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Truth, Justice & the American Way

ARTICLE SUMMARY: Understanding the proper balance between Truth & Justice is key to avoiding the ditches of communism & fascism. It isn't the road that matters most, but *how you walk it*.

"Though you cannot see, when you take one step, what will be the next, yet follow truth, justice, and plain dealing, and never fear their leading you out of [any difficult situation] in the easiest manner possible."

Thomas Jefferson

"What is truth?" Roman Governor Pontius Pilate asked a question that has resonated across two millennia. Today, the answer seems more nebulous than ever.

"What was a lie in the father becomes a conviction in the son," wrote Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), and "there are no facts, only interpretations."

Postmodern ethics however, are shifting from relativism to a new redefinition of truth that—while individually subjective—has coalesced into collective dogmas. And, as history presents nothing but new coats of paint on old ideas, the "faithful" are lining up behind the two ideological ditches of communism and fascism.

And here's why this duality of dogma endlessly cycles like Yin and Yang: Because one is based on justice without truth and the other emphasizes truth without justice. (I use "justice" here to mean treating all people with dignity, compassion and fairness.)

Justice and truth must be yoked together or else society will careen from one ditch to the other. Justice untempered by objective truth is endemic to socialism and communism; truth without justice, taken to its extreme, grows into fascism. The ditches are not as far apart as they may seem, and the saying "narrow is the way that leads to life, and few find it" carries the ring of divine wisdom.

Søren Kierkegaard wrote that, "Worldly wisdom is very willing to deceive by answering correctly the question, 'Where is the road?' while life's true task is omitted, that spiritually understood, the road is: how it is walked."

If we walk improperly, we can stray from the road entirely, and end up in a ditch.

"Worldly sagacity teaches that the road...goes through some science or other, or that the road is certain doctrines, or certain behaviors," wrote Kierkegaard. "But all this is a deception, because the road is how it is walked. It is indeed as Scripture says—two people can be sleeping in the same bed—one is saved, the other is lost. Two people can go up to the same house of worship—the one goes home saved, the other is lost. How does this happen except for the fact that, spiritually speaking, it is a deception to know where the road is, because the road is: how is it walked?"

Unfortunately, some so-called "Christian" churches have embraced neo-Marxist social justice ideologies. I say, "neo-Marxist," because Marx's class struggle based on economics has been redefined along racial and sexual intersectionality.

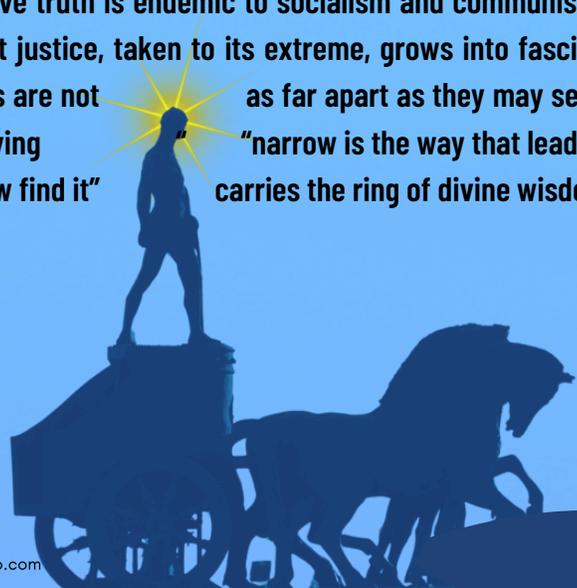
Should Christians pursue justice? Yes, of course. "How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked?" asked the Psalmist. "Defend the poor and fatherless; do justice to the afflicted and needy; deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked."

But the biblical view of justice requires an adherence to God's standards of good and evil, and the problem is that Marxism is an atheist ideology inconsistent with the teachings of Jesus. It fails to acknowledge that God is the perfect balance between mercy and judgment, and so is the standard of all behavior.



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“Social justice warriors” destroy the boundaries between good and evil, “removing the ancient boundary stones” our ancestors put into place as they were led by God. Without the truth that has grown and developed over millennia of human history and collected wisdom, justice warriors become so unbalanced that they come to embrace things like child mutilation and drag-queen story hour that are so far outside of truth and virtue that they make monsters of the innocent and portray monsters as victims.

Yet, truth untempered by justice and mercy holds its own horrors, and inevitably leads to authoritarianism and compelled orthodoxy. One poignant example is the rise of antisemitism in the U.S. Proponents of what is essentially a rehash of Hitler’s *Mein Kampf* arguments compile facts and anecdotal truths, yet they fail to appreciate the fear and destruction they are sowing into society.

Was it Adolf Hitler or a contemporary influencer who said, “The nations are no longer willing to die on the battlefield so that [the Jews] may profiteer from a war”? The idea is common to them both. (Hitler said it, but it’s said today too.)

There may be truth to the idea that some powerful Jews have been corrupt, yet most Jewish people are simply trying to live in peace and have a homeland. While the perpetrators of antisemitism may deny it, the fruits of their certitude are the same kind of fear and persecution we’ve seen before.

It would hardly be just to blame the crimes of the Biden administration on the American people, even if the truth is that the administration represented the nation.

“The truth shall set you free,” but the truth in and of itself cannot save anyone.

“Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean,” wrote Isaiah. “Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.”

Certainly, those enslaved by leftist dogma believe in things that we know to be false. But mocking them, talking about “liberal tears” and the like is tempting, but it does not win people over to the truth. Treating them with dignity and compassion can and does red-pill people “caught in the Matrix.”

Unfortunately the conservative side has been building its own elite class while failing to do justice for many people still suffering from targeting and persecution by the

administrative state and the corrupt judiciary. There is a massive focus on the cult of personality, and it needs to be called out, because it is the road the priest and the Levite walked while ignoring the injured man along the way.

Isaiah warned nations that, “If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword.”

What is the nature of that obedience and willingness? It is not being right, having the truth, or anything other than working justice to help others in need.

Jesus laid out clearly the criteria for obedience that leads to life, and disobedience that leads to death: “I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.” “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

“If there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, ‘You sit here in [the VIP seats]’ and say to the poor man, ‘You stand there [outside the velvet ropes],’ or, “Sit here [in the cheap seats],’ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?”

I truly believe that our great nation has been given a reprieve from judgment and destruction. But we can blow it and fall under the judgment of our Creator if we do not balance truth with justice. Next Page



“Truth is the work of freedom and in such a way that freedom constantly brings forth truth. What I am referring to is very plain and simple,” wrote Kierkegaard, “namely that **truth exists for a particular individual only as he himself produces it into action.** If the individual prevents the truth from being for him in that way, we have a phenomenon of the demonic.

Truth has always had many loud proclaimers, but the question is whether a person will in the deepest sense acknowledge the truth, allow it to permeate his whole being, accept all of its consequences, and not have an emergency hiding place for himself and a Judas kiss for the consequence.”

In Romans 1, Paul chastises what we would call the Left, based upon “suppressing the truth in unrighteousness” because “they did not like to retain God in their knowledge.” The litany of vile behavior reads like a biography of the Left today.

But then in chapter 2, Paul pulls a fast one! He condemns, perhaps in much harsher terms, what we might call the Right when it is bereft of justice. “You are inexcusable, O man,” he says, “for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself.”

Why are they condemned? Because they “despise the richness of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance.” God is patient and merciful to us, but how do we treat one another?

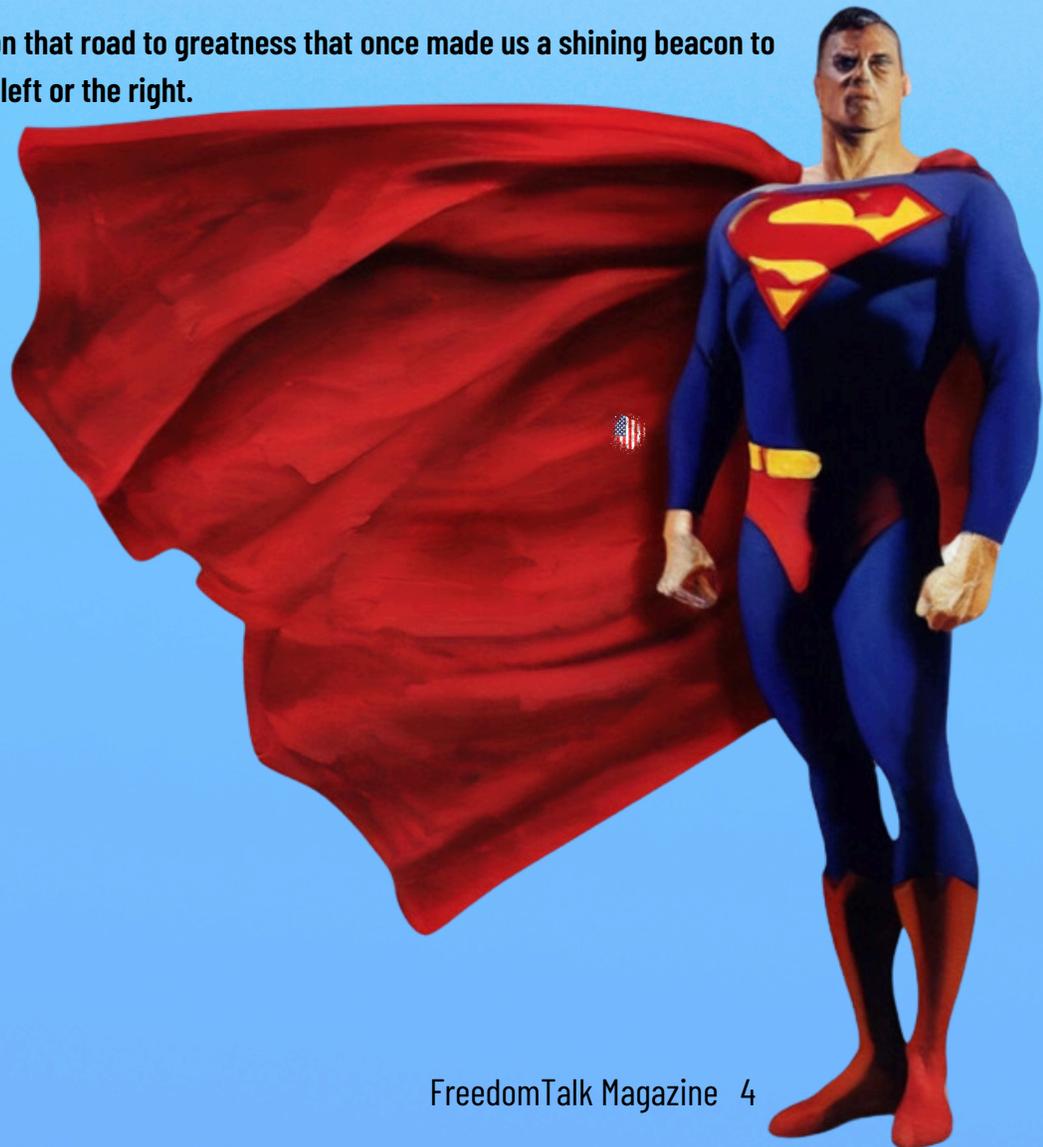
We are not justified by the road we walk, but rather, how we walk it. Justice without Truth leads to the ditch on the left, Truth without Justice drives society into the ditch on the right.

A balance between Truth and Justice IS the American Way.

Our Founders rejected the mob rule of pure democracy which elevated majority preference over truth, and monarchy or oligarchy which by virtue of unchecked power inevitably abuse justice. The nation they envisioned is that narrow path.

It is time we get the United States back on that road to greatness that once made us a shining beacon to a world abused by ideologies too far to the left or the right.

We may not be given a third chance. 🇺🇸



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A Call to Procreation

Fertility Rates & the Future of Humanity

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In an era where economic considerations and personal convenience often dictate life's major decisions, the decision to have children has become increasingly complex. Yet, at the heart of human existence lies a simple truth: the essence of life is intrinsically tied to procreation. As fertility rates continue to decline in the United States, it's time to reflect on what this means for the future of humanity and how it ties into a potential renaissance of American values, particularly in the wake of a conservative movement's victory.

The Essence of Human Continuity: Procreation is not merely a biological function but a fundamental aspect of human culture, identity, and survival. The decision to have children transcends the immediate concerns of financial stability or career ambitions. It's about legacy, the continuation of family traditions, and the very act of contributing to the future of our species. This instinct to nurture and raise the next generation is woven into our DNA, a call to arms for each generation to ensure the next. Ignoring this instinct, whether for economic reasons or personal choice, might lead us down a path where cultural knowledge, values, and the very fabric of society could fray.

Fertility Rates and Future Implications

The current decline in fertility rates poses significant questions about the future. Economically, fewer children mean a shrinking workforce, which could strain social security systems, healthcare, and economic vitality. Culturally, there's a risk of losing the transmission of values, stories, and traditions that define us. However, this demographic challenge could also herald a new era, much like the Renaissance was a rebirth after the Middle Ages. Here's how:

A Conservative Baby Boom: Following a victory by the conservative movement, we might witness a resurgence in traditional values, including the sanctity of family. This could lead to a baby boom, not driven by policy but by a cultural shift towards valuing family life over individualistic pursuits.

Revival of Community Values: The conservative ethos often emphasizes community, faith, and family. A baby boom could reinforce these values, fostering communities where raising children is a collective endeavor, much like the communal support systems of the past.

Cultural Rebirth: Just as the Renaissance was about rediscovering human potential, a pro-family cultural shift could lead to a rediscovery of what it means to be American. This could involve a renewed focus on education, arts, and philosophy that celebrate human life at every stage.

A Call to Action

The natural design of humanity isn't to be curtailed by economic feasibility or global challenges but to embrace the continuity of life. While personal choice remains paramount, society must recognize the broader implications of declining birth rates. This isn't about mandating childbirth but about creating a culture where raising a family is seen as a noble pursuit, supported by community and policy. We need narratives that celebrate the joy, the challenge, and the profound importance of parenthood.

As we stand at this crossroads, the potential for a baby boom in the wake of a conservative renaissance offers not just a demographic correction but a cultural one. It's an opportunity to redefine American values around the sanctity of life, the importance of family, and the legacy we leave for future generations. The future of humanity might just hinge on our ability to honor our most natural instinct: to create, nurture, and celebrate the next generation. 🇺🇸

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From Lies to Light Joe Hoft



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These have been some of the darkest days in US and world history. The Biden regime took power and used it to destroy.

In my second book on *The Steal* (available at JoeHoft.com), I waded through the mountains of evidence from the 2020 Election, and I came to the conclusion that no auditor of integrity would have ever certified that election. Millions of ballots were received from unknown places and unknown voters. This happened across the country. The machines, the anomalies, the lack of compliance all formed the 2020 mess.

After the 2024 election, Americans finally saw with their own eyes that Biden's 81 million votes in 2020 were way more than any Democrat Presidential candidate received ever. Biden's "certified" results stand out like a sore thumb.

After taking power, those who were involved in certifying the uncertifiable election for Joe Biden began their work, destroying America.

Free speech was the first item attacked. Those who said anything about the false results were censored, shadow banned, and eventually removed from social media altogether. Even President Trump was targeted and banned.

Justice went out the window along with freedom of speech. Those who spoke in opposition—like President Trump, Rudy Giuliani, Jim and Joe Hoft from the Gateway Pundit, AON, Steve Bannon and more—were attacked through lawfare. The rule of law no longer mattered, and the legal system was used for punishing those who shared the truth.

The DOJ and FBI attacked those who questioned the election and those who protested the results. Those arrested for participating in the Jan 6 protest were first. Many didn't believe that the guy who couldn't get out of his basement and talk, who couldn't put together more than 2,000 attendees total at his "rallies" gained 81 million votes!

Attacking those who protested election "irregularities" took eyes away from the issue of election integrity. Hundreds of Americans suffered as a result. Clearly, no one on the left cared. These people were chattel to be used for political purposes.

The media lied and lied and lied. They promoted lies when they said five Capitol policemen died on Jan 6—not one officer died that day. The corrupt media to this day has not acknowledged that four protestors died that same day at the US Capital. This is only one of the thousands of lies the media pushed over the past few years.

Every single US government department, communication, and official was in on the lies.

The American people had enough. Americans saw Jan 6ers prosecuted, some simply for being present. Americans saw the lawfare used against President Trump, the lies about the 2020 election, and unconstitutional actions of the Biden Regime. The border was opened to very bad people. The government sent billions around the world to unknown places and people. The economy was attacked with massive inflation due to government spending and policies.

It came down to the US being destroyed and becoming a communist state, or the people of the US overcoming the lies and saving this great nation one more time.

Millions fought back, challenging the lies of the government ran media. They supported the truth, and they won alongside President Trump.

America is a land of good people. This is why those on the left want to flood this nation with unvetted individuals from other countries. They hope America will lose its integrity.

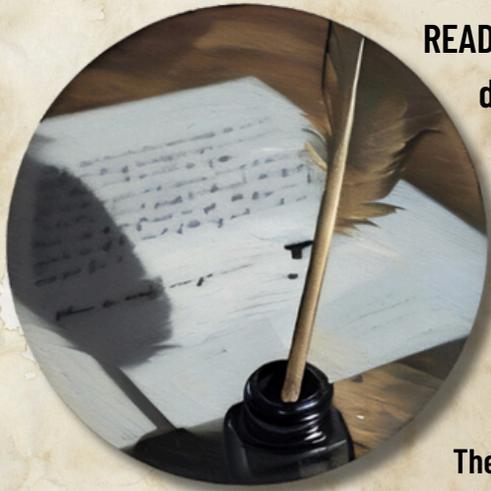
But the left doesn't understand that people who come here (legally) love America and most importantly, love our justice system and our integrity. Those who come here change, America doesn't. Justice and the truth will always win.

This renaissance in America is already influencing the world in a positive way.

America is back better than ever. You can feel it in the wind. The whole world feels it.

These upcoming months and years will not be easy, and we know it. But we celebrate American greatness and so does the world. America is again the Land of the Free. 🇺🇸

Is the Constitution Still Relevant?



READER QUESTION: "The Constitution was designed to limit government...Well, it doesn't. So, now what?"

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The issue is not whether the Constitution is able to limit government, it is that virtue in society has been deconstructed by the postmodern, neo-Marxist heterodoxy that has infiltrated our Republic. Too many have come to believe that there is no truth—including the "self-evident" truths upon which our country was founded—and that there are no "binary" realities in life—good and evil, fact and opinion, male and female...virtue and depravity.

The Founders understood that, as Benjamin Franklin said, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters."

To depart from the Constitution would be to abandon any hope of upholding Natural Rights and restoring our Republic. The U.S. Constitution distills the collected wisdom of millennia, drawing on the best thoughts, traditions and spiritual insights of Hebrew, Greek, and Roman times.

The Great "Promissory Note," as Martin Luther King, Jr. called the Constitution, is the near-perfection of the principles set down in Magna Carta, and English Common Law.

"When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir," said King. "This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

The Constitution has been a safeguard of liberty for over 200 years, a timeless check on the excesses of human nature, and the corruption that tempts the powerful.

Yet virtue is at the heart of a Republic, and without it, ours cannot survive.

"To suppose that any form of government will secure liberty or happiness without any virtue in a people is a chimerical idea," as James Madison wrote.

"Human rights can only be assured among a virtuous people," declared George Washington. "The general government can never be in danger of degenerating into any despotic or oppressive form so long as there is any virtue in the body of the people."

The Constitution has not failed the People; the People have failed the Constitution. Our great Republic—this "grand experiment"—is faltering in proportion to the strength of our convictions, our sense of right and wrong, and our national character.

John Witherspoon said that "a republic once equally poised, must either preserve its virtue or lose its liberty, and by some tumultuous revolution, either return to its first principles, or assume a more unhappy form."

The people of America must embrace the "first principles" of America's founding; we must have a revolution—a turning back—to the last, best hope for mankind.

"No people will tamely surrender their liberties, nor can any be easily subdued, when knowledge is diffused and virtue is preserved," said Samuel Adams.

It might surprise you that the greatest danger to a representative republic is a democracy. Pure democracies have always failed, as witnessed by the story of Athens. Rule by the mob negates the rights of minorities and inevitably leads to tyranny. This has all been tried and demonstrated again and again. (You can read more on this topic in our September 2024 issue.)

The Federalist Papers along with the more contemporary book, *The Roots of American Order* by Russell Kirk confirm that democratic rule has been weighed and found wanting. As Aristotle wrote, "The middle class is in most states generally small; and the result is that as soon as one or other of the two main classes—the owners of property and the masses—gains the advantage, it oversteps the mean, and drawing the constitution in its own direction it institutes, as the case may be, either a democracy or an oligarchy."

At present, an oligarchy—which we refer to as "the elite"—is running our country, promoting its own interests at the expense of the American people. They have operated in shadows, paying lip service to the values of the Republic while cleverly undermining them. They've had the Administrative State (FBI, DOJ, etc.) playing defense to hide their corruption.

But in recent years, this oligarchy of the elite has been exposed and the People are rising up to take back our representative Republic. Donald Trump and others are committed to destroying those who would destroy the Republic, and that is why they are constantly attacking those who would "make America great again."

The Democrat elite talk about "defending democracy," not because they genuinely care about the "little people," but because they know that the mob rule of pure democracies always degrades into chaos, and chaos ushers in tyranny.

The Roman Empire thrived and grew under its Republic, but once the Republic was overthrown, decay set in and ultimately, Roman order gave way to chaos and the often-cruel whims of whichever demagogue managed to seize power.

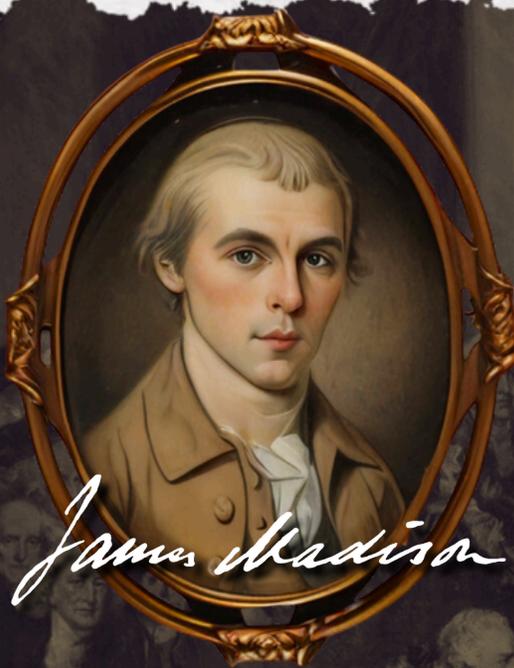
About 1,300 years later, the French Revolution failed, descending into the predictable pattern of rule by the mob, followed by tyranny, followed by oligarchy. The American Revolution succeeded because it was based on republican, not democratic principles.

Only much later did France begin to emulate the American pattern, though not with the same Anglosphere heritage and commitment. Macron, today, is part of the global elite oligarchy, pushing people back into tyranny. The French people are pushing back, struggling to break free of his administration's dark despotism.

We have a constitutional crisis in America, yes, but our Republic is not yet done; it can still be redeemed.

"Protecting democracy" is not the concern we should have—that is sophistry and naive to the extreme, as history demonstrates. Our greatest national imperative is restoring our virtue as a people and renewing our adherence to the timeless principles of the Constitution. 🇺🇸

James Madison was just 25 in 1776



James Madison

A pure democracy...can admit of no cure for the mischiefs of faction. A common passion or interest will, in almost every case, be felt by a majority of the whole; a communication and concert result from the form of government itself; and there is nothing to check the inducements to sacrifice the weaker party or an obnoxious individual. Hence it is that such democracies have ever been spectacles of turbulence and contention; have ever been found incompatible with personal security or the rights of property; and have in general been as short in their lives as they have been violent in their deaths. Theoretic politicians, who have patronized this species of government, have erroneously supposed that by reducing mankind to a perfect equality in their political rights, they would...be perfectly equalized and assimilated in their possessions, their opinions, and their passions. A republic, by which I mean a government in which the scheme of representation takes place, opens a different prospect, and promises the cure for which we are seeking. Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison

ECHOES OF THE REPUBLIC

BY AARON MILLER

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For many Americans, visiting the nation's Capitol can be a surreal experience. The enriching history, the bustle of government, and the aura of power blend together into a potent miasma that intoxicates the average visitor. As a result, it can be challenging to focus on one particular segment of the whole. But for those who can accomplish this, a theme emerges from amongst the sprawl of monuments, statues, and historic edifices. Consider the Jefferson Memorial, with its soaring columns and marbled surfaces. Consider the statue of George Washington, which can be found in the National Museum of American History today, bare-chested and wrapped in a toga. Consider the US Capitol building, with its large and frescoed dome. Consider the fasces incorporated into Lincoln's throne in his memorial. None of these architectural and artistic choices are accidental. Indeed, all of them speak to America's love affair with the Roman Republic, a love affair that must continue if we are to maintain our own Republic.

This fascination, if not obsession with the ancients, is not limited to architecture and stylized memorials. It is woven into the very fabric of America's founding folklore. George Washington, the Father of this nation, is commonly referred to as the "American Cincinnatus." Similarly, many of the Founders of the nation and Framers of the Constitution were avid students and staunch supporters of ancient philosophers and statesmen. John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison revered Marcus Tullius Cicero for his contributions to philosophy and statesmanship, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson openly admired Cato the Younger for his opposition to tyranny and love of liberty, and several Founders and Framers used arguments from these figures and others to frame their own ideas being presented to the public before and after the American Revolution.

Naturally, as the great men who built the foundation of America followed many of the ideas, virtues, and characteristics lionized by the great men of Rome, more than a few of these ideas were integrated into that same foundation.

Legal maxims, forming the bulwark of Western—and later, American—legal norms are deeply rooted in Roman law, such as *pacta sunt servanda* (agreements must be kept), or *res judicata* (a matter already settled). A dedication to maintaining contractual obligations, the codification of the law, and a reverence for the rule of law, all stem from the Roman Republic. And all of this is tied together by the Roman virtue of devotion to one's civic duty.

The American form of government, too, is a reflection of the Roman Republic's ideals. The bicameral Congress captures the intent and operation of Rome's *Concilium Plebis* and Senate, the institution of democracy to select leaders and make important decisions, and the implementation of a Chief Executive (or in Rome, the dictator) as an individual prepared to guide the government in times of crisis. To this point, the Founders and Framers hotly debated the benefits and costs of strictly limiting the authority and powers of each level and form of government, seeking to find a balance in which liberty could be preserved and tyranny would be kept at bay. Unfortunately, it is obvious to most now that many of these efforts were later twisted and adulterated to conform to the desires and whims of the powerful and dictatorial.

Therein lies the ultimate point of this brief but essential jaunt through the parallels between the Roman Republic and America's founding: that great civilizations are dependent upon those that form and maintain them. The Ancients, and the Founders and Framers understood that the uplifting of virtue, the codification and enforcement of the law, and the balancing of power were incredible tools that could create order out of chaos, stability and prosperity for one's people. However, this system constantly stands on a knife's edge, facing internal and external threats. In much the same way that the Republic gave way to the Empire as great men lusted for power and abandoned their principles as a result, America faces her own struggle to maintain this balance. If she is to survive this struggle with her Republic intact, as battered and bruised as it may be, perhaps her people should turn back to the original, foundational principles, ethics, norms, and ideas that made her great. To paraphrase Benjamin Franklin at the birth of the US Constitution, we have a Republic...if we can keep it. 🇺🇸



CONSPIRACY THEORIES VS. POLITICAL TRUTHS

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On a recent podcast, Joe Rogan tore into the “key findings” of a 500-page Congressional report about the COVID-19 pandemic madness. According to Rogan, the report “basically said all the conspiracy theorists were correct. Every single one of them.” He then went on to lambast the report further because there were “no repercussions, no retractions, no apology from Rachel Maddow. None of it!”

Many of us feel his frustration. Still, the pandemic turned a number of so-called conspiracy theorists into celebrities—many of whom stood up to the prevailing political truths at great peril to themselves both professionally and personally.

On one occasion, I exchanged emails with one of the more celebrated medical professionals. He told me that we needed to fight the medical establishment and their tyranny. I argued, we would only be fighting the symptoms and not the real disease. The tyranny imposed by Big Pharma and their minions, I explained, was only a manifestation of a much bigger threat. Political truths such as those spread throughout the pandemic are a mere construct of the controlling political class.

Perhaps the most repeated political truth that we hear from the D.C. class is the one about the rule of law. The political class repeats the mantra that we are a “nation of laws” over and over again. Yet, the actual truth is that the laws promulgated by the political class do not actually conform to “the supreme law of the land.” The recent elections are illustrative of this point.

For example, we are now being told by the incoming party that there’s going to be “significant” changes to the FDA’s “rules governing food additives, to fulfill Kennedy and President-elect Donald Trump’s Make America Healthy Again pledge to get toxic chemicals out of the food supply.” In other words, since the Republicans will be in control, they are the ones who get to make the rules now. Put another way, they will be the ones who will be telling you what you can and cannot eat.

One would easily expect this political truth to cause some anxiety after having lived through the most recent pandemic. The government told us at that time what we could wear, how to interact socially, how to worship, and how to protect ourselves by mandating experimental drugs and by prohibiting safe and natural remedies.

Many were even calling for the non-compliant conspiracy theorists to be jailed and refused critical medical services.

In case you missed it, there was also a time when RFK, Jr. believed that climate deniers should be jailed for not believing the political truths of the controlling political party at the time. He is the one who will now be making the rules governing our food choices.

We need to understand that the entire federal government apparatus has gone rogue and that the Constitution is merely window dressing to which both sides give lip service. This behavior is the actual disease that I was talking about in my prior email exchange for which the real cure is the Constitution itself.

With very few exceptions, it has become completely acceptable on both sides of the aisle to allow Congress and the administrative state to pass laws (i.e. rules) that regulate everything outside of their Constitutional powers. Recently, I came across an article by the venerable Ron Paul who explained it this way: “The Constitution only creates three federal crimes: treason, piracy, and counterfeiting. All other crimes are under the jurisdiction of state and local governments.”

This observation echoes what James Madison taught: “The powers delegated by the proposed Constitution to the federal government are few and defined. Those which are to remain in the State governments are numerous and indefinite.” In other words, the federal government has no authority to ban such things as “toxic chemicals out of the food supply” even if it might be done for all the right reasons. Yet, conservatives are cheering on the prospect of this clearly unconstitutional activity.

Madison further explained that without a specific list of powers, the federal government’s “power and authority would extend to all cases” and “usurpation might be expected to the fullest extent,” a condition in which we now find ourselves as was most profoundly illustrated during the late pandemic.

Here’s the truth: we do not need different rules from the FDA or any other unconstitutional federal agency in order to proliferate the conservative’s version of political truths. What we need is for the federal government to strictly adhere to our U.S. Constitution and to its specific list of powers.

As I’ve noted; the real disease is that we have a rogue federal government that regulates everything and refuses to be confined to its few, specific powers. This is neither a conservative nor a liberal issue. It is a question of whether or not we truthfully believe in our U.S. Constitution or in someone else’s electoral mandate.

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By 2035, All California Vehicles To Be Replaced By Little Tikes Cozy Coupes

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SACRAMENTO, CA – California Governor Gavin Newsom has adopted a plan set forth by the California Air Resources Board to phase out all gas-powered and EV automobiles and replace them with Little Tikes Cozy Coupes no later than 2035.

"California now has a groundbreaking, world-leading plan to achieve 100 percent zero-energy vehicle sales," Newsom said in a statement. "By the year 2035, every new car sold in California will be a Little Tikes Cozy Coupe."

Government vehicles are exempt from the order.

While the Little Tikes Cozy Coupe was already available for purchase in several exciting models, the line of vehicles was expected to be significantly expanded in the next decade. In addition to the standard model, drivers can expect to see new models joining already existing favorites like the Princess, Cozy Truck, and T-Rex. All options come with a standard vehicle warranty and the assurance that you are saving the environment.

Opponents of the executive order argued that this would cause California's economy to collapse due to the infeasibility of commuting and the inability to transport goods via freight.

"We are all going to die," California State Senator Scott Wilk said succinctly.

But Gavin Newsom said naysayers just hate the environment. "Think of all the good this will do," he said, elaborating on the plan during a press conference. "You have to push it along with your feet, so you're going to get in amazing shape. And say goodbye to fatal car accidents. You can't push these things more than four miles per hour, tops."

At publishing time, plastic manufacturing more than quadrupled to keep up with the demand for Little Tikes Cozy Coupes, leading to severe adverse environmental impact.

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VIRTUE Restored: The Renaissance of Truth

By Joe Man

Let's face it—truth these days feels like a lost sock in the laundry: nowhere to be found, but everyone swears they saw it last week. In a world where “my truth” runs wild and objective truth is treated like a conspiracy theory, we need a new game plan. Enter VIRTUE—a rock-solid acronym so good it could double as the title of a cheesy action movie. Here's how VIRTUE can kickstart the Renaissance of Truth and make truth great again (no socks required).

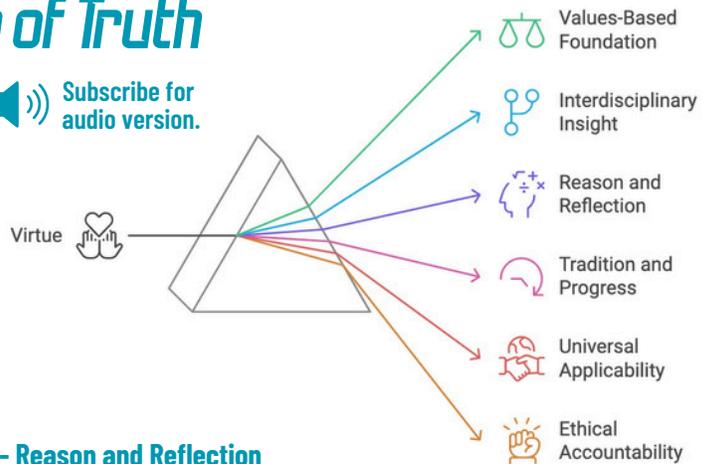
V - Values-Based Foundation

Picture this: you're trying to build a house without a foundation. Spoiler alert: it collapses, just like our society when we forget the basics like justice, integrity, and compassion. These are the OG truths. They're like grandma's secret recipe—they just work. So, let's stop acting like these values are optional and slap them on the menu of every conversation, policy, and debate.

I - Interdisciplinary Insight

Truth isn't a solo act—it's the ultimate collab. Philosophy, theology, and science need to get together like a supergroup. Philosophy drops the wisdom beats, theology lays down the soulful vocals, and science brings the hard data riffs. Together, they make the ultimate truth jam session. And honestly, who wouldn't want to see Plato, Einstein, and Moses team up?

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R - Reason and Reflection

Let's be real—critical thinking isn't just for nerds. It's the secret sauce of staying sane in a world full of clickbait. Reflection is like giving your brain a spa day: it smooths out the wrinkles of bad ideas. So, before you retweet that spicy meme, ask yourself, Is this true, or am I about to look like a clown?

T - Tradition and Progress

This is where things get spicy. Tradition says, Don't mess with the classics. Progress says, But what if we added Wi-Fi? The Renaissance of Truth needs both. We take the wisdom of the past (think: justice, fairness, virtue) and pair it with the cool gadgets of today (hello, AI fact-checkers). It's like putting a bowtie on a robot—classic meets cutting-edge.

U - Universal Applicability

Truth isn't like your weird uncle's chili recipe—it's not optional. It's for everyone. That means laws, ethics, and moral principles should work for people across the board. If it doesn't pass the “Would I want this applied to me?” test, it's not universal. And yes, that includes you, Karen.

E - Ethical Accountability

Here's the deal: without accountability, the whole thing falls apart. Ethical accountability is like a referee in a soccer match—it keeps everyone honest, even when they'd rather play dirty. So, let's make sure that every institution, leader, and influencer knows they're being watched (and not just by their TikTok followers).

Why VIRTUE Will Save Us (And Why It's Kinda Funny)

Look, life's too short for boring acronyms. VIRTUE isn't just a framework—it's a battle cry. It's the way we bring objective truth back into the spotlight, restore trust, and maybe even stop arguing about pineapple on pizza (spoiler: it's good). [Editor's note: No, no it's not.]

The Renaissance of Truth isn't just about big words and philosophical debates—it's about making truth accessible, universal, and—dare I say it—cool again. With VIRTUE, we can laugh, learn, and lead our way back to a world where facts matter and lies get left on “read.” Are you ready to join the Renaissance of Truth? Let's VIRTUE our way to a better world. 

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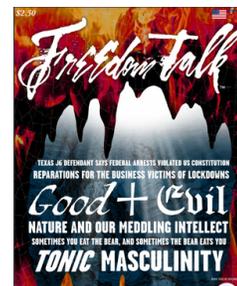
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Do We Still Believe in Good & Evil?

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As I was contemplating the strange and stressful times we have been living in since late 2019, a sobering question came to my mind.

Do we still believe in *evil*?

In our postmodern world, the once-universal concepts of good and evil, right and wrong, have been relegated to the trash heap in favor of a “your truth/my truth” subjectivism. American and British laws were built on a Judeo-Christian foundation, as were the principles expounded in the American Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Today, the foundation of our Liberty is labeled “patriarchal” and falsely vilified as designed to protect the interests of rich, white people at the expense of everyone else.

Long before the stylish obsession with “social justice” came into vogue, earthly justice was considered an extension of Divine justice, predicated on the concepts of good and evil. We lost our innocence in a Garden—or so the story goes—and the knowledge of good and evil made necessary the imposition of laws to define acceptable behavior. If evil was defined as the transgression of the Law, legalism came to be seen as the apogee of good. In other words, if I *do* good by keeping the Law, I *am* good.

But, as Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence wrote, the Law falls short: “If moral precepts alone could have reformed mankind, the mission of the Son of God into all the world would have been unnecessary.”

About 2,000 years ago, a Semitic carpenter challenged the legalistic paradigm with the bold assertion that the *intents* of the heart, and the motivations of the mind mattered as well. Good and evil are not defined by actions, or one’s ability to keep the Law, He insisted; they reside in the heart and mind. While you might know a tree by its fruit, evil is rooted in bitterness. It was certainly evil to commit adultery, but He taught that even the desire itself was evil. The lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life are all intangible but weighty nonetheless.

How foreign the concepts of good and evil, virtue and vice are to the modern psyche. As transsexual former pornography actor Buck Angel told Turning Point USA’s Charlie Kirk in a March 24 debate, lust is harmless and pornography is a matter of choice.

“Should you do what you feel is right?” asks Charlie.

“I think if you’re an adult, you should be able to make choices that really reflect your own space,” replies Buck.

“You know what we call civilization?” asks Charlie. “Restraining ourselves from the things we always want to do.”

“Okay, that’s fair,” replies Buck. “But at the same time, pornography makes some people happy.”

But is this a standard to live by? “If it makes you happy,” sang Sheryl Crow, “it can’t be that bad.” Really?

Exterminating Jews made Hitler happy. Some people derive happiness from torturing small animals (cough, Fauci beagle puppies, cough). Abortion is justified by the happiness of the mother, and the ethos of personal gratification is opening a door for acceptance of pedophilia. Where does it stop? Is there a line, and if so, who defines it?

To be a functional society, we must have a higher standard than mere happiness—and we *do*. Ultimately, evil is inward facing; it is the way of “get.” It seeks its own happiness without regard

to, and sometimes at the expense of, others. Evil is selfishness and selfishness is evil.

And you might think that good is the opposite of evil, but it is more accurate to say that *love* is the opposite of evil. Love is the fulfillment and intent of the Law. It is the highest possible good, the way of “give.”

Note how First Century scholar, Paul of Tarsus defines love:

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love “does not seek its own.” And while *evil* can include intent, love must be put into action or it is empty sentiment. Love is not just a feeling; it is considering others as important as yourself and in its highest form, it is expressed in sacrificing your own wants, your desires and—yes, even your momentary happiness—for the good of another.

Think of the parent who pushes their child out from in front of a speeding car and takes the hit for her. Contrast that with the parent who would kill their child for their own sense of happiness. Which is good? Which is loving? Which might qualify as evil. If we distinguish good vs. evil through the lens of narcissism vs. altruism, we are getting to the core of good vs. evil.

Birth gives life; abortion takes it.

Marital love gives pleasure to a beloved; pornography takes it from a stranger.

Parenting gives security, provision and love to a child; pedophilia takes a child’s innocence.

Health freedom gives a person the opportunity to choose the best options for their unique needs; health tyranny (ex. forced vaccination) takes away a person’s Natural Right to exercise their conscience.

We often hear, “follow your heart,” but the prophet Jeremiah said, “the heart is more deceitful than all else, and is desperately wicked.”

The Founders of our uniquely American form of government understood that only a *virtuous* people can be free—those capable of governing their own passions and proclivities need only minimal government imposed upon them. They had a realistic view of human nature, that we have the free will to choose both good and evil. They knew that the heart (our desires) must be managed with the mind and that “pursuit of happiness” cannot be at another’s expense.

“Human rights can only be assured among a *virtuous* people,” wrote George Washington. “The general government can never be in danger of degenerating into any despotic or oppressive form so long as there is any virtue in the body of the people.”

Yet, the Founders identified a counterpoint to self-governing virtue: “Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state, an intolerable one,” as Thomas Paine put it.

Government exists because, unfortunately, people reject good, and laws exist primarily because people can be selfish to the point of evil. If everyone lived in perfect love, with outgoing concern, there would be no need for government. Love is the *fulfillment* of the Law.

Eric Liddell

Eric Metaxas

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Book Excerpt



If you've seen the movie, you will probably remember that one of the most unforgettable and dramatic scenes in *Chariots of Fire* involves a quarter-mile race in which Eric is accidentally knocked down by a competitor but against all human odds manages to win anyway. The remarkable event really did happen in July 1923 at Stoke-on-Trent at a so-called Triangular Contest track meet between Scotland, England, and Ireland.

Literally right out of the blocks—near the very start of the race—Eric was badly knocked down, and in a quarter-mile race at such a high level of competition, fractions of a second determine the winner. Anyone knocked down is quite simply out of contention. But such accidents are unavoidable in the intense rough-and-tumble crowding of such races.

In this instance, however, despite the fact that he was twenty yards behind, Eric leaped back to the track and madly gave pursuit. That he was twenty yards behind made the attempt to rejoin the relatively short race seem utterly absurd. Nonetheless, Liddell ran at such an astonishing pace that the spectators were goggle-eyed and on their feet, rapt by the unfolding scene before them. Accelerating from far behind, Liddell managed to catch and pass one runner and then another until impossibly, he finally overtook the leader and won the race, at last collapsing onto the cinder track. It was an athletic performance for the ages, and no one who was there would ever forget it.



In 2012, New York Times writer David Brooks wrote a column claiming that the charitable aspect of the Christian faith was at odds with the killer instinct needed to win in athletic competition, so that serious faith was a hindrance to victory. But Eric Liddell is the classic example of someone whose faith was not only not at odds with the will to win, but also, indeed and on the contrary, was a tremendous boon to it. His competitive instinct, as evinced in this one race, was simply unparalleled. Because he desired to use his athletic gifts to glorify God and because he knew that his winning gave him an opportunity to speak about God to men who otherwise might not be at all interested in the subject, running and winning had an eternal purpose. Because he was not merely running for himself, Liddell was able to summon powers that sometimes seemed miraculous, even to avowed skeptics.

After that famous race, when some of the astonished onlookers asked him how he had managed to win, Liddell again seized the opportunity to publicly glorify God. He reportedly replied, "The first half I ran as fast as I could. The second half I ran faster with God's help." 🇺🇸

Bring me my Bow of burning gold; Bring me my arrows of desire;

Jerusalem, William Blake

Bring me my Spear: O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of fire!



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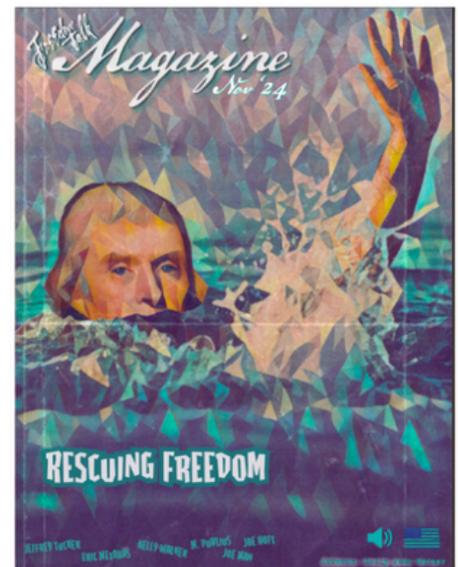
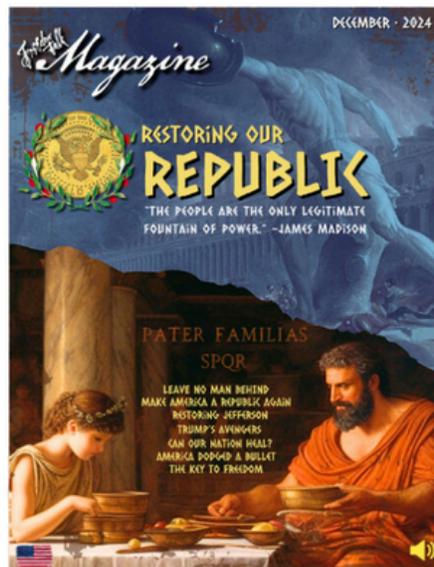
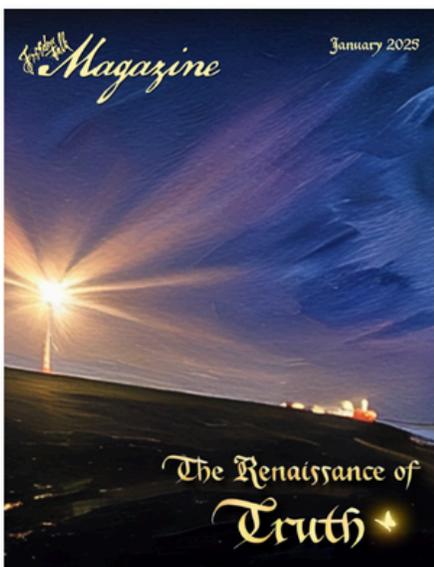
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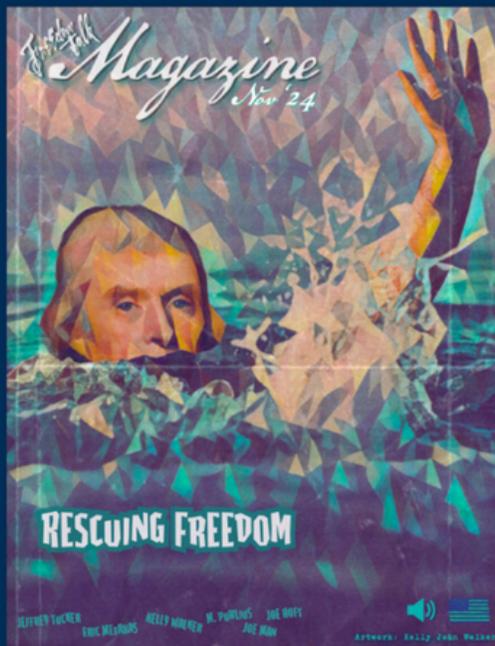
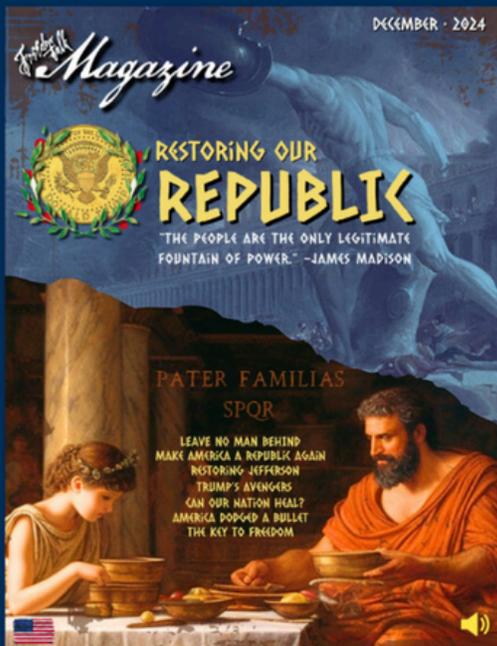


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"The time is near at hand which must determine whether Americans are to be free men or slaves."

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I cannot tell a lie. George Washington was one of the most legendary butt-kicking leaders of all time.

You don't get your mugshot on a dollar bill and your face carved into a freaking mountain without cutting a swath of independence through a colonial Fire Swamp infested with Royals of Unusual Size. Check it out: George and his ragtag army were outclassed by the most off-the-hizzle, well-trained army of bayonet-swinging Jason Statham ancestors, but G-man just resolutely set his wooden teeth and refused to be beaten.

Even though he spent much of the Revolutionary War taking more hits than a PowerSlap sparring partner, Georgie still managed to serve up a steaming pot of Boston whoop-arse tea with a side of "how's thy mother" scones. He gathered a bunch of barefoot, squirrel-gun-toting hillbillies and snatched power from England's "Reverse George" and his high-tech military gankers. Then he forced some English officers to say "schedule" with a hard "k" for a fortnight (honestly, what the heck with "shed-ual?"); chopped down King George's cherry tree, appropriated the word "football," and made the entire Redcoat army binge-watch *The Patriot*...without any popcorn. This was all because he refused to give up, and because he adapted to even the most bleak of circumstances. It's always the last key in the bunch that opens the door, and Notorious-G didn't stop till he found the key to victory.

After the British tapped out, everybody said, "You should totally be president or something." So, he said, "whatever," and did that side hustle for a bit. But Game of Thrones wasn't his groove, so 8 years later he regifted power to the People like an ugly Christmas sweater and did some organic farming and stuff for a couple of years. After he died, they erected a 555-foot monument to his manhood in DC to remind the world forever who was boss. (Presidents today get libraries. LOL! Lame.)

The Lesson: It takes an intrepid spirit to face your fears and shortcomings and keep fighting till you win. There's a price to pay for the promise of independence. But like the Great Bambino said, "You just can't beat the person who won't give up."

So, when it feels like you're failing...George Up. Keep going. Gird up your knickers and remember that it's always too early to quit. Like boxing legend James Corbett said, "To become a champion, fight one more round." 

