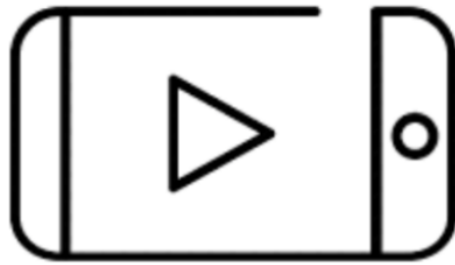


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**Truth With
Courage**

THE
DELUSION OF
FREEDOM

We no longer can define the meaning of
Freedom absent the risk of force and
violence when other's use a different
definition.

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations, on taking a small step which separates you from those which prefer to clutch on to being deluded. Piercing the cognitive dissonance, armored fortress, runs the risk of a verbal or physical response by triggering a narcissistic wound. Tread carefully, examine yourself, and verify these words in the context of what you have researched, studied and not what you've been taught or told.

Reading an entire e-book does not require the time investment of a larger production. The reason we produce an e-book is that we are competing with the world of social media, instant dopamine flow facilitated by short hang time, and effective finger manipulation to accelerate the scroll.

We are hopeful to share some historical context to validate the thesis that We are no longer free. Actually it has devolved into something quite worse. We are indentured servants which require permission to navigate life. One's status (economic, social, etc) may afford a degree of freedom that can be restrained in a moments notice.

We encourage you to challenge the points we present. We are also willing to consider correction to our points if we are presented evidence which contradicts the representations. We wouldn't knowingly present something as being fallacious.

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The academic, and functional business career is bizarre, unflattering and certainly one of bizarre experiences, twists, turns and challenges. A casual conversation will have a listener say, "that can't be true" when in actuality it is my life, success, failures and all.

is difficult to capture the essence, experience and journey of the author. To avoid the risk of being put in the position of external therapeutic judgement, a neural atypical individual can appear socially, verbally and even in the written word, awkward.

Life challenges.

Sometimes things occur in life which are unpredictable, unplanned and can be life altering. We all have a choice as to how we enter those situations, endure, and exit out. Chronicling those journeys provide great fodder for self-examination on who one really is.

Breaking Free

Simon Sinek, a well-known public speaker, has a consistent message which is, "Start with Why." This is an incredibly powerful question that is often used to examine the motivations of others. When people go through this exercise, the interpreter applies their bias to arrive at their belief as to someone's why to affirm their bias. With a typical corporatist bias, money is the general motivation. Others might arrive at such drivers as ego, popularity, or influence. These are just a few.

The other side of the equation is a personal quest of our own "Why". This also is performed upon our own bias. This bias often includes a projection of who one wishes they were, or a projection of who someone claims to be. Few individuals will go beyond the surface level, internal mental gymnastics to determine their own Why as it relates to a core belief system measured against their actions or evidence.

For the masses, meaningful, cognitive, self analysis, is quickly replaced by avoidance, distraction and self soothing or affirmation based aspects of self. A core issue is one that is obfuscated or rationalized. It's like the man who approaches the Zebra and asks, "Are you black with white stripes or white with black stripes?" If a Zebra could talk it could reverse the question to the man. "Sir, are you good with bad habits, or bad with good habits? Are you happy with some sad days, or sad with some happy days? Are you orderly with some disorderly days, or disorderly with orderly days? Are you a good financial steward, with fiscal irresponsibility some days or fiscally irresponsible with some good days of stewardship?"

Society, culture, academia would oppose such internal examination and would steer individuals in a direction of the oppressor or the oppressed. Claiming that the oppressors need to be repressed and the oppressed need to be pulled out of the margins and empowered, and derive financial benefit.

When we examine humans through the broad lens of history over centuries, we can arrive at some claims which can be validated. Every society has a majority and a minority and the means to categorize them vary based upon points in time and GPS coordinates. Territorial boundaries have often come under dispute which expand and contract based upon conquest or surrender. Humanity always returns to a supreme leader. From a biblical perspective, humanity wanted the leadership, protection of a king. They desired a benevolent king but that was not always the way history played out.

Governments of the people, by the people and for the people are often described as a republic. The memorialization of a republic can include a charter of rights for the people. Ancient roman society had a constitutionally democratic design but its function within society was fundamentally undemocratic. In 1215 England a document was drafted to become a charter of rights presented and approved by King John called the Magna Carta. In 1776 the founding fathers of the United States used both of these instruments combined with a Christian worldview, to draft the US Constitution.

Many scholars have written on the formation of one of the most enduring political structures which declared the sovereignty of man, with unalienable rights provided under the creator. Similarly, they have spoken about the role an authority, responsibility for oversight, in addition to the control the mechanisms within the constitutional republics with structured branches of isolated authority and the importance of checks and balances.. While this document has principles which are foundational to our governmental structure and operations, it has effectively been eviscerated with all of the enumerated rights being subjugated to a permission based upon governmental permission.

In the DNA of humans, this hidden genome of, return to the king, is an acquiescence to authority, a delegation of personal responsibility. All assigning a degree of trust to others (politicians), with the hope that the appointed or elected will perform in the best interests of those who they have been assigned to protect and serve.

The founding fathers knew, that the core of humanity was akin to a Zebra, black with white stripes, or for humans, with the nature of bad, with the ability to do some good. This biblical worldview was the premise in them establishing the three branches of government and a system of checks and balances. It was their best attempt to craft a structure to restrain humanity from tapping into their wicked nature.

In the beginning, becoming a politician, was a heart of servitude and sacrifice. It was a part time job, which required tremendous commitment and had incredible measures of accountability. Academic institutions which were breeding the political class were founded on Christian principles and the likes of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia began to feed the seats of states and federal executive, legislative and judicial branches.

Slowly, year after year, decade after decade, century after century, the government established an incestuous relationship with corporations and financially empowered individuals. The relationships fostered a legislative form of collusion which served the interests of all three where the citizens have been relegated to a cell on an actuaries spreadsheet of asset or liability.

Few are willing to do the historical study to ponder the incremental steps of the stove heat being turned up, one notch at a time. Articles of Confederation, Jekell Island, abolishment of a gold standard are key milestones for certain. However, in between those peaks were more subtle shifts of the temperature rising. We don't have to travel back too far to discern some ourselves. The Patriot Act, FISA Court, Mandates oh and possibly a V@X passport (already required to visit Hawaii).

Humans want the king and we are heading in that direction unbelievably fast. Some may choose to disagree and I would merely suggest to take a moment and read the Communist Manifesto and discern that document as the actions our politicians have made over time. Maybe examined what Nikita Khrushchev wrote in 1959 when speaking about the United States.

"Your children's children will live under communism. You Americans are so gullible. No, you won't accept communism outright; but we will keep feeding you small doses of socialism until you will finally wake up and find you already have Communism. We will not have to fight you; we will so weaken your economy, until you will fall like overripe fruit into our hands." "The democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work and give tho those who would not." - Nikita Khrushchev

We The People have placed a tremendous amount of trust and responsibility to those with a sacred (they swore an oath) duty to support and uphold our foundational document in the Constitution. However, over time, we have removed the citizens ability to hold them accountable to that sacred oath. We have permitted the legislative, executive and even judicial to operate outside of their constitutional limits. Whereby, they have created burden, upon burden, upon burden upon the citizens with exemption, protection and immunity from their lawlessness.

A significant issue is that any metric to measure integrity, honesty or truth has been scrubbed away. Society has rejected a moral law giver and embraced moral relativism devoid of logic based reasoning. Our politicians have been trained by the institutions in the skill of argumentation and avoidance. The shift away from the principles established in the Constitution is so dramatic, that freedom is barely recognizable.

But what is the "why" of the corporate class, the political class, the financial elite and the ever expanding enterprises/individuals who have merged into a broader catalyst of separating the us from the them (mainstream media, big tech, pharma, 3 letter agencies, etc.) I believe that many answers can fill in that why. Certainly money, power, influence, control are natural human drivers. Rarely are people prepared to look outside of the fleshly motivators and cast a gaze upwards to consider the spiritual. Regardless of what fills in your understanding of why, one exists and you most likely are a pawn in their game. Who knows if you sit in the asset or liability cell in the states spreadsheet.

Many citizens are divided via increasing issues perpetrated by governments actions through legislation, levies, penalties and mandates. Some are having an immediate impact to our lifestyle. (increased cost on goods, risk of employment based upon submitting to medical experimentation, limits of travel based upon presenting papers, surrendering an identification when approached by enforcers and so much more).

We have been conditioned to pledge allegiance to a flag. Yet are silent of those entities which violate the presentation of the flag (in violation of the US Flag Code), to be a demonstration of allegiance to a fraternity. The brothers that have shed blood (regardless of the corporate objectives of wars), paid a tremendous price to protect the integrity of the stars and bars. It is an abomination to see it desecrated inside public buildings, adorning public vehicles, even taking any position on a mast waving on public property. Relegate political speech of the fraternity to the private domain and remove it from public display.

Sorry, I appreciate the necessity for the enforcement to ensure the rule of law, lawfully. I loathe a profession which is permitted and protected from their lies, and unaccountable through qualified immunity, union representation and negligent district attorneys. I love good police! I loathe bad policing. I prefer to meet the good police that stop the bad (unlawful) police.

We live under a delusion of freedom, ignorant of not knowing, what freedom even looks or feels like. We have been conditioned to surrender, comply and respect authority. When pulled over, just hand over that drivers license, proof of insurance, registration. Simply ignore what the Supreme Court says about the right to travel. Forget that you have a 4th amendment right. Just be an obedient, citizen, them, and submit to the authoritative dictates of the state's us. Live with the delusion that your vote (regardless of party) will be supporting your interests. Many believe the narrative of the media, and political talking heads about democracy. You have two cows. The government takes both and sells you the milk. That is what the people want. Remember, roads are racist.

Every congressional session is a continued encroachment against our freedoms, and liberty at the expense of further restraint. The overwhelming majority, strive to be obedient, consent to the additional pressures, with minimal, meaningful, push-back. How many citizens raised their hand, stepped inline to be part of a medical experiment? Sure, we should trust the science right? Like DDT, lead paint, smoking, by the way, what about the 4 out of 5 dentists who suggest that fluoride is a great chemical for human consumption? Absolutely, Chantix was a fantastic therapy to assist smoking cessation. Woops, that was found to cause cancer and was removed 16 years later. What about that wonderful chemical to control weeds called Round-up, that's still on the market today, but I think it's going to hurt Bayer's share prices eventually.

People prefer to point the finger in the opposite direction of themselves and gesture towards others. It's a human condition to avoid responsibility, evade consequences and blame others. I remember a comedian who demonstrated artistic expression by holding a mock severed head of a president. It was absolutely a demonstration of artistry, and comedy from their view. Unfortunately, the impulsive action neglected to measure the long term possible impact of a negative response. This individual could not fathom and personal responsibility for their actions. They had to deflect, demean, and escalate the vulgar ad hominem attacks on others. The pain of personal responsibility was too much. Maybe therapy can help her.

Patriotism of country is not standing and removing a hat when the National Anthem is played. Patriotism is not, chanting USA when fatigue fashioned troops walk through an airport. Patriotism is not posting a modified flag decal to your personal vehicle. Patriotism is not remaining silent, head bowed, as a blue gloved, TSA inspector, touches your minor child. Patriotism is not shouting at a sporting event "Let's go Brandon."

Patriotism is standing lawfully on the Bill of Rights our forefathers drafted codifying our unity in freedom. Patriotism is standing on the 4th amendment and keeping custody of your documents when you have been pulled over. Patriotism is verbally describing in detail the path of physical touching to anatomical private parts by a blue gloved TSA agent. Patriotism is remaining silent when confronted by someone in authority, interrogating you absent a warrant. Patriotism is recording public officials in the course of their public duties.

So few have read our founding documents, let alone understand them. The Constitution at the time of its creation was the supreme law of the land. That no longer is the case. The Constitution has been superseded by how the Supreme Court interprets the Constitution and establishes a precedent, of their interpretation of that precious document. That may not sound too bad, until you explore what it has done to the freedom and liberty of the citizens of the United States.

All public servants have taken an oath to defend and support the Constitution. However, that oath is only as good as how it is enforced. One thing for certain, absolute power corrupts absolutely. The establishment of checks, balances, and oversight, during the formation of the Constitution, were intended to restrain the government. The forefathers knew that government restraint was essential based upon the depravity of humanity.

Politicians mask their legislation under the guise “we are the government and are here to help”, except their assistance comes at a tremendous cost. We complain about legislation that is reams of paper thick being voted in darkness. Thousand upon thousands of legal verbiage which will never be read. Politicians so emboldened to publicly state “we must vote on it to see what is in it”. We trust the untrustworthy and avoid examining the short-term and long term risk or consequences of the hidden language politicians sell to us.

A law-abiding citizen, honoring the direction of the Supreme Court, and every lawyer, by asserting a 5th amendment right to remain silent, has shifted to become criminal behavior as a contempt of authority. Many will disagree with this representation as they have fashioned their lives around- respect, compliance, and submission to authority. My harsh tone suggesting that the masses have bowed down to the idol of the state is often rebuked. Firmly clutching to a delusion whereby any reasonable person with sound reasoning capabilities, could examine evidence and arrive at a different outcome.

We the People have allowed an Us vs Them division where those in power can derive benefits which the common man cannot receive. They can have protection from their misstatements, misrepresentations and yes lies through qualified immunity, confidentiality agreements, and more. They rarely will be prosecuted for crimes, constitutional violations or breaking the law. They will exempt themselves from the restraints they impose upon us.

We have recourse, redress, and remedy. Those in power laugh at us, knowing that we will be pushed to the margins as they have paved the path for us on recourse, redress and remedy which will involve criminalizing Constitutionally protected activity. Forcing us into their system, their court of secrets, and their unbalanced court of equity not a court of law.

Informing citizens of this inequity, unbalance, and the hurdles we must jump is a message classified as conspiracy. Why? Because those in power don't want us to know, learn, apply or reclaim the power which we have. Living under continued oppression. Sending our children to academic institutions which preclude our input, feedback or participation to further indoctrination is a win for them. Having educated, empowered, equipped citizens, is counter to the objectives of the State.

Ask yourself, Why you personally have chosen to submit or comply? Is it out of legitimate fear? That is a reasonable response. Is it out of personal priorities? That is a reasonable response as well. But, if we live in fear, and our involvement is not a priority, it is not reasonable to complain about what they do. It is a bitter pill to accept that, "This is what I allow."

Self-examination is traveling into the domain of personal accountability which many must avoid. In the words of Robert Bly, "I knew this friendship with myself couldn't last forever." Are you a friend to our Founding Fathers, your partner, your children, your grandchildren? Are you even a friend to your authentic, true self?

The @CulturalContrarian desires to engage those willing to explore knowledge of self and re-prioritize life to include being free. Our lives, actions, transactions, conversations are predominantly coordinated in the public domain. We are encumbered by countless contracts. So many that it has gotten to the point we don't even read the terms and conditions or the privacy protections on them anymore. A perfect example is every single app that is downloaded and used on the smartphone or tablet. We hope that nothing goes public, but every click I Agree based upon a hope. The risks associated with that lack of oversight are too numerous to expand upon. As the author of this article, I have formed a [Private Membership Association \(PMA\)](#) which is designed as an educational resource and a collaborative feedback loop for like minded people. This PMA is by invitation only and has contract terms (some subject to affirmation under common law protections from perjury). The Private Membership Association is for private citizens who seek being free, unencumbered, unrestrained and to learn more in advance of attempting to stand in and on their constitutional rights.