James Madison warned us this war was coming...

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As James Madison wrote in Federalist No. 14, "In the first place, it is to be remembered, that the general government is not to be charged with the whole power of making and administering laws. Its jurisdiction is limited to certain enumerated objects, which concern all the members of the republic, but which are not to be attained by the separate provisions of any."

And what are those enumerated powers? Most can be found in Article I of the Constitution.

Briefly they are: power to lay and collect taxes, pay debts and provide for common defense and general welfare, borrow money, regulate commerce with foreign nations, establish uniform rules of naturalization, and uniform laws on bankruptcies, coin money and regulate its value, fix the standard of weights and measures, provide for punishment of counterfeiting, establish post roads and offices, promote progress of science and useful arts by establishing copyright laws, constitute tribunals inferior to the Supreme Court, define and punish piracies and felonies on the high seas, declare war, raise armies, provide and maintain a navy and make rules for government and regulation of the land and naval forces, provide for calling forth the militia and for arming, organizing and disciplining it and to make laws necessary to execute those powers.

There are very few others found in other places of the Constitution.

As Madison wrote, anything the government does beyond those enumerated powers means government is overreaching. And it's this overreach that has finally begun to draw the ire of many—including those who were a part of the Tea Party movement.

Our Founders wanted to limit government because they saw how oppressive it could become. The future they saw and warned against is our present war against government overreach.

Unfortunately, many of today's voting-age Americans have never even read the U.S. Constitution. Apparently, most civics classes in public schools today dwell on other things. So, far too many people have no clue how far their government has overreached and taken away their liberty.

But here's the truth: The Constitution gives the three branches of government certain enumerated powers. Those not enumerated are reserved to the states, and to the people.

Very few people truly understand this truth, even though I and other Libertarians have been saying it for many years while enduring ridicule and disdain all the while — including Ron Paul, who is no longer in congress. My critics disparage those of us who speak of the District of Columbia as if it were a sewer. (It is!) And they criticize those who want to eliminate such unconstitutional and intrusive federal agencies as the Department of Education, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, Housing and Urban Development, etc.

In fact, this belief in self and local governments and States' rights apparently makes those of us in the liberty movement are possible "domestic terrorists" according to the Department of Un-Justice. But we are merely normal, everyday Americans concerned about the course of government. We are not terrorists seeking a building to blow up. This is merely another fear being stoked in order to remove more of our liberties and put more power in the hands of Big Government.

Reverse the government curse

Human liberty can only exist or be restored with an accurate perception of reality. Mind distorting fictions of government must be exposed. To do otherwise is to keep us dependent on an ivory tower mysticism based on lies and the duplicity of politicians and bureaucrats.

Government is a parasite cult, organized, and disguised behind a peculiar language of code words and phrases that wants to control your life and transfer your wealth to itself..

Nothing significant in our lives can or will happen unless and until we challenge our mental processes to investigate the morality and philosophy of government.

We have a great challenge but also a responsibility to free our minds from entangling myths that dominate our thoughts. Remember these so that you can live as free as possible:

- Your rights do not come from government. They are not "granted." Your rights are inalienable, and natural.
- Individuals are free and self-sovereign. You are in full control of your life and family. You can speak freely on any subject, and worship however your conscience dictates.

- There is no money of account, only a credit system created by government. This voodoo can only be understood as we continue to demystify the facts of government credit creation — that it creates fiat "credit" through the Federal Reserve and regulates it through the IRS.
- You are controlled by keeping you sick. All so-called medicine in the United States is controlled by the pharmaceuticals. Medical research is about looking and never finding cures because that would interrupt the revenue stream. And they would prosecute anybody who claims to find a cure.
- The separation of you from your assets begins with your volunteering private information to the government. Information is to government what blood is to a vampire.
- The greatest enemy of government is the individual. In order to defeat government control, the answer is to be an individualist. Ignore the party line. Parties are only interested in building their power base and collecting your money.
- Understand that what the government feeds you under the guise of information, you don't need. Search out the alternative media. Read books and publications like <u>The Bob Livingston Letter</u>[®] that enlighten, and challenge government conformity and conventional wisdom.

Yours for the truth,

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