



# The Truth

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“Do not be one of those who shakes hand in a pledge, one of those who is surety for debts; if you have nothing with which to pay, why should he take away your bed from under you?” (Proverbs 22:26-27)

*“Any member of Congress who rails against Barack Obama for the level of debt he has brought upon America and that elected official voted to increase the debt, he or she should be fired. That level of hypocrisy can no longer be tolerated.” –Dave*



Congressman and my friend shared that conversation with me. One particular part of that conversation set my motor running.

This Republican Congressman, who has a strong conservative voting record, lamented the size of our national debt. The congressman said he was struggling with how to deal with it.

My friend reminded the Congressman that he had voted for the debt increase. The congressman acknowledged he had and said many experts predicted disaster if the debt was not increased. That is so patiently foolish and ignorant it upsets me that I have to explain it. Any financial planner that recommends you assume more debt to deal with your debt problem should be fired and decertified.

And that is my recommendation for any elected official. If he or she recommends more debt as a means of dealing with debt, then that person is no longer worthy of our trust.

Any elected official who tells you the government will shut down if we do not increase the debt is either ignorant of the facts or just plain lying about them.

By law, essential government programs must be funded. What are essential government programs? Good question!

Any nonessential government programs will have to be looked at in light of available funding. What are nonessential government programs? Even better question! There's only one way to find out.

We stop increasing our national debt and those nonessential programs we cannot afford get cut. Their constitutionality is a whole other story. Read on...

# FROM THE FOUNDERS



**Our liberty as a nation is at stake because of our national debt. Legislators and executors, as well as bureaucrats are enemies of the state in that they vote, enact, and waste taxpayer dollars on frivolous and unconstitutional government programs. We can as a people sit back and lament our current state or we can recognize the great danger that is our national debt.**

*"I, however, place economy among the first and most important republican virtues, and public debt as the greatest of the dangers to be feared."* Thomas Jefferson, in a [letter](#) to William Plumer, July 21, 1816

In his later to Governor Plumer, Jefferson makes note of England's state because of heavy taxation. Mind you this was written over 195 years ago. Jefferson writes:

*"We see in England the consequences of the want of it [public debt]; their laborers reduced to live on a penny in the shilling of their earnings, to give up bread, and resort to oatmeal and potatoes for food; and their land-holders existing themselves to live in penury and obscurity abroad, because at home the government must have all the clear profits of their land, in fact they see the principle of their land transferred to the public creditors, all its profit going to them for the interest of their debts."*

Today in America we see signs raised up to Obama thanking him for the decision of "gas or food." While I do not disagree that Barack Obama is a socialist hell-bent on subjugating Americans to government dependence, he only does what Congress allows.

And yes, Democrats control the Senate, but where are the Senate Republicans shouting at the top of their lungs for action? And where are the demands for resignation and, in some case, articles of impeachment from House Republicans for the outrageous and unconstitutional behavior of the Obama Administration?

# FROM THE PULPIT

“But can the amazing national debt be paid by a little trifling sum squeezed from year to year out of America, which is continually drained of all its cash by a restricted trade with the parent country, and which in this way is taxed to the government of Britain in a very large proportion? Would it not be much superior wisdom and sounder policy for a distressed kingdom to retrench the vast unnecessary expenses continually incurred by its enormous vices? To stop the prodigious sums paid in pensions, and to numberless officers, without the least advantage to the public? To reduce the number of devouring servants in the great family? To turn their minds from the pursuit of pleasure and the boundless luxuries of life, to the important interests of their country and the salvation of the commonwealth? Would not a reverend regard to the authority of divine revelation, a hearty belief of the gospel of the grace of God, and a general reformation of all those vices which bring misery and ruin upon individuals, families, and kingdoms, and which have provoked heaven to bring the nation into such perplexed and dangerous circumstances, be the surest way to recover the sinking state, and make it again rich and flourishing? Millions might annually be saved, if the kingdom were generally and thoroughly reformed; and the public debt, great as it is, might in a few years be cancelled by a growing revenue, which now amounts to full ten millions per annum, without laying additional burdens on any of the subjects. But the demands of corruption are constantly increasing, and will forever exceed all the resources of wealth which the wit of man can invent or tyranny impose.” Rev. Samuel Langdon, from his [sermon](#) titled, “Government Corrupted By Vice”, 1775.

I’ve used a long quotation from Samuel Langdon’s famous Pre-Revolutionary War sermon because it best illustrates how a nation incurs such a large national debt. As I stated in a [video](#) a few days ago, our nation’s woes are spiritual and cannot be solved economically or politically. We need a spiritual revival to blow across America if she is to be saved from self-destruction. How does this happen?

We, each one of us, must turn our “minds from the pursuit of pleasure and the boundless luxuries of life, to the important interests of their country and the salvation of the commonwealth.” We must once again return to the biblical principle of servanthood.

“Now therefore, be wise, O kings be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.” (Psalm 2:10-12)

# TO THE STREETS

I promise you our nation's woes are not easily fixed just by throwing Barack Obama and the Democrats out of office. Would that help? Possibly, but only if they are replaced with God-fearing, biblical principle-abiding servant leaders who understand their constitutional duties. Can we actually expect government officials to see the vileness of our public debt when everyday we murder over 3,000 unborn Americans, much of it at taxpayers' expense?

I am predicting that no matter the outcome of this election, this time next year we will be more a disillusioned nation than we are today. Only one thing can turn the tide, can [right](#) the sailing of the human fleet: we must return to a national virtue.

This national virtue must be grounded in absolute truth. What is that? It is an acknowledgment and acceptance of "the laws of nature and nature's God." Now you can interpret that phrase from the Declaration of Independence anyway you want, but if you want to be historically accurate, that means biblical principles.

So what do WE the People have to do to correct course?

1. Understand the a republic of limited government must be one of self-government. That means we must govern ourselves and stop looking to the government for answers. And the pulpits must lead the way in this inward look.
2. We cannot continue electing the same godless representatives and expect change. That is the simplest definition of insanity.
3. Be willing to sacrifice, no matter what it takes, no matter how much it invades your comfort zone. We have to begin somewhere. I am not talking the sacrifice of what Obama speaks. I mean I must learn to live within my means and stop expecting anyone else to pick up the tab. Self-governing means individual responsibility.

If we are truly serious about returning to our founding principles, then we must understand that it begins with you and me. I have to assume responsibility for all my actions and accept the consequences thereof.

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