

Why I Will Not Join the John Birch Society

At first glance, it would seem that I would have joined long ago the John Birch Society. I subscribe to *Review of the News and American Opinion*. Every year I buy the complete set of *The Alan Stang Report*, and listen to his radio broadcasts whenever I can. I also buy many, many, books from American Opinion Bookstores. In short, I agree with most of what the Society publishes. I find no difficulty in believing that United States foreign and domestic policies are largely dictated by the men that the Society has labeled "Conspirators." There is no question in my mind that International Bankers have tremendous power, and control the governments of most nations. And I would be the first to agree that the policies they enact are destructive of the peace and prosperity that characterized the first two centuries of this great nation's history. Why, then, am I against the John Birch Society? Isn't the Society engaged in *the* major effort to expose the International Bankers and their power? Isn't the John Birch Society educating Americans and showing them that the policies these men favor are policies that will send this country (and the rest of the world) into economic ruin, or slavery to the Russians? Shouldn't I be in favor of exposing the "Conspiracy?"

The blunt fact is that exposing the "Conspiracy" will do absolutely nothing. To solve the problems enumerated by the Society, we need to know more than *who* the "conspirators" are, we need to know *why* they are so powerful, and *how* we can remove their power.

Why are they powerful?

The Bible, our infallible authority in every area of life - economic and political as well as "religious," tells us something about international bankers: "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is the slave to the lender" (Prov. 22:7). The John Birch Society informs us that the government, by going into debt, causes inflation. No doubt about it. The government has diluted your money by adding over \$500 Billion to our nation's money supply. Accordingly, the Society continually condemns the deficit spending policies of the Federal Government. "The government should balance its budget and stop spending more than it takes in," we are told. This is very fine. I naturally assume that the John Birch Society practices what it preaches. I assume that the Society never went to the bank to get a loan for any of its offices. I assume that not one of its members has a mortgage on his house, got a loan for a car, or delays payments for new appliances on a "revolving charge account." I assume that John Birch Society members understand that when they go to a bank for a loan, that the bank merely creates the money out of thin air, through a process euphemistically called "Fractional Reserve Banking," and that these private loans cause inflation just as much as Federal Government deficits. The problem is, most other Americans are not as wise. So foolish are they that *private* debt is not just \$500 billion, but \$2,200 billion! That's right - *over two thousand billion dollars*. That makes the federal government look downright miserly! (see Gary Allen, *Tax Target: Washington*, p. 45). Corporate debt (deficit spending by businesses) is just as great: another *two trillion dollars*! Think of all the interest that's being paid on these loans. And where does it all go? Now do you understand why David Rockefeller is so powerful? Don't you wish *everyone* understood Proverbs 22:7? This is why I can't join the John Birch Society. I don't have time to complain about the *government*! Americans are controlled by the bankers because they are in debt to them up to their eyeballs.

How can we remove the "conspirators'" power?

The Bible takes debt very seriously. In light of the fact that going into debt causes inflation, which *steals* from those on fixed incomes (and the rest of us, for that matter!), and also makes one a slave to the banker, it is not surprising that the Bible very plainly commands us to "Owe no man anything..." (Romans 13:8). A truly Christian man *works* for the things he wants. The Bible says that "...if any would not work, *neither should he eat*," much less buy a \$100,000 condominium. But I never read this kind of exhortation in the publications of the John Birch Society. The Bible says there is only one way to remove the power of the lender, and that's to remove his debtors. If the John Birch Society could miraculously educate every single American, and inform them of exactly *who* the conspirators are, and which politicians were controlled by them, it would do no good at all. What good would it do to go to a man and say, "here are the men from whom you have borrowed, and who now control you"? He would just say, "So? I knew that!" and then proceed to borrow some more!

America's problem, don't you see, is that she is *covetous*. If today all the "conspirators" were killed, every last one of them, 200 million debtor-slaves would cry out, "Who will lend us money? Who will be our master?" and immediately a new set of "conspirators" would fill the void. It's the law of supply and demand, you know. The John Birch Society would have me work to reduce the *supply* of "conspirators." I believe God would have us reduce *demand*. There is a book that is carried by many American Opinion Bookstores called *The Nature of the American System*, by Rousas J. Rushdoony. I think his chapter on "The Conspiracy View of History" is substantially correct. Here is what he says about the "Conspiracy," or as he calls it, "the Money Trust:"

No "Money Trust" can be destroyed merely by exposure or by knowledge of its existence. It can be rapidly destroyed as people take seriously their faith in its every aspect and submit themselves to the sovereignty of God and His Word. Most "fundamentalist" Christians are thoroughly "modernist" in their radical disregard of much of Scripture, including its teaching concerning debt and usury, and in their limitation of its authority to matters of salvation and certain limited areas of personal and social morality. There is no preaching against the installment plan, bonds, debt money, long-term debts, unbiblical usury, and many related matters. For even a limited segment of evangelical Christianity to adhere to these principles would have a shattering effect on the "Money Trust." The present debt economy will sooner or later collapse, destroying with it all institutions built thereon. A new and debt-free economy must even now be inaugurated in the healthy segments of society, lest chaos follow.

The critical issue...is not to be located in these international conspiracies, but in man's transgression. To regard the solution as merely the identification, denunciation and punishment of the "Money Trust" is to evade the fact of the centrality of the religious issue, the requirement that man live by the whole counsel of God. (p. 155)

Unless we are "slaves" to Jesus Christ, and are willing to "seek first the Kingdom of God, and His *righteousness*," we will be seeking to satisfy our material lusts by going into debt instead of working. Only Jesus Christ can set us free from covetousness (John 8:36). America doesn't need to hear complaints about the government. America needs to hear the gospel, and obey *all* the commandments of God (I John 5:2-3; Matt. 5:17-19).