

The Corporation  
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In the last column we were still examining personality traits of a corporation in analyzing their character. Thus far we have examined: 1) “Callous unconcern for the feelings of others” and checked the YES box; 2) “Incapacity to maintain enduring relationships” and checked the YES box; 3) “Reckless disregard for the safety of others” and checked the YES box; 4) “Deceitfulness: Repeated lying and conning of others for profit or some illusive benefit” and checked the YES box; 5) “Inability to experience guilt” and checked the YES box. Next trait...

**Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors: YES [ ] NO [ ]**

Consider the following: Exxon pled guilty in the Valdez spill, fined \$125,000,000; General Electric was found guilty of defrauding the federal government, fined 9,500,000; Chevron, guilty of environmental violations, fined \$6,500,000; Mitsubishi, guilty of antitrust violations, fined \$1,800,000; International Business Machines (IBM), guilty of illegal exports, fined \$8,500,000; Kodak, guilty of environmental violations, fined \$1,000,000; Pfizer pharmaceuticals, guilty of anti-trust violations, fined \$20,000,000; Odwalla, guilty of food and drug violations, fined \$1,500,000; Sears, guilty of financial fraud, fined \$60,000,000; Blue Cross - Blue Shield - \$4,000,000 fine; Unocal - \$1,500,000 fine; Hyundai - \$600,000 fine; Bristol-Myers Squibb - \$3,000,000 fine; Daewoo - \$200,000 fine; Georgia-Pacific - \$5,000,000 fine; Korean Air - \$250,000 fine; ALCOA - \$3,750,000 fine; BASF - \$2,750,000 fine; Tyson - \$4,000,000 fine; Unisys - \$5,000,000 fine; United Technologies - \$3,000,000 fine; Royal Caribbean - \$18,000,000 fine; Warner Lambert - \$10,000,000 fine; Litton - \$16,500,000 fine; Rockwell - \$18,500,000 fine; Teledyne, Inc. - \$24,500,000 fine; Hoechst - \$36,000,000 fine; Oshwa Bank Group - 340,000,000 fine; Roche - \$500,000,000 fine.

The question for the corporation is not whether it is legal or illegal, or whether someone or many will be hurt or injured, the question is, “will there be a greater profit in breaking the law, even if we pay a fine should we be caught?”

As people, we have a “think tank” called ‘our brain.’ And under the law, we have “free will” under the control of our think tank. If that “think tank” decides to rob a bank, our body, along with our “think tank” is put into prison.

However, the corporation is a “legal fiction.” That is, it has no body. But it does have a “think tank” that we call management and Board of Directors. However, the United States leadership has exonerated the corporate “think tank” from any criminal responsibility even though that “think tank” is exercising “free will” when it decides that the corporation is going to break the law for financial gain. Should not the “think tank” of the corporation be held accountable for its decisions to engage in criminal activity and break the law? And even though government is a corporation, municipal in nature, should not the same rules apply to those in government who knowingly break the law, or subvert the constitution law?

Did our leadership create “corporate government” in order to act criminally? Is this why public schools are a “department” of that corporation? The whole idea of the corporation is to avoid responsibility while raking in the profits, making others pay for the damage caused.

Whether the law is obeyed or not obeyed is a question of whether or not it is cost effective. If the chance of getting caught and the likely penalty if caught are less than the cost of complying, it is just a business decision not to comply with the law. After all, no one is going to jail. And it does not matter who might be harmed by the criminal activity.

Only flesh and blood United States citizens go to jail for breaking the law. It is the job of the police to protect the corporate citizens so they can continue to break the law, at the same time injuring United States citizens and putting some of them in jail for crimes far below those committed by corporations.

Therefore, under the character trait: **Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors:** YES [X] NO [ ], we check YES.

I had an opportunity to see a comparison of our corporate business model with early attempts to fly. Can we visualize mans early attempts to fly with a crude aircraft equipped with *wings* that flap like a bird. Can we visualize our aircraft being launched from a very high cliff. The wind is in the pilots face and this poor fool thinks he is flying, but the fact is that he’s in free fall. He just doesn’t know it yet because the ground is so far away. But the aircraft is doomed to crash, it is only a matter of time.

This is the same predicament in which we find our civilization. The very high cliff represents the seemingly unlimited resources we possess as we begin our industrial flight [journey]. Our *business craft* really isn’t flying because it is not built to laws of *business craft dynamics*. In effect, our civilization is not flying because it is not built to the laws of aerodynamics of civilizations that would fly.

Of course the ground is still a long way away, but some of our most visionary people can see that ground rushing up sooner than many of the rest of us can see or realize. These visionaries have seen it, and they tell us it is coming, but are we listening? There is not a single solitary peer review paper published in the past 25 years that will refute this scenario. Every *living system* of earth is in decline regardless of the public relations [read deception] of corporations and governments to the contrary. Every *life support* system of earth is in decline. And this is the biosphere that supports all life, of which we are a part.

Currently mankind is leaving a terrible and life threatening legacy in his poisoning of the environment. While corporations are responsible for the vast majority of this poisoning, “we the people” are responsible for the actions of those corporations as well as our leadership.

More to come... stay tuned.