

CHAPTER TWENTY

ON: Sovereignty

*Timid men prefer the calm of despotism
to the tempestuous sea of liberty.*

Thomas Jefferson

THE SOVEREIGN SELF

When I first started my career in management, it was made very clear to me that there can be no responsibility *taken* without also being *given* authority. Sovereignty is like that! How do you see yourself in your society? Are you sovereign; meaning independent, autonomous, and self governing? Does your government enable you to *feel* as if you're sovereign? I know that in schools children learn fast about responsibility. "Who did that?" "Did you do that?" "Who wrote on the blackboard?" "Who made that sound?" "Who's responsible for the disruption?" Questions like these are numerous and we all can relate to them due to their familiarity. Further, they carry an air of fear and dread along with them. Seldom, if ever, when raising your hand to "fess up", was a knowing recognition given in response by the one in authority; and then the subject dropped. It was never assumed that you had the authority to do whatever it was that you did.

Therefore, early on in our training and conditioning we were never allowed to assume that authority was our natural-inherent possession. It was to be thought of as something that someone else gives you; providing that you earned it. Right from early childhood

I was in trouble because I always *assumed* I had the authority to do whatever it was that I wanted to do. I also knew that if others didn't agree there would be consequences to pay; sometimes for them and sometimes for me if I misread the situation. To pay, or not to pay, the choice was mine! The comedian, Red Skelton, had a skit called "The mean little kid". The key phrase in every skit was "If I do it, I get a lick'n.... I do it!"

Later in life I have chosen, more often than not, not to pay the price. I've succumbed to symbolically genuflecting in front of established authority in order to make life physically and psychologically easier. However, it has taken its toll spiritually because it's caused me to go against my internal compass! We're not talking about doing anything illegal, but morally and ethically there have always been compromises to make. Every yield causes the spirit of my internal self to withdraw and diminish!

Even though supported by those around you, whom you hold in high regard, your spirit becomes more insulated from the spirit of truth within. This difference, that of your spirit and that of the spirit of truth, generates an impetus to action that feels to you like anxiety; and usually ends up being wasted in some form of diversion. Diversion, as I defined it, can also be interpreted in the same manner as is ego – the difference between the self as you see it, and the self as it is – regardless of how it might be seen by others. When the two are one there is no ego so others can play no role in its definition.

Yielding on questions pertaining to moral and ethical issues always involves some form of compromise. In most cases these compromises are easily made because the justifications around the moral and ethical issues are supplied by society and/or the suppleness of your intellect. The governments, institutions, schools, churches, lawyers, psychologists, sociologists, and counselors, cut from almost every kind of cloth, all have a smooth and slippery way around the *tough* issues. Their bottom line is always to have you comply with

society's norms and in accordance with secular law. When your issue is at odds with these norms and laws, you are told, "If you gird your spiritual loins and take on Goliath, then it's between you and GOD and you're on your own. So, don't blame anyone but yourself for what happens!" Or, that old standby, "You can't fight city hall"!

Yes, you still generally owe them a *fee* for their wise counsel and a punitive *fine* should you not follow it. Most questions of conscience are usually accompanied by an ample dose of anguish! If you understand *your* self you will recognize that that anguish is indicating that the path you're being *encouraged* to follow is wrong and has grave consequences for you from within your very own being and that following the right path will have grave consequences for you from outside your being; a catch-22! Or is it?

USURPERS OF SOVEREIGNTY

Government will only deal with you as being sovereign when you believe it yourself and not before. Somehow, government has lost sight of the fundamental-core assumption that *the people* are sovereign. This convenient amnesia has enabled it to usurp sovereignty for itself. Now the people only see themselves as subjects to be cared for through noblesse oblige. Where have all the public servants gone?

What is government anyway? Looking at it from a different aspect, it is the evolutionary tail of a story that simply started out through dominance and force. Force is honest and straight forward. It is only significant to the extent that it is capable of overcoming a counter force. Dominance, on the other hand, is often misunderstood. Dominance is the desire to surmount, or be exempt from the force of another, but not necessarily accompanied by a desire to rule. Yet, to rule is an auxiliary obligation of the one dominant. The core impetus of dominance is to be free from being dominated by others. It's that

simple! As long as one can rule, is one insulated from the interference and imposition of others?

Another word for ruling is managing, managing all the comings and goings of others so that they might not interfere with the comings and goings of your sovereign self. Isn't this just an attempt to establish spontaneity? Ruling is the price one pays in order to be free; not sovereign! The ruler is obligated to maintain and sustain the ruled and if the obligation is left unfulfilled, the ruler is seen as a tyrant! If not desirous of ruling, then one must be subservient or escape and become a vagabond or a sovereign (one who rules only his self).

When alone one is sovereign, unless cowed through prior conditioning. When amongst others there really is no need to yield one's sovereignty unless someone, or some preconceived notion of obligation, imposes the concept upon you. Only when the element of force is introduced is the need to make a decision to confront, concede or escape.

In order not to be harassed each time another person presents themselves to you, preconditioned signs, signals and gestures are encouraged and allowed to suffice in place of the hassle of establishing one's dominance. Titles or symbols of rank identification are subtly exchanged and automatic deference is appropriately displayed without requiring the humiliation of subservience to be exhibited more openly. These are the benefits of accommodation that an enlightened society offers – the illusion of your having sovereignty. The loathing and contempt, sometimes felt for others by those who see themselves as superior, must also be curbed in a civil society.

Although manners aid in civility, the true sense of what's really going on is still *felt* and spirits are negatively affected to no one's benefit.

Establishing the relational obligation of each member, in correlation to every other member, is a fundamental necessity of

society and is the basis of all ensuing action and interaction. Once done, the sovereignty question is put to bed once and for all. All that remains, is the reality of force and dominance – who’s got it, how does one get it, how does one keep it, or how does one avoid it? But, in a *civilized* society, unpleasantness is always covered over and its members taught to accentuate the positive. Terms like force and dominance, or any other words which bare the truth openly, are cloaked to sooth raw emotions; political correctness and all that.

People, sovereign people, do not like to think of themselves in a diminished-subservient role, state or condition. Hence, the need for niceties and illusions! Years ago, when class difference was accepted and more readily apparent, less emphasis was placed on the necessity of glossing over the difference because people knew their place. Today, however, with such a large middle class that has been educationally coddled with prattle of self-esteem, effort is made to ignore such things and pretend it doesn’t exist. However, let me assure you that it does, and very much so to those who believe they’ve got it!

In this new permissive-progressive society, every effort is being made to expunge the concept of sovereignty from the minds of the masses. It has become essential to the New World Order and GLOBAL GOVERNMENT, where the illusion of equality is to be sufficiently engrained in one and all, and diversity accepted, so that a working model of a social collective can be established. In this model, government will work to appear as invisible as possible while the collective goes about its subconsciously ingrained tasks. Government will *play* the facilitator and society at large will *play* the team of associates; but, what role will the principal owners play?

You’ve heard mention of Hillary Rodham Clinton’s book “*It takes a village*”, well she’s correct – it takes a village to hold down and break the spirit of one sovereign individual!

RESURRECTING THE SPIRIT

Once the concept of sovereignty has been removed and expunged from a people, how can it ever be restored? It's not easy! It's like trying to put the genie back into the bottle! So many conditions necessary for its resuscitation are missing. The conditions which initially brought it about are no longer readily available. It's like watching a species go extinct! With our impending knowledge of DNA and the human genome project, we hope one day to be able to bring back that which was gone for good. Likewise, can the spirit of sovereignty, if we know its fundamental elements, be brought back? I believe it can. But those possessing the qualities responsible for its demise will be the ones who'll try to kill it upon its return.

That's why I say today that those who *truly* were responsible for the *conditions* leading to Jesus' death (Clerical envy, Roman hegemony and commercial interests) would be the one's, or their modern equivalents, who'd again attempt his demise upon his return; should such an event be in the offing!

Concerning sovereignty, the question needs to be 1) can it be resurrected if it's already dead, or 2) can it be resuscitated if it isn't? I believe that as long as individuals have breath, and one individual still holds it within his breast, then it isn't quite lost to humanity. Those with it must share it with others who don't; while applying caution with others who won't. Ways must be found to convey its essence. Any way is better than no way. But, be admonished, it is better to have the genuine article than to possess a counterfeit. Because most have not been in possession of the genuine article in the past, is why we have our troubles today. When in clear and certain possession of truth you don't give it up easily!

So there's our formula. Seek the spirit of truth within and it, when found, will rekindle a sovereign heart! Seeking the spirit of truth and the quest for the Holy Grail contain similar elements. But,

as with most human endeavors, when transducing spiritual issues to material activities the baby is usually tossed out with the bath water. So, knowing all of this, do you think you're finally up to the task?

RENDERING UNTO CAESAR MY FOOT

This is where we always get into trouble! Caesar is not accustomed to having to deal with truly sovereign individuals. He likes his subjects cowed! Remember, true sovereigns have *absolutely* no desire to rule. Only pretenders have that propensity. Every crowned buffoon, at root, desires to be free of the interference of others, as are we all. But, this absolutely normal quality can become infected by man's congenital spiritual *susceptibility* to hubris that covers inadequacy. Those with such susceptibility, as alcoholics have with alcohol, need to stay away and abstain from all contact with questions of rule, governance, and administration. A truly sovereign individual sees governance as a headache and extremely bothersome and must be constantly encouraged, while being figuratively taken kicking and screaming by his peers, to assume the mantle of leadership for the good of the whole.

Why must there be leadership, government, kings, directors, and managers of all kinds? Why must there be society? If it hasn't been made clear to you by this time, it needs to be said again! All indentured levels have been imposed upon us because we all, to one degree or another, are grossly inadequate for the task of ensuring our own survival – or at least believe we are. Whatever skills our kind may have had in antiquity have either been given away by us or taken away from us by others! Never mind how or the reasons why! It, like G-D, just is, at this point in time. Maybe someday, if anyone cares, we might *earn* them back. This is the root of our fallen condition. All the so called intellectualizing in the world can't and won't change it. It's as plain as the nose on your face if you would only just look! Yes, it is shameful, nauseating and without justification! And, it isn't easily

corrected. However, knowing that this condition is so and being able to admit to yourself that it is so, will be the first thing in a long time about which you have a right to *feel* proud.

TAKING INVENTORY OF YOUR SOVEREIGN ELEMENTS

Even though I hold within my head and my gut the spirit of a sovereign self, I know that in performance I am not. I don't remember choosing my diminished state. It just seems to be the world condition into which I've stepped. Painfully, I've had to face the obvious and I had to do it alone because no one was there to guide me in truth and in plain and simple language. I suppose if there was such a person, I would have rejected the wisdom they would have tried to convey because they wouldn't have used words harmonic to my visceral gray matter at the time.

That's why each and every one of us must make this *defiant and demanding* quest alone and unaccompanied. There must be no one to distract you or take the responsibility from you. You must possess the authority in order to take the responsibility. At least that's the sequence to follow if you're an inner sovereign. Taking responsibility in order to acquire authority is the sequence demanded by the outer society if you expect them to give it to you. But, no one can give it to you! You are free to think and judge for your self about all things encountered! In truth this is your spirit quest!

All that my effort can do is to make you aware of the significance and enormity of the mission. The desire for authority must come from deep within you. My role is to simply equip and supply you as I've done. The list of essentials I have given you. Each item on the list has already been explained to you and some rudimentary instruction given toward their fulfillment. Each achievement badge is acquired – not given – after it is earned, but sadly, you can only practice the achievement once you are alone and on your journey.

Most of you will deny your current condition of servitude and will not allow your inner self to be heard. But, if you do allow it voice, what you will begin to hear will cause your knees to buckle and you'll quickly go, again, into denial and diversion. For those of you with stomach for it, you'll go on to question the veracity of what's been said. To enhance your clarity and quicken the endeavor, the following inventory check points are enumerated:

- **Can you survive materially without others for over three months?** *This means without their help, tools, supplies or equipment – you must go bare bones acquiring food, shelter, and defense with only what your body and brain can achieve.*
- **Can you survive emotionally without others for over three months?** *This means without sensory or communication contact of any kind.*
- **Can you survive spiritually with only yourself for company and counsel for over three months?** *This means that whatever diversion you will have will be supplied by nature and your own imagination – keeping true and as close to Reality as realistically possible.*

I'm sure that you can think of other questions to ask to ascertain your sovereign status, but these three are quite sufficient for the novice. Without an affirmative on all three, you are in servitude to one form of master or another.

I could not, would not and did not do what was necessary to acquire a full state of sovereignty for myself. I suppose it was sabotaged by some rational cost-benefit analysis I did concerning the subject. I do know that I formally started this process too late in my life. That's why I recognize the need to start from infancy or at least during the formative years. It's too late for me. It's more than likely too late for you if you can comprehend fully all that has been

presented here and especially in volume one. But, it's not too late for *some* of your children. And it's not too late for you to teach them about sovereignty, even though you have lost or never acquired yours.

Remember how Nietzsche defined man: “*Man* is a rope between the animal and the superman – a rope across an abyss!” Super, as a Latin prefix, simply means above or beyond man as he is or was at the time. I define the *human* as being the rope between the servant and the sovereign – a rope across an abyss! Nietzsche recognized the abyss as being that of time. On this we both agree. See to it that your time is not for naught!

Again, it is at the feet of your children that the full mantle of responsibility is laid. Assure that they have the authority to carry it out. It cannot be learned or earned. It can only be discovered, recognized and taken, so make it the remainder of *your* life's quest to assure that *they* acquire the tools necessary to uncover it. It's buried deep-deep within! The treasure found there will be sovereignty (independence, autonomy, self-government).

For the last couple of decades public school teachers and mothers have stressed to children the importance of having self esteem. They've molded games and strategies that took away any chance of experiencing a concept of failure and the shame with which it is accompanied. If they had the gumption to do that, why don't they impart a sense of sovereignty within the children instead? Why indeed!

IN THE MEANTIME... THY KINGDOM COME

Yes indeed, in the meantime. I hope it won't take two-thousand years to see the fruit of *our* effort. It will be *our* effort, you know! This venture is inside out, not outside in! It will come from within or it will not come at all. A world at peace is comprised of individuals at peace. Seldom said, but true! Our searching eyes must be conditioned

to look inward to find our selves. You must learn to truly love and respect your self. Only then is it possible to love and respect others. Until then, others shall represent for you sustenance, solace, and succor sufficient to enable you the courage to get back into your self *until* the challenge has been met.

Meanwhile, as compensation to others for their unrecognized support, you must communicate with them your findings. They are playing King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella to your playing Christopher Columbus. They may challenge you or even scoff at some of your notions. But, you'll return to your self and seek out the veracity of the event and the truth will come to you to affirm or deny your performance. If you outgrow some people, seek others, but be considerate of them when leaving. In this regard, change is good. Soon you'll find a cadre of compatriots sharing common understanding and vision. Of this soil you shall nurture, for out of it will grow the produce of your effort, and the harvest will be for all of mankind