

Sovereignty Education and Defense Ministry (SEDM)

Fellowship Member Agreement

"Revenue Laws relate to taxpayers [instrumentalities, officers, employees, and elected officials of the [national Government](#)] and not to non-taxpayers [[non-resident non-persons domiciled in states of the Union](#) without the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Government]. The latter are without their scope. No procedures are prescribed for non-taxpayers and no attempt is made to annul any of their Rights or Remedies in due course of law. With them[non-taxpayers] Congress does not assume to deal and they are neither of the subject nor of the object of federal revenue laws."

[[Economy Plumbing & Heating v. U.S., 470 F.2d. 585 \(1972\)](#)]

1 General provisions

Comes now, _____ (print your FULL legal birthname legibly), who desires to join the fellowship and the ministry of Sovereignty Education and Defense Ministry (SEDM). In consideration of the valuable information, services, and education offered by the Ministry, I declare my consent to abide unconditionally with this agreement by any one or more of the following means:

1. Contacting us for help with their problems or questions either via email or using our [Contact Us Page](#).
2. Requesting our services through the [Ministry Bookstore](#), such as IMF Decoding, paralegal help, etc.
3. Obtaining ministry materials or information offered through the [Ministry Bookstore](#).
4. Participating in the Ministry as a volunteer or agent.
5. Signing this Member Agreement and submitting it to the Ministry through mail, email, fax, in person, or our forums.
6. Signing up for our [Member Subscriptions](#) or availing yourself of any of its benefits.
7. Downloading any of the free materials or information available on the SEDM website at <http://sedm.org>. This provision EXCLUDES the [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) itself.
8. Requesting or receiving any information, materials, or services off this site from ANYONE in either electronic or printed physical form.
9. Making a donation to the ministry.
10. Signing up to be part of our [Member Forums](#).
11. Submitting or sending any of the materials appearing on this website to any third party in any administrative or legal matter, and especially one involving any Member or Officer of this ministry.
12. Using any of the materials or output of services available through this website as evidence in any legal or administrative enforcement proceeding.
13. Making any commercial use whatsoever of the materials or services available through this ministry so as to benefit anyone OTHER than the ministry. This includes: 1. Trying to enjoin the materials; 2. Slandering the authors as a way to maximize revenues to a corrupted de facto government from ILLEGAL enforcement of the Internal Revenue Code; 3. Selling the materials available through this website in violation of the copyright; 4. Reclassifying speech on this website from non-factual beliefs and opinions that are not admissible as evidence and not actionable to factual and actionable speech in order to gain UNJUST jurisdiction over the ministry or its members.
14. Signing up for a [Basic Membership](#).

1.1 My status and standing

In joining the ministry by the above means, I declare that:

1. I believe in God. (see [section 9 of our About Us page](#) for details on our approach to the requirement for religious faith).
2. I put service to God and His Laws (in his Holy book) above self, man, or any secular government.
3. I consider [justice](#) and truth more important than personal profit, material wealth, and personal security.

"Justice [the RIGHT to be LEFT ALONE] is the end of government. It is the end of civil society. It ever has been, and ever will be pursued, until it be obtained, or until liberty be lost in the pursuit."
[[The Federalist No. 51 \(1788\), James Madison](#)]

4. I am not a "tax protester", "tax denier", "tax defier", or "sovereign citizen", which are all convenient stereotypes and labels that advantage the government at my expense. Rather, I am a crime fighter who seeks to enforce the law and preserve the requirement for *express, written, fully informed consent* of the governed that is the origin of all of the just civil authority of government according to the Declaration of Independence.

Consensus facit legem.
Consent makes the law. A contract [or civil law] is a law between the parties, which can acquire force only by consent.
[*Bouvier's Maxims of Law, 1856 ;*
SOURCE: <http://famguardian.org/Publications/BouvierMaximsOFLaw/BouviereMaxims.htm>]

5. I am NOT ANTI-government, but rather pro SELF-government under the authority of only God's laws. I regard this as an essential element of my religious practices and beliefs.
6. I am a physical man or woman and not a civil statutory "person". My legal "domicile" is either within a de jure state of the Union and outside of federal territory, or within the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. My King, my Savior, my Lawgiver, my Judge, and my ONLY CIVIL protector is the God of scripture, and not any vain man or earthly government. The only law that protects me is the law of the Bible, the Constitution, the criminal law, and the common law. I may not bow down to nor serve any other false gods, including governments or civil rulers, because this is idolatry. See the link and quote below for the reasons why this is:

"You shall have no other gods [including Kings or government] before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down or serve them [governments or Kings]. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."
[Exodus 20:3-6, Bible, NKJV]

7. I am a statutory "non-resident non-person" in respect to the national but not federal government and a "transient foreigner" on the earth. This status is a product of the following:
 - 7.1. The fact that I cannot have and do not have a statutory civil status on federal territory because I am not physically present within, domiciled within, representing an artificial entity domiciled within, or consensually doing business there. Such civil statuses include "person", "individual", "taxpayer", etc. See: [Civil Status](#) (Important!)
<https://sedm.org/litigation-main/civil-status/>
 - 7.2. The [separation of powers](#) between the states and the national government. See: "[Sovereign](#)"="[Foreign](#)", Family Guardian Fellowship
<http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Freedom/Sovereignty/Sovereign=Foreign.htm>
 - 7.3. The separation between PUBLIC and PRIVATE. See: [Separation Between Public and Private Course](#), Form #12.025
<https://sedm.org/LibertyU/SeparatingPublicPrivate.pdf>
 - 7.4. The legal separation between Church and State, whereby we men and women are the church and the government is the state: [Law and Government Page](#), Section 11: Church v. State and First Amendment
<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/LawAndGovt/LawAndGovt.htm#CHURCH v. STATE AND FIRST AMENDMENT>
 8. I am "stateless" within the meaning of [28 U.S.C. §1332\(a\)](#) immune from the jurisdiction of the [federal courts, which are all Article IV, legislative, territorial courts](#). I do not live or have a domicile within or have allegiance to the "State" listed therein.
 9. I am NOT any of the following:
 - 9.1. A STATUTORY "[U.S. Citizen](#)" as defined by the Federal Government in [8 U.S.C. §1401](#), 26 U.S.C. §3121(e), or 26 C.F.R. §1.1-1(c) who is domiciled on federal territory. Rather, I am a CONSTITUTIONAL citizen and a STATUTORY "non-resident". [Click here for details](#) on the difference between STATUTORY citizens and CONSTITUTIONAL citizens.
 - 9.2. A statutory "citizen of the United States" described in 26 C.F.R. §1.6012-1(a), who has a requirement to file a federal income tax return. The "United States" as described therein is defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(9\)](#) and (a)(10) and includes no de jure state of the Union.
 - 9.3. A statutory "[resident](#)" (alien) as defined by the Federal Government under [26 U.S.C. §7701\(b\)\(1\)\(A\)](#). All "residents" are statutory "aliens" in the I.R.C. who either have a domicile on federal territory or are representing an entity domiciled on federal territory as a public officer, and I do not satisfy either criteria and therefore am a transient foreigner and nonresident in relation to federal jurisdiction.
 - 9.4. A statutory "[U.S. Person](#)" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(30\)](#).
 - 9.5. A statutory "nonresident alien individual" as defined in 26 U.S.C. §7701(b)(1)(B) with any earnings from within the statutory "United States" or "effectively connected with a trade or business" in the statutory "United States" as described in [26 U.S.C. §871](#).
 - 9.6. A statutory "individual" as defined in 26 C.F.R. §1.1441-1(c)(3). Such "individuals" are public officers in the U.S. government engaged in franchises, and I am not such an entity.
 - 9.7. A federal statutory "[employee](#)" as defined in [26 U.S.C. §3401\(c\)](#), 5 U.S.C. §2105(a), or [26 C.F.R. §31.3401\(c\)](#)-1.
 - 9.8. A statutory "person" with any contracts, agency, or fiduciary duty with the federal government. Such contracts include but are not limited to the W-4, 1040, or SS-5 federal forms.
 - 9.9. A "customer" or a "client", but rather a "Member". God is the only "customer" in the ministry and we all serve, worship, and subsidize ONLY Him and not any vain man or creation of men called "government".
- Instead, my earnings and all of my property are [EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE \(Form #12.025\)](#), a "foreign estate" as described in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(31\)](#), and not subject to the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Code. I am a Secured Party to the Constitution as I do not maintain a domicile or residence within the exclusive or general jurisdiction of the Federal Government but temporarily occupy (not "reside" or "inhabit" within) the 50 states of the Union. As such, the [Special Law](#) found in [Title 26](#) does not apply to me, which is confirmed by the Legislative Intent of the [16th Amendment](#). See [Federal Jurisdiction, Form #05.018](#) for overwhelming evidence supporting this firm conviction of mine.
10. I regard any attempt by judges or government officers to associate ANY civil statutory status, legal status, or public right with me in the context of my EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE interactions within the ministry or with any government to be all of the following:
 - 10.1. A criminal act of identity theft. See: [Government Identity Theft](#), Form #05.046; <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
 - 10.2. An attempt by a corrupted government to [compel me to contract with them by making me party to a "social compact"](#) that I want nothing to do with.
 - 10.3. A direct interference with my unalienable right to PRIVATELY contract or NOT contract as I see fit.
 - 10.4. An attempt to offer me "protection" that I define as an INJURY and NOT protection.
 - 10.5. THEFT of my property and rights to property.
 - 10.6. An act of international terrorism.
 - 10.7. The legal equivalent of outlawing PRIVATE property and PRIVATE rights. All governments are established to PROTECT private property, not outlaw its exercise or possession by associating it with public statuses without the express consent of the owner in EACH SPECIFIC case. The regulation of EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE rights is repugnant to the Constitution and I define my rights as EXCLUSIVELY PRIVATE. They are therefore entirely beyond the control, taxation, regulation, or civil (but not common law or constitutional) protection of any government. Such civil statuses include, but are not limited to STATUTORY "citizen", "resident", "person", "individual", "taxpayer", "U.S. citizen", "citizen of the United States", etc. under any civil statutory law. The reasons are documented in [Your Exclusive Right to Declare or Establish Your Civil Status](#), Form #13.008; <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>. The common law and equity ALONE, administered by a jury of disinterested peers who shall judge the law AND the facts, is the only vehicle available to resolve disputes among and between parties to this agreement. All government judges, all of whom have a criminal conflict of interest, are hereby FIRED from any meaningful participation in such a dispute.
 11. I am a reasonable, responsible, and patriotic man or woman but not a civil statutory "individual" or "person", who, like the ministry, simply wants an honest and accountable government that diligently obeys and respects the [Constitution](#), enacted positive law, and does *not* try to enforce that which is not

1 enacted positive law. Every American expects and deserves a government that respects and protects choice and the requirement for EXPRESS
2 WRITTEN "consent" in every interaction between it and its inhabitants, including in the area of taxation (see Form #05.002). Every American ALSO
3 deserves the right to FORBID any and all attempts to offer or enforce TACIT or IMPLIED consent (also called sub silentio) just as the government did in
4 Clark v. United States, 95 U.S. 539 (1877). Likewise, a righteous DE JURE government MUST respect the limit that UNALIENABLE rights cannot be
5 given away, even with consent, on land protected by the Constitution ([Form #12.038](#)) and cannot be allowed to make a profitable business (called a
6 franchise) out of alienating and destroying such rights. A "government" that does not respect these limits is NO GOVERNMENT AT ALL as the
7 Declaration of Independence defines it, but rather a private, for profit, CRIMINAL MAFIA extortion ring that implicitly waives official, judicial, and
8 sovereign immunity under the Clearfield Doctrine of the U.S. Supreme Court. As the Declaration of Independence points out that all just powers of
9 government are based on the "consent of the governed", it follows that without explicit, written, informed, LAWFUL consent, there is no delegated
10 governmental authority, but only tyranny and injustice.

- 11 12. Because the present [de facto government \(Form #05.043\)](#) is *not* respecting these constitutional limits on its delegated authority, I cannot and will not
12 subsidize, condone, or aid any efforts which would conflict with or exceed the limits of its constitutionally delegated authority with my earnings, my
13 labor, my tacit consent, or my obedience. A so-called "government" that DOES NOT permit me to or even punishes me for LAWFULLY stopping
14 subsidizing such EVIL and even CRIMINAL activities with ANY of my earnings is making violence and anarchy INEVITABLE and then becomes THE
15 MAIN CAUSE of such violence. Withdrawing sponsorship of corruption by removing consent and participation is the ONLY peaceful, nonviolent
16 means given in the organic law to REALISTICALLY effect change. I therefore seek to politically and legally (civilly) divorce the government and it is
17 my First amendment right to do so:

18 *"If money is wanted by Rulers who have in any manner oppressed the people, they may retain it until their
19 grievances are redressed, and thus peaceably procure relief, without trusting to despised petitions or disturbing the
20 public tranquility."*

21 [*Continental Congress, 1774; Am. Pol., 233; Journals of the Continental Congress, October 26, 1774*]

22 *"But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce
23 them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new
24 Guards for their future security."*

25 [*Declaration of Independence, 1776; SOURCE: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>*]

26 Anyone who interferes with, punishes, dismisses, or refuses to recognize the DUTY of the organic law quoted above is a tyrant who is committing
27 treason punishable by death, and instituting illegal and unconstitutional duress upon my person that makes it IMPOSSIBLE for me to lawfully consent to
28 ANYTHING the government offers. See *Requirement for Consent*, Form #05.003; <https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/Consent.pdf>.

- 29 13. By seeking the information and services of SEDM, I do not seek to "exempt" my earnings from taxation or to reduce my existing tax liability as a
30 "taxpayer" through deductions or exemptions, but rather to EXCLUDE earnings that never were subject to taxation to begin with under [26 U.S.C.](#)
31 [§872\(b\)](#). In that sense, I am not seeking a "tax shelter", which is a device used by a statutory "taxpayer" to REDUCE an existing liability. Pursuant to [26](#)
32 [C.F.R. §1.6662-4\(b\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#), neither SEDM nor I can therefore be subject to accuracy related penalties for tax shelters.

33 *"Initially, it is important to bear in mind the distinction between a tax exclusion and a tax exemption. Tax
34 exemptions are items which the tax payer is entitled to excuse from the operation of a tax and, as such, are to be
35 strictly construed against the tax payer. Tax exclusions, on the other hand, are items which were not intended to be
36 taxed in the first place and, thus, to the extent there is any doubt about the meaning of the statutory language,
37 exclusionary provisions are to be strictly construed against the taxing body. In fact, tax laws in general (with the
38 exception of exemption clauses) are construed in favor of the tax payer and against imposition of the tax unless the
39 legislative intent is clear and unambiguous."*

40 [*In re Twisteroo Soft Pretzel Bakeries, Inc., 21 B.R. 665, 667 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1982)*]

41 More at: *Excluded Earnings and People*, Form #14.019; <https://sedm.org/Forms/14-PropProtection/ExcludedEarningsAndPeople.pdf>.

- 42 14. If, after consenting to this agreement, I sign or submit any government form that contradicts my status as indicated in this agreement, and especially a
43 government form signed under penalty of perjury, I further declare that all the following are true in relation to such a circumstance:

44 14.1. The [Tax Form Attachment, Form #04.201](#), supersedes and controls everything on that government form that I signed after consenting to this
45 agreement.

46 14.2. I was under [illegal duress](#) which is being protected by a complicit CRIMINAL judiciary.

47 14.3. I was a victim of de facto officers of an organized crime "protection racket" and had no other choice but to commit perjury on a government form,
48 and contradict my statements on this form, in order to procure the Constitutional right to simply be left alone, and to minimize the risk to my
49 financial health, myself, and my family.

50 14.4. This member agreement shall constitute a formal criminal complaint to prosecute all those engaged in said unlawful duress. I acknowledge that a
51 willful failure or omission by any officer of any government who is party to this agreement in prosecuting or reporting all such criminal activity
52 shall also make them an accessory after the fact to that criminal activity and guilty of misprision of felony in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§3 & 4.

53 14.5. The nature of the duress I am under is extensively documented in:

54 [Affidavit of Duress: Illegal Tax Enforcement by De Facto Officers](#), Form #02.005

55 <http://sedm.org/Forms/02-Affidavits/AffOfDuress-Tax.pdf>

56 I understand that it is the policy of the ministry not to provide legal advice or representation, but instead to teach and empower the sovereign people themselves
57 to manage their own legal affairs without the involvement of either the ministry or a [corrupted legal profession \(Form #05.047\)](#).

58 I understand that [it is not the mission or goal of the ministry to make legal recommendations or judgments about my status](#) as either a "taxpayer" or a
59 "nontaxpayer". The reason is explained in: *Your Exclusive Right to Declare or Establish Your Civil Status*, Form #13.008.
60 <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>. Furthermore, I understand that *only I*, and *not* the IRS (see [Internal Revenue Manual, Section 5.1.11.6.7](#) and [26](#)
61 [U.S.C. §6020\(b\)](#)) nor the courts of justice (see [28 U.S.C. §2201\(a\)](#)), nor anyone in government, may determine whether I as a man or woman and a common
62 law or constitutional person but NOT a civil statutory "person" am "liable" for Subtitle A income taxes under the Internal Revenue Code. This is a result of

1 the fact that “Our tax system is based upon voluntary [self] assessment and payment, not upon distraint[enforcement]“, according to the U.S. Supreme Court
2 in [Flora v. United States, 362 U.S. 145 \(1959\)](#).

3 *“A reasonable construction of the taxing statutes does not include vesting any tax official with absolute power of*
4 *assessment against individuals not specified in the statutes as a person liable for the tax without an opportunity for*
5 *judicial review of this status before the appellation of ‘taxpayer’ is bestowed upon them and their property is*
6 *seized...”*
7 *[Botta v. Scanlon, 288 F.2d. 504, 508 (1961)]*

8 **1.2 Purpose of Joining**

9 What follows are my main reasons for involving the ministry:

- 10 1. To mature and strengthen my religious faith.
- 11 2. To learn how to research, explain, and enforce the law, and thereby to become a better member of whatever society I am physically situated within.

12 *“One who turns his ear from hearing the law [[God's law](#) or [man's law](#)], even his prayer is an abomination.”*
13 *[[Prov. 28:9](#), Bible, NKJV]*

14 *“This **Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may***
15 ***observe to do according to all that is written in it.** For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will*
16 *have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed,*
17 *for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*
18 *[[Joshua 1:8-9](#), Bible, NKJV,*
19 *IMPLICATION: If you aren't reading and trying to obey God's law daily, then you're not doing God's will and you*
20 *will not prosper]*

21 *“But this crowd that does not know [and quote and follow and use] the law is accursed.”*
22 *[[John 7:49](#), Bible, NKJV]*

23 *“Salvation is far from the wicked, For they do not seek Your [God's] statutes.”*
24 *[[Psalm 119:155](#), Bible, NKJV]*

25 *“Every man is supposed to know the law. A party who makes a contract [or enters into a [franchise](#), which is also a*
26 *contract] with an officer [of the government] without having it reduced to writing is knowingly accessory to a*
27 *violation of duty on his part. Such a party aids in the violation of the law.”*
28 *[[Clark v. United States, 95 U.S. 539 \(1877\)](#)]*

- 29 3. To enhance my relationship to the Creator by learning and obeying His Holy Laws and bringing myself into complete submission exclusively to His will
30 in every area of my life.
- 31 4. To seek education and help in disconnecting completely from all government “benefits”, privileges, franchises, contracts, licenses, and identifying
32 numbers in order that I can avoid violating the commandments found in Matt. 6:24 and Luke 16:13 not to serve two masters: God and mammon,
33 meaning government. This will ensure that I serve ONLY one sovereign, who is God. For details, see:

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<i>Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises</i> , Form #05.030 http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm

- 35 5. To help me get educated about my God-given rights and how to defend them. The main reason I have to take personal responsibility for defending my
36 rights in this way is because government has refused its duty under the Constitution to do so. Therefore, the Master must do what the servant is
37 maliciously unwilling to do. Below are what a few prominent authorities say about the virtues of education, and the Constitutionally protected right to
38 free assembly which makes it possible or enables it:

39 *“Only the educated are free.”*
40 *[[Epicetus, Discourses](#)]*

41 *“A popular government without popular information [about [GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION](#)] or the means of*
42 *acquiring it, is but a Prologue to Farce, or a Tragedy, or perhaps both. Knowledge will forever govern ignorance.*
43 *and a people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives.”*
44 *[[James Madison](#); Letter from James Madison to W.T. Barry (Aug. 4, 1822), in 9 THE WRITINGS OF JAMES*
45 *MADISON 103 (Gaillard Hunt ed., 1910)]*

46 *“...the greatest menace to freedom is an inert [passive, ignorant, and uneducated] people [who refuse, as [jurists](#)*
47 ***and voters and active citizens, to expose and punish evil in our government!]**”*
48 *[[Whitney v. California, 274 U.S. 357 \(1927\)](#)]*

49 *“The American people have always regarded education and acquisition of knowledge as matters of supreme*
50 *importance which should be diligently promoted [in order to maintain and protect their [liberty](#)]. The Ordinance of*
51 *1787 declares: **‘Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness [and***
52 ***liberty] of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.’”***
53 *[[Meyer v. State of Nebraska, 262 U.S. 390 \(1923\)](#)]*

1 "And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws [of both [God](#) and [man](#)], and shalt shew them the way wherein they
2 must walk, and the work [of obedience to God] that they must do."
3 [[Exodus 18:20](#), Bible, NKJV]

4 "My [God's] people are destroyed [and enslaved] for lack of knowledge [and the lack of education that produces
5 it]."
6 [[Hosea 4:6](#), Bible, NKJV]

7 I certify that my motivations and reasons for joining the ministry are spiritual, moral, and legal. I further certify that my reasons for joining or for pursuing
8 sovereignty do NOT include any of the following:

- 9 1. I am not pursuing membership for financial, political, or commercial reasons. I do not seek prosperity in joining this ministry. Jesus did not have
10 commercial motivations and neither do I. Jesus said in Matt. 6:21 and Luke 12:34 that where a man's treasure is, there his heart will be also, and my
11 treasure isn't on this Earth and isn't found in any government "benefit" or commercial franchise.

12 "Where do wars and fights [in the ballot box and the jury box] come from among you? **Do they not come from**
13 **your desires for pleasure [unearned money or "benefits" from the government] that war in your members**
14 **[and your democratic SOCIALIST governments]? You lust [after other people's money] and do not have. You**
15 **murder [the unborn to increase your standard of living] and covet [the unearned] and cannot obtain [except by**
16 **empowering your de facto THIEF government to STEAL for you!]. You fight and war [against the rich and the**
17 **nontaxpayers to subsidize your idleness and dependency with a STOLEN Social Security retirement check]. Yet you**
18 **do not have because you do not ask [the Lord, but instead ask the corrupt and deceitful government]. You ask and**
19 **do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures ["benefits"]. Adulterers and**
20 **adulteresses [harlots, Rev. 17]! Do you not know that friendship [or STATUTORY citizenship] with the**
21 **world [or the governments of the world] is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend [a**
22 **STATUTORY "citizen", "resident", or "taxpayer"] of the world [or the governments of the world] makes**
23 **himself an enemy of God."**
24 [[James 4:1-4](#), Bible, NKJV]

25 "Here I close my opinion. **I could not say less in view of questions of such gravity that go down to the very**
26 **foundation of the government. If the provisions of the constitution can be set aside by an act of congress, where is**
27 **the course of usurpation [abuse of taxation power for THEFT and wealth transfer] to end? The present assault**
28 **[WAR!] upon capital [PRIVATE property] is but the beginning. It will be but the stepping-stone to others, larger**
29 **and more sweeping, till our political contests [in the jury box and the ballot box between the HAVES and the**
30 **HAVE NOTS] will become a war of the poor against the rich,-a war constantly growing in intensity and**
31 **bitterness. 'If the court sanctions the power of discriminating [UNEQUAL or GRADUATED] taxation, and**
32 **nullifies the uniformity mandate of the constitution,' as said by one who has been all his life a student of our**
33 **institutions, 'it will mark the hour when the sure decadence of our present government will commence.'**
34 [[Pollock v. Farmers Loan and Trust Co.](#), 157 U.S. 429 (1895)]

- 35 2. I do not seek sovereignty for any of the following reasons:
- 36 2.1. As a get out of jail free card. We don't promote or condone sovereignty as an excuse to be free from the criminal laws, for instance. EVERYONE
37 is subject to real, de jure criminal laws and SHOULD be subject.
- 38 2.2. As an excuse to be irresponsible for any loans or commitments I have ever made or will ever make. Some people for instance are only interested
39 in sovereignty so they can cancel debts or obligations they previously made. We, on the other hand, believe that one should always honor every
40 commitment or debt they previously consented to, even if their consent at the time was not fully informed.
- 41 2.3. As an excuse to engage in violent, harmful, or criminal behavior. We believe that everyone should be accountable and responsible for the harms
42 they cause to others under the concept of equality of all. In a civil context, that accountability is the common law and NOT the civil statutory law.
- 43 2.4. As an excuse to reject ALL man-made law and thereby be an anarchist. We think that sovereignty can only truly exist among a people who:
- 44 2.4.1. Are accountable under God's laws at all times.
- 45 2.4.2. Do not pick or choose which subset of God's laws they are accountable under. Its ALL (lawful) or NOTHING (anarchy).
- 46 2.4.3. Are accountable under the criminal and common law of the country they are physically present within, regardless of their civil status or
47 domicile.
- 48 2.4.4. Do not surrender their sovereignty by consenting to be civil statutory persons or choosing a civil domicile within the statutory jurisdiction of
49 any government.
- 50 2.5. As a justification to call myself a "sovereign citizen" or ANY OTHER name, label, or stereotype the government might use to persecute
51 whistleblowers that insist on an accountable, law abiding government. We are simply crime fighters who seek to enforce the sovereignty
52 delegated to us by the only true sovereign, which is God.
- 53 2.6. As a justification to enforce superior rights or importance to myself or inferior rights to anyone else under any law. ALL are equal under REAL
54 law. That which creates or enforces an unequal or inferior status in the eyes of the government is and must at all times be a voluntary franchise
55 that I seek to avoid.

56 I won't abuse or misuse the sovereignty entrusted to me by God as His agent and representative on Earth in order to do any of the above things because
57 this is what a wicked government currently abuses ITS alleged but not actual sovereignty for, and two wrongs don't make a right. For proof this is how
58 they abuse sovereignty, see:

[Your Irresponsible, Lawless, Anarchist Beast Government](https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/YourIrresponsibleLawlessGov.pdf), Form #05.054
<https://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/YourIrresponsibleLawlessGov.pdf>

59 Rather, I simply seek to be LEFT ALONE so that I can civilly govern and support myself, my family, and my loved ones without any external interference
60 from any man or vain government of men. The legal definition of "justice", in fact, is the moral habit of simply leaving people alone and protecting their right
61 to be left alone. Therefore, the goal of my participation in the ministry is "justice" as legally defined.

1 *"The makers of our Constitution undertook to secure conditions favorable to the pursuit of happiness. They*
2 *recognized the significance of man's spiritual nature, of his feelings and of his intellect. They knew that only a part*
3 *of the pain, pleasure and satisfactions of life are to be found in material things. They sought to protect Americans in*
4 *their beliefs, their thoughts, their emotions and their sensations. **They conferred, as against the Government, the***
5 ***right to be let alone - the most comprehensive of rights and the right most valued by civilized men.**"*
6 *[Olmstead v. United States, 277 U.S. 438, 478 (1928) (Brandeis, J., dissenting); see also Washington v. Harper,*
7 *494 U.S. 210 (1990)]*

8 *"With all [our] blessings, what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people? Still one thing*
9 *more, fellow citizens--a wise and frugal Government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall*
10 *leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the*
11 *mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government, and this is necessary to close the circle*
12 *of our felicities."*
13 *[Thomas Jefferson: 1st Inaugural, 1801. ME 3:320]*

14 *"Do not strive with [BOTHER] a man without cause, if he has done you no harm."*
15 *[Prov. 3:30, Bible, NKJV]*

16 *"Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law.**"*
17 *[Romans 13:10, Bible, NKJV]*

18 I shouldn't have to bribe a [government "protection racket" \(Form #02.005\)](#) or become a customer of government CIVIL protection called a "resident",
19 "citizen", or "inhabitant" to earn or deserve the right to simply be left alone. It costs the government NOTHING to leave me alone so I can't be held legally
20 accountable to pay for that kind of protection. My [private \(Form #10.002\)](#), [unalienable \(Form #12.038\)](#), natural, and constitutional rights attach to the land I
21 stand on and not my [STATUTORY CIVIL status \(Form #13.008\)](#) anyway.

22 *"It is locality that is determinative of the application of the Constitution, in such matters as judicial procedure, and*
23 *not the status of the people who live in it."*
24 *[Balzac v. Porto Rico, 258 U.S. 298 (1922)]*

25 The only place rights can be converted into "privileges" is on federal territory not protected by the Constitution, which is also where PRIVATE rights don't
26 exist and everything is a [PUBLIC PRIVILEGE](#) through franchise with the de facto government. The Declaration of Independence says my Constitutionally
27 protected rights are "inalienable", which means they are incapable of being sold, exchanged, transferred, or bargained away in relation to a REAL de jure
28 government by ANY means, including through any government franchise. A lawful de jure government established SOLELY to protect PRIVATE property
29 and PRIVATE rights cannot at the same time do any of the following:

- 30 1. Make a profitable business or franchise out of DESTROYING, taxing, regulating, or compromising PRIVATE rights or enticing people to surrender
31 those same inalienable rights. See [Government Instituted Slavery Using Franchises, Form #05.030](#), <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
- 32 2. Refuse to protect or even recognize the existence of private rights. This includes:
 - 33 2.1. Prejudicially presuming that there are no private rights because everyone is the subject of statutory civil law. All statutory civil law regulates
34 GOVERNMENT conduct, not private conduct. See [Why Statutory Civil Law is Law for Government and Not Private Persons, Form #05.037](#),
35 <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
 - 36 2.2. Compelling people to engage in public franchises by forcing them to use Social Security Numbers. See [Resignation of Compelled Social Security](#)
37 [Trustee, Form #06.002](#), <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
 - 38 2.3. Presuming that all those interacting with the government are officers and employees of the government called "persons", "U.S. citizens" or "U.S.
39 residents", "individuals", "taxpayers" (under the income tax franchise), "motorists" (under the driver's license franchise), "spouses" (under the
40 marriage license franchise), etc. The First Amendment protects our right NOT to contract or associate with such statuses and to choose any status
41 that we want, and it PROTECTS that choice from the adverse and injurious presumptions of others. See [Your Exclusive Right to Declare or](#)
42 [Establish Your Civil Status, Form #13.008](#), <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
 - 43 2.4. Refusing the DUTY to prosecute employers who compel completing form W-4, which is the WRONG form for most Americans.
 - 44 2.5. Refusing to prosecute those who submit false information returns against people NOT engaged in public offices within the government in the
45 District of Columbia. See [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#), <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
- 46 3. Refuse to recognize anyone's right and choice not to engage in franchises such as a "trade or business" or to quit any franchise they may have
47 unknowingly signed up for.
 - 48 3.1. Refusing to provide or hiding forms that allow you to quit franchises and/or telling people they can't quit. For instance, Social Security
49 Administration hides the form for quitting Social Security and tells people they aren't allowed to quit. This is SLAVERY in violation of the
50 Thirteenth Amendment.
 - 51 3.2. Offering "exempt" status on tax forms but refusing to provide or even recognize an "excluded", "not subject", or "nontaxpayer" option. "Exempt"
52 v. "excluded" are completely different and mutually exclusive. See:
53 [Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid, Form #08.004](#), Section 8.13, <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
54 [Excluded Earnings and People](#), Form #14.019; <https://sedm.org/Forms/14-PropProtection/ExcludedEarningsAndPeople.pdf>.
 - 55 3.3. Refusing to file corrected information returns that zero out false reports of third parties, interfering with their filing, or not providing a form that
56 the VICTIM, rather than the filer can use, to correct them. See [Correcting Erroneous Information Returns, Form #04.001](#),
57 <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.
 - 58 3.4. Refusing to provide a definition of "trade or business" in their publication that would warn most Americans that they not only aren't involved in it,
59 but are committing a CRIME to get involved in it in violation of [18 U.S.C. §912](#).
- 60 4. Deprive people of a remedy for the protection of private rights by turning all courts into administrative franchise/property courts in the Executive Branch
61 instead of the Judicial Branch, such as Traffic Court, Family Court, Tax Court, and all federal District and Circuit Courts. See: [What Happened to](#)
62 [Justice?, Form #06.012](#); <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>. This forces people to fraudulently declare themselves a privileged franchisee such as a
63 "taxpayer" before they can get a remedy. See Tax Court Rule 13(a), which says that only "taxpayers" can petition Tax Court. See also [Corp. of](#)

1 [Presiding Bishop of Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints v. Hodel](#), 830 F.2d 374, 385 (D.C. Cir. 1987), in which STATUTORY citizens are
2 not entitled to Article III CONSTITUTIONAL "district courts of the United States" and can ONLY go to Executive Branch FRANCHISE courts.

- 3 5. Make a profitable business out of penalizing or taxing crime. Note that we don't object to REPARATIONS that go to the VICTIM, but PENALTIES that
4 go to the government. Any government that profits from crime is always going to try to foster and promote more of it and the more profitable it is, the
5 more motivated they become to undertake this kind of abuse. This kind of CRIMINAL conflict of interest will always corrupt any governmental system
6 and undermine the security of private rights that is the reason governments are created to begin with. See the following:

7 [Why the Government Needs Crime](#); <http://famguardian.org/Subjects/LawAndGovt/LegalEthics/WhyGovernmentNeedsCrime.htm>

8 It is precisely the above abuses by political and/or religious leaders that were the ONLY thing that Jesus ever got angry about during his short time on Earth.
9 See [Matt. 21:12-17](#) and [Matt. 23](#). These passages were written by a former tax collector who quit his job in disgust when Jesus showed him the evil inherent in
10 the above abuses. As a believer, these types of abuses make me just as angry and upset as Jesus was because of the inequality, injustice, and hypocrisy they
11 promote and protect. Like Jesus, I call to repentance any and all in churches and or governments who engage in such despicable behavior. The behavior is so
12 prevalent in Jesus' time that every time Jesus used the phrase "sinners", He also preceded it with "tax collectors and", as if to imply that they are synonymous.
13 That's why the New Testament BEGAN in the Tax Collector's office of Matthew, where the sinners he came to call to repentance could be found. See [Eccl.](#)
14 [2:26](#), which indicates that those who "gather and collect" are sinners. It therefore shouldn't surprise us that one of the charges levied against Jesus was that he
15 was a "tax protester" in [Luke 23:2](#). See the following:

16 [Jesus of Nazareth: Illegal Tax Protester](#), Ned Netterville; [Link1](#), [Link 2 \(Form #11.306\)](#)

17 REAL de jure Judges cannot serve two masters, Justice and Money/Mammon, without having a criminal conflict of interest and converting the Public Trust
18 into a Sham Trust. Anyone who therefore claims the authority to use franchises to entice me to surrender or destroy the INALIENABLE private rights which
19 all just governments were established ONLY to protect, cannot lawfully or truthfully claim to be a "government" and is simply a [de facto private corporation](#), a
20 usurper, and a tyrant pretending to be a government.

21 *The Court developed, for its own governance in the cases confessedly within its jurisdiction, a series of rules under
22 which it has avoided passing upon a large part of all the constitutional questions pressed upon it for decision. They
23 are:*

24 [. . .]

25 **6. The Court will not pass upon the constitutionality of a statute at the instance of one who has availed
26 himself of its benefits.** [FN7 Great Falls Mfg. Co. v. Attorney General](#), 124 U.S. 581, 8 S.Ct. 631, 31 L.Ed. 527;
27 [Wall v. Parrot Silver & Copper Co.](#), 244 U.S. 407, 411, 412, 37 S.Ct. 609, 61 L.Ed. 1229; [St. Louis Malleable](#)
28 [Casting Co. v. Prendergast Construction Co.](#), 260 U.S. 469, 43 S.Ct. 178, 67 L.Ed. 351.

29 [FN7 Compare Electric Co. v. Dow](#), 166 U.S. 489, 17 S.Ct. 645, 41 L.Ed. 1088; [Pierce v. Somerset Ry.](#), 171 U.S.
30 641, 648, 19 S.Ct. 64, 43 L.Ed. 316; [Leonard v. Vicksburg, etc., R. Co.](#), 198 U.S. 416, 422, 25 S.Ct. 750, 49 L.Ed.
31 1108.

32 [[Ashwander v. Tennessee Valley Authority](#), 297 U.S. 288, 56 S.Ct. 466 (1936)]

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34 *"The words "privileges" and "immunities," like the greater part of the legal phraseology of this country, have been
35 carried over from the law of Great Britain, and recur constantly either as such or in equivalent expressions from the
36 time of Magna Charta. For all practical purposes they are synonymous in meaning, and originally signified a
37 peculiar right or private law conceded to particular persons or places **whereby a certain individual or class of**
38 **individuals was exempted from the rigor of the common law.** Privilege or immunity is conferred upon any
39 person when he is invested with a legal claim to the exercise of special or peculiar rights, authorizing him to enjoy
40 some particular advantage or exemption."*

41 [[The Privileges and Immunities of State Citizenship](#), Roger Howell, PhD, 1918, pp. 9-10;

42 SOURCE:

43 http://famguardian.org/Publications/ThePrivAndImmOfStateCit/The_privileges_and_immunities_of_state_c.pdf]

44 See [Magill v. Browne](#), *Fed.Cas. No. 8952*, 16 *Fed.Cas.* 408; 6 *Words and Phrases*, 5583, 5584; A J. Lien,
45 "Privileges and Immunities of Citizens of the United States," in *Columbia University Studies in History, Economics,*
46 *and Public Law*, vol. 54, p. 31.

47 The above two mechanisms have become the main weapons of the Pharisee lawyer profession to create an institutionalized system of criminal identity theft to
48 illegally transport the legal identity of the average state citizen to what Mark Twain called "The District of Criminals". The above methods of effectively
49 REMOVING the protections of INALIENABLE rights (rights that CANNOT lawfully be given away, even WITH consent) by the common law and the
50 Constitution has also been described by the U.S. Congress as the ESSENCE of [communism](#) itself! This is especially true when you add games with legal
51 words of art to remove even the STATUTORY limitations upon the conduct of the government. See [Legal Deception, Propaganda, and Fraud, Form #05.014](#).

52 [TITLE 50 > CHAPTER 23 > SUBCHAPTER IV > Sec. 841.](#)
53 [Sec. 841. - Findings and declarations of fact](#)

54 *The Congress finds and declares that the Communist Party of the United States [consisting of the IRS, DOJ, and a
55 corrupted federal judiciary], although purportedly a political party, is in fact an instrumentality of a conspiracy to*

1 overthrow the [de jure] Government of the United States [and replace it with a de facto government ruled by the
2 judiciary]. It constitutes an authoritarian dictatorship [IRS, DOJ, and corrupted federal judiciary in
3 collusion] within a [constitutional] republic, demanding for itself the rights and [FRANCHISE] privileges
4 [including immunity from prosecution for their wrongdoing in violation of Article 1, Section 9, Clause 8 of the
5 Constitution] accorded to political parties, but denying to all others the liberties [Bill of Rights] guaranteed by the
6 Constitution [Form #10.002]. Unlike political parties, which evolve their policies and programs through public
7 means, by the reconciliation of a wide variety of individual views, and submit those policies and programs to the
8 electorate at large for approval or disapproval, the policies and programs of the Communist Party are secretly [by
9 corrupt judges and the IRS in complete disregard of, Form #05.014, the tax franchise "codes", Form #05.001
10 prescribed for it by the foreign leaders of the world Communist movement [the IRS and Federal Reserve]. Its
11 members [the Congress, which was terrorized to do IRS bidding by the framing of Congressman Trafficant
12 have no part in determining its goals, and are not permitted to voice dissent to party objectives. Unlike members of
13 political parties, members of the Communist Party are recruited for indoctrination [in the public FOOL system by
14 homosexuals, liberals, and socialists] with respect to its objectives and methods, and are organized, instructed, and
15 disciplined [by the IRS and a corrupted judiciary] to carry into action slavishly the assignments given them by their
16 hierarchical chieftains. Unlike political parties, the Communist Party [thanks to a corrupted federal judiciary]
17 acknowledges no constitutional or statutory limitations upon its conduct or upon that of its members
18 [ANARCHISTS!, Form #08.020]. The Communist Party is relatively small numerically, and gives scant
19 indication of capacity ever to attain its ends by lawful political means. The peril inherent in its operation arises not
20 from its numbers, but from its failure to acknowledge any limitation as to the nature of its activities, and its
21 dedication to the proposition that the present constitutional Government of the United States ultimately must be
22 brought to ruin by any available means, including resort to: force and violence [for using income taxes]. Holding
23 that doctrine, its role as the agency of a hostile foreign power [the Federal Reserve and the American Bar
24 Association (ABA)] renders its existence a clear present and continuing danger to the security of the United
25 States. It is the means whereby individuals are seduced [illegally KIDNAPPED via identity theft!, Form #05.046]
26 into the service of the world Communist movement [using FALSE information returns and other PERJURIOUS
27 government forms, Form #04.001], trained to do its bidding [by FALSE government publications and statements
28 that the government is not accountable for the accuracy of, Form #05.007], and directed and controlled [using
29 FRANCHISES illegally enforced upon NONRESIDENTS, Form #05.030] in the conspiratorial performance of
30 their revolutionary services. Therefore, the Communist Party should be outlawed

31 Those instituting this criminal identity theft ring have surreptitiously implemented a Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organization (R.I.C.O.). The organizers of
32 this organized crime mafia are executive branch employees and corrupt judges with a criminal financial conflict of interest. That corruption is documented in
33 Government Corruption, Form #11.401. This identity theft mafia is thoroughly exposed and explained in the following memorandum of law that members
34 should use to prosecute the crime:

Government Identity Theft, Form #05.046
FORMS PAGE: <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
DIRECT LINK: <http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/GovernmentIdentityTheft.pdf>

35 In fact, I believe it constitutes an "invasion" within the meaning of Article 4, Section 4 of the United States Constitution as well as an act of international
36 terrorism for the federal government to either offer or enforce any national franchise within any constitutional state of the Union, or for any state of the Union
37 to condone or allow such activity. See:

38 De Facto Government Scam, Form #05.043; <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>

39 My motives are not commercial, but ANTI-commercial. Black's Law Dictionary defines "commerce" as intercourse, and God's delegation of authority order
40 and law forbids me to interact as anything OTHER than a Merchant and never a Buyer (under the Uniform Commercial Code) with any government, ruler,
41 king, or potentate. Click here (<https://famguardian.org/Subjects/Taxes/Evidence/HowSeCorruptOurRepubGovt.htm>) for details.

42 *"And I heard another voice from heaven [God] saying, 'Come out of her [Babylon the Great Harlot, a democratic,*
43 *rather than republican, state full of socialist non-believers], my people [Christians], lest you share in her sins, and*
44 *lest you receive of her plagues.'"*
45 *[Revelation 18:4, Bible, NKJV]*

46 *"By the abundance of your [Satan's] trading [commerce] You became filled with violence within, And you*
47 *[Satan] sinned; Therefore I [God] cast you [Satan] as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I*
48 *destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones. "*
49 *[Ezekial 28:16, Bible, NKJV]*

50 Since the love of money is the root of all evil (1 Tim. 6:9-10), then the only thing that commercial motivations can do is bring evil into the ministry. I am
51 joining the ministry to AVOID and prevent evil, not to seek evil.

52 *"For the love of money [and even government "benefits", which are payments] is the root of all evil: which while*
53 *some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O*
54 *man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the*
55 *good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession*
56 *before many witnesses. "*
57 *[1 Timothy 6:10-12, Bible, NKJV]*

1 *"Getting treasures by a lying tongue is the fleeting fantasy of those who seek death."*
2 *[Prov. 21:6, Bible, NKJV]*

3 **1.3 Obligations of Membership**

4 *"And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually*
5 *pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."*
6 *[Declaration of Independence]*

7 The only thing I will use the services, materials, education, or information provided by the ministry for is to worship, serve, and glorify my Creator above
8 every man, ruler, law, or government and to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances of wrongs against my life, liberty, property, and family that
9 violate either the Creator's Sovereign Laws or man's laws. This is an exercise of my religious faith and my right to Petition the Government that is protected
10 by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitutional Right to Petition is described in [The Right To Petition, Form](#)
11 [#05.049](#). Regarding these lawful purposes and goals which cannot be lawfully subjected to any unconstitutional penalty including a "Bill of Attainder", I agree
12 to the following obligations of membership:

- 13 1. I agree to follow the following procedure for restoring and defending my sovereign status:

Path to Freedom, Form #09.015
FORMS PAGE: <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
DIRECT LINK: <http://sedm.org/Forms/09-Procs/PathToFreedom.pdf>

- 14 2. I will not bring reproach upon this ministry by using any ministry materials or services for commercial or financial reasons. Instead, I will consistently
15 describe my motivations as being exclusively spiritual, moral, legal, and religious. For instance, I will not use ministry materials or services in
16 connection with any of the following:
17 2.1. Mortgage cancellation.
18 2.2. Debt cancellation.
19 2.3. Bills of exchange used in paying off tax debts.
20 2.4. 1099OIDs.
21 2.5. Using the "straw man" commercially to benefit anyone but its owner, which is the government. The "straw man" is a creation of and property of
22 the government, and I acknowledge that it is stealing from the government to use their property, which is public property, for my own private
23 benefit. I seek to abandon the straw man, not hijack him to steal from the government. See:

Proof That There Is a "Straw Man", Form #05.042
FORMS PAGE: <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
DIRECT LINK: <http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/StrawMan.pdf>

24 For the reasons for all the above, see: *Policy Document: UCC Redemption*, Form #08.002; <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>.

- 25 3. I agree and commit to diligently educate myself by regularly reading and studying God's word.
26 4. I agree to regularly study, learn, and obey man's law and to use that knowledge to ensure that our public servants remain accountable to us, who are the
27 true sovereigns and "governing authorities" within our system of Republican government. I will do this by reading or viewing the free sources of enacted
28 law found on the ministry website and especially the Liberty University. The purpose of reading or viewing these materials is so that I can learn how to
29 love and protect my neighbor out of obedience to the last six commandments of the Ten Commandments.

30 *"And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws [of both [God](#) and [man](#)], and shalt shew them the way wherein they*
31 *must walk, and the work [of obedience to God] that they must do."*
32 *[Exodus 18:20, Bible, KJV]*

33 *"The words 'people of the United States' and 'citizens,' are synonymous terms, and mean the same thing. They both*
34 *describe the political body who, according to our republican institutions, form the sovereignty, and who hold the*
35 *power and conduct the government through their representatives. They are what we familiarly call the 'sovereign*
36 *people,' and every citizen is one of this people, and a constituent member of this sovereignty. ..."*
37 *[Boyd v. State of Nebraska, 143 U.S. 135 (1892)]*

- 38 5. I agree to help educate all the consenting people I know and come in contact with about everything that I learn by reading and studying God's laws and
39 man's laws and participating in the ministry.
40 6. I agree and commit to defend the privacy, credibility, and integrity of the fellowship, ministry, and every member by:
41 6.1. Not revealing the birth name, email, phone, address, username, or any personal information whatsoever to anyone else without the express written
42 consent of the affected party. See [About Us page, section 3](#) for details.
43 6.2. Promptly contacting the ministry in writing via the [Contact Us page](#) if or when I find anything that is either erroneous or inconsistent with the law
44 so that it may be promptly corrected. If I don't, and if I am a government employee, officer, or agent, then I become a Member in Bad Standing.
45 6.3. Keeping my actions consistent with my words to the best of my ability.
46 6.4. Never lying to or deceiving anyone in relation to the things I learn on the ministry website.
47 7. I agree to financially support this religious ministry through free will offerings. This is so that the fellowship may continue to serve and glorify God by
48 helping set the captives everywhere free from their slavery to sin by means of Truth, education, and tools for defending the sovereignty that comes only
49 from God.
50 8. I will speak and act in a manner consistent with all the policy documents published by the ministry in section 1.8 of the Forms/Pubs page
51 (<http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>).
52 9. I will NEVER describe myself as a "sovereign" in connection with any litigation or administrative action in the secular world, or use the word as an
53 excuse to avoid responsibility or liability for all of my actions and choices and legal commitments. My personal liberty, freedom, and autonomy come
54 from having private property and private rights that I can prove with evidence on the record of a court proceeding that I have, and not from using magical
55 words that aren't understood or even legally defined in the context of the legal (or corrupt) audience I am interacting with in the process of vindicating my
56 private property, private rights, and private status. When Jesus came to visit Earth, He adopted the language and customs of the people He was trying to
57 reach and met them on their own terms, rather than trying to make the world revolve around Him. All that I do in using such labels or stereotypes to

1 describe myself is give the corrupt enemy a foothold to abuse identity politics to "cancel" me or slander God's name. In this sense, I am a "stealth
2 fighter" or "guerilla fighter" for legal justice, freedom, and equality of all as God requires in Matt. 6:1-4. See [Separation Between Public and Private](#)
3 [Course, Form #12.025](#).

4 10. I will stop making any [presumptions](#) about what the law requires which means I will stop believing or saying anything that I haven't proven for myself by
5 reading the law. I will stop believing what others tell me about what the law requires and rely ONLY on legally admissible evidence in reaching my own
6 informed beliefs and conclusions. I recognize that this is the most important way that I can:

7 10.1. Protect the credibility and success of the freedom movement.

8 10.2. Protect the credibility and success of the ministry.

9 10.3. Protect my own credibility and prevent me from being called "frivolous".

10 10.4. Prevent the legal profession and/or the government from becoming a state-sponsored civil religion in violation of the First Amendment. See

11 [Socialism: The New American Civil Religion, Form #05.016](#).

12 For the reasons why, see: [Presumption: Chief Weapon for Unlawfully Enlarging Federal Jurisdiction, Form #05.017](#).

13 I understand that being able to defend the sovereignty that God gave me when He created me requires me to be willing and able to do the following:

14 1. Educate myself and trust what I learn as education is primary to understanding and properly following the law.

15 2. Refuse to accept the vain, self-serving edicts of a judges or lawyers to tell me what the law says. Most of them have illegal conflicts of interest in
16 violation of [28 U.S.C. §144](#), [28 U.S.C. §455](#), and [18 U.S.C. §2081](#). I will instead read the facts and law for myself and reach my own conclusions because
17 this is the ONLY way that self-government is even realistically possible.

18 3. As a free moral agent, I take complete and personal and exclusive responsibility for myself in all aspects of my conclusions and decisions as a result of
19 my educational pursuits. I must take exclusive and personal responsibility for myself because the tyranny we face on the part of the government at
20 present was created mainly by the government exploiting the weakness of men and women to evade responsibility. Our public servants have invidiously
21 and covertly corrupted the morals of the people by exploiting this weakness.

22 4. Apply what I have learned about the law to my specific situation and then to confidently challenge those who would question my conclusions. For
23 instance, I might demand their presentment of Implementing Regulations published in the Federal Register to demonstrate the law and the facts properly
24 and correctly.

25 5. Insist that those in government service are not above the law but are properly mere servants to their Master, We The People. For example, servants must
26 carry the [Burden of Proof](#) for any accusation and it must be reliable, probative, and substantial, such as an Implementing Regulation published in the
27 Federal Register accomplishes. See [Proof of Claim: Your Main Defense Against Government Greed and Corruption, Form #09.073](#).

28 **2 Anti-Mole Provisions**

29 <http://famguardian.org/Subjects/Crime/Humor/AshcroftSpy.mp3>

30 In the context of my relationship with this ministry and its agents, officers, workers, and volunteers, I hereby:

31 1. Waive and forfeit any and all rights to assert official, judicial, or sovereign immunity that might accrue to me as an officer, employee, contractor, or
32 agency of any and all governments.

33 2. Waive any right to seek representation or counsel from a government attorney or a private attorney paid for by the government. I agree to produce
34 evidence when requested by the ministry that I am NOT being represented by a government attorney and that my legal counsel is NOT paid for by the
35 government if I am involved in litigation that affects the ministry or is against the ministry or any of its officers.

36 Instead, I agree to act as a PRIVATE man or woman in equity with my own attorney that I pay for personally (if I hire one) in the context of any and all
37 litigation or disputes arising from my relationship with the ministry as a Member.

38 I agree never to provide any information about SEDM or my involvement with SEDM to any government representative unless I am summonsed or
39 subpoena'd and the summons or subpoena is signed by either a state judge or a district court judge who has demonstrated jurisdiction over the territory within
40 which the alleged crime was committed. In the event that I am ever properly summonsed or subpoena'd in any legal proceeding to answer questions about
41 SEDM or my involvement with SEDM, I promise to:

42 1. Maintain a copy of this agreement.

43 2. Present this agreement to the appropriate parties as the only evidence I have about services provided to me by 'SEDM' and others in affiliation with this
44 group.

45 3. Have the inquisitor sign the:

46 [Deposition Agreement](#), Form #03.004; <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>

47 4. Present to the inquisitor the Deposition Handout, Form #03.005 of the [Forms/Pubs page](#).

48 5. Require the inquisitor to answer the questions at the end of Form #05.001, 05.007, and 05.014, and 05.020 in their entirety with an Admit or Deny answer
49 and to stipulate to admit the questions, supporting evidence, and answers into evidence in any trial involving me or the ministry.

50 6. Have the inquisitor sign this [SEDM Member Agreement](#) prior to asking questions and to send a certified copy of the signed document to SEDM. I am
51 not allowed to associate with and cannot be compelled to associate with anyone but an SEDM Member in the context of law or taxation. This is
52 guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

53 7. Never provide evidence or testimony unfavorable to 'SEDM' and others in affiliation with this group to the government or in any legal proceeding.

54 Instead, I will claim "Fifth Amendment" and "First Amendment" (right to NOT speak) in response to every question tendered to me about such matters. The
55 reason that I can and must take the Fifth Amendment in answer to every question is because prior to answering such questions, I formed a sacred Contract
56 (Member Agreement) with SEDM that I would substitute myself in any judgment against SEDM that uses adverse evidence I provided, and doing so makes
57 me the main party of any investigation of SEDM. This Member Agreement also makes me a part of SEDM, and therefore a defendant in any such proceeding
58 against SEDM. Since the government cannot interfere with my right to contract (see [Article 1](#), Section 10 of the Constitution of the United States), then it
59 cannot interfere with my status as a person affected by the investigation, and therefore cannot preclude me from claiming the Fifth Amendment in answer to

every question. Neither can the government claim that by doing so, I am involved in any conspiracy to willfully commit any kind of crime by making such a contract, because:

1. The ministry explicitly states on its [About Us](#) page and in its [Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) that it cannot and does not involve itself in any unlawful activity.
2. The ministry openly and frequently invites the government to rebut the overwhelming evidence of government wrongdoing ([Tax Deposition Question, Form #03.016](#)) which is the reason for its existence and has not yet gotten anyone in the government to credibly rebut any of the evidence.
3. My own personal experience and the experiences of others with whom I am in contact has consistently confirmed a willful pattern of cover-up, malice, and bad faith on the part of everyone in the government in respect to the very serious legal issues raised in the Tax Deposition Question, Form #03.016. Consequently, I am more inclined to trust and believe the research of the ministry than to believe what appears to me to be a pack of thieves and liars running our government.

*"The king establishes the land by [justice](#); but he who receives bribes [[socialist handouts](#) or [government "benefits"/franchises](#)] overthrows it."
[Prov. 29:4, Bible, NKJV]*

If questioned about my physical location during the time that I was talking with, emailing, or donating to the ministry, I will specify that all such events were conducted entirely outside of federal jurisdiction in a [foreign state](#) and are therefore irrelevant and not discoverable in any federal court. I can lawfully do this regardless of where the actual transaction occurred because this trick is used in the Internal Revenue Code as well, in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(39\)](#) and [26 U.S.C. §7408\(d\)](#) and the ministry is entitled to equal protection of the laws.

I certify under penalty of perjury that if I am either presently or in the future employed with or receiving any financial or other benefit from the U.S. government, the government of any state of the Union, or any law enforcement or tax collection agency of the United States, that I will not submit any evidence, testimony, or information that might be unfavorable to 'SEDM' and others in affiliation with this group or any of its members to any law enforcement agency or court within the United States and that if I disregard this requirement, then I promise to be personally liable for the following:

1. Pay the legal fees and personal time lost to 'SEDM' and others in affiliation with this group and/or any members, in defending themselves against such evidence, litigation, or testimony.
2. Substitute myself as the adjudged party for any charges or criminal indictments that are based on evidence or testimony that I might provide.
3. Stipulate in any and every legal proceeding that I had full knowledge of everything on the SEDM website.
4. Stipulate that if any of my statements or testimony about SEDM or its members or officers is inconsistent with the content of any part of the SEDM website, that such statement constitutes deliberate fraud for which the victims of such statement shall have a right to sue for defamation, liable, and slander.

I acknowledge that no secular court has jurisdiction to interfere with the enforcement of this agreement, which governs the internal affairs of a religious order per the U.S. Supreme Court in *Serbian E. Orthodox Diocese v. Milivojevich*, 426 U.S. 696, 708–09, 724–25, 96 S.Ct. 2372, 49 L.Ed.2d. 151 (1976).

3 Basis for My Beliefs

I certify that the basis for my beliefs about legal and tax liability does not include any of the flawed arguments contained in the following:

1. [Flawed Tax Arguments to Avoid](#), Form #08.004
<http://sedm.org/Forms/PolicyDocs/FlawedArgsToAvoid.pdf>
2. [Policy Document: UCC Redemption](#), Form #08.002
<http://sedm.org/Forms/PolicyDocs/UCC.pdf>
3. [Why the Fourteenth Amendment is NOT a Threat to Your Freedom](#), Form #08.015
<http://sedm.org/Forms/PolicyDocs/FourteenthAmendNotProb.pdf>
4. [Policy Document: Rebutted False Arguments About Sovereignty](#), Form #08.018
<http://sedm.org/Forms/08-PolicyDocs/RebFalseArgSovereignty.pdf>

I understand that neither the ministry nor any of its officers, agents, workers, volunteers, or members are authorized to:

1. Guarantee or infer any specific result by virtue of using the educational materials and/or services available to its members.
2. Share subjective opinions about the successfulness of using our materials or services.

The ministry makes every possible effort to ensure the accuracy, appropriateness and usefulness of its materials, processes, and services. However, it has no control over how public servants, who are [carefully selected, trained, conditioned, and propagandized to ensure that they behave as malicious, malfeasant "useful idiots" not educated in the law](#), will respond to a [petition for redress of grievances](#) directed at remedying their illegal and injurious behavior. As a matter of fact, the minute they stop drinking the [cult Kool-Aide](#) and begin reading, learning and enforcing the law in their workplace is the minute they historically are fired, persecuted, and targeted for "selective enforcement". Any guarantees of particular results by either the ministry or any agent, officer, or employee of the ministry should be regarded as fiction, untrustworthy, and unreliable as a basis for belief. The ONLY reasonable bases for belief about liability in the context of federal taxation that does not involve some form of "[presumption](#)", and therefore violation of due process, are:

1. Enacted positive law from the Statutes at Large.
2. The Rulings of the Supreme Court and not lower courts.
3. The Constitution of the United States of America.

1 All other forms of evidence are simply “prima facie” and involve compelling the defendant to “presume” something, which violates not only due process, but
2 is a religious sin according to [Numbers 15:30](#), NKJV, and amounts to compelled participation in state-sponsored religion in violation of the First Amendment.
3 See the following link for further details on why the above are the only reasonable evidentiary bases for belief about my personal federal tax liability. No
4 other sources of belief are acceptable to me until someone with delegated authority from the government proves to me with court-admissible evidence why any
5 part of the document below is not consistent with prevailing law. For proof, see:

Reasonable Belief About Income Tax Liability, Form #05.007
FORMS PAGE: <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
DIRECT LINK: <http://sedm.org/Forms/05-MemLaw/ReasonableBelief.pdf>

6 I also understand that all information contained on the ministry website originating from OTHER than government sources and which the courts themselves
7 recognize as admissible evidence under the rules of evidence, along with any communications with, to, or about the author(s), website administrator, and
8 owner(s) constitute religious speech and beliefs, and not facts. As such, nothing on the ministry website originating from their own opinions, beliefs, speech,
9 writing, or testimony is susceptible to being false, misleading, or legally “actionable” in any manner. Since materials on the site spoken by the ministry and all
10 communications associated with, to, or about it are religious speech and beliefs, none of it is admissible in any court of law pursuant to F.R.E. 610 unless
11 accompanied by an affidavit from a specific person attesting to its truthfulness and accuracy, and such materials are only actionable to THAT SPECIFIC
12 PERSON and no others in such a circumstance. Nothing on the ministry site other than the government’s OWN speech or publications can truthfully be
13 classified as fact without violating the First Amendment rights of the publishers and author(s). It is provided for worship, law enforcement, education,
14 enlightenment, and entertainment and for no other purpose. Any other use is an unauthorized use for which the author(s), website administrator(s), and
15 owner(s) assume no responsibility or liability. Users assume full, exclusive and complete responsibility for any use beyond reading, education, and
16 entertainment. The ministry must do it this way because this Member Agreement says that the ONLY thing readers or members can rely on as a basis for good
17 belief is their own reading of what the law actually says.

18 There are only four exceptions to the above paragraph, listed below, each of which is admissible in its entirety as EVIDENCE and FACT in any court of law.
19 This is in order to protect ministry officers and members from unlawful acts of persecution by a corrupted government.

- 20 1. [Disclaimer Page](#) available at: <http://sedm.org/disclaimer.htm>
- 21 2. [Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) available at: <http://sedm.org/Membership/MemberAgreement.htm>
- 22 3. [Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016](#) available at <http://sedm.org/Forms/01-General/TermsOfUseAndService.pdf>
- 23 4. [SEDM Articles of Mission, Form #01.004](#) available at: <http://www.sedm.org/Ministry/SEDMArticlesPublic.pdf>

24 **4 Terms of Use and Service**

25 I agree to abide by present and future versions of the following document in the context of all “uses” of materials or services offered by the Sovereignty
26 Education and Defense Ministry:

Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016
FORMS PAGE: <http://sedm.org/Forms/FormIndex.htm>
DIRECT LINK: <http://sedm.org/Forms/01-General/TermsOfUseAndService.pdf>

27 The term “use” includes the output of any service, or the sending or submitting of any information or materials on our site to any government, court, or
28 member of the legal profession.

29 **5 Members in Bad Standing and Former Basic Members**

30 We welcome everyone and anyone to obtain and read any of our materials or information on our website, and by doing so, they implicitly consent to become
31 Members. Anyone who lawfully obtains our information or services related to OTHER than taxes may use that information in any LAWFUL way they like as
32 long as they respect the copyright and license.

33 However, those who obtain or use our materials or services consistent with the following shall be called “Members in Bad Standing”.

- 34 1. Those who violate the copyright by obtaining or using our Member Subscription content without becoming Member Subscribers.
- 35 2. Those who use our materials or services in combination with arguments that have been rebutted or discredited by any of the information available
36 through our website.
- 37 3. Those who “use” our tax information or services and who do not comply with all the requirements for membership indicated in this agreement or with the
38 Path to Freedom, Form #09.015. By “use”, we mean send our information or materials to any member of the legal profession or government, including
39 but not limited to attaching them to pleadings or entering them as evidence in litigation against the government

40 Members in Bad Standing consent to be liable for THREE TIMES any monetary sums or damages owed to SEDM as a consequence of violating any provision
41 of the Copyright/Software License Agreement in section 5 of the Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016. If they also work for the Department of Justice of
42 the United States or any state, the Internal Revenue Service, any state revenue agency, any government agency, or are acting as contractors or informants for
43 these organizations, they consent to TEN TIMES the monetary liability of a Member in good standing.

44 Those who have requested to terminate their Basic Membership account shall be considered Former Basic Members. They shall continue to be Members
45 bound by everything in this agreement EXCEPT the following provisions of the Terms of Use and Service, Form #01.016:

- 46 1. Section 2.2: Tax Returns and Correspondence.
- 47 2. Section 2.3: Tax Withholding and Reporting.

1 The above constraints on Former Basic Members apply even if they destroy or give away the materials or information they obtained from the Ministry.

2 **6 Severability and Affirmation**

3 In the event that any part of this agreement is found to be unenforceable, it is my intent and the intent of 'SEDM' and others in affiliation with this group that
4 all remaining provisions shall be legally binding.

5 I acknowledge that the obligations of this agreement are perpetual, supersede enacted law, and are superior to it. I voluntarily waive any and all benefit,
6 privilege, or immunity conferred by any state or federal statute (and especially any statute of limitations) which might limit or destroy remedies or damages
7 that could be claimed under this agreement in any court of law, including but not limited to through the use of bankruptcy proceedings to discharge any
8 obligations of this agreement.

9 The most basic aspect of [property ownership \(Form #14.018\)](#), including self-ownership, is the right to control the CIVIL laws which protect that ownership
10 interest. In the legal field, this right is called "choice of law". The exercise of this right includes the right to declare one's [civil status \(Form #13.008\)](#) under the
11 First Amendment right to associate or not associate, to dictate the forum that such rights are vindicated in, and to dictate the CIVIL laws which implement the
12 protection. I hereby exercise that unalienable right by declaring that I am a ["non-resident non-person" \(Form #05.020\)](#) to any and all state and federal statutes
13 and my conduct is limited and protected ONLY by the Constitution, the criminal law, the common law, and the Holy Bible, New King James Version as
14 documented in [Laws of the Bible, Litigation Tool #09.001](#). These choice of law rules are documented in [Choice of Law, Litigation Tool #01.010](#). Every
15 attempt to escape these choice of law rules by any alleged governmental actor is stipulated by all parties to this agreement and by every court as:

- 16 1. Non-governmental activity.
- 17 2. Purely private commercial activity under the Clearfield Doctrine.
- 18 3. An implied waiver of official, judicial, and sovereign immunity by ALL parties affected.
- 19 4. An attempt to act as a [De Facto Government \(Form #05.043\)](#).

20 I voluntarily declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state I am domiciled or physically present in and from without the "United States"
21 identified in [26 U.S.C. §7701\(a\)\(9\)](#) and (a)(10) and under [28 U.S.C. §1746\(1\)](#) that the foregoing facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
22 belief, so help me God.

Signature:	Date:
Phone:	Email address:

23 **(NOTE:** You must use your full legal birthname in this application, and not a pseudoname. You may not sign your name with the word "Agent", "All rights
24 reserved", "UCC 1-308", "UCC 1-207", or any combination or variation of these and if you do, your Member Agreement will become invalid and will be
25 rejected. Consent to this agreement must be unqualified and unconditional. There are no membership fees. Membership always has been and always will be
26 free. Please do the following:

- 27 1. Print the [PDF of the Member Agreement, Form #01.001](#) linked at the top of this page.
- 28 2. Write in legible print your full birth name on the first page, fill out legibly and sign the signature page. If you are a married woman who later changed
29 their name, put your Married last name in brackets after your legal birthname.
- 30 3. Scan the cover page with your name and the signature page or take a high resolution picture with your digital camera or smart phone as a pdf, jpg, jpeg,
31 or png file. Alternatively, you may take a high resolution snapshot of these two pages with your smartphone. If you take a picture with your smartphone,
32 make sure the lighting is bright and the entire page is clearly visible and not out of focus.
- 33 4. Submit the Member Agreement PDF or the two image files to our [Contact Us \(https://sedm.org/about/contact/\)](#) page as an attachment. All submissions
34 are confidential and can ONLY be read by us and no other member. We will not respond to any inquiries included with the Member Agreement
35 submission. Nearly all inquiries should be directed instead through our [Member Forums](#). Our [Contact Us Page](#) is reserved ONLY for very specific
36 purposes listed at the bottom of the page and you should read the following BEFORE you use it:
37 4.1. Important Notice to All Who Communicate with SEDM Via Phone, Email, or This Page
38 <http://sedm.org/about/contact/important-notice-to-all-who-communicate-with-sedm-via-phone-email-or-this-page/>
39 4.2. [Guide to Asking Questions](#), Form #09.017
40 <http://sedm.org/about/contact/guide-to-asking-questions/>

41 You will not receive any kind of acknowledgment back in response to your submission. Submitting this Member Agreement DOES NOT result in any of
42 the following:

- 43 1. The creation of an account on the site. You must STILL apply for an account by clicking on [Participate->Account Signup \(free\)](#) menu entry.
- 44 2. Gaining access to our [Member Subscriptions Area](#). You must follow the procedures on our Member Subscriptions Page
45 (<http://sedm.org/participate/member-subscriptions/>) in order to gain access.

46 Lastly, for those of you new to the site, your NEXT STEP if you haven't already done it, is to download and read our [Path to Freedom, Form #09.015](#). It's on
47 our opening page under "START HERE". Do not ask us any questions as a new member until after you have done so, because this form is designed to answer
48 most of your questions.

49 Thanks and welcome to the fellowship!