## **Comments re: The American Dream**

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I have received numerous comments from my American friends relating to my article, "The American Dream." I am always happy to address issues raised – discussion is always a better option than waging war – don't you think?

Is it not preferable for each one of us to be accountable and held responsible for our own actions? Should not Rumsfeld (prisoner abuse) and Kissinger (mass murder of civilians) be surrendered to the International Criminal Court of Justice for war crimes? Or should they hide behind the people – who are offered as targets instead?

It is not the people who plunder the resources of other nations it is the Corporations. The wealth that is amassed through these illegitimate enterprises enables them to buy governments and hide behind the puppets and buffoons they place in power. It is the Corporations who have directly caused the retaliation against the American population.

When that puppet Bush spouts his inane drivel regarding protecting Americans – has it occurred to anyone that there wouldn't be any conflict if not for the illegal activities of the Corporations?

While innocent people are paying the price with their lives, what personal benefit do you think the Corporate Directors obtain? Gold taps in their bathrooms etc! How many vehicles can you drive in a week? The very short-term thrill that these toys and luxuries provide, is not worth the life of one human being – but the Corporate Bosses have little regard for life of any sort. Would you defend these nefarious individuals or flush them out so we all may see their faces and hold them accountable for their actions?

These pathologically selfish and avaricious types have no regard for people whatsoever. They take sick pleasure in treating the population as moronic sheep who do their bidding. Would you defend someone who has nothing but condescending contempt for you?

The flag you defend is a coloured piece of cloth – like all the flags in the world. All nations have been built and sustained on hypocrisy, lies and slaves – yes slavery! Have you asked yourself what percentage of the spoils you obtain when bullets are whistling overhead, or you catch the fallout of a bomb. How much Italian black marble do you have in your bathroom?

The choice is yours at all times, however, we are all accountable for our governments. Can you imagine any terrorist group bombing New Zealand? That tiny South Pacific nation will not even tolerate naval vessels that carry nuclear warheads in her harbours. Their Prime Minister did not baulk when confronted with exposing Israeli spies attempting to subvert the integrity of the social system. Is it not better to think before we react and ask who it is that really lead us? And to what end?

A very good start for the US would be to return the stolen Oil to the Iraqi people. That's all it takes for a mutual respect to be formed. The world looks to America for moral leadership not schoolyard bullying.

Best wishes and Peace to all.

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