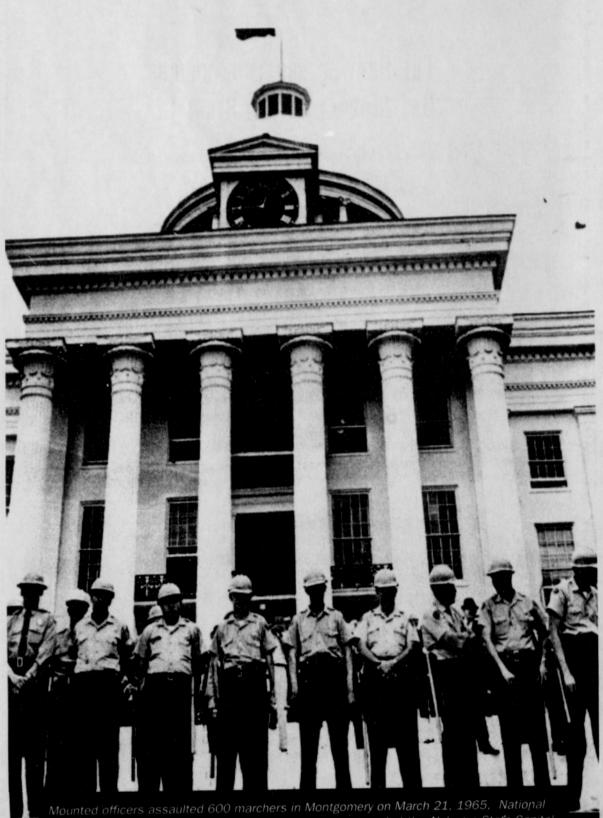
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THE ILLUSION OF FREEDOM



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"We are called to be a people of conviction, not conformity, not social respectability. We are commanded to live differently and according to a higher loyalty." - Martin Luther King Are we living in an illusion

of freedom?

Everywhere you look, one

sees evidence of control in every aspect of our lives.

Little by little, our Constitutional and Sovereign rights to own and use our property, our rights to travel, rights of privacy, freedom of speech, rights to bear arms and other legal rights are gradually being controlled or taken away from us. Are these violent manipulations an accident?

The rise of economic chaos, shortage of food and energy, confiscatory taxes, a crisis in education, wars and threats of war and other diversions to condition Americans for a new societal order.

The techniques used by illintentioned manipulators is as old as Politics itself: It is the Hegelian principle of bringing about a three step process:

1.THESIS is to create a prob-

2.ANTITHESIS is to generate opposition to the problem to get a reaction such as fear, panic or hysteria.

3.SYNTHESIS is to offer a definite one step solution to the problem, bring about change which would have been impossible to impose on people without the proper psychological conditioning achieved in stage one and two.

These powerful and insidious schemes by subterfuge, create widespreadconfusion in all human affairs. The schemes aim to influence, then control, any and all the natural financial affairs of every person through destabilizing, disinformation and dismantling of the lawful social and political structures by which free people govern themselves.

An example of this is the conditioning of the people to believe that we are a Democ-

racy. We are not a democracy but a Republic.

In a democracy, you have a mob rule (where the majority vote rules right or wrong and never lasts very long). Historically, it is designed to fail. That is why our forefathers set up a Representation Republic where we the people do not vote for the laws that govern us. We are supposed to elect statesmen of impeccable, honest character who will look after our interest as well as the country's and the God-given rights of the people as a whole.

A much more simple story could be of the two frogs. You have two pots of water, one boiling, the other lukewarm. Put the frog in the boiling water and he will make every effort to escape, but put him in the lukewarm water, he will merely relax and feel comfortable while the heat is slowly, gradually turned up till he flops

over dead, not knowing what

Who is the THEY manipulating us? Are they the Rich, The Money Changers, the Obligarchy, The Bureaucrats, The Communists, The Aliens or possibly us?

Well, what can we do? There are several things:

Get more informed, listen to alternative news and get educated.

·Look for the Hegelian signs of entities creating the problem, getting the reaction and their just happening to have the exact solution to the problem that was created.

·Keep an open mind to alternative news.

·Watch for disinformation or controlled bias news.

Get involved at local as well as at national levels.

Are we a sleeping giant about to be awakened? Our apathy and ignorance is violence toward

ourselves for not seeking Truth and Freedom.

In the words of Marianne Williamson, author of The Healing of America, "The leader with conscience must be willing to risk repudiation. The person with conscience must be willing to risk being considered a whiner by polite society. The person with conscience must be willing to risk being considered a whiner by polite society.

The person with conscience has a responsibility to be a thorn in the side of a complacent status quo. The person with conscience holds up a mirror to the world, which must include himself. The person with conscience is an agent of awakening in a world where there is a collective urge to sleep."



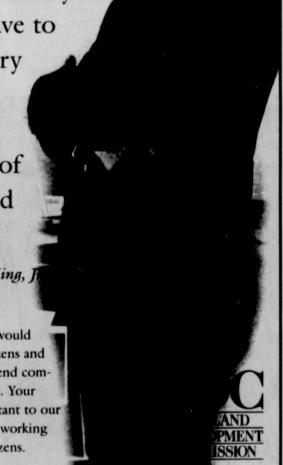
"Everybody

can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve.

You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

From, The Words of Martin Luther King, J. Selected by Coretta Scott King

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