

Could the "Preamble" to our Constitution contain "The Solution" to our political problems? By: Gerard A. Pisani, Jr.

WE THE PEOPLE

Note the Preamble of the Constitution of the United States of America:

We the **people** of the **United** States, in order to form a more perfect **union**, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

We have some very serious problems in America today and I believe that most, if not all, of our problems stem from the people! In my 73 years of life I have come to believe that "money is seldom the problem - people are usually the problem". As the preamble says, "we the people" need to continue to promote and live what was set out for us in the Constitution. So what does this preamble tell us about ourselves today?

People, all of us, are in this together as clearly suggested in the very opening words, "we the people". We are supposed to be **United** to form a "more perfect **union**". This was the simple and creative idea that enabled our forbearers to vision a United States that would:

- establish justice
- insure domestic tranquility
- provide common defense
- promote the general welfare
- secure liberty for ourselves and our posterity

So what is our problem?

The Dis-United States of America:

Today we have reached an unseemly, unprecedented divisiveness in almost every facet of our lives together. We seem to be living in the most imperfect union, especially in major areas and concerns for our very existence and well being. Most of our present problems do not come from our circumstances but from too many people who are repugnant to "union" and compromise, a prized American tradition, with superior opinions of their principles and the attitude of "my way or no way". Instead of being a perfect union it has created a perfect stalemate! Instead of fighting our problems we are having war with one another.

What are we doing today?

- establishing injustice
- insuring domestic turmoil
- providing defense for "me, myself, and I"
- demoting the general welfare
- destroying liberty and freedom for ourselves and our posterity

How will this end?

COMMON SENSE! not **COMMON CENTS!**

When we realize and act like we hold ALL THINGS in COMMON to SENSE the COMMON GOOD.

Our problems today have little or nothing to do with COMMON CENTS - money is not the real issue. Selfishness and our looking out for NUMBER ONE is the common denominator and the way too many people function today.

When people realize that the REAL DEBT is **that which we owe to one another** and not simply a financial figure. **People** are valuable, **money** is simply a means of exchange! People who live in glass houses should not throw stones, as they say. The people who have NO DEBT in this country are few and far between. This includes large companies, industries, corporations, and most individuals and, of course, our country - like most every other country in the world.

COMPROMISE!

Compromise is not a dirty word - it doesn't even come close to a numerical four letter word. It is the word that forged our Constitution in its founding and it has continued to serve our nation through many polarized struggles up till now. Our present Congressional leaders seem to define it as a label for the "unpardonable sin" as if it would cause them to lose their virginity of pure and unchanging principles. We are a people of diversity in many ways and need to honor that diversity in mind, body, and spirit. Compromise is how a "more perfect union" came into being in the first place and compromise is the only way it will come about today. Union is not uniformity - [*uniformity - the quality of lacking diversity or variation (even to the point of boredom)*] Compromise brings diverse ideas together and creates the "more perfect union" through inclusion that will continue our notability. [*diversity - noticeable heterogeneity*]

INCLUSION!

Everyone who is here, and especially those who wish to come here, are looking for Liberty and Freedom. Inclusion is a both/and, not either/or, which enables wholeness, unity, and promoting the general welfare. Listening with mutual respect for the opinions and ideas of others is essential for an inclusive nation. No amount of money, education, heritage, or outward and visible sign should determine our true worth except that which was ours by our creation. IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776 - The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America said, "*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*"

Our Constitution was never meant to be a doctrinaire statement but one that would help us to grow and become even more than they might have dreamed. It was a document to form a nation of probabilities, possibilities, and productivity for ALL, every person in these United States of America.