

The Spirit of Independence

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Are you celebrating the memory of the great moment in human history which was our nation's Independence Day? Conscious celebration powerfully reconnects us directly to the original energy of independence itself. Yet this very reconnecting immediately brings into stark relief the actual situation we are in here and now: the near-wholesale loss of all meaningful freedom in daily life. What kind of Independence Day is this?

The tide is flowing strongly against that energy which is the genuine spirit of independence.

Whatever it is we might wish to do to assert our uniquely creative spirits, it will most

likely be immediately obstructed. The high and wide stone walls of the Nameless Interconnected Directorate are closing in, and closing down the dangerous spirit of independence. We may celebrate the idea of freedom, but the grim truth is that our freedom is now an almost meaningless abstraction, reduced to a celebration of beautiful words in history books and high dreams of past glory. We are a nation of the quietly enslaved now, invisibly chained to the Shadow Power which is devouring our energy, our money, our hearts, our minds, and our souls. Where is our independence today? What are we celebrating?

Independence means the practical opportunity to earn a living through our own intelligent activity, rather than as a nameless numbered

biped in a multinational corporate Ubershark. Independence means the opportunity to educate our children according to the compelling natural voice of our own conscience, rather than that of current nightmarish popular opinion. Independence means to be able to actually choose and vote for our elected officials, rather than be forced to accept the present criminal syndicate of wholly-owned corporate puppet-people. Independence means the opportunity to eat and drink substances untampered with by hidden venomous corporate byproducts and outright toxic waste. Independence means the freedom to live without being spied on through invisible means, by invisible groups, for invisible purposes. Independence means informed consent of a concerned and

enlightened citizenry,
rather than secret
government
experiments
perpetrated on an
unknowing and
deliberately weakened
populace.

Independence means
the opportunity to
innocently think our
own thoughts and feel
our own feelings, rather
than be silently subject
to subliminal
electromagnetic and
chemical psychological
entrainment.

Independence means
the opportunity to seek
health, as we
understand the meaning
of this for ourselves,
rather than be coerced
and kidnapped outright
into the lunatic
corporate
pharmaceutical-medical
straight-jacket.

Independence means to
be allowed to exist in all
our multifarious
multileveled
multicolored
individualities, rather
than being forced
deeper and deeper into
the mindless, heartless,

bottomless pit of
uniformity.

Independence is not a
historical right. It is not
an abstraction, or a
concept. It is either
what we are free to try,
free to live in here and
now, or it is nothing at
all. The spirit of
independence is not the
memory of that spirit.

How free are we to live
outside a system which
vehemently and
effectively opposes the
very nature of
independence? Are we
free to live out our
dreams of creating
beautiful and useful
objects, arts,
inventions, and new
ways of living? Are we
free to pursue the very
best that is within us?
That would be the
practical result of a
truly free society,
composed of
independent individuals.
Most of us are not free
to do anything except
earn a half-a-living, as
best we can, within the
strict confines of the
dark Shadow. The other

half of our living we are forced to pay directly into the gaping maw which digests it in order to further enslave us. Of course we are all still perfectly free to starve, out of sight under a bush, in the dust. Elsewhere, any genuine independence is very hard to come by. We have left, as a nation, only negative freedoms and negative independence. We seem outwardly to make choices, to move about, to be actually living. Our chains are now invisible, and this is the worst condition of all. We are still free to imagine we are free.

Have we then, as a nation, irrevocably traded the spirit of freedom for the noxious intoxicating vapors of spurious security? Have we forever renounced the use of our minds, in exchange for the puny inanities of puerile entertainments? Have we now bartered the very souls of our

children for the right to work sixty hours a week, to make more money, to pay more taxes, to buy ever more shamefully pointless stuff? Have we exchanged the friendly confidences of our own souls, for the right to ignore the death of the spirit of independence? These are questions we cannot answer, except for ourselves. If we are willing, we can envision all those lives, throughout history, who gave themselves unselfishly in order that the spirit of independence might live on. Can we feel the weight of those endless countless individual sacrifices, and have the courage to measure this against what we have done with the gift of their lives? Painfully conscious of all that was, and is, yet devoid of sentimentality, can we allow our hearts to fully accept this realization? Can we let our minds range tenderly backward over

...tendency backward over
the innumerable lives
and deaths spent for
this, the last vestige of
freedom?

We can pray that we
may have the spiritual
fortitude to bear
knowing what has
become of our freedom
in our own nation.
Because surely our only
response to these facts
must be to move
heaven and earth to
rekindle this spiritual
fire of independence
within ourselves. And
then, to rededicate this
flame, which can exist
only within a willing
human being, to the
future of this country.
For all our tears and
regrets are sterile if we
do not act to regain our
lost freedom. We are
united with the past we
revere solely through
the use we make of the
rest of our existence
here. Only by our
personal willingness to
feed that fire with the
fuel of our own
comfortable lives, will
we ever again in all
...be able to

honestly be able to
celebrate a living
Independence Day.

"But when a long train
of abuses and
usupations, pursuing
inevitably the same
object evinces a design
to reduce them under
absolute Despotism, it
is their right, it is their
duty, to throw off such
Government, and to
provide new Guards for
their future security."

The Declaration of
Independence of the
Thirteen Colonies in
Congress, July 4, 1776

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