

My

ANARCHISM

(initial considerations ...)

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Kindergarten was a strange experience for me – and I was mostly trouble for the nun in charge (Catholic School).

From what I've been told: I could not "obey" or "sit still" - and this did not change much during my 9 years of elementary education at Immaculate Conception School in Mt. Vernon (WA) [1975-1984].

Those years, at **ICS**, I spent much of my time in the hall way, standing near the door of whichever classroom grade I was in – for disciplinary reasons, of course ... I remember my 8th Grade teacher, Mrs. Anis (I called her "anus"), telling me I would end up "in jail one day". To this day, I still think she's spot on.

Sister Marjorie (I called her "margarine" – in Kindergarten) pleaded with my mother to "do something", I was clearly disruptive. My mom's solution? - buy Dan plastic M-16's in the style of that show "SWAT" ... you guys remember that show? If you're as old as me you might. Terrible, fascist-porn. It's heartbreaking to think about the programming going on via that TV nonsense ...

Sister Una and Sister Angela – the 2 parish nuns who were principals during that time span – they both had their fun giving me the "cheese paddle" as well (that's corporal punishment, for the Millennial generation). Yep, those nuns beat my bottom silly ... and yet, I still kept disobeying.

Any who, this historical diversion has a purpose – this essay, the first of many, is my attempt to explain

what I mean by "anarchism" - what it means to me personally. Why do I call myself an anarchist now? Or, specifically, an anarcho-capitalist? I will attempt to answer these kinds of questions, over the coming months, as I write, and read, and study, and grow in my decision and my place. My main contention, and the reason for the historical snippet, is that I have always been an anarchist by temperament, but in reality we are all in a state of anarchy - we just believe the predator, called government, is here to protect us ... some of us still believe that.

I don't claim originality, no more than an engineer would claim special rules of physics depending upon "who you are" - the rules are the same, for us all, and this leads to naturally occurring outcomes. My anarchism is a function, a composite, of my own self and personality added to a general recognition that no organization can do more than "promise" things - and promises are no good reason to enslave oneself.

My anarchism is still evolving.

During this election season, I still considered myself a "Libertarian" - it took Gary Johnson and Bill Weld to push me beyond this last, silly, position.

But it's hard, to take that "last step" and scream, towards the government, "I divorce thee, I divorce thee, I divorce thee ...", for a number of reasons. Here are a few:

- 1) Your family and friends won't understand – probably. I would say, no matter what social strata you're a part of in America, your family will equate "anarchy" with "anti-social", and that is also a distortion.
- 2) You will be labeled a kook (or worse). People assume you're nuts if you discuss anarchy.
- 3) Many mistake "anarchy" for "violence" – that's a purposeful distortion. Most believe that "violent protesters" are "anarchists" – this is bullshit. Anarchy is NOT a call to violence, it is actually the opposite – it is a call for non-violent, non-coercive, cooperative and mutual arrangements that are voluntary. One of the corner stones of this belief system is the "non-aggression principle", the belief, the principle, that no violence is ever justified UNLESS you are defending yourself and your property. I go a step further and say, "defending others who have granted consent". I stopped "consenting" to U.S. state violence many years ago – guess what, that lack of consent has no effect on government.
- 4) You have to recognize that there was never a "safety net", that the government, even when it's standing in front of you, is a kind of illusion. It might have the power to kill you, imprison you, destroy you completely and all the things and people you love. But all you're describing is a predator – and that's not

something special. Government is just another kind of predatory force – one you have to be careful trusting, ever.

5) The moral issue – believing that people, enough people are capable of living freely. Based on my experiences, with friends and family, I think a huge portion of this nation would simply go insane if these governmental “solutions” stopped working. Furthermore, I don’t think the start date for this is that far off in the future.

6) How to navigate the “maze”. Anarchism is a switch from believing the government and its fear machine, to ignoring – or do the best you can to ignore it. But there are still cops, TSA, IRS, and all kinds of bullshit designed to strip you of your dignity. In order to become a true anarchist, you have to be willing to find ways through this, and, honestly, accept the fact that once you decide the state is bullshit, then you do become a kind of criminal. Finally, you have to be willing to engage in counter-economics, and this means you always run the risk of being arrested for any number of bullshit reasons.

7) Let’s just call this one out: **you will be considered a criminal**, and you will likely have to make choices that make you a criminal to the state. But nowhere in this “criminality” is a justification for thieving,

violence, destruction. You will be considered a "criminal" because you choose to disobey, not because you're actually a "threat". (see forced vaccination)

I made this list, which is far from exhaustive, as a means of describing those "concerns" and "ideas" that anarchism has brought to light for me, and also the challenge of becoming an anarchist – for me, and others. Being a true anarchist, in a complex police-state, is hard and risky – but not impossible.

Anarchism requires doing things like:

- 1) Minimizing your use of coercive tools, like the U.S. dollar, credit cards, or having a traditional bank account. You have to either ignore or cut off this notion of benefits – social sec, medicare, etc. You can't be on the dole and free (not really).
- 2) Figuring out how you would defend yourself. This doesn't mean you have to purchase a firearm, but I would recommend it. You can chose other forms of personal defense, but remember – the corollary to the non-aggression principle is that self-defense is absolute, and possibly something to train for.
- 3) Don't cut off family and friends, don't pretend they will ever understand. There is a moment, once the paradigm shift has occurred, when just about everyone "gets it" – by that time it is too late to fix the past. Right now? – I would be careful about how you

discuss this. Some see "anarchism" as some "holy mission" - I get that, in a way. But for me, it is personal survival - very practical, and absolute.

4) Being absolutely ANTI-WAR. Sorry, all the "the NAZI and the Jews" arguments fail when you count the number of dead, total WW2 dead, in 1945 ... many times more than the number of Jews killed. I'm not saying that it's "ok" to murder anyone - actually, I'm saying the opposite. But we should note that many students are taught a version of WW2 history designed to promote "nice wars" or "friendly occupations" or "acceptable forms of aggressive warfare". Once you go "well, we should invade country (X), because the news is telling me the government in (X) is really bad" - ok, but then what? And, finally, are we certain we won't make things worse? We've all seen how this story has played out the last few decades.

This is where I'll stop, for now.

I could go on, but I feel that this is enough "food for thought" to begin with. For those friends/family reading this - I'm not a terrorist, I don't want to hurt or harm anyone. I want to be left alone, and I intend to reciprocate. Voluntary association - that's awesome! We should continue it - as family, friends, neighbors, co-workers. But the "forced groupings" of Democrat or

Republican or Libertarian or Blue or Red or whatever state you live in? - we all need to get over that shit.

I will leave you with this thought:

How much impact, really, does government have on your daily life in a positive way? - if the answer is "slim to none", then you might be a proto-anarchist yourself. It's not what they do, the government, is my point - it's how you respond to their lies, manipulation, and silly tantrums.

Free your mind - you nullify the state ...