stations so that those wanting to help pick up litter may contact you directly.

Can you imagine hundreds of people picking up litter on the same day? For maximum exposure, don't pile the bags of litter up but leave them spaced at least three feet apart so that those that see them, realize the litter issues we face are serious and the effort of your group or individual effort are making a difference. In Cherokee County North Carolina, call the NCDOT at (828) 837-2742, Clay County (828) 389-8532 and Graham County (828) 479-3520 to have your highway litter event bags picked up Personal trash will not be picked up by the NCDOT.

"America the Beautiful" depends upon all of us. Please contact the North Carolina Litter-Free Coalition if we may assist you in any manner, we need your help and there is something for everyone to do.

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Feb 21—Gardening for Food, Bryson City, NC. 7 pm - 9 pm. Join the "Bryson City Canners" group for one of several informational classes in a series focusing on self-reliance and emergency situational preparedness. Meeting at the Marianna Black Library Community Room, 33 Fryemont Road. For further information, please e-mail AliceSmith9876@aol.com

Feb 25—Appalachian Homesteaders Network Meeting, Bryson City, NC. 1 pm - 3 pm. An organization based in Western North Carolina and Northern Georgia is hosting an open meeting for those interested in self-sufficiency and emergency preparedness. Meeting at the Marianna Black Library Community Room, 33 Fryemont Road. Visit us on Facebook at Appalachian Homesteaders Network.

Mar 6—The Well Armed Woman, Georgia Mountain Chapter, Blairsville, GA. 5:30 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering women gun owners. Meeting at 226 Gainesville Hwy, Suite C, Blairsville, GA 30512. or more information please contact Carrie Brekke at twawgeorgiamountainchapter@yahoo.com for information.

Mar 7—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.

Mar 7—Cherokee NC ARES Formal Meeting, Murphy, NC, 7 pm. Our regularly scheduled second Tuesday meeting at the Robert Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine Street in Murphy.

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Mar 9—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, downtown Murphy. Contact Carrie Brekke at twawcherokeecountyncchapter@gmail.com for information.

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Appalachian Homesteaders Network To Host "Open Meeting"

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The meeting will be held on February 25 from 1 - 3 PM in the Community Room at the back of the Marianna Black Library in Bryson City - 33 Fryemont Road which is the corner of Academy and Rector (south extension of Everett Street). The public is invited and encouraged to attend.