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### Honesty and The Eleventh Commandment By: Bruce Ruff



As I wrote in “Those with Grander Plans” there are the minions - the forces of evil, if you will, who love concepts like an “Eleventh Commandment.” Although the commandment was championed by the late President Ronald Reagan, a Republican, the forces of evil, while in power, also love such a concept.

The Eleventh Commandment, renown in the Republican Party, says: “Thou shall not speak ill of another Republican.”

The wish of such a commandment, as an Eleventh may, on its surface, appear to be nice; but in truth it is misguided and destructive in totality. It actually serves to perpetuate divisive practices and ensures protection of those in power through exclusion of honest scrutiny of their practices.

Regardless of political affiliations of people - if people never spoke ill of others because of common bonds, including political or other ideological affiliations, how would tyrannies of the past, present or future ever have been or be defeated?

Oppression, abuse or other degradations need to be drug into the light of public scrutiny and corrected.

Honor, commitment to rightness, truth and justice for all cannot exist when there are “codes of silence” such as an Eleventh Commandment.

Codes of silence, looking the other way, and not speaking out until you are personally being dragged to the train all prevent the necessary examination of wrongfulness, destructive practices and harmful ideologies. Herein lays the essential destructiveness and detrimental influences of concepts like the Eleventh Commandment.

If you think about it, only those in power could ever wish to have such a nonsensical commandment, as an 11<sup>TH</sup>, adhered to.

I believe there is a perverse and poignant truth to be examined here.

Those people not in power, if they subscribe to such an asinine practice as a non-discussion pact, would essentially become complicit in dysfunction through their silence.

Silence is what has guaranteed that perpetrators of wrongfulness remain in power.

Silence, the avoidance of scrutiny of abuses and injustices, through code(s) has allowed the weak, ignorant and evil to remain on the gravy-train of public service.

Even though it is clear that public service, in some areas, is heading toward total destruction some are still content to allow representatives to remain on the dolls undetected through silence.

Honorable servants, in service to others, do understand there are certainly times and valid reasons for having some information kept secure and secret.

It is, for example, illegal for those in public services to divulge critical information like special internal assignments, special tactics, or information about on-going investigations and personal addresses of others in service.

Most importantly, allowing those who are committing crimes and abuses against others to know what tactics and strategies are being utilized to combat their criminality is rather self-defeating, don't you think?

In spite of the logic of need to keep some critical information secure, the exposure of tactics, intelligence sources, practices and strategies is exactly what the current United States of America, Executive Branch members and some legislative members are doing. This only benefits the terrorists who are committed to the destruction of civilized societies everywhere.

An example of shocking decisions is the public trial for terrorists who planned the 09-11-2001 attack on America. The mastermind has already admitted guilt and asked for execution.

To have the president of a free society allow his legal staff to facilitate a public trial of these admitted terrorists by closing an enemy-combatant detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, in Cuba, to facilitate a transfer of the terrorists to American soil is unconscionable. This will only assure the evil minions everywhere will have access to many of the most protected secrets in professions that have saved millions of lives globally for decades.

We must consider the facilitator's intent. We must ask what possible beneficial purpose could be derived from actions such as:

Moving enemies of your nation onto your very soil  
So they, by your laws, must then be granted protections  
And provided information through processes that are reserved for your citizens  
These protections are meant to preserve the rights of the citizens of a free nation  
The action, regardless of the explanation, is self-defeating and clearly suspect in motive.

The movement of enemy-combatants onto American soil will trigger the legal mandates that will then reveal, through discovery, secrets, techniques, and information sources that will clearly be detrimental and negative in impact to the very citizens who are supposed to be being protected.

The most troubling truth of this whole episode, and a fact that is more sinister, is that this unnecessary and precedent setting move is being facilitated by the very governmental representatives who are sworn to protect the American nation.

Willingly providing critical information to one's own enemies is clearly suicidal – and I believe homicidal as well. The fact it is being accomplished through great effort is both stunning and frightening.

In the end this suspicious effort, by elected leaders of one free nation, will facilitate detrimental impact(s) on citizens in all free nations.

I keep asking myself: Could there be a benefit from these sinister actions? I can find none.

History will have to be the final judge of the total impact of these misguided decisions - and I bet history will not reflect kindly on those who have caused this huge mistake to have occurred.

So: Is there a place for a concept such as the Republican Party's Eleventh Commandment in a free and open society? The short answer to this question, to me, is absolutely not! Keeping silent about evil truths allows the evil to continue.

Let's look at some other critical considerations:

What logic could there be, in the society of free people, to allow injustice, oppression and abuse to go unaddressed publically?

How do free people hold their elected officials accountable if they submit to a philosophy of silence?

Who will be the arbiter of poor and illegal decisions by elected officials if no one talks about the violations?

The public examination of actions, laws and other agreements made by those who have sought, and been granted, the privilege of serving their fellow citizens in elected office, is absolutely necessary to ensure the majority's will is being defended and protected.

It is public the examination of elected servant actions that has been a critical cornerstone of the American experiment. This examination and transparency have contributed to the success of the America experiment for generations now - but is growingly and now suddenly in great jeopardy.

Apathy, complacency and sheer laziness on the part of the people in democracies and republics have allowed serious dysfunction to root and grow out of control.

Through clear evidence we can now see the deceptions, lies and betrayals that have been tolerated in the past have become extremely dangerous to the majority; and may, if not immediately addressed and corrected, become lethal to free society's survival.

A clear best example of silence impact is the current American Congressional train-wreck known as Obama-care. This monstrous governmental takeover of liberty and personal freedom is almost beyond comprehension. Most stunning is the fact so many elected officials have submitted to this program. The evidence of sure devastation is without rebuttal.

I want to remind everyone, as stated by the late President Ronald Reagan: Freedom is but one generation away from extinction.

Think about it – but think quickly!

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