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# Freedom-zine America

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The extraordinarily prophetic quote below comes from one of the greatest Secretaries of State in American history, John Quincy Adams. Adams, the son of the second U.S. President, wrote the Monroe Doctrine, the still existing core principle of US foreign policy. In 1825, Adams was inaugurated the 6th US President.

"America . . . well knows that by once enlisting under other banners than her own, were they even the banners of foreign independence, she would involve herself beyond the power of extraction, in all the wars of interest and intrigue, of individual avarice, envy and ambition, which assume the colors and usurp the standard of freedom. The fundamental maxims of her policy would insensibly change from liberty to force. . . . She might become dictatress of the world. She would be no longer the ruler of her own spirit."

-- Address, July 4, 1821

## **Belief: More Powerful Than You Think**

By Charles M. Barnard

Belief is a very strong force, it can, and has, literally moved mountains.

Belief without wisdom and critical thought is perhaps the most misused force in human society; for belief does not necessarily care if it has any basis in reality.

It was uncritical, unthinking belief which killed people at Jonestown, and in many other mass suicides and murders.

It was Hitler's belief that he was invincible because he was doing the work of God which destroyed hundreds of millions of lives and which echoes in our collective consciousness today.

Children, being more observant than obedient, learn how to behave by imitating their elders in society, doing as they do, rather than as they teach.

Mr. G. W. Bush's worst impact on our society may well be something not included in the extensive list of lies, thefts and deaths for which he is directly responsible, but in the horrible example which he has set for a generation of future leaders.

That example: power carries no responsibility; law is irrelevant and merely a tool of convenience; that it's not necessary to listen to the powerless and that even the results are meaningless; one can and should do as they please taking counsel from none; and finally, consequences are for others.

Worst of all, that, only your own beliefs, without regard to reality or the rest of society should guide your actions.

These are the lessons our youth will imitate as they come to run our world.

## **The Cepia Club Report— Vision**

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The vision for Club growth in 2007 was defined in January as "Capitalizing on the Flat World of Business." Using the new concepts of doing business in a globalized system, analyzed by NY Times journalist Thomas Friedman, we have been trying to incorporate many of the features provided by modern communications, specialized in- and out-sourced services, collaborative work "engines," and on-demand labor and products.

So far, almost at the end of the first half of the current fiscal year, The Cepia Club has sustained operations on an evenly-matched revenue and expenses basis. We are ahead of our 2006 performance year-to-date as of today. Slowly, we have been adding a few products, have many in planning and development, and have a good return on our growing service offerings.

With this operating "doctrine," we have only one goal: To increase our ability to spread our ideas and increase the activism of individuals in their community to end public ignorance and apathy. Unless we do that, we would just be another self-interested business. If that is so, then we are part of the same problem we are fighting. We can not allow that to be the reality. While a business, the Club is a new type of one, dedicated to our Four Commitments to help the greater good while helping ourselves and anyone else.

One of the challenges of the "Flat Vision" is that we do not accept either the viability or legitimacy of "virtual" or special-interest communities. Our vision of communities is grounded in the immediate geography and cultural vicinity of the neighborhood—where people live with others. In such "community," the day-to-day interaction of people, exists the personal cooperation and conflict that can build or destroy peace. By cooperating in a new vision, such as The Cepia Club's "Libertarian Internationalism," can a peaceful world be built "one-person helping one-person" at a time. Only in this way can a strong and enduring liberty for all grow.