



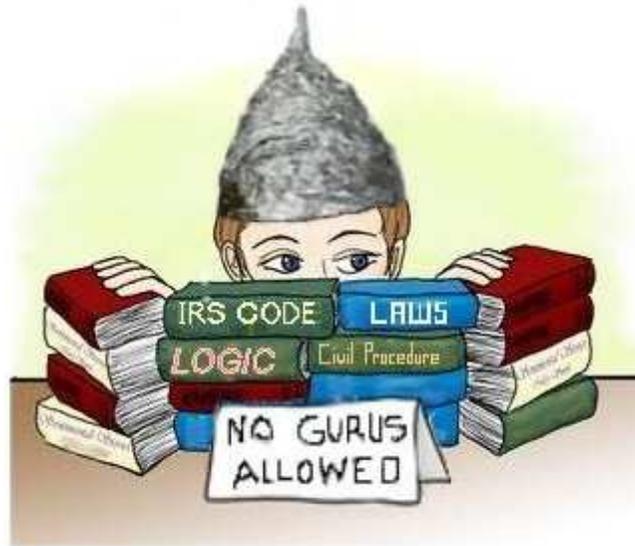
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There's no shortage of charlatans and con artists preying on the Patriot Movement. Hardly a day goes by without receiving an email espousing the false teachings of one or another guru. Add to this the legions of those who, while well-meaning, are nonetheless misinformed, and you have quite a minefield to navigate in your search for truth. In last month's Liberty Tree, Constitutional attorney Larry Becraft touched on the origins of a few of the wild theories being spread around the movement, and the serious consequences of following such baseless schemes. But that article only scratched the surface; Larry has debunked many more of the false claims by wanna-be gurus, and these can be found on his website.¹ It's an excellent place for anyone considering some "new" theory to begin their due diligence. As Larry pointed out, the only real beneficiaries of these scams are the crooks who convince people to buy their poison, and the government, which gets a steady stream of misguided Patriots to prosecute. Everyone else loses.

And while the credibility of the whole movement gets damaged in the process, make no mistake – the Patriots who fall for these schemes pay the most dearly. So it behooves each of us to thoroughly check out all the gurus' claims for ourselves, because it will be we, not they, who may well be spending time in jail for our failure to verify. This goes beyond just being able to follow their 'logic' or recite passages purportedly taken from court cases, because often those quotes are complete fabrications, and if not, then probably taken out of context. However, pointing out such flaws will likely earn you the enmity of the gurus or their followers. Rather than admit to the errors I showed him, one person a few years ago accused me of being a government agent because I had actually read all of the

Are you Guru-Proof?



Criticize, research,
demand the evidence.

Editorial by Dick Greb

court cases he misquoted.

Are judicial quotes conflated for desired results?

Yet, even if the quotes themselves are accurate, the conclusions drawn from them may not be supported by the arguments.

One example along this line that comes to mind is a claim I heard some time back that laws enacted by Congress do not apply to citizens. This conclusion was generally put together from statements made in two different Supreme Court cases. In *United States v. Cooper Corp.*, 312 U.S. 600, 604 (1941), Justice Owen Roberts said, "Since, in common usage, **the term 'person' does not include the sovereign**, statutes employing the phrase are ordinarily construed to exclude it." This is coupled with Chief Justice John Jay's statement in *Chisholm v. Georgia*, 2 U.S. 419, 471 (1793): "No such ideas obtain here; at the Revolution, the sovereignty devolved on **the people**; and they **are truly the sovereigns of the country**, but they are sovereigns without subjects (unless the African slaves among us may be so called) and have none to govern but themselves; the citizens of America are equal as fellow citizens, and as joint tenants in the sovereignty. (emphases added)"² Combining these two statements, made by two different men 150 years apart, can it honestly be concluded that the Supreme Court has said that citizens are not subject to the laws enacted by Congress?

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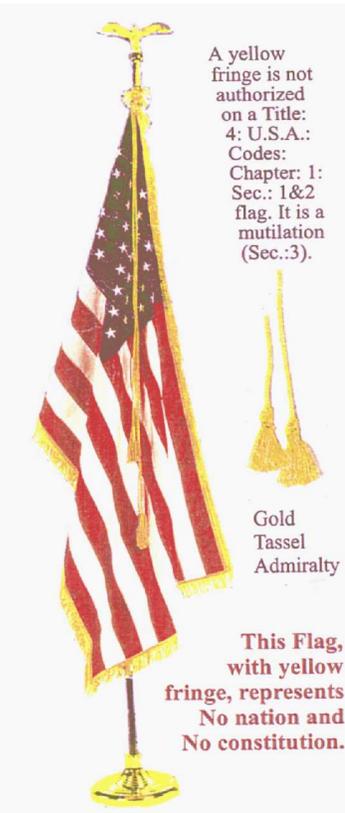
1. <http://fly.hiwaay.net/~becraft/deadissues.htm>

2. Please note this quote was mistakenly attributed to Justice Iredell in the April 2010 *Liberty Tree* article "An absolute right to remain silent."

Does a request for evidence always produce a claim of “secrecy”?

Another characteristic that should always raise a red flag is when a theory relies upon some secret or otherwise hidden factor. That's usually just a euphemistic way of saying that there's no proof to support the position. A classic example of this would be the NESARA scam,³ where everything is supposedly done in secret, and the only information available is funneled through a select few with access to the insiders. You have the same sort of thing with reports of judges and prosecutors bailing out of court cases when certain “magic words” are spoken. There's never a decision that can be read, nor even names of parties given, so that court dockets might be searched for verification. But unfortunately, that doesn't prevent many Patriots from falling for the schemes.

Sometimes you have to dig fairly deep to find the contradictions or inconsistencies inherent in a theory, but often, all it takes is a little critical thinking. For example, proponents of redemption theory claim that an account is created by the government under the name of your strawman (which is essentially your name spelled in all capital letters), to the tune of \$600,000, and that if you know the secret handshake (or the secret procedures, as the case may be), you can capture your strawman, and spend that money. But what puzzles me is why the government would do such a thing in the first place. After all, if it has the power to create an account in each of our names and deposit more than



The gold-fringed flag theory claims that such flags are a symbol that federal courtrooms unlawfully operate under admiralty law — the body of law concerned with maritime questions. Fact-checking the claims of the example above, one finds the sections cited do not support this theory, as they neither mention, approve, nor forbid gold fringes on flags. 4 U.S.C. §3 makes it a misdemeanor in only the **District of Columbia** for a person to use any flag on which they have printed or affixed any words, designs, figures, etc. on or to a flag, or to use such an altered flag for advertising.

half a million dollars in each one, why not just create an account in its own name to put all that money in? Surely it would be a lot simpler to maintain just one big account (or even several smaller ones) than it would be to keep track of hundreds of trillions of dollars distributed amongst hundreds of millions of accounts. More importantly, why would they accommodate any procedures, secret or otherwise, that would allow you to get hold of the stash? If government's intent was that you should not have access to the funds in that account, then it would be a simpler matter to just never establish the procedures in the first place, rather than try to hide them after the fact.

Elaborate schemes, or simple laziness?

You should ask yourself that same question about the theory that all court actions are based on admiralty jurisdiction. What interest would the government have in making all trials proceed in admiralty? Even if there are some advantages for one party or the other, the government doesn't need to trick everyone into admiralty jurisdiction to get the upper hand, because it is **always** the judge of its own causes! It doesn't need any more advantage than that.

Further, the fact that all federal judges are involved in the scam — which surely *must* be so if they are the ones directing the proceedings under admiralty jurisdiction — eliminates any need to bother with it in the first place. After all, if they are going to be involved in fraud by way of deceiving litigants to their detriment into an improper jurisdiction, then it would be easier to merely defraud them through the normal course in the proper jurisdiction. In other words, any judge who would disregard your rights under the pretense of admiralty law is unlikely to be squeamish about disregarding those same rights under any other pretense. So the question is, why would they bother?

Use the razor, or be razed.

It really boils down to the principle known as Occam's razor, that “entities should not be multiplied unnecessarily,” or, as it is more commonly heard, “the simplest explanation is usually the correct one.” That is, when two theories account for all the facts, then probability favors the one with the fewest variables. In our context, it might be thought of this way: if government functionaries and bureaucrats can fleece you in one step, will they make more work for themselves by taking three or four unnecessary steps to accomplish the same thing? I don't know about you, but the ones I've had contact with don't seem like the type to take on

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3. **NESARA** stands for the **National Economic Security and Reformation Act**, a proposal by Dr. Harvey Barnard which was *never introduced* into Congress. A conspiracy theory promoted by Shaini Goodwin claims Congress secretly passed this act, and the Executive and Judicial branches have also secretly suppressed it. No evidence whatsoever exists for this claim.

"[A]ll men ... are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, [and] among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. [T]o secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

— Declaration of Independence

The Doctrine of Demons

"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

—I Timothy 4:1-4

In the New Testament, Paul instructs Timothy that one of the doctrines of deceiving spirits and demons involves forbidding people to eat certain foods. God, says Paul, created all food to be received with thanksgiving by those who know the truth.

This instruction harkens back to the beginning of human time, when God said to the first humans: "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."¹ After the great flood, God gave humans even more: "Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything."²

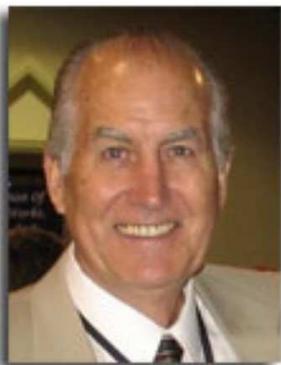
Given these scriptures, and the acknowledgment in the Declaration of Independence that all humans are endowed by the Creator with an unalienable right to life and liberty, one can hardly imagine any right more fundamental than the right to *eat* the food the Creator has declared to be the property of all humans. The right to life means nothing if it does not mean the right to obtain air, water and food.

But demons seek to destroy God's created order, so it is natural for them to attack God-given rights. Thus, forbidding people their choice of the food God created is a teaching of demons. And it is a demonic doctrine most ardently em-

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1. Genesis 1:29 (NIV)

2. Genesis 9:3 (NIV). There is, however, a prohibition on consuming blood in Genesis 9:4.



Yankee Arnold moves to late night on Liberty Works Radio Network

One of the characteristics which sets Liberty Works Radio Network apart is its commitment to air pastors who understand church freedom and the limits of government. LWRN believes that ministers of the gospel who understand

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Dr. Ralph "Yankee" Arnold has been preaching and hosting the "Send the Light" radio program on Sunday afternoons at 2 PM EST on Liberty Works Radio Network since it went back on the air in May 2009. Along with a recent move to Florida to pastor Calvary Community Church of Tampa, Arnold has moved to a new time slot on LWRN. His new show, "Bibleline Radio," can now be heard each weekday from 11 to 11:30

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As pastor of Northside Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia, Arnold hosted the Northside Bible Hour on television for 8 years and radio for 17 years. A 1968 graduate of Florida Bible College and founder and pastor of Colorado Bible Church in Arvada, Colo. from 1972 to 1987, he clearly presents the gospel of Christ and challenges Christians to speak out on current issues, and not to compromise the truth of the gospel.

Dr. Arnold can be contacted toll-free at (800) 576-3771, or visit www.calvaryoftampa.org.

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braced by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

No 'fundamental right' to raw milk

Last April, in a motion to dismiss a complaint filed by the Farm-to-Consumer Legal Defense Fund (FTCLDF) challenging the legality of FDA actions with respect to people who distribute raw milk for human consumption, DOJ attorneys asserted that there is *no* "support in law" for claiming a "fundamental right" to "produce, obtain, or consume unpasteurized milk."³

According to the website www.realmilk.com, the sale of raw milk to consumers at the retail or farm level is only legal in half of the states. Because many states' demonic food laws forbid the sale of this natural food, growing numbers of people are forced to obtain it through private contractual arrangements such as buyers' club agreements and "herdshare" contracts. Private persons from a state which forbids the sale of raw milk will travel across state lines, pick up raw milk from a producer, and distribute it to people in their home state. According to the FTCLDF, the FDA believes it can interfere with these private distributors. As revealed in their motion to dismiss, this belief is based on a denial of any 'fundamental right' to travel with, or enter a private contract to obtain, foods of one's choice.

FTCLDF's suit, filed in February of this year, "directly challenges for the very first time the legality of the ban against the interstate distribution of raw milk in final package form for human consumption," said Pete Kennedy, the Fund's president.

"Too often we have seen FDA take actions against dairy producers, and recently in Georgia against a virtual farmers' market, that attempt to deny the individuals' right to consume the food of their choice."

At the heart of much of FTCLDF's suit is the regulation at 21 CFR 1240.61: "No person shall cause to be delivered into interstate commerce or shall sell, *otherwise distribute*, or hold for sale or *other distribution* after shipment in interstate commerce any milk or milk product in final package form for direct human consumption unless the product has been pasteurized ..." [emphasis added]. The

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extra work. (In fact, sometimes it seems like they're only really motivated when they're able to lord it over some poor soul.)

Occam's razor, then, is a good rule of thumb when considering the validity of some guru's pet theory. Take some time to think about the results which the theory is attempting to explain, and see if there isn't some simpler method to accomplish those same results, while accounting for the factual premises. If there is, then the odds are that the theory is not the true explanation. This first test is akin to separating the wheat from the chaff, so you can then focus your attention on separating the good wheat from the bad wheat. It is bound to save you some time and energy in the long run. Hopefully, it will also help hone your ability to see through the false theories, and so avoid the traps laid for unwary Patriots.



FTCLDF represents farmers and consumers who have been harrassed and threatened by FDA agents under this ban. The suit, filed in the Northern District of Iowa, seeks declarations that the regulations establishing the ban are unconstitutional, exceed the FDA's statutory authority, and violate the right to travel, the right to privacy, the non-delegation doctrine, and substantive due process.

Thousands of years of consumption

Proponents of raw, unpasteurized milk say that if such milk comes from healthy, clean cows — especially grazing, grass-fed cows — it contains many health benefits. Indeed, before pasteurization was introduced in the late 1800s, raw milk was often the only milk human beings drank. Can anyone say our ancestors had no "fundamental right" to drink raw milk — something they did for thousands of years?

Further, all the "support in law" one could wish for the fundamental right to eat and to produce or obtain food is already provided by the Declaration of Independence and the Fifth Amendment. Despite this, the FDA routinely violates the Fifth Amendment (no person shall be "deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law") in enforcing its demonic doctrine. In the FDA's black-is-really-white world, all persons *shall be* deprived of life, liberty, and property until the god-like agents of the FDA decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether they will allow certain persons limited privileges. Indeed, taken to its ultimate conclusion, the DOJ's assertion that no one has a fundamental right to consume raw milk is an assertion that no one has a fundamental right to *eat at all*.

It is self-evident to we ordinary folk, however, that if the right to decide what we do with our bodies, or our right to eat, belongs to another, then we are properly the slaves of the other — a state of being the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution officially abolished. Perhaps the FDA missed the memo on the Thirteenth — but it's more likely they simply subscribe to the diabolical truth stated by Henry Kissinger: "control food and you control the people."

Your body *is* your life

John Locke, in his Second Treatise, Chapter Five, pointed out the logical consequence of the fact that the Creator has given each human being his own mind and body: "Everyone has property in his own person. This nobody has any right to but himself. The labour of his body, and the work of his hands, we may say, are properly his." In other words, producing or obtaining raw milk is a fundamental property right, and consuming raw milk to maintain your property is likewise your birthright.

Want to be free? Then you must resist the doctrines of demons. That includes rejecting their disciples, the tyrants of the FDA, and speaking out for the right to consume raw milk. You can begin by educating yourself at www.ftcldf.org/litigation-FDA.htm.



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