



## **Life, Flight and Liberty Part XI**

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*Life, Living and The American Way*

Around our globe we call Earth, people are born, Most live and grow to be men and women. About 1 in 20 of these are Americans. That means 95% of the people of the world have no reason to respect us simply because we are Americans. We are no friend of the global population in this modern time. We have followed the path of every failed Empire that has dominated life, stumbled in their folly and in a common finale, found self-interment in their hubris. All Empires fail and have fallen. American ambitions can claim no exception.

In my view, our Republic of Republics, a free union of States established by the authority and power of Free Men and Women of each state, ceased to exist by Lincoln's invasion and victorious conquest of the Confederate States of America. Reconstruction by acquiescence under the threat of obliteration and submission through time cannot legitimize a crime. A new union in chains is no Union at all.

With those statements, I can smell the smoke and feel the flames of my credibility as it plummets to the ground. The ground is where it belongs. The ground is also where my critics' opinions belong, too. The ground is where we all can stand and make sober examination of the evidence behind my wild-sounding assertions.

People and governments are not perfect. Governments, like humans, have lives. Life comes with a mixed bag of successes and failures. Living is the process of life, filled with challenges, both large and small. How people contend with their challenges determines their satisfaction with the lives they live. That includes people whose satisfaction relies upon their success in bending or coercing the conduct of other people.

We are reminded from every level of the federal/central government, allied by State and Local governments, that the Constitution and Treaties are the Supreme Law of the Land. Only if our Declaration and Constitution have been invalidated by conquest, time and policy, can this assertion be valid. If the Declaration and Constitution remain in force, the statement is an equivocation. It is a lie of deception.

The Declaration establishes that our creation of government is to secure our individual Unalienable Rights of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Our Constitution must be read in all circumstances with that fundamental mandate as the primary and essential consideration.

Without this benevolent coalescence, the words of the Constitution become liquid in the hands of those who would rule without limit, heedless for consultation with or direction by the People. The Declaration and Constitution are inseparable.

Consider these critical facts:

1. The Federal Supreme Court presumes, absent any Constitutional authority to so presume, that they shall define and interpret the Constitution. This is exclusively our privilege; the People are

the authors of the Constitution.

The Supreme Court is an element of the Judicial Branch and a co-equal element of Constitutional government. We have delegated no authority to any Branch to dictate to any other Branch. There can be no balance of powers if one Branch may rule the others.

*2. All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives.*

*The Congress shall have the Power to declare War . . . to raise and support Armies . . . to provide and maintain a Navy . . . to make Rules for the Government and Regulation of land and naval Forces.*

These delegations cannot be re-delegated, ignored or abandoned except by denying the People of America our Right and Authority to command the federal government. These are decisions rightfully and jealously retained by the People, through our Representatives.

When the President spends our wealth and then demands that the Legislature make the necessary appropriations, the People have lost control of our considerable wealth.

When the President independently commits military lives and arms to invasions, occupations and other adventures not in suppression of actual hostilities and invasions without a declaration of war by the Congress, the conduct is treason under the definitions of our Constitution. Wars without specific declaration by the Congress are intolerable acts of murder of Americans and others and the criminal misappropriation of property of the American People.

However, our Legislature has colluded with the Executive and Judiciary to moot these authorities and to permit their exercise willy-nilly as may be found convenient for central government policies and practices.

*3. The President will faithfully . . . preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.; and shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed.*

The Executive may not issue "Executive Orders or Statements" which defy the Laws enacted by the Congress.

*The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States . . . when called into the actual Service of the United States.*

Precipitation by the President of unjustified wars and other hostile actions outside the authority and declaration by the Congress creates new enemies and endangers the lives, security and prosperity of the American People. Only after the Congress, consistent with their Constitutionally delegated powers, declares war and commits the United States Military to action, does the President become the Commander in Chief of the Army, Navy and Militia.

*The President shall have the Power to make treaties.*

*This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land . . .*

The Laws of the United States must conform to the requirements of Our Declaration and Constitution. Consequently, all Treaties must also conform to the requirements of our Declaration and Constitution. Non-compliance with our Declaration or Constitution invalidates any law or treaty.

In short, our Declaration and Constitutions, which together form the principles and instructions for a federal government, have become legal fictions, for which our rulers need suffer no respect. On paper, our self-governing appears flawed, but unchanged. In practice however, our voices and opinions are extraneous, our vote is irrelevant and our electoral processes entertaining, but moot.

We all know this is a problem. But, we are unconcerned. That is a problem that we need to address. The insolent conduct of the Federal government has direct effects which harm our little communities of Carbon county.

We need to talk. If we are indeed the authority and power of self-government, we need to find the power to exercise our authority. Until we talk, we have only the individual ineptness of an ignorant ballot. Start somewhere. One way is to write!

In Carbon County, we have three active newspapers. Collectively, they are a vital community for community development and cohesion. If you want to see something that you find interesting in a newspaper, subscribe and write! All three papers beg in every issue, "**Please Write!**"

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