

Your Power

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“Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.”

~ Jesus, quoted in Matthew 7:6

For generations you and your forebears have been obeying. You've delegated power to liars, thieves, murderers, rapists, and cannibals. My first request: Stop doing that! Stop it right now, stop delegating your power to others. Keep your power.

You've been given excuses. You've been told that things are very complex, that you need experts to guide you, that you cannot trust your neighbours with the power they have so they have to relinquish their power and you must relinquish your power, but somehow it'll be okay. Because, the excuses continue, you can trust the people to whom you give power. How's that again?

Well, sure, they are people, just like you, just like your neighbours. So, fallible, prone to error, capable of corruption, inclined to their own interests before yours, but, well, and then there's a line of patter. For example, "...but, well, you get to elect them!" Ah. Yes, elections wherein maybe your votes are counted, maybe someone who agrees with your views is available to represent you, maybe there is some power you have for the elected official to be required to keep their promises? Well, no, none of that actually, but, still, trust the plan, says Q. Trust the system, says the system. Trust the police, say the police.

You should stop doing that part, where you trust liars, thieves, rapists, murderers, and cannibals, and expect it is all going to work out.

In Micah chapter 4 God says that each of you will sit under your own vine and under your own fig tree, and none shall make you afraid, for God has so decreed. Why would you wish to give up your sovereignty, your independence, your guns, your freedom, your privacy, your property, your freedom from abuses and usurpations, torture, false witness, lack of due process, warrantless searches, uncompensated seizures, and all the rest?

Which is another of those lines of patter, right? "The constitution protects you!" Well, no, it has no teeth. There's no clause that punishes politicians and bureau-rats for violating your rights. You should want them to be punished, but you have no standing, not being a party to the constitution. As Lysander Spooner wrote, the constitution has either authorised all the tyranny you have been suffering, or it has been powerless to prevent any of that tyranny. Either way, it is not fit to serve a free people.

STOP DELEGATING YOUR POWER. It is your power. God gave it to you. You earned it, built it, gathered it, created it yourself in some ways. You were born free, so why are you being told to wear a masque, close your business, keep six feet from other people, never hug anyone ever again, never take the sacraments at church, always meet via Zoom except when they are upgrading over the weekend and your meeting for worship is out of luck, and why, why, why are you obeying? Stop obeying, please.

Jesus

Let's talk about a voluntaryist named Jesus. He consorted with sinners, spent time around prostitutes,

talked a crowd out of stoning to death an accused adultress, whipped the money changers in the temple, told his followers to sell their cloaks and buy arms, told a legalistic sort that one should render unto Caesar only that which belongs to Caesar, and to God that which belongs to God, and said many other fine things that you can read about in a number of books. My suggestion is that you notice he is the Prince of Peace, but not the king of compliance, the Way, the Truth, and the Light, not submissive to authority, that he was not crowned by the Romans, but crucified by them.

Thus, it is my thought that the sovereignty you have over yourself is like the pearls you should not cast before swine, lest they trod the sovereignty under foot and then turn on you and rend you. Pig herders will assure you that a four hundred pound boar can be very vicious, see the film "Hannibal" or read John Ross's *Unintended Consequences* if you need confirmation. Politicians are swine. Stop giving them your power. Bureau-rats are dogs, stop giving them your power, your sacred honour. You owe them no duty.

Rebellion Now

There are plenty of reasons to think that lockdown isn't acceptable. There are plenty of people willing to end it. And, there are long hot summers in our history. Some times people do riot, and some times are times of revolution. Many revolutions begin with acts of repression like the Boston Massacre and acts of disobedience like the Boston Tea Party. That event, December 1773, led to a great deal of fear among the magistrates and politicians in Massachusetts who mostly lay low and did not serve in their offices until October 1774, when the British fleet arrived with occupation troops. Months later, 19 April 1775 to be precise, there was open warfare in Massachusetts, which spread throughout the colony.

The Declaration of Independence says that you have rights to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and that to secure these rights governments are formed. So, you have a government, how secure do your rights feel? Not very.

It also says that when any government becomes abusive of these rights, it is the power of the people to overthrow such government and establish new means for their peace and happiness. People don't change things to which they are accustomed for light and transient reasons, but only when a long train of abuses and usurpations shows evidence of reducing them under the boot of absolute tyranny. I submit to a candid world that such is the patient suffering of the American people, and nothing can be more clear than that design is being carried out. You are being sold into slavery.

How should you pursue any acts of rebellion? On your own. Tell no one what you do for freedom. Simply do it. And, of course, build a team to help you if there are problems. Some days things will be done to you. "Some days you eat the bear, some days the bear eats you," is a good description of your world. So, do form a rapid response team with people you know, do work to help one another, do send lawyers, guns, and money as appropriate to get your people out of trouble.

But, do not make the same mistakes. Don't delegate power to a committee. Don't expect your new committee to be trustworthy. For if they should win, they simply become the new bosses. And, worse, if they think they are losing, their family is suffering too much, they are not going to be part of the winning coalition, they may decide to surrender. Why would you surrender to rapists, liars, thieves, cannibals, and mass murderers? You should not, and if you would not, don't give anyone else the power to surrender on your behalf.

My goal here is very simple. I want you to be free. I want you to be free because your freedom is

better than your slavery, for me, in terms of me keeping my freedom, having interesting conversations with good people, and engaging in trade and commerce. Also, your freedom is better for you and therefore pleasing to God, who is connected to your soul and feels everything you feel. God would rather feel happiness than terror and fear, so, you being free is better.

Yes, Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and there can be no peace without justice. God has said repeatedly that we should use fair weights and measures, treat each other justly, not bear false witness, not lie someone into trouble with the law, not covet one another's stuff. There can be no justice, though without freedom. Right? You cannot be in the presence of justice if you are enslaved, tortured, beaten, raped, murdered. You need to be free to speak up, to keep and bear arms, to practice your religion or lack thereof, do as you think best with your property, not be spied upon constantly, and so forth.

Peace requires justice. Justice requires freedom. Freedom requires weapons. You have to defend it. It is, after all, a pearl of great price. It is your sacred individual sovereignty. So, sell your cloak and buy arms.

Also, don't ask me to lead you into battle. Don't become a follower. The rebellion and the change to the world of Malachi chapter 4, where you crush your enemies as ashes beneath your boots, that world requires that you be free and independent. That vine and fig tree each one of you sits under, where no one makes you afraid, that requires that you be sovereign. In many ways that is a metaphor of your sovereignty.

If you need to form a team and you need a team leader, if you need rules of engagement, if you need to work together, do so. Of course. But don't delegate power over your existence to liars, thieves, rapists, murderers, and cannibals.

That's what's been happening, and for over a century, and unless you stop it, it will continue.

My grandparents obeyed Woodrow Wilson instead of having him tried for treason and executed. My parents obeyed FDR instead of having him tried for treason and executed. My generation obeyed Bill Clinton instead of having him tried for treason and executed. So, you see, there has been a long train of abuses and usurpations, and obedience has not created the freedom you crave.

If you mean to be free, you are going to have to free yourself. If you mean to be free, please keep your freedom. Keep your power. Don't delegate your power. Choose whether to go along with others, work together for common goals, but don't imagine that they should become your new masters. Seriously. You have to stop doing that stuff. It's really annoying.

Your freedom involves your power, and your power is your sovereignty. Keep your sovereignty, your power, and your freedom. Or the cycle of violence and oppression and rebellion and new bosses and violence and oppression will never end.

My grandparents did not bequeath freedom to their children and my parents did not bequeath it to me. What are you going to leave for your children? Why not leave them in control of their own destinies? It would be a refreshing change.

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