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***It is essential that the whole body of the people always possess arms,
and be taught alike, especially when young, how to use them.***

~ Richard Henry Lee³

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Americans were instructed from their earliest years in their exercise of rights, including that found in the Second Amendment⁴.

It has been long observed that the price of liberty is “eternal vigilance.” Presumably, this holds twice as true when one’s country stands alone among the nations of the world.

Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction.

We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream.

It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.

~ President Ronald Reagan

Gun-rights activists in the United Kingdom protested in 1997 as the country’s legislators moved to effectively ban civilian ownership of all handguns.

There are Fundamental Differences between the United States and Great Britain.

One major difference ... in Britain ... the lack of a written Constitution and an ever-changing set of national principles ensured that the right to keep and bear arms was neither set in stone in the law nor tattooed onto the hearts of the people.

Explaining the benefit of an American bill of rights in 1788, James Madison proposed:

“the liberties that it would contain not merely be enforceable as a matter of contract, but as a matter of culture, also. The contents of a bill of rights, would acquire by degrees of the character fundamental maxims of free Government, and as they become incorporated with the national sentiment, counteract the impulses of interest and passion.”

For those of us who even slightly understand America’s Founders Dream of Freedom, the passion of their belief in God, and their incredible sacrifice in laying the foundations of our country⁵, we consider the Second Amendment --- the right to keep and bear arms - to be part of our national birthright.

That is *WHY* Russ & Cindy Tippett⁶ are committed using their vast experiences in the field of education to help change the hearts and minds of our youth and young adults, and to encourage them to be informed patriots by teaching them the Constitution’s underlying principles of liberty, to make a positive change for the future.

Britain Gave Up Their Freedom Piece By Piece (The Socialist Long-Game in Action)

From start to finish, it took 94 years. Before 1903, British citizens had been subject to no laws governing the use or ownership of firearms on their own property. In 1903, that all changed with the introduction of the first licensing system in British history: a “shall-issue” certificate, available from the Post Office, that was made a mandatory part of the commercial purchase of handguns. *Sound familiar?*

Seventeen years later, the “shall-issue” rule was change in favor of a new “firearms certificate” that applied to all guns except shotguns, that limited the types of weapons and ammunition that each citizen was permitted to own, and crucially, that could be denied to applicants by local police “for any reason.” *And America’s 2020 Deep State Enterprise is only conspiracy theory. Right?*

In 1937, the British Government took the final step in abolishing firearms ownership as a right, removed "self-defense" from the list of acceptable reasons for wanting a certificate and determining that "firearms cannot be regarded as a suitable means of protection." In 1968, a "good reason" test was added.

April 10, 2020, USA Today, Ryan W. Miller reported: *Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam signed a slate of gun control measures into law that will increase background checks, limit handgun purchases and establish a so-called "red flag" law.*

The signing comes almost three months after more than 22,000 gun owners descended on the state capitol in Richmond to protest the measures. It's also been almost a year since the deadly Virginia Beach shooting left 12 people dead plus the shooter at a municipal building. Missing in the recently signed ban is the sale of "assault" firearms. SUSPICIOUS? YES. ABSOLUTELY!

In 1940, London, police officers confiscated firearms from British citizens. Soon thereafter, with the United Kingdom under threat of invasion by the German army, the U.K. found itself so short of guns for defense that National Rifle Association (NRA) members sent firearms to England.

In 1988, the British government outlawed semi-automatic rifles, pump-action shotguns and shotguns with magazines; they developed a shotgun registry; and they extended police-reviewed, safe-storage requirements so that they applied to shotguns as well as to other firearms. In 1997, handguns of all types were banned completely and without exception.

"I declare to you, from the bottom of my heart, that no Socialist system can be established without a political-police. No Socialist Government conducting the entire life and industry of the country could afford to allow free, sharp, or violently-worded expressions of public discontent. They would have to fall back on some form of Gestapo, no doubt humanely directed in the first instance." ~ Winston Churchill, "Party Politics Again," June 4, 1945, in His Complete Speeches, (7) 7773-74.

Current Threats: High-Tech Power to ID Gun Owners; Nullifying the 2nd Amendment – the right to keep and bear arms⁷.

Conclusion. Erosion of our American fundamental rights, as set forth in our United States Constitution and Bill of Rights by our Founders, IS occurring **ON OUR WATCH**.

The Second Amendment is, in all of human history, one of the only liberty-preserving provisions that has been partially lost and then mostly restored in the United States. Americans are heirs to the greatest charter of freedom the world has ever seen. We have also inherited the playbooks that have been used elsewhere. *We know how the mighty have fallen into abject ruin.*

Nothing Resembling What is Happening ON OUR WATCH Could Ever Happen here in America, Could It???

Do you question whether we can lose our American freedom? Folks, each one of us has a duty to WAKE UP, STAND UP, SPEAK UP and BE COUNTED, each in our own way.

There IS some good in this world, and it IS worth fighting for!

***Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country.
~ Charles E. Weller 1867***

**At a Minimum,
ENSURE YOU VOTE YOUR OWN CONSCIOUS!**

PS: The history of the founding of the United States of America, based on original founding documents, is an amazing story! Check it out for yourself, You will be glad you did, guaranteed.

1 Excerpts: Cooke, C.W. (2020). *How England Gave Up Its Freedom*. America's 1st Freedom, Feb. 2020, pp. 36-39.

2 NOTE: R.K. and C.S.B. Tippett study *The Founder's Bible*, for our personal *understanding* of the events leading to the founding of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. We continually ask ourselves: *Why have we never heard any of this before? This is incredible!*

3 Richard Henry Lee (1732-1794). This signer of the Declaration served in the Virginia legislature before being elected to the Continental Congress, where he proposed that "these united colonies are and of a right to be free and independent states" – the specific motion in Congress that led to the Declaration of Independence. In 1777, he authored the Continental Congress' first Thanksgiving Day Proclamation; in 1784, he became the president of Congress; and then in 1789, an original U.S. senator from Virginia, helping frame the Bill of Rights in the federal Congress.

4 Excerpts. Second Amendment | The National Constitution Center reports: Many in the Founding generation (based on millennial history) believed that governments are prone to use soldiers to oppress the people. English history suggested that this risk could be controlled by permitting the government to raise armies (consisting of full-time paid troops) only when needed to fight foreign adversaries...

... The Constitutional Convention ... decided that the federal government should have almost unfettered authority to establish peacetime standing armies and to regulate the militia.

This massive shift of power from the states to the federal government generated one of the chief objections to the proposed Constitution. Anti-Federalists argued that the proposed Constitution would take from the states the principle means of defense against federal take-over. The Federalists responded that fears of federal take-over were over blown, in part because the American people were armed and would be almost impossible to overcome through military force.

The 2nd Amendment was easily accepted because of widespread agreement that the federal government should not have the power to infringe the right of the people to keep and bear arms, any more than it should have the power to abridge the freedom of speech or prohibit the free exercise of religion.

5 Cummings, B. *The Founders' Bible. The Origin of the Dream of Freedom*, A Letter from the Publisher, pp. ii-vii. Newbury Park, CA: Copyright (2012) by Shiloh Road Publishers.

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7 *The Founders' Bible. Proverbs 19:2* ... It is not good for a person to be without knowledge, and he who hurries his footsteps errs.

Excerpts: pp. 964-972: Our Biblical Right to Confrontation. Proverbs 18:17. FREEDOM IS NEVER so precious as when you realize you no longer have it. Justice is never so important as it is when you seek it, and it cannot be found. It may never seem quite so remarkable as when it is found in the hands of someone more powerful than you.

In the Bible, courts exist for the purpose of securing justice. In light of that, the Founding Fathers saw fit to add ten amendments to the Constitution (the Bill of Rights). Where did those rights come from? Specifically, the Bible.

Each of those provisions are Biblically based and received special attention in the Geneva Bible. The Geneva Bible (so called because it was first printed in 1750 in Geneva, Switzerland) was the work of some two-dozen religious leaders who God raised up across Europe in the 1300s, 1400s, and 1500s – leaders called into question the practice of Church and State that did not conform to the Scriptures.

The objective for the Geneva Bible was twofold: (1) to get people to read and study the Bible for themselves rather than allowing someone else to tell them what it supposedly said. And (2) to use the Bible to shape culture to reflect God's principles rather than vice versa (and vice versa had been the case for the previous millennia).

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to those who first began to wrestle with the Word of God for themselves, refusing to simply accept what others declared it to say, and chose to respond to the Voice of Freedom calling from its pages. If it was not for them and their passion for truth and courage to challenge the status quo, we might not be living in "the land of the free, the home of the brave."

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