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NOBLE LIE

There is a desperate longing in the human heart for purpose beyond the passing hours of a senseless shuffle to the grave. "Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul," wrote Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his Psalm to Life.

The Judeo-Christian worldview upon which our Republic was founded assumes that life carries divinely gifted worth, meaning, and purpose. Our Founders reflected this belief when they wrote that men are "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

They embraced "self-evident" truths because they recognized a higher moral authority manifested in Natural Law and Natural Rights. Purpose is a birthright, and happiness is attainable in this life. The American "new birth of freedom" descended from centuries of English Common Law development, nurtured by a unique commitment to personal autonomy.

Daniel Hannan wrote in *Inventing Freedom*, "More than a thousand years ago, in England, the precedent had been set that a ruler might be judged before a representative assembly. The law... was a set of inherited rights that belonged to every freeman in the kingdom. The rules did not emanate from the government, but stood above it...if the sovereign himself is required to keep that law, it must have a higher source of legitimacy."

Yet the Left, in denying the existence of a higher power—and thereby self-evident truth—experiences a lack purpose that makes life a meaningless absurdity. As French philosopher Albert Camus wrote, "You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."

"Postmodernism," writes Matthew Lohmeier in *Irresistible Revolution*, "challenges the possibility of obtaining objective knowledge of the world—of knowing truth. Reason and truth are meaningless; they are mere abstractions. Objectivity is a myth."

Without purpose, life is intolerable. "The mass of men lead lives of quiet desperation," wrote Thoreau. Mankind becomes "the absurd hero," as Camus put it. His "whole being is exerted toward accomplishing nothing," like the archetypal Sisyphus endlessly rolling a stone up a hill, only to watch it roll back again—a sort of Greek Groundhog Day.

Christian philosopher William Lane Craig describes this "dilemma of modern man" as "truly terrible. The atheistic worldview is insufficient to maintain a happy and consistent life. Confronted with this dilemma, modern man flounders pathetically for some means of escape."

Jean-Paul Sartre, 20th-Century French philosopher, offered a coping mechanism: "In a word, man must create his own essence: it is in throwing himself into the world, suffering there, struggling there, that he gradually defines himself."

Craig references a 1991 address to the American Academy for the Advancement of Science by Dr. L.D. Rue, in which he "boldly advocated that we deceive ourselves by means of some 'Noble Lie' into thinking that we and the universe have value."

"Without such lies, we cannot live. This is the dreadful verdict pronounced over modern man. In order to survive, he must live in self-deception," says Craig.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote that "if there is not immortality, then everything is permitted." If everything is permitted, then we must either abandon any social coherence and live in chaos, or impose social coherence at the expense of personal freedom. "If we're to avoid these two options," writes Craig, "then we have no choice but to embrace some Noble Lie that will inspire us to live beyond selfish interest and so voluntarily achieve social coherence."

But voluntary social coherence has mutated into mandated conformity. As the Lie grows, those living by it have gradually come to believe it—and to protect their fragile constructed purpose for living, they impose it upon others through panic-driven forced compliance.

Dostoyevsky entreated us in *The Brothers Karamazov* not to live by lies:

Above all, do not lie to yourself. A man who lies to himself and listens to his own lie comes to a point where he does not discern any truth either in himself or anywhere around him, and thus falls into disrespect towards himself and others. Not respecting anyone, he ceases to love, and having no love, he gives himself up to passions and coarse pleasures in order to occupy and amuse himself, and in his vices reaches complete bestiality, and it all comes from lying continually to others and himself. A man who lies to himself is often the first to take offense. (It sometimes feels very good to take offense, doesn't it?) And surely he knows that no one has offended him, and that he himself has invented the offense and told lies just for the beauty of it, that he has exaggerated for the sake of effect, that he has picked up on a word and made a mountain out of a pea—he knows all of that, and still he is the first to take offense, he likes feeling offended, it gives him great pleasure, and thus he reaches the point of real hostility...

The advent of a "novel" coronavirus presented fertile ground for a narcissistic noble lie. Here, at last, was a purpose to cling to, a utopian "new normal" with a sanctimonious slogan, "we're all in this together," led by a medical messiah to save us from our unsanitary sins and our horse-paste heresy. Decades of nearly unanimous scientific recommendation against generalized masking were quietly purged and replaced by shiny "new" studies; the cries of those suffering adverse reactions to experimental vaccines were drowned out by slightly off-key paeans of slavish praise to Pfizer and the pharmaceutical pantheon.

Initial seemingly noble sentiments, like saving grandma, deteriorated into forced compliance in obeisance to the collective. Censorship of dissenting voices has compelled allegiance to the Lie and threatened to destroy the beautiful heritage of human dignity and freedom, which we consider to be foundational Truth.

Well did Paul write two thousand years ago, "they exchanged the Truth for a lie."

The priests of the Noble Lie preserve the orthodoxy through intimidation, ostracism, and penance, for to abandon the covid obsession is to once again face the meaninglessness of their existence. The Left dreads having nothing to live for more than they fear death—it terrifies them, and perfect fear casts out love.

The Lie devours freedom and obscures truth like the creeping shadows of an eclipse, but the Truth shines the revelatory light of liberty. "I believe in Christianity," wrote C.S. Lewis, "as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."

FreedomTalk exists to shine a light on the lies—which are not really noble at all—and to illuminate the path that will lead us back to true nobility.

Thanksgiving is Not Racist

MICHAEL JONES,
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HAPPY
NATIVE AMERICAN
GENOCIDE DAY!

Every year we come across images like this, which tell us Thanksgiving is a racist holiday based on genocide.

This is a revisionist understanding of history. The real history between the American Indians and the Pilgrims of Plymouth is more complex. The Puritans were far from perfect, but they were not monsters. Compared to Virginia colonists and the Spanish, the Puritans were much more humane and ethical.

When the pilgrims first arrived at Cape Cod in November of 1620, they encountered very few American Indians. The native population has already been decimated by the plague of 1617 to 1618, which left a vast amount of land uninhabited. By 1620, it is estimated there were only 15,000-18,000 Indians in all of New England (1).

The site they chose to build Plymouth upon was originally an Indian village called Patuxet. The entire village was wiped out by the plague. Squanto, who was kidnapped and taken back to Europe, was the sole survivor of Patuxet. Before the Pilgrims arrived, and with the help of Englishmen, Squanto was able to make it back to New England.

After the first harsh winter, the Wampanoag tribe came to Plymouth, looking to trade and form an alliance with the pilgrims against their enemy the Narragansetts. Within the first few years, the Pilgrims had peaceful relations with the surrounding tribes (2).

The Pilgrims didn't hunt down Wampanoags left and right and take their land with musket fire. Historian Alden Vaughan says, "One of the most persistent myths concerning the relations between the Puritan settlers and the American Indians asserts that the colonists robbed the native of his land... Such a view is no longer held by those reasonably well acquainted with the history of early New England..." (3).

Often, due to the plague, the natives had more land than they knew what to do with. Indians often approached the settlers asking to trade land for knives, tools, and other luxuries, which were lacking among the native tribes (4). More interesting, is the fact that thousands of surviving land deeds show that the Puritans who purchased the land still allowed the American Indians to hunt, fish, and sometimes even plant on the sold land (5). The land was no longer the Indians', so Puritans could use it for raising livestock and farming, but they still allowed the native Indians to hunt and fish, and sometimes even plant corn. The General Court of Connecticut in 1649 even confirmed the Indians' hunting and fishing rights on the land within its jurisdiction. "For no Indians are deprived of that liberty in any of our Townes, provided they doe it not uppon the Sabbath day" (6). Roger Williams wrote in "Key into the Language of America" that it was a "sinfull opinion amongst many that Christians have a right to Heathen Lands" (7).

The Puritans didn't actually think of the Indians as another race, and incorrectly thought they were white. They believed Indians descended from the lost 10 tribes of Israel, and their dark

skin was a result of the sun and harsh elements (8). Because of this peculiar belief, they were rarely racist towards Indian tribes during the 17th century and didn't look at themselves as racially superior. The main issue with the Puritans was not racism but ethnocentrism, where they believed their mission was to eradicate the Indian culture and convert the natives entirely to the Puritan way of living. This of course proved to be an impossible task and too demanding, which resulted in many tribes turning away from missionaries.

At times the Puritan officials would execute English settlers for unjustly killing native Indians, as they didn't believe the English were racial superior. They punished Englishmen who stole or abused Indians, took Indian testimony very seriously, strove to extend equal treatment to all Indians, and had no laws against intermarriage (although there is no indication it ever happened) (9).

No doubt later generations of New Englanders were racist and mistreated the Indians. Relations in New England broke down, especially after King Philip's war of 1675 (10). However, we often want to project this mentality back onto the Pilgrims of Plymouth, who do not deserve it. The Pilgrims were not the monsters some make them out to be, but they were also not perfect.

The first Thanksgiving is not a stain on American history. It represents a real harvest that happened in 1621 where imperfect people with different political and religious views were able to come together and share a meal and give thanks for what they have received—similar to what happens today when you gather around your Thanksgiving table. There is no evidence Thanksgiving is based on racism; in fact, the evidence suggests the opposite was true. More importantly, it represents a time when people of vastly different racial and cultural backgrounds set aside their differences and came together to share a meal. As the historical record shows, they did not always get along or agree, but that is what Thanksgiving is supposed to be about: imperfect people setting aside their differences and coming together to give thanks and share a bountiful meal with each other.

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by Kelly Walker

“If governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, that is final. No advance, no progress can be made beyond these propositions. If anyone wishes to deny their truth or their soundness, the only direction in which he can proceed historically is not forward, but backward toward the time when there was no equality, no rights of the individual, no rule of the people. Those who wish to proceed in that direction can not lay claim to progress. They are reactionary. Their ideas are not more modern, but more ancient, than those of the Revolutionary fathers.”

—Calvin Coolidge

Your rights as an American are deeply rooted and as immovable as a mature oak tree. Over the past 20+ months, mandates, orders and “laws of the moment” have usurped the Foundations of Natural Rights and Constitutional Law in an unholy counterfeit of justice. Nowhere is that more evident than in the ongoing battle between school boards and parents over health-related decisions, including facemasks, quarantines and vaccinations.

Let’s start at the roots of our rights and follow the legal rationale out to the branches under which we govern our states, counties, cities, and school districts so that you have a basis for standing up for your parental rights and the sanctity of your family.

The Roots: The American Republic was founded upon “self-evident” Truths—or as John Locke called them, “Natural Rights.” The big idea upon which our nation was founded is that we have “inalienable rights” given to us by our Creator. No government of men can infringe upon these rights, which outrank human authority.

As Irresistible Revolution author, Lt. Colonel Matthew Lohmeier wrote, “The principles are considered true because they are eternal—in other words, they are predicated upon a law that is ‘natural’ and not created by man. And because natural law is not the creation of man, the rights stemming from such a law preexist government and cannot be infringed upon by government.”

The Trunk: The trunk of the tree that we can cling to when tyrants attempt to control the People or insidious ideologies threaten our freedom consists of the Constitution, Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence. They do not *establish* our rights; they *enumerate* (list) them. But even these Founding Documents are not comprehensive catalogs of all our Natural Rights.

This is why we have the Ninth Amendment, drafted by James Madison to ensure that the Constitution and Amendments were not seen as granting the People of the United States only the specific rights they addressed. It also stipulated that those specific rights enumerated could not preclude other Natural Rights not addressed. The Amendment reads: “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

Next, notice how the concept of Natural Rights/God-given rights/inalienable rights carries through to Supreme Court case law, as well as to specific state laws (Arizona specifically cited here).

The Branches: The major limbs of the tree are represented by federal and state laws and case laws that address

specific applications supporting Natural Law, consistent with the Constitution and Bill of Rights, in the spirit of the Declaration. Let’s take a look at some key case law and Arizona state laws that clearly repudiate the pretended authority of “mask mandates” and even certain executive orders.

Pierce v. Society of Sisters, 268 U.S. 510, 45 S. Ct. 571 (1925)

The major thrust of this Supreme Court decision was to affirm that the “fundamental theory of liberty upon which all governments of this Union rest [Natural Rights] *excludes the general power of the State* to standardize its children by forcing them to accept instruction from public teachers only.”

But the ruling covers specific foundational rights that refute, in principle, the recent decision of Judge Katherine Cooper of Maricopa County to deny a ban on Critical Race Theory (CRT), vaccine passports, and the mask mandate ban. She ruled on a technicality to block this new law, but her ruling does not make these mandates legal!

CRT: Supreme Court Case Law emphatically states that the teaching of Marxist ideologies such as Critical Race Theory is criminal.

“In the brief submitted on behalf of the appellant Governor, it is urged in justification for the enactment that it was necessary

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in order to prevent the teaching of disloyalty and subversive radicalism or bolshevism [aka Marxism/Communism]...This Court has emphatically held that the States have power to make criminal and forbid the teaching of disloyalty, sedition, or pacifism *Gilbert v. Minnesota*, 254 U.S. 325.”

“No legislation can proscribe social discrimination, and the statute in the case at bar is singularly inappropriate to that end. Young children do not discriminate against each other; that is a characteristic of maturity. The picking and choosing of friends for reasons based upon money, creed, or social status come, not during elementary school days, but afterwards; and no force thus far vouchsafed to man has ever been equal to the destruction or

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elimination of social distinctions.”

Healthcare decisions (including masks & vaccines): *“It is not seriously debatable that the parental right to guide one’s child intellectually and religiously is a most substantial part of the liberty and freedom of the parent.*

“Under the doctrine of Meyer v. Nebraska, 262 U.S. 390, we think it entirely plain that the Act of 1922 unreasonably interferes with the liberty of parents and guardians to direct the upbringing and education of children under their control. As often heretofore pointed out, rights guaranteed by the Constitution may not be abridged by legislation which has no reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the State...The child is not the mere creature of the State; those who nurture him and direct his destiny have the right, coupled with the high duty, to recognize and prepare him for additional obligations.”

Parents, not the government, have the right to make their children’s life decisions. This is a foundational Natural Right. Arizona state law reflects this principal in specific and unambiguous terms:

State Law: The Parental Bill of Rights and others

According to the Center for Arizona Policy: “Recognizing the need to specifically protect parents’ rights in state law, CAP worked with the Arizona Legislature in 2010 to pass the Parents’ Bill of Rights. This statute sets forth the broad rule of parents’ rights: “The liberty of parents to direct the upbringing, education, health care and mental health of their children is a fundamental right.” A.R.S. 1-601(A). The government may not interfere with parental rights unless it demonstrates a compelling interest of the highest order that is narrowly tailored to meet that interest and that is not otherwise served by a less restrictive means. A.R.S. 1-601(B). This standard allows for children to be protected from abusive situations, while still ensuring that parents’ rights are not infringed by government officials who may simply believe they know better than a parent.

The Parents’ Bill of Rights recognizes a parent’s right to:

- Direct the education of their child.
- Direct the upbringing of their child.
- Direct the moral or religious training of their child.
- Make healthcare decisions for their child.
- (Additional items not cited here)

“Parents have the solemn right and responsibility to raise their children according to their own sincerely held convictions. Government must always recognize this right and make every effort to support parents in the choices they make while raising children. In Arizona, citizens should be aware of the extensive parental rights in state law and their ability to freely exercise them.”

“All parental rights are reserved to a parent of a minor child without obstruction or interference from this state, any political subdivision of this state, any other governmental entity or any other institution, including...the right to make health care

decisions for the minor child...” (ARS 1-602 A5)

Additionally, ARS 15-873(A)(1), allows parents to exempt their children from immunization requirements for K-12 school admission if “due to personal beliefs, the parent or guardian does not consent to the immunization of the pupil.”

The Twigs: Recent legislation and judicial opinions.

Subsequent legislation and opinions, such as Judge Cooper’s overturn of SB 1898, do not carry the weight of your Natural Rights, Foundational principles of the Constitution and Bill of Rights, nor of Case Law or State Law.

So the passing of SB 1898 itself was not necessary to secure your right to make healthcare decisions for your child, nor did Cooper’s ruling affect those fundamental rights. This entire debate is a red herring—a distraction that gives the false impression that school districts and schools can now “mandate” masks and vaccinations. In point of fact, they never could and still have no legal right to infringe upon your rights as a parent and a free American. The ruling of a single judge cannot override Constitutional law, nor decades of case law. Period.

Not on the tree: Mandates and orders. These are not laws and need only be regarded inasmuch as they are consistent with the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and laws reflecting those. Health departments, judges, and administrators do not make laws; neither governors nor any other member of the executive branch, including the President, can make laws. That is the *sole* duty of the Legislative Branch.

Our nation has strayed from the founding principles upon which our Republic was built, and our lack of understanding of our Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence have made us vulnerable to tyranny, usurpation of Natural Rights, and Marxist indoctrination that is antithetical to our founding principles.

As Francis Bacon said, “Knowledge is power,” and as the Founder of Christianity said, “you shall know the TRUTH, and the truth shall set you free.” Stand your ground, parents. Your rights are deeply rooted. Only YOU are entitled to make any healthcare decision for your children.



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*A Country
Moving Toward
Socialism*

I recently came across an article in Bloomberg News that made me laugh out loud. It's called "America Needs Higher, Longer Lasting Inflation" It's written by some guy named Karl W. Smith, and it's actually being reprinted in a bunch of places. It's part of an elaborate media effort now trying to cover up or justify the failures of the Biden administration.

You might remember—just a few days ago on social media—The Washington Post had an article telling Americans, "let's not complain about the breakdown of the supply chains, let's not complain about the fact that this or that product is no longer available due to a week-long wait or month-long wait." Their point is, 'let's just lower our expectations.'

This is really life as lived in a country moving in a socialist direction: You just have to get used to less. You've got to get used to bad news. The good news is when the bad news isn't so bad. These articles are a perfect example of this.

The writer goes on to make a kind of crazy-kook argument where he, in a sense, says, 'Listen, the great advantage of inflation is that right now when interest rates are really low, if the federal reserve needs to lower them further, there's not much place to go. You can just go down to zero. You can't go below that.'

So, if inflation is higher, it gives the Fed a little bit more room to operate. Imagine a seemingly serious person arguing for inflation on the grounds that it gives the Fed more tools to tinker with the money supply. The Fed, by the way, is the primary cause of inflation in the first place. Why? By printing money, by and large, to bankroll the projects of the Biden administration.

They're essentially imposing a silent tax on the American people. If something that costs \$100 now costs \$110, well, that basically means that you're going to have to pay more for it. Another way to look at it is your paycheck just took a cut, even without the government actually taking a literal bite out of that paycheck.

We're facing not just the prospect of inflation—which is bad enough—but inflation combined with slow growth. Slow growth plus inflation is called stagflation. Stagnant plus inflation gives you stagflation.

Stagflation was last given to us by another Democrat, Jimmy Carter. It ground the economy to a halt. This was really the main domestic problem that Reagan inherited. On the foreign policy front, the Soviet Union, yes, but on the domestic front, stagflation was a very painful problem to deal with. In fact, it took a deep recession to get



America out of this pit that the Democrats had dug us into. And they're doing it again.

Inflation has been something we've successfully tackled for almost 30 years, but now it's almost as if we're back to the 1970s. We've seen the biggest 12-month rise in prices due to inflation, really, since August 2008 before the financial crisis basically sent the economy into a tailspin.

The Federal Reserve has been predicting two percent inflation, which is less than half of the over five percent inflation rate we're looking at. The Fed has said, 'We're kind of hoping this is going to be sort of temporary,' but it's very clear, month after month as the numbers come in, that this is not really temporary. This is something we're going to have to live with. And that was the point of the article that was trying to get us used to living with inflation as a normal part of our lives.

In other words, this kind of government theft of peoples' spending power is now supposed to be normal. Just get used to it. Stop complaining about it.

Gas prices are up 42 percent over a year ago. Think about that. This burden falls more heavily on Republicans because they tend not to live concentrated in cities but in more rural areas. They travel longer distances. So who do you think pays the price when gas prices soar like this?

Used car prices are up almost 25 percent from a year ago. Food prices jumped 1.2 percent in September alone, so that extrapolated out is a substantial inflation rate. All these failures can be pointed not to COVID, not to some inevitable globalization breakdown, but to the policy failures of the Biden administration.

It's kind of disgusting to see that Pete Buttigieg, who's supposed to be managing this supply chain crisis, has taken a two-month paternity leave. So this guy doesn't show up for meetings, he doesn't take calls, he's really not working while the media's acting like, 'Well, wait a minute, shouldn't he also be entitled to paternity leave?'

There's an infrastructure plan, Pete's also the point man with the supply chains, and he's nowhere to be found. He's posting pictures of himself doodling on a swing with his partner, so this is an embarrassing situation that is having a real-world effect on ordinary people—pinching them, making their lives more difficult.

If you're looking for someone to blame, well, they're all sitting right there in Washington, D.C.



Sex Revisted

Chapter 6: Guidebook for a Son

Note: As parents across the nation struggle against public school "sex education" programs they consider immoral and harmful, we share the wisdom of a father in this excerpt from *Guidebook for a Son*.

"Beautiful shall I call her, or inexpressibly terrible?" Nathaniel Hawthorne, Rappaccini's Daughter

"The love between man and woman is to the Apaches a sacred thing. Never do they make obscene jokes about sex, and the fact that White Eyes consider conception and birth a matter of levity is something they cannot understand. It is, to them, on the level of taking the name of God in vain. I am very proud that in our language is no profanity. For the privilege of sharing in the creation of new life, we give thanks to the Creator of life." James Kaywaykla, Recollections of a Warm Springs Apache

I once heard that sex is about families, not just individuals. Sex was meant to be the glue that binds together two souls, cementing the most important relationship in the most important unit of society: the family. The love expressed between a husband and wife through the ultimate act of giving of one's own life and body provides a foundation for a home filled with love, stability and joy.

Since when are those bad things?

What you should know about sex is that it automatically wants to make its participants into family. The very act goes beyond just the physical; it begins a process of making two souls into one. This is the spark of a relationship that is meant to burn for life, completing two people in ways one person could never know. Every time a person has casual sex without commitment, the natural tendency of the soul to find its complement is thwarted with painful results. When you have sex, your soul—your very being—begins to attach to another person. When you walk away, a little piece of your soul is violently ripped away, leaving you a little less whole.

As Ravi Zacharias said, "Every act of wrong, public or private, does victimize. It victimizes the one performing it and reshapes the person." Do this enough in life, and you will become so scarred that you will no longer be able to feel. Through its abuse and misuse, one of the greatest joys created for humanity loses its pleasure. "Terrible as what the world did to me," wrote Oscar Wilde, "what I did to myself was more terrible still."

What's more, you rip away a piece of each person you use that they can never get back—and this piece will take residence in your heart and leave less room for true love. This world is full of fragmented souls, continually looking for the next thrill, and losing more of their wholeness in the process. They rip away pieces of people, but don't commit to the whole.

Since when is that a good thing?

You will undoubtedly hear a lot about "safe sex," and certainly it is important to protect the body from diseases and unwanted pregnancies. But this is the lowest common denominator. The Total Man aspires for something higher, understanding that we are more than just our bodies. Virtually every spiritual tradition makes a distinction between the physical body and the spiritual soul. "Dust thou art, to dust returnest, was not spoken of the soul," said Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem *A Psalm of Life*.

Science understands a lot about the brain but cannot locate or quantify the mind, the "self." All research has been able to determine is that the mind does not have a specific location, or shape or any other physical quality. Call it your mind, your soul, your

*"Freedom cannot be gained
in any number of sexual
experiences, but it can be
lost in one."*

spirit—however you want to refer to it—you are more than just your body. There is a "ghost in the machine."

While a thin film of rubber may (or may not) make sex safe for the body, don't be naive enough to think it will protect your mind, soul and spirit—the you that lives inside and controls your body. Let's be honest here. You can still be hurt by sex when you're wearing a condom, and you can still hurt the one you're sleeping with.

I know many people who thought "free sex" was great when they were younger but now have deep regrets now that they are married and have a family—and face the dilemma of telling their own kids not to learn "the hard way" like they did. I have also helped more than one teen find the vision to look beyond the moment and see the rewards of waiting—people who as adults are now grateful for my encouragement.

"Well, they're just going to do it anyway, so we might as well give them condoms and teach them how to use them," say some parents, politicians and educators. It sounds logical at first, but such an assumption insults your character. Are you going to wave the white flag when the battle begins, or do you have the resolve to fight and endure for a very worthy cause?

I am, personally, not against sex education and, yes, better to protect young people from physical harm than not at all. But just as the law is made for lawbreakers, not honest people, sex education is perhaps for those who have not been taught a better way and who do not have the resolve to honor their and other people's souls. If you have not learned these things from parents or role models, you can learn some of them right here, right now, in this book.

Sooner or later, you are going to have to struggle against sexual temptation. Sexual desire will be a strong force in your life for many years. Are you going to go down without a fight? If you give in now, you deny yourself an amazing opportunity. You are not "missing out" as some will think. It is they who are missing out on a chance to develop a strength they will need throughout their lives. If the mind is a muscle, as the saying goes, so too must we exercise and strengthen our spirits.

Is it challenging when a beautiful girl wants you and you want her, and you feel as if you could explode if you don't sleep with her? Of course. I've been there too, many times. But if you've ever trained your body, you know that developing strength is always

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painful and involves sacrifice. No pain, no gain. Such it is with the spirit as well. You can only develop a strong spirit through resistance training. We understand how sacrifice and resistance training benefit the body and increase its strength, health and freedom of movement. Yet somehow the same principle, applied to the spirit/mind/soul is seen by some as repression, as a stifling of freedom. Let's sort this out in a way that makes sense.

We have already discussed how the pinnacle of human relationships is a committed, loving relationship, incomparably greater than a series of sexual conquests or short-term relationships. Once you find that one person you can't imagine living without, and once you make that commitment, will you have developed the strength of character to be faithful?

No matter how much you may love another person, temptation does not go away. Beautiful women are still beautiful, and some may pursue you, married or not. During those rough patches every marriage goes through, when you're not "feeling" very in love, will you have the strength not to get into compromising situations? If your loved one gets ill and cannot have sex with you for a prolonged period of time... then what? Will you have built up the strength in your younger days to stay faithful to a principle—to the soul of a family?

It is extremely difficult to start building the strength to resist temptation when you are in a committed relationship. This is like trying to get in shape for a marathon while you are running the marathon. If you have not previously developed through resistance training, then you will suffer greatly when it comes down to the real race. Maybe you alleviated some suffering by giving in to your impulses when you were younger, but now the stakes are much higher. You thought resisting temptation was hard when you were single, but that once you found the "one" it would be easier.

The truth is, that if you have not developed the character to focus on your true love even before you meet her, then things will probably become much more difficult and painful. If you have developed that strength from a young age, it will still be difficult at times, but you will have the spiritual muscle to truly love faithfully. *Disciplined* love conquers all. A Total Man understands that freedom is a long-term concept that involves sacrifice. He appreciates the value of a strong spirit more than a momentary thrill or release.

Freedom cannot be gained in any number of sexual experiences, but it can be lost in one. Think about that.

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The government has been telling you they have a legal right to impose covid restrictions, orders and mandates, simply by decree. The administration currently occupying the White House is passing down vaccine mandates that penalize disobedience. In doing so, they betray their gross ignorance of the roots of *your* rights—namely the Natural (or Fundamental) Rights that are the ground of all our nation's laws.

The Ninth Amendment identifies a protected "realm of personal liberty which the government cannot enter" that accommodates much more than just the "enumerated" (listed by number) rights set down in the Bill of Rights.

As Daniel A. Farber writes in *Retained by the People*, "The Framers meant the Bill of Rights to be illustrative, not complete." Both those listed, and many not, "were part of their political and ethical vision, what they had fought a revolution to honor. For them, as men of their time, these rights were based in 'natural law' and the 'law of nations,'" and to them, "natural law was not a dead letter; it was hard, enforceable law."

James Madison was instrumental in creating the Ninth Amendment to ensure that those rights included in the Bill of Rights would not be used to devalue others not specifically mentioned. Madison proposed that, "Both enumerated and unenumerated rights are similar in their origins; neither kind is 'created' by the Constitution or the Bill of Rights...Instead, these rights existed *before* the Constitution was even adopted."

"Without a Ninth Amendment, the federal power might be able to invade every right that was not explicitly listed, and yet a complete list would be impossible. Thus, the Ninth Amendment addresses governmental invasions of privacy or human dignity that are not listed in the earlier amendments."

Among those Natural Rights protected by the Ninth Amendment is the right to decide for yourself which medical treatments or therapies you will accept into your body. Your body is manifestly a "realm of personal liberty which the government cannot enter."

The present administration may believe it is limited only by the Bill of Rights and subsequent amendments (and even those don't seem to slow them down very much), but in fact they are limited to a very narrow range of authority, outside of which you have no obligation to obey.

It's about time we revive the Ninth Amendment and begin enforcing it. "We should treat unenumerated fundamental rights as being on a par with the enumerated rights that courts enforce, rather than 'disparaging' them by treating them as second-class rights. In short, Ninth Amendment rights deserve not only indirect protection by the courts, but direct application...To treat them as less 'legal' than rights such as free speech would disparage them in just the way the Ninth Amendment forbids."

Whether or not lawyers and courts today understand this, the Framers certainly did, and the Second Amendment recognizes your Natural Right to defend your liberties—including those not enumerated—when your government fails to.

We will discuss how these natural, foundational rights are identified, including tradition, precedent, and reasoning by analogy in the next issue of *FreedomTalk*.

MARX AND MARXISM

An excerpt from Matthew Lohmeier's *Irresistible Revolution*

Marxism stands in stark contrast to the light and goodness of America's founding philosophy. American philosophy creates. It fosters individualism, voluntary cooperation, and freedom. It produces hope. Marxist ideology destroys and breeds fear and resentment. It strangles the free exchange of ideas and stifles free will. Since free will is the very essence of unfettered existence, it is no exaggeration to say that Marxism squelches existence. In Mao's mind, "Marxism must certainly advance," and "the basic principles of Marxism must never be violated." The seeds of China's cultural destruction, however, were sown decades earlier, even before World War II, when Mao's communist revolution began to infect and spread like a cancer across China. After a protracted struggle, Mao's communists successfully installed a new regime when, in 1949, Chiang Kai-Shek and his Nationalists were exiled to the island of Taiwan.

Karl Marx, the founder of Marxism, however, was interested in revolutionizing more than merely one country. In fact, it is clear in Marx's writings that he was greatly interested in witnessing America's demise. To discuss Marxism, therefore, is to get a clearer picture of what is happening today in America Specifically, and many nations in the West generally. America is walking the path many countries have walked before it during the twentieth century. It is a path fraught with danger. But what is happening at present is one thing, and what will happen if we continue to adopt Marxist ideology—whether wittingly or not—and behave in a manner consistent with its seditious and fratricidal impulse, is something different still.

Irresistible Revolution: Marxism's Goal of Conquest & the Unmaking of the American Military is available on Amazon.

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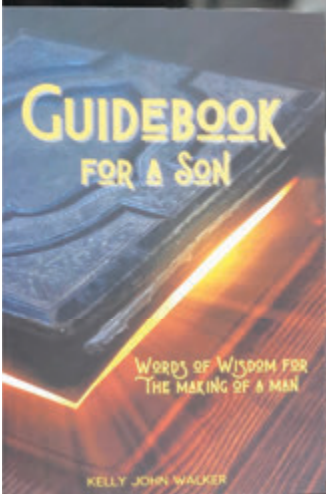
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