



## Bye-Bye Sweet Liberty

(We swallowed lies and lost our most precious inheritance)  
(We were gullible)

By John W. Thinkwright (aka Cap'n Thinkwright)

The latest sign of trouble was a bad cold and sore throat she got at the time McCain- Feingold was passed by Congress and signed by G. W. Bush  
Miss Liberty's next setback came when Bob Dole II was put forth as the Republican Candidate. Many careful observers commented that Bob Dole II was the ideal choice for the Democrats. The choice was so clearly good for the Demos that a few (paranoid?) Conservatives even said David Gergen had participated in the nominating process. For years miss liberty has been weakening. Bold, easily challenged lies have gone unaddressed. The full force of Federal and state governments has been used against innocent private citizens. Worship of trees and rivers has replaced the worship of God. Congress has become myopic in { policing itself: Only Republicans are punished and hounded from office. *Never a Demo.*  
Simple steps to cutting the size of government proposed by Reagan have never been attempted in the 20 or so years since they were first brought forth. Education of our next generation is truly deplorable. More than 20 years after A Nation at Risk was published, adult literacy continues declining.  
In a nutshell: no government program works as it should, and most government effort is directed toward things it has no business doing.

Miss Liberty's most recent downturn began when the *Demos* unleashed an anti-democratic, immoral investigation into the private affairs of Sarah Palin, a staunch, American of obvious abilities and great morals whose only crime was to revive Bob Dole II's challenge for office of the Presidency.

---

Microsoft stock jumps 8%.

---

Man puts on show in front of Capitol. In WashingtonDC. A man dressed in a devil costume put on a show in front of the Capitol Building in Washington DC yesterday evening. He danced, doing many leaps and pirouettes. Simultaneously, he played the violin and repeatedly asked passers-by if they knew his name( and his game).Capitol police chased him away before midnight.

---

Freak seismic event in Hawaii. The University of Hawaii earth sciences department, last night, issued a brief report stating that a swarm of tiny earthquakes were detected shortly before midnight. The swarm was centered under the national cemetery near Honolulu, known popularly as "The Punchbowl."

Few staunch Democrats showed signs of concern when they learned of Miss Liberty's worsened state.  
"Who needs the old witch, anyhow?"  
Some leading Demos were heard to say, upon hearing about Miss Liberty' latest turn for the worse.

---

Cap'n Thinkwright, noted liberty advocate, cultural observer, and author of the book *Bye-Bye Sweet Liberty* issued a press release stating:  
... She [Miss Liberty] would not be in this poor state if all high school students in the last 20 years had been obligated to read the Autobiography of Frederick Douglass(published in 1845 under the title *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, American Slave, Written by Himself.*

The press release concluded with the following paragraph: "If people cannot learn to live without coveting each other's possessions, they are not worthy of Liberty."

**Rebirth Possible.** Experts agree that a rebirth of Liberty is possible if all Americans put Truth and Morals back into their hearts. Cast away and challenge falsehoods whenever they arise. Set your values by using the *Ten Commandments*. Do not live a life of confusion and muddled thinking. Republicans can counter "change" with *Liberty*. If the Republicans adopt *Liberty* and put Truth and morals in their hearts, it will be *Viva los Republicanos* in 2012!

# **Bye-Bye Sweet Liberty**

(We swallowed lies and lost our most precious inheritance)

(We were gullible)

John W. Thinkwright

(aka Cap'n Thinkwright

Thinkwright Press  
2008



**Bye-Bye Miss Liberty**(How Joe and Jo Sixpack were tricked into happily trekking into serfdom. We US citizens lost our freedom in the fall election of 1966, but most of us are blissfully unaware. What happened is presented. How to comprehend and appreciate the 1966 events and current events is presented. Historical events of a similar kind are shown. Plato's writings, plus others who echoed Plato, are brought forth for examination. The ideas of Karl R. Popper and Petr Beckmann are brought forth to explain Plato's and Aristotle's faulty logic. Politics and economics are put under a microscope. The human thought process (epistemology) is examined, relying on simple definitions of *truth* and *knowledge*. *Education* and *sociology* are discussed. The two major collectivist movements of recent history, Nazism and communism, are shown to have the same source: Georges Sorell. The book is dedicated to the founders and promulgators of the Judeo-Christian traditions.

Indexed.

ISBN 13 978-0-615-26678-7

ISBN 10 978-0-615-26678-9

Published by the author:  
John W. Thinkwright  
California, USA

First printing November 2008

Copyright© John W. Thinkwright, 2008

All rights reserved



## **Dedication**

I dedicate this book to those who, in my opinion, were the greatest sociologists of all time: The ancient sages from the area of the globe presently called the Middle-East who held their societies together in good times and bad, and who etched out the moral codes that have made our modern, marvelous world possible.

In short this book is dedicated to the cultural ancestors of the founders of this United States of America.

## Dedication notes

Surely, the elders observed that those communities that abided by the Commandments had much less strife and unhappiness, and were more reliable in battle, than were those communities that did not. Surely, the elders noted too that communities of the former were cleaner and more prosperous than those that did not abide by *the Commandments*. The elders noted too that the leaders with the finest minds and greatest initiative were from the communities that abided. The individuals fighting under those leaders were more easily inspired, and more invigorated. The free men and women that abided by the Commandments seemed to be autonomous and could perform without constant supervision. In short they were competent and reliable. Would this not be taken as proof that *the Commandments* were of great benefit for those who abided by them?

Thus the elders came to support *the Commandments*, and caused all communities to abide by *the Commandments*. This was the greatest step ever taken for the promotion of individual freedom ever seen on this planet. Those who had been held in bondage in Babylon and Egypt were free individuals who could live in peace with each other and be the staunchest opponents to others seeking to deprive them of their freedom. Perhaps by following the Commandments, the following thought gets lodged in our minds: **“If you cannot refrain from harming a neighbor, you are not worthy of self government. You shall not live free.”**

It was these elders, both men and women, of ancient times who set the entire human race on the road to individual freedom. It is to these people that this book is dedicated.

You have to know what to do— then do your best. Sure we need everybody’s best— everybody working together with a common aim. AND *knowing* something about how to achieve it.

Edwards Deming

-----W.

You can’t teach what you don’t know.

-----*A Nation at risk*(1983)

Live your life such that, when you die, even the undertaker is sorry.

---- Mark Twain

[Knowledge] is the principal thing; *Therefore*, get [knowledge], and with all thy getting, get understanding.

----Proverbs 4, 7

## Foreword and acknowledgements

The real starting point in this book is on the previous page, the quote from Proverbs:

[*Knowledge*] is the principal thing; Therefore, get [*knowledge*], and with all thy getting, get *understanding*.

What does it mean? Isn't it repetitious, plastering *understanding* over the top of *knowledge*? A: Think of *knowledge* as a fact: Carl Petty came across the finish line first. Then think of *understanding* as a dissection of knowledge. For example: Carl Petty's pit crew had the best turn around time, compared to all the other pit crews. A further dimension in understanding might be the factoid that Petty's pit crew had all-new, super powerful and microprocessor self-adjusting pneumatic wrenches. Here's a second example: *Knowledge* is knowing that, by turning the windup key on a toy car, you will be readying it to start off and run on its own. Any child *knows* this. *Understanding* results from removing the light sheet metal skin (the body) to reveal the inner workings. Once you can see that the windup key tightens a spiral steel spring, you will understand how the toy can propel itself. This book presents a major fact: We lost our freedom in 1966(see Chapter 3, *Bye-Bye Sweet Liberty*). The other chapters serve to make this point clearer and, further, to explain what was lost and how it was lost. As with the windup toy and the road race, some "looking under the hood" is necessary to bring about the desired amount of understanding.

I would like to acknowledge the important views of my wife, Claudia, in devising the title of this work.

## Table of Contents

0	Front Matter and cover
1	Introduction
2	Two Cultures
3	Bye, Bye Sweet Liberty
4	Summary of Karl R. Popper's <i>The Open Society and its Enemies</i> (The Spell of Plato)
5	A real bad mess (The French attempt at a Closed Society, 1790 to 1812)
6	Three Nasties: Fascism, Nazism and Communism
7	Personalities, i-type and u-type
8	Liberty versus Equality
9	Politics
10	Economics versus Politics
11	Knowledge
12	Pretense of Knowledge
13	Doing Good
14	Blacks in America
15	Education
16	[modern] Sociology
17	Environmentalism
18	Truth
19	Heaven, an update