

The Second Declaration of Independence of the People of the United States of America

The unanimous New Declaration of the People of the United States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political and economic bands which have connected them with one another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them (as various individuals understand Him out of their own freedom), a decent respect to the opinions of humanity requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to that separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all human beings are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creation with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, the pursuit of Happiness, and rights of privacy and information*. --That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among human beings, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience has shown, that human beings are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and theft of powers, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. -Such has been the patient sufferance of the American People; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present rule of financial elites is a history of repeated injuries and theft of powers, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these the People of the United States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

The Lords of Finance, through their corruption of the political and social processes of the Western Democracies, have imposed on the world, and on the American People, a system of banking and of monetary rules and policies entirely for their own benefit. Any study of the true history of the creation of Central Banking proves this assertion. Just consider that by this means of creating economic structures totally for their own benefit, the result is that 1% of the people in the world control 50% of its wealth.

They - the Lords of Finance - have, through their surrogates the Democrat and Republican Parties, impeded all efforts to reform our social and democratic processes (such as by our making serious and real changes to campaign financing), thus permitting neither reason or truth to rule our social democratic process, but rather only wealth and the raw power it is able to purchase.

They - the Lords of Finance - have first promoted a false Cold War, and now an equally false War on Terror, for the sole purpose of creating in America a permanent Military and Arms industrial base, intended not for the protection of the People of People's, but rather for the use by the Lords of Finance as a tool for their imperial (world) rule.

They - the Lords of Finance - have used the military might and covert might of American power to manipulate, ruin and destroy - where ever and when ever they felt necessary - systems of government throughout the world that did not bow to their will.

They - the Lords of Finance - have raped the world's environment, enslaved third world peoples economically, destroyed the world's agricultural riches by the introduction of dangerous chemicals and unproven new genetic forms into the eco-system of the whole world, all in the search for ever greater power and money.

This is not to say, that no benefit to humanity has arisen from some of these changes and developments, but rather that at every juncture where it was a choice between improving the lot of life of ordinary people or enriching themselves, the Lords of Finance choose that path most beneficial to themselves, well all the while, corrupting government processes everywhere possible in the vain pursuit of this immoral goal.

It becomes a question then of how do We the People, already in possession of one hard won Constitution, remove this insidious influence from our shared social and political existence, for one of the evil means by which the Lords of Finance rule is by remaining anonymous and invisible.

On this basis we reject as no longer workable this beloved and now flawed and corrupted original Constitution, declare it null and void, and assert our right to replace it with that which we believe more carefully addresses and protects us from the over-reaching of concentrated wealth.

We recognize that this task will have as its main difficulty the removing of the existing financial structures in which all the Peoples of the world have become ensnared. The separation of the original 13 Colonies from the English aristocracy was far easier. Here we need to rise above something far more entangled in every aspect of our daily lives.

In addition, we will have to confess our addiction to the comforts this concentration of wealth has made possible for a majority of the American People. The truth is that we cannot move from our current conditions to those which are yet possible without owning our own responsibility and participation in the concentration of 80% of the world's wealth among only 20% of the world's people.

In this declaration then we have to assert two essential matters.

I. The Lords of Finance need to be taken out of their anonymous and secret rule and made to face, as named individuals, the judgment of the world for their crimes against our rights as human beings, their crimes against our free choice of government and their crimes against the planet and the environment we all share.

II. The People of America need to confess our own excesses and own up to our own responsibilities, and by this means replace the rule of elites and their surrogate political tools - the Democrat and Republican Parties, with Citizen Governance.

In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. These Merchant Princes,

whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyranny, are unfit to be the rulers of any free people.

Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our American political brethren. We have warned our elected officials from time to time of their attempts to serve themselves instead of the people by their legislative efforts to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over our civil liberties, at the same time they reward themselves with privileges and benefits (such as medical coverage) they deny to us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our suffering and dis-satisfactions. We have appealed to their native justice and nobleness of purpose, and we have entreated them by the ties of our shared humanity to disavow these theft of powers, such as their abuse of constant re-districting as a means to keep themselves from being challenged for election, which has placed them outside our rule through the ballot. They have also become deaf to the voice of justice and of shared community, in that we ask for and need a protected ballot, safe from electronic theft with a paper trail so that all will know our real wishes. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces as essentially treasonous the behavior by which they preferred the wishes of the Lords of Finance over the real needs of the America People, and hold them, as we hold the rest of humanity, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the People of the united States of America, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the moral integrity of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these many States, solemnly publish and declare, That these the People of the United States of America are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent of the economic tyranny of the Lords of Finance and their surrogates, the Republican and Democrat Parties; that we are Absolved from all Allegiance to the economic rules created by the Lords of Finance and any allegiance to the present standing government of America, which has stolen excessive powers, failed in its sacred trust, and acted with conscious treason against the Republic, and that all political connection between us and the present sitting government of these many States, standing as it does solely for the benefit of the Lords of Finance, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent People, we have full Power to engage in civil disobedience, refuse to honor claims on our wealth by the many banks, ignore levies for armies, refuse to pay taxes, print our own money and any other acts of freedom necessary to resist the continued rule of the Lords of Finance, or the excessive and dishonorable abuses of power by the Republican and Democrat Parties, and to do all other Acts and Things which an Independent and free People may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

* With regard to rights of privacy and information, here is a proposed Bill of Information Rights, to be considered for inclusion in the Second American Constitution, should the American citizenry have the boldness and courage to take up such a task:

"It is the right of every citizen to sufficient information to be able to make informed decisions.

"It is the right of every citizen to a sphere of informational privacy, inviolate from the intrusions of the State or commercial and employment interests. This sphere is to be defined by the

individual citizen themselves. Citizens who widely construct their private sphere of information rights must expect the normal consequences that flow from such an act (such as limitations on possible forms of employment).

"No government or private institution may withhold information needed by a free citizenry for the exercise of its duties. The Congress shall pass laws mandating appropriate and severe punishment for the violation of this right of information. Likewise, the Congress shall make laws mandating appropriate and severe punishment for violations of the right of privacy.

"When any citizen believes his or her information rights have been violated, the Courts must make inquiry, without cost to the citizen. In order to not overburden the Courts, the Office of Informational Ombudsman will be created by the Congress, which will mediate all preliminary inquires into requests, and violations, that arise from the exercise of these rights.

"Where a conflict arises between the right of privacy and the right to information, the Courts will seek the balancing principle in the Platonic ideal of the Good. For the purposes of this bill of information rights no non-living entity, such as a corporation, or other institution or organization, shall be deemed a person or a citizen."

Section Three: *The Real Power of Citizenship both as an American, and as a Citizen of the World*

Fundamentally, there is a war going on. This is a war created and managed by the Lords of Finance, and being carried out against the majority of the world's Peoples. Here is the picture we need to have...

The Aristocracy of Concentrated Wealth (the Lords of Finance), having become the hidden inheritors of the powers previously held by the Aristocracies of Blood, are engaged in feudal wars with each other. These wars seem, in the present, to be like wars among Nation States, but in each case the Nation State is just a surrogate for the behind the scenes power of Financial Elites.

Even in the case of what is being erroneously called the Clash of Civilizations, the real battle is over power and wealth, with some power hungry arrogant rulers disguising themselves as religious leaders. This is really a matter of human psychology, and the theistic element merely an excuse. Human beings are drawn, out of their shadow side, toward power. Power is the ultimate drug. The ego becomes thereby inflated - what sometimes is called megalomania - as a result of this addiction to power, eventually and irrationally believing itself to be a justified arbitrary power in the world.

Any religious leader, of whatever faith, who uses his (or her) assumed spiritual authority as a power in the realm of politics reveals his (or her) inflated sense of self and addiction to power. Certainly, such individuals will abuse the doctrines of their religion to create after the fact justifications (reasoning to a foregone conclusion), but anyone conversant with the moral depth of the world's great religions knows that the core of these religions is service, love, generosity and similar qualities of being. It is always a mal-interpretation of the teachings to assert they promote war, hate, terror - which leads us back again and again to understanding that

the real root of the political behavior of far too many religious leaders is their personal and irrational addiction to power.

As a consequence the world is filled with far too many leaders of Nation States, whose hungers and appetites are frequently the real driving motive. Behind them, the banking and financial powers support, or not, such leaders with loans and other kinds of help as long as the political leader follows the lead of the Lords of Finance with regard to how economic rules are structured.

For example, the main offense of Saddam Hussein was not his abuse of his People, his flirting with weapons of mass destruction or even his control of vast amounts of oil production and reserves. His principle error was to be seeking to take his economy, particularly his oil wealth, and disconnect it from the dollar and unite it with the Euro. No other act was more threatening to the principle group of the Lords of Finance, the axis of English and American banking and corporate families. A great portion of their wealth (and power) is tied to the dollar, and no act of Iraq's dictator was more dangerous to their continued dominance (within the feudal wars the Lords make among themselves, and for which ordinary people all suffer disastrous consequences - collateral damage as it were).

This is the same financial sin now being committed by Iran - a threat to take their oil resources away from any connection to the dollar and put it with the Euro. This is why it was crucial to the Lords to dominate the American Presidency and by this means have access to American military might. A Nation State which does not play the game, according to their rules, was to find itself at war.

All during the 20th Century the Lords of Finance have had unlimited access to political power to promote and develop their control and their status. The very very rich have come to rule the world from behind the scenes. In the Western Democracies this has been more directly accomplished by institutionalizing intermediate structures, which were then used to identify and develop political and intellectual talent, at the same time seducing them with access to power and wealth. The main institutions in England and America were and are the Rhodes Scholarships (identifying American talent and taking it to England for its "economic" education), the Trilateral Commission (the main American think tank for the Lords of Finance) and the Council on Foreign Relations (the main English think tank for the Lords). [Of lesser import, but certainly not to be ignored is the Skull and Bones Society at Yale University, the annual meeting of financial elites at Davos, the meetings of the Bilderbergers, and the annual Bohemian Grove gatherings of political and economic elites in Northern California. For more details, see appendix H: *Counter-Moves*.]

Any careful reading of the biographies, of literally hundreds of English and American leading politicians, and dominant government officials (Secretaries of State, Home Secretaries and so forth), will reveal their participation in one or more of these institutions, where they have been drawn into the inner circles of power and wealth [See in this regard, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, by John Perkins]. Generally they will never become billionaires, but certainly they will be millionaires and move easily in these spheres of privilege. Imagine being a young Rhodes Scholar, for example, taken one afternoon to the huge estate of an English Lord, who has impeccable connections within world-wide banking and finance circles and told that you are to be part of those circles of elite power which will (and must) run the world, for the

lower classes simply lack the intelligence and the practical financial savvy to be allowed, through democratic means, to make the required macro decisions by which international relations, trade and economic markets are made stable and healthy.

What a rush it must feel in the soul to be anointed as one of the lonely few, possibly destined for the top, where such responsibility will rest on your shoulders; yet to know that behind you will stand such a power as is having tea with you that day. With a nod and a wink you are welcomed into a fraternity only a few know exists. Your future is now assured.

As to those strange places in the world, where there exists the few who might resist the rule of the American and English establishment, well that is part of the game you are going to be able to play. For example, consider the petty dictatorships, such as in South America or Africa. For the taming of these there exists the CIA and its English cousin MI6 - who will do the wet and dirty work when needed, at those times when the pressure brought to bear by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund on those nations banking systems, in order to force them to accept central banking, does not work.

And such as China and India, well they too will most often be led by individuals who also want wealth and power, and where wealth and power are desired, agreements can be made, for after all we are all reasonable men, are we not?

So the 20th Century progressed and the 21st begins. The elites of finance and power play their feudal games, using their serfs and peasants to make the wealth and to fill the ranks of their armies, when and if necessary. Meanwhile, if one has become a member of the privileged classes, then more and more there comes to be two worlds.

One world will be above, with private jets (or at worst first class flights) to safe and secure airports and hotels, with all the amenities (wine and companionship) any man or woman could desire. Here will be the meetings in which the deals are made, by the underlings of the feudal lords, through which they divide and organize the world among themselves. Meanwhile the Lords will rest content on their vast private estates, protected by private armies, eating the best foods, having the best health care and the most secure lives.

Oh, once and a while a terrorist (someone tired of being poor and ignored) will get through the defenses of a few of these elite classes, but in the main and as a group, the Lords of Finance and their families will survive and endlessly perpetuate themselves. At least that is their dream, and the dream with which they seduce others.

And, in the other world - the world below the Lords of Finance and their servants - the middle class could well disappear. A certain degree of anarchy and disease will be promoted, since the engine of the world only needs so many workers and soldiers as long as the Lords can remain somewhat civil with each other. Electronic IDs will be the norm, even if one wants to work for a pittance, since any wage will then be considered a privilege to have. The rest, the undocumented and unnumbered, will exist solely on the refuse heaps of an economically feudal civilization, and, with luck, survive mainly by their own wits.

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This scenario, while quite visible in the current tendencies and trends, need not arise. But for it not to arise, ordinary People have to discover their power, for in spite of the contrary views of the elite Lords of Finance, we do have our own power - a power equal to that of the Lords.

It is a moral power, and it is as free moral human beings (freely choosing our own intuitions as to what the good is in any instance), that we can learn how to restore balance to the world. Balance and harmony are the crucial goals. Although the Lords make war on the poor, it by no means is required of us that we make war on them.

Let me digress a moment, to share something I heard some months ago that is rooted in the spiritual wisdom of Africa, not well known at all in the West. We, in the West, know a great deal about Christianity, perhaps some Buddhism, and if we have been paying attention even a little bit of the wisdom of Islam, but about the deeper African wisdoms, little is known outside of small circles. Since I am not practiced in this wisdom, I can only share my incomplete understanding.

In a conflict, so it is taught, one Way to approach resolution is for one side to so understand the needs, hungers and desires of the other, such that they seek a Way to support those who make war on them. Instead of standing in opposition, they seek a means to satisfy what is wished for by the other - to take on the burden of meeting these needs which have driven them to conflict. [*If a man wants your shirt, give him your cloak also*]

This is very profound if one thinks about it carefully, and may exactly be what is needed so that the coming years can be traversed with the moral impulses of many different kinds of people finding harmony and balance, in a situation where someone else makes war upon us. The seeking after dominance, by an elite, over the great mass of others (who do not seek dominance), whether it be through financial, political or even religious powers, can be resisted in ways that do not have to end in bloodshed. [*blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*]

At the very least, such must be tried, until no other choices remain.

Consider for a moment how one becomes a member of the Lords, or of their immediate circles of servants. Mostly wealth is inherited, although occasionally it is won anew by such as those who have risen to the top of the revolution in electronics, for example. But if we examine the biography of many of these elites of wealth (by whatever path it came to them) we find the riddle exposed by Christ when he said: "*it is easier for a camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven*".

The central crisis of the world is moral in nature, and those with the least difficulty in ignoring conscience seem to more easily rise into and live with great wealth. The moral problem is fairly simple. When you have more than you need, how do you live with yourself, and keep to yourself this excess beyond real need. In a world full of hunger and deprivation, certainly conscience will advise modesty and humility as regards living beyond ones real needs. Yet, as we know, many cannot do this; and, this is a problem not only among the wealthy elites, but everywhere that human excess of appetite finds no restraint.

The elites could have run the world with greater wisdom. There once was the ideal of *noblesse oblige* - the obligations of the nobles, such that those with power and wealth were paternal and

caring towards those of lesser station. But the current crop of Lords have lost this ability to know how to father and mother a world; and, in this failure to attend to their potential moral stewardship, they have fallen into a state that can only be called: *moral childhood*.

The Lords of Finance are moral children, and it is in Civil Society (see *Appendix D*) where those are found who are willing to shoulder the tasks of true stewardship of the world - to be the real sacrificing fathers and mothers of the future. What then is their/our power?

Our true power lies in speech and in naming. We tell the stories to the children of the meaning of the world. We give the names of things, and so far in the last stages of life of Western Civilization, this power has fallen into disuse - in fact often usurped by the Lords and their various surrogates, who have woven over and around our civilization a set of lies about the nature of finance, and about the true nature of the human being.

Our one great weapon in this war is the truth, and it has been my privilege, in the company of many others, to begin to articulate that truth out of which we need to build the future. Everywhere Civil Society (in whatever form of individual or community expression) speaks out, ideas are used and ideas have power. Just consider the usage in this little booklet of such terms as: *the Lords of Finance, the People of Peoples and moral children*.

Wherever we discover ourselves to have surrendered to illusion, we have the power to cut through it with the truth. This truth, authored individually out of our own spiritual freedom - to think our own thoughts and make our own moral judgments - casts both fire and light on the present crisis of civilization. The Lords have hidden in the dark of anonymity, and once we begin to shine the light on them, all their powers begin to weaken.

So we name them and we name their misdeeds and we name our real needs. Thus begins the battle, a battle over the meaning of the world.

Once the light of truth burns more and more brightly, the Lords will be tempted to increase their restraint on speech and public gatherings. Yet, our Founders, and the other creators of the Western Democracies, have left us a blessing. They claimed and acted upon not only rights of speech and assembly, but also the right to author the fundamental laws. The People remain the true source of governmental powers, and the threads of this power and authority we have to once again gather to ourselves.

This we do when we make our Declaration and then begin to gather in Renewal Groups and assert the Right of Citizen Governance to author a Second American Constitution. We the People take up once more the fundamental discussion of the nature of government and the rights of a truly free people, now self-informed and self-educated by the lived-in results of the first iteration of that grand experiment that is the Republic. Don't we call ourselves: *wage slaves? And, isn't time for us to throw off our economic chains?*

We have seen how wealth acquired unjustified power and corrupted our institutions, and now we can seek to remove from our lives this treason against the Republic, and against *our sovereign individuality*. We have the power to speak and think and raise such a collective noise, from so many sources at once, that the Lords will have no choice but to rethink their posture. Do they want to plunge civilization into internal wars which will tear down all that they have built, or will

they confess and admit their errors of stewardship and recognize that liberty, equality and brotherhood will be asserted in the world, whether they oppose it or not?

For the truth is that as we seek to write a Second American Constitution, an act of power that will be a second shot heard 'round world, this will draw into question the value of private property itself. It was by inserting the rights of private property into our original constitution, as equal to or higher than our individual rights as human beings, that then brought us to this place and time. But now we awake and wonder: Do we want to go that far, and leave behind the childish notion of private property and substitute instead laws of stewardship, which recognize that all human beings are brothers and sisters, dependents upon our mutual stewardship of this home - this planet; and, that the claim of the rich to own it all through hidden rites of power and intimidation must now be put down and ended?

This is our dilemma, and this is also our power. We take our moral authority in authoring truth and meaning, and by this means lead the world toward true sister and brotherhood (*And crown thy Good (individual moral impulses) with Brotherhood (the recognition that the Earth must belong to all)*).

Yet, let us take the next moment to return to the wisdom out of heart of Africa, the wisdom that suggests that the best road to creatively resolve conflict is for one side to ask of the other: What do you need and how can we serve?

What would the Lords say in the face of such a question?

They might say a truth, which is that their judgment was correct that the common man was not qualified to organize that aspect of society which consists of finance and markets. Civil Society is not really in a position of deciding this was a false judgment. They also might say another truth, which is that history shows that political leaders, whether Kings or Presidents, often have an excess of egotism, that disables them from properly managing the same economic questions.

We could then reply, yes this is true, but how did you handle this riddle? Did you approach it honestly and openly and with the interest of all in mind, or did you hide your manipulations and place your own privileges, wealth and power above the rest of us?

This they should confess as wrong. They may not, of course, but at least we need to make the offer as we move in the direction of the Second American Constitution. Truth to tell, we need expertise in banking and finance, just as we need expertise in medicine and science. What we don't need is lies and we don't need to be treated as mere workers and consumers. Such treatment is in vicious denial of what it means to be a sovereign human being and citizen of the Republic and of the World, where rights are to be equal for all. The very very rich do not have the right to run our lives, ruin our world, deprive our children and save themselves at the expense of everyone else.

That much is clear, and as we require of them that they reveal themselves and come out of hiding into a public dialog with us, we have a right to expect truth and justice. If they cannot meet us as human beings possessed of equal rights, then battle lines will surely be drawn and these harsh but true words may well be rendered into equally harsh but true deeds.

At the same time, we need to anticipate that in the beginning they will try to control with raw political power our efforts to rid the world of their tyranny. They will bring back laws of sedition, and will arrest people for speaking out. What then do we do when this battle escalates in such ways?

There is a new power in the world, or perhaps better stated: a renewed version of a very old power. The now clearly useless and morally bankrupt paternalism of Western Civilization is on the wane, and arising to supplant it is a new maternalism - new powers of the Feminine Mysteries. The moral power of women can be seen clearly at the heart of much of Civil Society.

So, let's imagine what happens when a few voices are stilled under sedition laws...

Imagine 100,000 grandmothers confronting the authorities with the same acts. If you are going to arrest one of us, you must arrest all of us. How long will the authorities be able to resist such power of moral shaming, as when young mothers with babies, and old women in wheel chairs, accompanied by all their male helpers and friends take to the streets and say, if you arrest one of us for such words, you must arrest all of us (as in the movie Spartacus, we all step forward and say: I am Spartacus).

This battle need never be fought with any other weapons than the willing sacrifice of one's own freedoms or life, and by the confrontation of the moral children of the world (the Lords of Finance), by their loving and understanding moral fathers and mothers (Civil Society). Instead of hungering for one Gandhi, we all become Gandhi's.

Yes, such courage is hard to find in individuals, but it is not so hard when we act as a community. Many hands make light work, and many hearts make the yoke of such love very easy to bear.

And so I ask, as did those who signed the original Declaration of Independence, that from this point forward we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

So be it.