## LIBERTY REQUIRES MATURITY

... without it we will have socialism!

**LIBERTY DEFINED**, is ownership of property and ones right to take pleasure in or destruction of that property. That liberty is granted us by our creator so it is to Him alone we must answer. Men or government simply do not have the authority to grant or restrict liberty. The primary property given all men is their body and the fruits of mans labor is the extension of that bodies liberty, to stifle that gift is to presume the business of God.

**IF A PERSON WANTS** to consume something that might be destructive to that body like to much salt, sugar or even a drug like nicotine [or other] no man or government has the authority to stop them, with one exception, when it infringers on the liberty of others, like second hand smoke in a closed environment maybe, but certainly not outdoors or if the smoker owns the closed environment. If you think that you need to police another individuals vices then you are a hypocrite and in the course of time your rights will be in jeopardy as a result of restrictions that others will impose upon you, through socialism under the guise of fairness, for where does it stop, who has the final word? So either you live and let live, or nobody is free. Thomas Jefferson said "*I would rather be exposed to the inconvenience attending too much Liberty than those attending too small degree of it.*"

**GOVERNMENT WAS CREATED** to maintain order and protect property for it to rob one man to give to another would be a travesty whose end is socialism, for government owns nothing!

**UNDER NATURAL LAW** people have a "duty" to be careful not to injure another through negligent acts therefore with liberty comes responsibility for ones actions. Any action by another that infringes or endangers others can be controlled by the state legislature, but "not the federal government". Therefore if certain substances [like drugs] require control because they can be a danger to minors or others, the State has a duty to legislate the necessary controls to protect others, but how restrictive the controls, is the duty of the state to decide through debate with liberty in mind.

**HISTORY SHOWS** that criminalizing any vice exacerbates the problem and puts at risk the safety of the people which the state has a duty to protect and to serve. The state very well might find that the legalization of drugs with controls might be the best course for the state in its "duty" to protect its citizens. Better that the morally weak be injured by their own vice then all of society with him. "*If you want to solve Americas drug problems, legalize it*"! - **Ron Paul** 

**JUST HOW FREE ARE WE?** Requiring the obedience of safety rules and requiring a license are two different things, with liberty comes the responsibility to not put others in danger but today .... You need <u>permission</u> (license) to own and or carry a fire arm, to contract, to marry, to drive, to start a news paper, you need a SS# to work, to open a bank account, You need to fill out a form (FOIA) to get information from government, you need to file a 1040 or go to jail, our dollar is a "note of credit" and not money, people fear government, government collect too much information on us, our right to petition ignored, people have no standing in courts, state militias have been abolished, patriot act, agenda 21, warrants without probable cause, habeas corpus suspended, press owned by a cartel of five corporations, federal control of our airways, federal control of our waterways, federal control of 30% of our landmass, federal control of trade between states, federal ID cards through state drivers license, you need to register a business to do business, federal government thinks they are your partner... to name just a few liberties we have lost. America! the bastion of freedom, has become the most governed, most regulated, most imposed upon, most harnessed, the most exploited people in time. Yes freedom requires responsibility and to those without faith frightening, but the alternative is self destruction!

Education, health care, job, welfare and housing are not rights. We certainly have a right and maybe a duty to our spouses and children to pursue these things and if we have a moral compass (lamp upon our path) on behalf of our needy neighbors also. "*Our constitution was made* only *for* a moral *and religious* people. *It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other*." - John Adams

For charity can come only from the hearts of men and not government - Mat 25:34-40 Then shall the King say unto them... For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. - God

How did America lose her way? The answer is that we simply forgot what our founding fathers discovered and have practiced in deed, posted on posts, declared to the king and the world, and written in books all for their posterity; which can be summed up in the following three things.

(1) Liberty - (2) Responsibility - (3) The lamp upon our path

Now, I speak to myself first, listen to your fathers (founding) or we will continue wandering in darkness.