

WHO OWNS YOU

"The only reason, I believe, why a free man is bound by human laws is that he binds himself."

--Justice James Iredell, *Chisholm v. Georgia*

"If you try it, you will be lonely often, and sometimes frightened. But no price is too high to pay for the privilege of owning yourself." --Rudyard Kipling

While in this world, human ownership is a fact of life. It has probably always been this way, as it is the nature of man to rule over one another. Rulership naturally blends into ownership. The proper term is *slavery*, and it is a Bible term and a biblical institution. Contrary to pop-Christian culture, the Bible—at least under the Old Covenant—does not universally condemn slavery, but rather properly defines it and regulates it. But that is a subject for another time...

Outside of Christ, no man is free.

The difference between a slave and free man can be hard to pin down, but like obscenity, we think we'll know it when we see it. The scripture says "the borrower is slave to the lender". Yet we don't see *that*. Our modern society has thoroughly obscured the distinction between those formerly polar opposite conditions. And this, we can be sure, was not accidental.

In Hummel's excellent historical work, *Emancipating Slaves, Enslaving Free Men*, he demonstrates how this sham was accomplished. The "One Nation" Lincoln created out of the disaster of the War, and the link between "emancipation" and taxation, debt, and the new compulsory obligations of universal citizenship becomes clear. With the elimination of chattel slavery at the end of the American Civil War, the State religion of "equality" was vigorously promoted. H.L. Menken later observed, "Lincoln had become one of our national deities," bestowing upon all, black and white alike, freedom, and equality—*equal standing as citizens of the State*. As well, Lysander Spooner noted after the war, that the North had fought—and prevailed—for the principle that "men may be compelled to submit to, and support, a government they do not want... *Political slavery* had taken the place of *chattel slavery*."

In fact, few today are even aware that Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation *did not free all the slaves in America*—but only in those states which were presently in rebellion. After the Proclamation, Secretary of State Seward rhetorically declared the government's sympathy with slavery... "by emancipating slaves where we cannot reach them, and holding them in bondage where we can set them free." Even in jest, sometimes the overlords accidentally speak the truth.

Then in 1863, the Internal Revenue Act was passed, *and unto us a child was born and a son given—the IRS*... The Government has been upon its shoulders ever since.

Despite literally centuries of programming, most honest adults today recognize that such a thing as “equality” is not an objective reality. Rather, it is an ideal—a platitude. While we may no longer have legalized chattel slavery in Western nations, we nonetheless acknowledge the *haves and the have-nots*, and the distinction between the ruling class and the “citizen” class. And in the United States, under the “Constitution”, there are citizens, but no subjects. This makes the people feel a little better about themselves while still being denigrated with such labels as “tax-payers” and “civilians”.

To quibble over whether we are “citizens” or “subjects” is a bit of a silly game. A simpler man might not know the difference, and an intellectual may argue the semantics, but our condition remains the same whichever one we subscribe to. If we have in fact bound ourselves to the “Constitution” or claimed citizenship of a State (or United States), we have taken upon ourselves the servitude of that master. There is simply no escaping this. We pay tribute in a ‘death of a thousand cuts’—by “withholding” taxes on our labor, to life-long taxation on private property—and an *inheritance tax* thereafter, to the mandatory enrollment in State socialism (mostly as contributors, and never receivers). The illusion of the “vote” conceals the fraud. But “*We, the People*” is a ruse. The “People” do not rule, and Americans most certainly don’t rule themselves—self-discipline and self-control are probably the least of all of our traits.

Nearly a century prior to Lincoln’s emergent Empire, whilst the Leviathan of the central State was still bathed in amniotic fluid, the Declaration of Independence averred the following:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..”

That lie was the first casualty of the War. To begin with, by “We”, they did not mean “You”. That, I assure you, IS a self-evident truth. The American “Framers,” in certainty, agreed with the pigs in Orwell’s novel, that “*all animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others*”.

After all, African chattel slavery was in existence then, and most Whites—not being legitimate ‘property owners’—were effectively disenfranchised from the burgeoning “government of the people, for the people, and by the people” by way of having no “vote” in the process (men and women alike). Furthermore, at the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, more than [1 in 10 \(white\) European colonists were involuntary prisoners](#) (aka, slaves), while indentured servants (term-contracted slaves) consisted of some **48% of all colonial Americans!** So much for the universal equality of man... Then, as now, a cadre of Elite, wealthy, men consisted of the “The People”. They considered themselves “equal” with *each other*, perhaps, but that’s where the equality ended. They were the only true *property owners*, and the rest were the ultimate *property*. Anyone who believes things have changed in modern times is childishly deluded. Yet most do and are. Ignorant of history, and anesthetized by the false prosperity of our “financialized economy”, they’ve bought the lie that they were born free and “equal”, having “rights” and tickets to the “pursuit of happiness.”

This is a powerful illusion. Now let me show you how the magic happens. We are first *declared equal* by the State at birth. At that place in time and space, we are bestowed with “equal rights of citizenship”. Equality and identity are simultaneously sprung into existence for each individual when we are *claimed* by the State. Those unfortunate souls who lack such a claim on their person are not, as one might

mistakenly think, merely independent or unrepresented individuals... According to the doctrine of the State, they “*lack a formal recognition of their existence*”. The State must first *declare* our existence, and thus we are begotten of the fatherland. This miracle of creation is accomplished by a simple document.

You’ve probably already guessed it was the “birth certificate”. Without it, you, my friend, are not recognized as a person. This may or may not work in your favor, depending on the circumstances.

According to Articles 7 and 8 in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: “**The child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, [and] the right to acquire a nationality...**”

And from the [American Bar Association website](#),

A birth certificate “*establishes who you are and gives access to the rights and privileges, and the obligations of citizenship.*”

Nota bene... Consider that statement carefully.

Further on, we discover what those “obligations” are—unsurprisingly, none other than “**tax, military, and census purposes**”... And there you have it—a proper definition of what THEY mean by “nationality”. Nationality is equivalent to ownership—the purpose of the birth certificate is only to determine WHICH “nation” you shall serve, all the days of your slavish life.

According to the Dictionary of Banking Terms, the definition of a “certificate” is a document *establishing ownership claim*... As in a ‘certificate of deposit’ in a bank. In fact, a birth certificate is also a RECEIPT. Ironically, what it is NOT is “proof of birth” (unless an android, no “proof” of your birth is necessary or meaningful). Rather, it formally establishes your “obligations of citizenship” (i.e., to pay taxes and be used as cannon fodder for Caesar). On a deeper and more malignant level, every “citizen” born to the State and his presumed lifetime of labor is held as *collateral* to secure the “National Debt”. Birth certificates are literally warehouse receipts.

Now that we understand this charade we come to the question at hand... Is anyone really born free, or are we *owned* at birth?

Consider first: is it true that all (persons) were created equal? This is patently and obviously false. And it is [biblically false](#). All of us are born with varying ability, aptitude and pedigree, and these qualities often create VAST differences among us. We learn this as children. By definition, these are inherent *inequalities*—they are very real and have very real consequences... And both man and beast quickly become aware of and learn to capitalize on these differences. This is how hierarchies naturally form.

Now, hierarchies present claims to authority (either God-made or man-made). Authority presents claims to ownership. Humanity thereby segments into controller and controlled, bond and free. This is the historical and present reality we live in, whatever your idealism is to the contrary.

Thus the question at hand: *Who owns you?*

It is a shame that many have never considered this. But simply put, either we own ourselves, and this is inherently true, OR, we are all born under the ownership of another (who therefore has the authority to *transfer* that ownership as he/she sees fit). Which is the correct paradigm?

Both can't be true. Perhaps most in our Enlightened Society would claim to believe in self-ownership. Religious or conservative folk might be persuaded that subjection to a 'greater' *another* is the normal state of human existence—as *human property*. But which is it?

I submit that it's neither.

We are neither the explicit property of others, nor are we self-owned. Humans are *creatures*, and as such are subject to their Creator. This truth IS self-evident. In fact, the scriptures are clear—He holds our *very breath* in His hand. Without His express permission, we don't draw in another. We live or die—our very existence—is HIS decision and that solely. That, friends, is the ultimate subjection.

Yet, the Word of God declares believers as FREE. This apparent paradox is resolved by understanding what the Bible means by "freedom". HOW are we free? If we are indeed owned by God (and even secondarily, [subject under men as 'slaves'](#)) then whatever is meant by self-ownership? And what then is *free will*?

Here is the answer in one word: *Service*... WE ARE FREE TO SERVE the Master we choose!... [Bible Truth](#), friends.

Self-ownership, as I believe Kipling understood it, meant *submitting ourselves to the master WE choose*. We may sell ourselves to whomever we like, but are ACCOUNTABLE unto God for that decision. That is the kernel of the nut.

Therefore, free choice and free will *harmonize* with the Total Sovereignty of God via *accountability*.

The tyrant, the principalities and powers, and the propagandists would have us all believe we are *their* children—their property—and accountable unto *them*. In doing so, they claim godhood. When Christ's true servants deny those "authorities" and their *kingship*, that amounts to rebellion against the *gods*. Tragically, the pietistic 'Christian' would rather choose that as agreement with Romans 13 and 2nd Peter 2, siding with the authority of their earthly masters! They do this because they do not understand (or accept) Christ's words, nor the Gospel of the Kingdom. But a false choice is still a choice, and having ["chosen their own ways"](#), they will answer for it.

All this is very serious business, because the King of kings will not accept submission to the others (even in ignorance) as an entry pass into His kingdom. Moreover, "*the Son has set us free*" from the bondage of those kings and their kingdoms of darkness into which we were all born... implying, we were previously *not free*.

In a curious twist, the ‘Framers’ may have unknowingly agreed with Christ here. We note carefully that they did NOT say, “*All men are created free*”... This is not an accidental omission. Because they did not believe that any more than they believed we were all equal. So, why do we believe that today? Why were we taught that as the American Gospel? Because the parlor trick of equating freedom with equality (or to conflate the two) was *more effective* than to offer the bald-faced lie that we were free when 48% of the population was in abject servitude!

Today, **100%** of taxpayers are servants to the Elite, and we prosper, live or die at their whim—or so they would have those existing in their counter-kingdom to believe.

The Gospel of the Kingdom is the antidote to this. If it had been widely preached and believed early on in our nation’s history, *we would not be in this predicament*. Indeed, even now, the message is not too late to save a remnant—and perhaps a very large remnant—who will be led by their God in the times to come, when contrived nations like the “United States” have since turned to dust, and their “law” along with them... Confessing the sins of our fathers is the first step. Next, repenting of our own unfaithfulness to our King and our unbelief in His present and everlasting Kingdom will bring healing to the Israel of God, which is the New Jerusalem.

“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens; for the Lord hath done it: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel... that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof” (Isaiah 44)

That which has been redeemed—“*bought back*”—is by definition OWNED by the Redeemer. We have no right to serve another. And our *equality* in Christ rests upon HIS work, and not a document of the State:

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Gal 3)

Only in this state are we truly free—*set free* to serve the ONLY ONE worthy of anyone’s allegiance or devotion.

Perhaps it is time for Christians to officially renounce their citizenship to worldly States. It begins in the heart when we are convinced of the Kingdom, and it is followed “with the mouth”, confessing our allegiance to our rightful King—and no other. These are the first and necessary steps, and performing them will at last embolden us to complete the commitment. The final act is to walk away from those who claim to have created our personal identity—who claim to be our rightful sovereigns, and who have declared our very bodies to be place-holders in their bank ledgers. We must reject their ungodly authority, and separate from their political system and their claim of law superseding God’s. This may be the hardest step to take, but it will eventually become imperative—with chastisement if necessary.

For now, He is gently calling His people out of Babylon. Let us hear Him before the rains begin to fall and [the plagues are upon us](#).