

Welcome,

We, who can take no more of our constitution being denigrated and its authors villainized, must act. We, who pay our fair share only to watch our labor squandered, must act. We, who believe that freedom is in fact not free, must act.

How long are we to remain idle, being no more than a commentator on what we see around us? When is it time for you as an individual to play your role? Perhaps, you have already given your service and have no more left to give, if so, we thank you.

If we are to effect any meaningful and lasting change in our community, world, and lives there is one ingredient that we must add. This is **Action**. Better still, action which is defined and motivated to a positive outcome brings true change.

The opposite of action, being inaction, brings about change, as well. We describe that with words like decay, rust, spoil, crumble, disintegrate and decompose. We see this all around us from our schools, neighborhoods and leaders.

It is our duty to protect the freedoms which were our inheritance from our forefathers. With calloused and work worn hands, these men and women toiled, fought, bled, and died to live free, but to also leave this land forever better for us. Thomas Paine said,

“If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace”

Will we not do the same? The rewards of these men and women were earned with action, service, and sacrifice. Are we who now enjoy the benefits of this great land not willing to sacrifice even a small amount to preserve, protect, and restore it?

We can lament that which was and do nothing or we can galvanize our thoughts and voices to effect the change we wish to see.

The following paragraph is an excerpt from the ending of Patrick Henry’s famous address to Second Virginia Convention on March 23, 1775. If you’ve never read its entirety I suggest you do.

“If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat, but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged, their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable - and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come!”

It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, peace, peace - but there is no peace. The war is actually begun. The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death!”

What say you?

Respectfully,

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