## THE MYTH OF BENEVOLENT CENTRAL AUTHORITY by Jerry Day

Video audio converted to text by michael-herbert: keehn In any society the insecurity of individuals manifests itself in a cry for centralized government. In any society the enterprise of individuals can always be defeated and dominated by the efficiency of large corporations. Centralization and efficiency are instinctive and automatic phenomena of modern social organization. While the efficiency of automation generally benefits society, a social elite will always find a means to collect and redirect those benefits to themselves and their loyal supporters.

This is how government and corporations come into being, by representing themselves as a benefit to the masses while having no real purpose or effect, other than to do the opposite, to extract excess benefits for the elite at the expense of the masses. Just as leaves in a pond will collect at a common point, wealth, power and force will be collected and hoarded by certain personality types in society. "Government" is the most overrated concept in human history. "Government" is capable of doing only two things. It can point guns at people to force them to do things, and it can redistribute the wealth it collects by its accumulated privilege of *force*.

As a means of projecting *force*, "government" will devote some of its wealth to form a military organization. The *military* will do exactly what *military* is for, it will go out and kill people! It will do this to impose "government". If the *military* has a lot of wealth, it will kill a lot of people. Only by killing and imprisoning people can the government maintain control. If the "government" only threatens to kill and imprison, the people will so ignore the commands of "government." "Government", to survive, must commit violence regularly and "government" must gain a monopoly on violence.

If you want to find the government, look for the group committing the most violence. Killing and imprisonment IS NOT USED to administer justice, it is used to maintain government power by creating fear and loyalty toward government.

The deeper a person is in government, the less likely they will ever be punished for crimes. *Justice* is merely the excuse for violence. The reason is *POWER*. After government has its *foothold*, commercial enterprise will covet the power of government to help push their economic agendas. You would expect taxation would provide all the wealth and control necessary to maintain *power*, but taxation is not possible without *commercial activity*, and *commercial activity* is not possible if *overly taxed*. Since commercial enterprises collect *economic power*, the *commercial elite* use their wealth to influence government to apply government force to promote *commercial enterprise*.

Government does not care how it applies its force, as long as it can apply *more force* than anyone else. Corporations, like government, are very limited in their social contribution. Corporations can only do two things, they can create *commercial transactions*, and they can buy government protection for their monopolies and enterprises. So, after government and corporations establish themselves, government uses force, and by economic means, corporations control *the force of government*. Corruption is rampant and systemic throughout this *control matrix*, because the *matrix* was created by corruption. Centralized authorities do not become corrupt, corruption creates central authorities.

This holds the key as to why *centralization* is unsustainable. Human insecurities make a vacuum where *force* may be introduced. And the privilege of using *force* is irresistible to certain personalty types. This creates the circumstances for *inevitable systemic failure*. *Those who seek and crave power are not qualified for such service*. Those who seek and crave power are not gratified by a *free and open society*, they are gratified by *using force*.

Whenever the use of *force* is involved, the things using *force* will get stronger, and the things that are being forced will get weaker. The *strong thing* cannot keep getting *stronger* forever because the *weaker thing* upon which it feeds eventually dies, disappears or revolts against the *strong thing*.

It is thus, crystal clear why the social order which, in any way, uses **force** cannot last. Those who have power are never satisfied or content to stop collecting power. Those who love POWER never have enough of it. Even if they were willing to limit their power, they have no capacity to determine and maintain the exact of force needed to maintain any given society as some ideal level of order.

*Elites* are not optimizing society, they are quite busy optimizing their own lives to fulfill their cravings for control and assuage their colossal insecurities. They simply strive, everyday, to apply the most force they can and to collect more power so they may apply more *force* tomorrow. After all, they did not gain power in order to ask society what it wants, the collected power to control society, live an *elite* existence and collect benefits for themselves. Centralized power is not a consensus mechanism, it is a control mechanism.

In all of recorded history, there is no such thing as <u>permanent centralized</u> <u>government</u>. The measure of success of government is how long it can hold power before imploding. *Revolutions* can be delayed for the maximum time by making the weaker thing **dependent** on the stronger thing. Making the weaker thing not realize what the stronger thing is doing. Making the weaker thing love the stronger thing. And of course, making the weaker thing FEAR the stronger thing.

If the *weaker thing* can be controlled in those ways, the government may not be brought down by revolution, but will die and apocalyptic death shortly after the *weaker thing* dies in exhaustion from contributing the last of its blood and energy to *the collective*.

If the *stronger thing* allows the abundance enjoyed by the elite to be seen by the *weaker thing* a revolution will often occur. If the government allows *freedom*, *justice, and intellectual growth*, a revolution will occur far sooner because the cruelty and fraud of *the collective* to be recognized and rejected. After a revolution a vibrant society may bounce back rather quickly, but it will be more quickly centralized and once again controlled by force.

When the *stronger thing* controls, not just *force*, but information, the control can be extended far longer. <u>Society can then be bled to the last drop</u>. In ignorance we do not see our alternatives, do not recognize our oppressors. After the more gradual government failure and social collapse where society was fully controlled by *force and mis-information*, it will be much longer before any coherent society will organize because resources and technologies for such healthy social organization were exhausted and destroyed over many years.

Whether the cycles are slow or fast, the human race is trapped in a repetitive drama of tyranny and revolution, drive by the nature of the human creature. The *ascendancy* of the human race, what some refer to as *transcendency*, will be marked by a fundamental change in human nature and social values. Only when human beings refuse <u>centralization</u> altogether, can society function indefinitely in peace, prosperity, and justice.

Human beings will seek centralized patronization as long as they are mentally and spiritually insecure and unaware of their inner strengths, their rights, their purposes. As humans self-awareness and confidence are increased, as our abilities to serve and cooperate with each other grows, as we learn to resolve our own conflicts, protect our own environments, our demand for centralized service and protection will diminish. When we as individuals are at full potential, central authority will cease to exist and will be seen universally as un-necessary and repugnant.

In the early millennia of human history our social systems were very small and local, we now call it primitive – the family, the tribe. This system lasted for more than three-million-years with little change. Only the most extraordinary centralized systems have lasted more than a thousand-years. None have lasted more than fifteen-thousand-years. Most fall before five-hundred-years. *Centralization* is a folly of lies, corruption, betrayal, guaranteed failure, and guaranteed cyclical repetition.

So, our legacy, our potential, is represented by that <u>three-million-years</u>, before we had the capacity to institute *large central authorities*. Now, we have technologies, communications, advanced sciences, and social habits that make it very easy and natural to create and maintain *centralized authorities* for brief historical cycles. The human species is now able to create *collectives*, but it is not yet able to run societies without those collectives, without those centralized <u>centers of power</u>. We are not yet sophisticated and visionary enough to maintain a broad social framework without <u>centralized force</u>.

If we are fundamentally able to change ourselves to not only resiste the impulse to create and accept centralized authorities, but fiercely demand that all authority be retained by our self, individually, for the free administration of the family and the small local community *without force*, without dogma, free to grow and adapt as circumstances may change. We could once again enjoy three-million-years of peace, prosperity, intellectual advancement, and even better, we could enjoy the abundances created by our science and technology. And we could live lives of far greater security, comfort, joy and fulfillment than the lives of any previous civilization, even that three-million-year one.

All we need to do is keep, as individuals, ALL OF OUR AUTHORITY, and refuse to grant any of it to any central collective representative. We must never bow to any group or leader, with whom we do not, individually, have strong voices and strong personal control. We must overcome our fears and feelings of insecurity and resist the temptation to cry out for salvation from anyone other than ourselves and our gods.

In reality, mankind is not yet ready to make this broad upward step. As individuals we are still insecure. We are doubtful of our own sovereignty and strengths. We still look to others for our salvation and protection, even though *protection* is inconsistent at best.

*Corrupt social paths* still offer us salvation in order to empower themselves, and we believe them because <u>we want to believe them</u>. But whether we see it, whether we understand it or not, human society gets a little closer to the *ideal* as time marches ahead.

There are setbacks as the period between the Magna carta and the United States Constitution, we are in a setback right now as we seen the more noble values behind our Constitution undermined by *corruption, ignorance and elitism. But more and more we recognize the native and unavoidable corruption and failure of the large collective.* Personal growth and awareness can be suppressed, but never fully, never permanently. More and more we recognize the power and authority we all individually posses by right, and that we can all assert by choice. More and more we recognize the repeated and endless failures of *centralization.* The tyrannies, the wars, the slaughters, the slavery's and exploitations that *centralized power* brings upon us, that magically disappears when there is no *central authority* to dispense wholesale *force and violence*.

One person may call for WAR, but only with many blind followers can war actually occur. Once person may declare himself a leader, but only if we throw away our personal authority will he actually lead.

The true destiny of mankind is everyone as his own leader, everyone responsible for his own actions. Not some, but every single person dedicated-to the-good-treatment of all others while reserving all rights and personal powers. Reserving all command over one's own destiny. With that kind of person and that kind of society, there is no need, whatsoever, for *centralization, power, wealth, and* **force**. All we need to achieve that destiny is to <u>see it as our</u> <u>destiny</u>. To reach for it, to stay committed to that no matter how many times we must fail and try again. Whether we can see it or not, from any particular time or view point, THAT IS OUR PATH, THAT IS OUR JOURNEY. And when we reach that ideal we will see that it is not the end but only the beginning. And we will wonder why we let tyrants and sociopaths suffocate us for so long.